



The Cathedral of **ST. PATRICK**



Omnia Omnitibus

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte

The Most Rev. Michael T. Martin,
OFM Conv.
Bishop of Charlotte
Very Rev. Peter N. Ascik
Pastor & Rector

DECEMBER 21ST, 2025

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY CYCLE: A — WEEKDAY CYCLE: I— PSALTER: WEEK IV

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am,
and 11:30 am

DAILY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 12:10 pm
No Masses on Tuesdays
Friday (school year): 8:30 am
Saturday: 8:00 am

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

7:30 am, 12:10 pm, 7:00 pm

CONFESSION

Thirty minutes before daily Masses
Saturday: 7:30 am and 4:00 - 5:00 pm

ADORATION

Wednesday: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday: 10:00 - 11:00 am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mondays - Fridays
9:00 am to 4:00 pm



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary
your wife into your home." - Mt 1:20

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Mission Statement

We the members of The Cathedral of St. Patrick, through the mercy of God the Father, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit, seek to grow continually in knowledge of and love for God. We strive to enable ongoing conversion to Christ of our adults, to inspire faith in our children, and to be witnesses of His love in the greater community.

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THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

DATE	MASSES & INTENTIONS	EVENTS
Saturday December 20th	8:00 am Paul Meininger <i>Requested by Judi & Mike Simac</i> 5:30 pm Ernest Rains † <i>Requested by Carol Rains</i>	7:30 AM—Confession 4:00—5:00 PM—Confessions 4:15 PM —Children's Choir Practice 5:30 PM—Vigil Mass
Sunday December 21st <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	7:30 am Heidi Clark † <i>Requested by Lucy & Bert Rodriguez</i> 9:00 am Lucia & Gregorio Triana † <i>Requested by Lucy & Bert Rodriguez</i> 11:30 am Pro Populo	7:30 AM—Mass 9:00 AM—Mass 10:00 AM—Eucharistic Adoration 11:30 AM—Mass (Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming)
Monday December 22nd	12:10 pm Jonathan Antonio Felten <i>Requested by Felten Family</i>	11:30AM —Confessions 12:10 PM—Mass 7:15 PM— Cathedral Choir Practice
Tuesday December 23rd	No Mass or Confessions	10:00 AM—Children's Choir Practice
Wednesday December 24th	4:00 pm Humberto & Lilia Rodriguez † <i>Requested by Lucy & Bert Rodriguez</i> 6:30 pm Joseph Martin † <i>Requested by Julia Martin</i> 12:00 am Tanios Azizi Sarkis † <i>Requested by James Sarkis</i>	4:00 PM—Mass 6:30 PM —Mass 12:00 AM —Mass
Thursday December 25th	9:00 am Salvatore & Maria Tantino † <i>Requested by James Sarkis</i> 11:30 am Pro Populo	9:00 AM—Mass 11:30 AM —Mass
Friday December 26th	12:10 pm Maria Averhoff † <i>Requested by Rodriguez Family</i>	11:30AM —Confessions
Saturday December 27th	8:00 am John M Neilson † <i>Requested by Patricia Neilson</i> 5:30 pm Azucena Bantigue † Primitiva Sumampong † <i>Requested by Desamero & Moody Families</i>	4:00 PM—Children's Choir Practice 4:00—5:00 PM—Confessions 5:30 PM—Vigil Mass
Sunday December 28th <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	7:30 am Sergio Granados † <i>Requested by Gonzalo Bustamente</i> 9:00 am Frank & Irene Colletti † <i>Requested by McDonnell Family</i> 11:30 am Pro Populo	10:00 AM—Eucharistic Adoration



GOSPEL REFLECTION

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins had a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly 10 years, and the family thought it sounded crazy. But they went through with it — and her body was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That moment sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation in the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused and afraid, yet in the quiet of sleep God speaks: "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" (Matthew 1:20). Joseph doesn't overanalyze. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not always through literal dreams, but through deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love, if we make space to listen. Advent invites us into that stillness where God's voice can be heard.

When are you most receptive to God — in silence, prayer, nature, or at Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.

— Father John Muir



CALLING YOUNG ADULTS

Are you in your **20s** or early **30s** and looking to meet other young adult Catholics at St. Patrick?

You're in luck! A small group of young adult leaders created a Young Adult Group here at the Cathedral and encourage you to get involved. Use the QR code to connect with the group and learn more about their monthly coffee meet ups at Backyard Brew after the 11:00am Mass.



SUNDAY READINGS

4th Sunday of Advent
December 21st, 2025

First Reading:

Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. (Isa 7:14)

Psalm:

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory. (Ps 24)

Second Reading:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom 1:7)

Gospel:

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." (Mt 1:20-21)



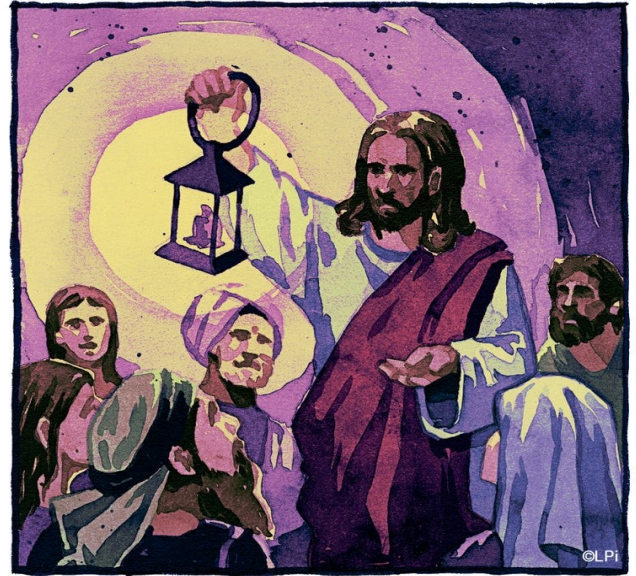
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:21

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Please note that there will be **No Mass, Confession, or Adoration** on **December 29th, 30th, and 31st, 2025**, as well as on **January 5th, 6th, and 7th, 2026**. We ask all parishioners to plan accordingly and take note of these changes to the regular schedule.



GET FORMED

Visit www.formed.org and search for St. Patrick's Cathedral for access to a wealth of Catholic material. **FORMED**

OPLATEK CHRISTMAS

Oplatek— Christmas Wafers – Oplatky

Renew the Eastern European Christmas Eve Tradition of sharing the Oplatek/Christmas Wafer at Christmas Eve dinner. Breaking and sharing the wafer with family and friends accompanied with best wishes, expressions of forgiveness; bring joy and happiness to hearts and homes for the coming year thru the birth of Jesus Christ. Cost: \$1.00 per wafer, state quantity or buy sealed packet of 4 wafers for \$6.00. Orders taken till Dec. 23th. Contact Helen Collins at 704-576-3562 or helen892@att.net. All proceeds go to church charity to help needy families and the Priest's Retirement Fund.

PRAY AND PLAY

The first and third Wednesday of each month, the family ministry invites you to our new St. Patrick's pray & play time. During this time from 10 AM to 12 PM, the nursery in the FLC is open for little ones to play with others and their caregivers. We also welcome those who attend to spend time in prayer at adoration in the cathedral. During playtime we encourage the little ones to play, and incorporate different events such as story time that our topical to our liturgical living. Please consider joining us if you can. "Stay & Play with us! This winter following the 9am Mass we will be moving the usual playground and coffee fellowship time into the Family Life Center to accommodate for the temperature. Please come join us and bring a game to share!"



SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Virtus has changed to CMG Connect

The Diocese of Charlotte has enhanced its Safe Environment program with new, comprehensive policies and procedures updated for today's issues and needs.

All who volunteer in any capacity or work in a the Cathedral or the Diocese of Charlotte will need to be set up and certified through CMG Connect.

Existing Virtus users: If your Virtus account contained your email address, please look for an email from the diocese or your local Safe Environment coordinator with instructions for how to access your new CMG Connect account.

New volunteers: Please contact your local parish's Safe Environment coordinator for further instructions or you can visit <https://charlottediocese.org/offices/safe-environment/> to register as a new volunteer.

Questions? Please contact the parish office at parishoffice@stpatricks.org or 704-334-2283. You may also contact the Diocese Safe Environment Office at safeenvironment@rcdoc.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 770 meets at St. Patrick's on the **first Tuesday of every month**. Agenda for the meetings is:

6:30 PM Rosary (Chapel)
7:00 PM Business meeting (FLC)
7:30 PM Social, Bible study (FLC)



The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal and service organization. Membership is open to all practicing Catholic men. For more information about the Knights contact: knights@stpatricks.org.

www.kofc770.org

Instagram/Facebook: @kofc770

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Did you know the Cathedral offers a Baptism preparation class on the **Fourth** Sunday of every month?

The class is held in the Family Life Center Library at 10:15am. To register for December 28th class please scan the QR code.



MASS INTENTIONS

To schedule a Mass intention, please contact the parish office at (704) 334-2283, or stop by in person. An individual can have a Mass requested for anyone living or deceased. \$10 offering per Mass.

Only one intention is allowed per Mass. Parishioners may schedule up to three Masses within a six-month period. Non-parishioners may schedule one Mass within a six-month period.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is ordinarily celebrated at the Cathedral on Sunday afternoons at 1:30 pm. Prior to scheduling your child's Baptism, parents will need to participate in our Baptismal Preparation Class and complete the Baptismal registration form. Please visit www.stpatricks.org/the-sacrament-of-baptism to register for the preparation class and download the form.

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Send an e-mail to: prayerworks@stpatricks.org with your request. The request will be added to our prayer chain and the intention will be remembered by our prayer team. Simply e-mail your contact information and you'll be added to the prayer list.

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURES

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

Offertory Collection 11/3-11/9	\$ 7,120.00
Online Giving for past week	\$ 8,658.00
Total Weekend Contributions	\$ 15,778.00
Budget	\$ 15,833.00
Over (Short)	\$ (55)
Total Weekend Mass attendance	655

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL

2025 Assessment	\$ 83,417.00
Amount Paid	\$ 51,555.84
Pledge Balance	\$ 2,171.16
Over (Under)	\$ (29,690.00)
Donors	41



The purpose of the Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA) is to help provide the annual funding necessary to carry out the mission of our diocese. The DSA provides funding for 50 ministries and programs. St. Patrick is currently behind on its assigned goal for 2025. Please note that if the goal is not met, the remaining balance will have to be paid from our general operating fund.

We are happy to share that our parish has met this year's **2025 Priest Retirement goal**, which we exceeded by \$1,826! Your generosity makes it possible to care for the priests who have dedicated their lives in service to the Church. Thank you for your faithful support and for your continued prayers for our retired clergy.

ONLINE GIVING

Scan the QR code to the right or visit for more information on how you can sign-up for online giving today!

Reminder: The second collection on the first weekend of each month is for Capital Improvements.



HONORING OUR LEGACY, BUILDING OUR FUTURE



Thank you to all that have supported the **Honoring our Legacy, Building our Future Campaign**.

The campaign will address the much-needed repairs to our sacristies and bell tower and ensuring the continuing radiance of the Cathedral's stained-glass windows. Scan the QR code to pledge your support.



ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral is offered in the Cathedral every Wednesday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, and on Sundays from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

Adores needed. Please email prayerworks@stpatricks.org or call 704-334-2283 to sign up or join the sub list.



"Could you not keep watch for one hour?"

-Mark 14: 37

RETROUVAILLE PROGRAM

Marriage Troubles?

Has your romance faded? Do you argue without reaching resolution? Are you more like roommates than soul mates? Have you grown apart? Is your marriage in crisis?

Retrouvaille can help!

Learn how to rebuild emotional connection, adopt healthy communication methods, manage conflicts effectively, forgive and rebuild trust.

Rediscover your love with the Retrouvaille Marriage Program. Our next weekend event is **January 16-18, 2026**. For information, visit www.helpourmarriage.org, or call Bill & Lyn Folsom at (727) 343-6701. All contacts and names are held in absolute confidence.

BECOME A PARISHIONER

Church membership is an obligation of discipleship and love that derives from being united with Christ. At the Cathedral, active membership is a requirement for the celebration of a marriage or baptism, for one to be eligible to be a Godparent or Confirmation sponsor, and for special benefits such as tuition subsidy at a Catholic school. There are certain minimum requirements for parish membership called the precepts of the Church. The following are three of those precepts and how we look upon them in relation to parish membership.

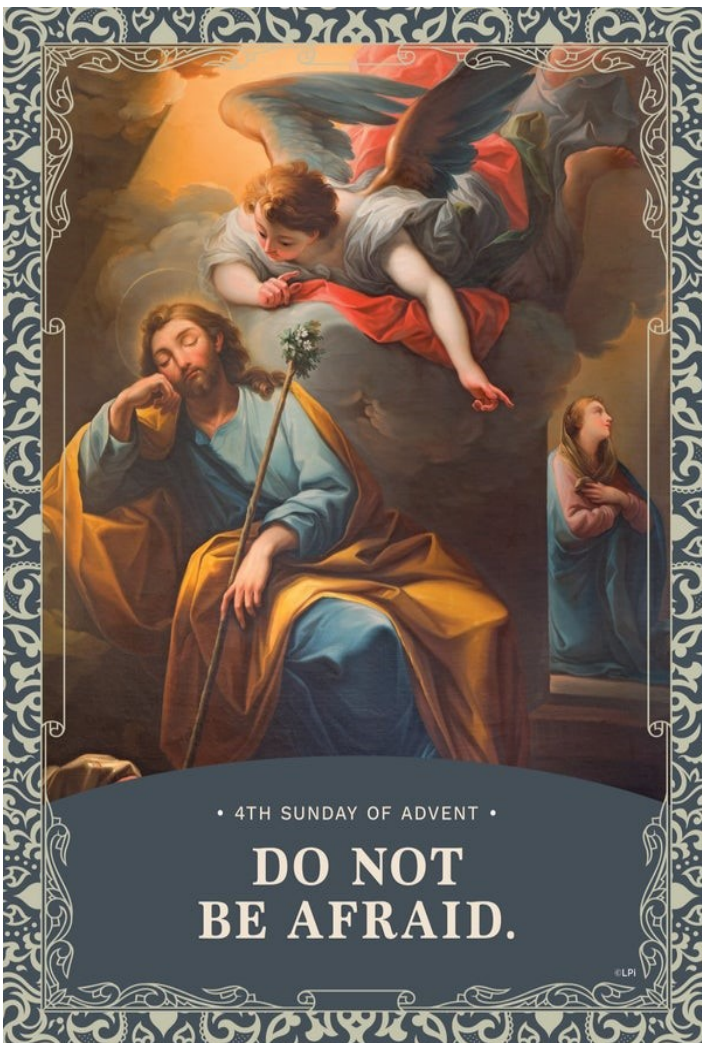
ATTENDANCE AT WEEKLY MASS. The first precept of the Church requires the faithful to participate in the Eucharistic celebration when the Christian community gathers together on the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord (CCC #2042) and on holy days of obligation (CCC #2043). Since the Cathedral's weekly Mass attendance envelopes are the primary way we determine if parishioners are regularly attending Mass, parishioners must place their envelopes in the collection basket every Sunday regardless of whether one makes a financial contribution or donates online.

RECEIPT OF THE SACRAMENTS. The third and fourth precept of the Church state that the faithful must ensure preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year, and the reception of Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter season (CCC #2042) and to join in fast and abstinence during Lent.

SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH. The fifth precept of the Church states that the faithful have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to their abilities in a regular, identifiable, and meaningful way.

HOW TO REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER

To register as a parishioner of the Cathedral, please visit www.stpatricks.org/register-as-a-parishioner or scan the QR code to the right, and complete the simple online form. Alternatively, paper registration forms are located near each of the entrances of the Cathedral.



Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December
24th

4:00 pm Mass

6:30 pm Mass

12:00 am Mass

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25th

Mass at 9:00 am & 11:30 am

New Years Eve

Wednesday, December 31st

Mass at 5:30 pm

New Years Day

Thursday, January 1st

9:00 am Mass

11:30 am Mass





Annual Showdown

PRIESTS VS. SEMINARIANS

— SAVE THE DATE! —

SUNDAY DECEMBER, 21ST @ 5:30PM

CHARLOTTE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



MORE INFO TO COME

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WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

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The Cathedral of Saint Patrick
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