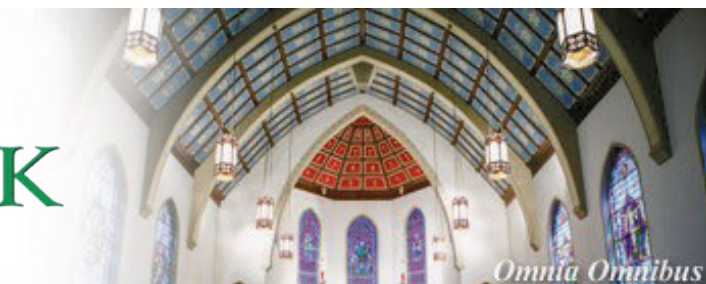




# The Cathedral of **ST. PATRICK**



*Omnia Omnitibus*

## ***The Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte***

**The Most Reverend Peter J. Jugis**  
*Bishop of Charlotte*  
**Very Rev. Christopher A. Roux**  
*Rector & Pastor*

## **MARCH 24TH, 2024** **PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK**

SUNDAY CYCLE: B — WEEKDAY CYCLE: II — PSALTER: WEEK I

### **WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9 am,  
11 am and 12:30 pm

### **DAILY MASSES**

Monday - Friday: 12:10 pm  
Friday (school year): 8:30 am  
Saturday: 8 am

### **HOLY DAY SCHEDULE**

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

### **CONFESSION**

Thirty minutes before daily Masses  
Saturday: 7:30 am and 4 - 5 pm  
Sunday: 10 - 11 am

### **ADORATION**

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

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Mon. - Fri. 9 am to 4 pm



*“So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.”*  
- Mark 11:7-8



## **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
<b>Saturday</b> March 23rd	<b>8:00 am</b> <b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Mia Rosa</b> <i>Requested by Rosa Chavarria</i> <b>Pro Populo</b>	7:30 AM—Confessions 8:00 AM—Mass 9:00 AM—12:00 PM—First Communion Workshop 11:00 AM—12:00 PM—Private Reception 4:00—5:00 PM—Children’s Choir Practice 4:00 PM—Confessions 5:30 PM—Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday</b> March 24th  <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>7:30 am</b> <b>9:00 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b> <b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>† Patrick Duffy</b> <i>Requested by the Rusciolelli Family</i> <b>† Tim Martin</b> <i>Requested by the Stevens Family</i> <b>RCIA Candidates &amp; Catechumens</b> <i>Requested by Judy &amp; Mike Simac</i> <b>† Trudi Skinner</b> <i>Requested by the Schiffiano Family</i>	<b><u>No Adoration or Confessions</u></b> <b>At 11:00 AM Mass only: Please gather by the Marian grotto 15 minutes prior to Mass for the procession. No entry into the Cathedral until the procession enters.</b>  7:30 AM—Mass 9:00 AM—Mass 10:00—11:00AM—Eucharistic Study Great Hall 11:00 AM—Mass 12:30 PM—Mass
<b>Monday</b> March 25th	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>† Josh Petro</b> <i>Requested by St. Patrick Catholic School</i>	8:30 AM—Confessions 9:00 AM—Mass 7:30—9:30 PM—Chrism Mass Choir Rehearsal
<b>Tuesday</b> March 26th	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Chrism Mass</b>	10:00 AM—Chrism Mass 11:30 AM—Luncheon
<b>Wednesday</b> March 27th	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>† Maria Ofelia Noguera de Beltran</b> <i>Requested by the Somerville Family</i>	8:30 AM—Confessions 9:00 AM—Mass 7:15—9:15 PM—Cathedral Choir Practice
<b>Thursday</b> March 28th <i>Holy Thursday</i>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Pro Populo</b>	7:00 PM—Mass of the Lord’s Supper 8:00 PM—Midnight—Altar of Repose* <i>*Family Life Center Great Hall</i>
<b>Friday</b> March 29th <i>Good Friday</i>	<b><u>No Masses Today</u></b>  <b>3:00 pm</b> <b>Celebration of the Lord’s Passion</b>		8:00 AM—2:00 PM—Confessions 12:00 PM—Stations of the Cross 3:00—Celebration of the Lord’s Passion 4:00 PM—Divine Mercy Novena by Celtic Cross 4:00—7:00 PM—Veneration of the Cross
<b>Saturday</b> March 30th <i>Holy Saturday</i>	<b>8:30 pm</b>	<b>Pro Populo</b>	<b>Prior to 8:30 PM Mass: Please gather by the Marian grotto for the blessing of the Easter fire and procession into the Cathedral.</b>  10:00 AM—Noon—Cathedral Choir Practice 3:00 PM—Divine Mercy Novena by Celtic Cross 8:30 PM—Easter Vigil Mass & Initiation of Elect
<b>Sunday</b> March 31st  <i>Easter Sunday</i>	<b>7:30 am</b> <b>9:00 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b> <b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>† William Patrick McDonough</b> <i>Requested by Bert &amp; Lucy Rodriguez</i> <b>Max Frei</b> <i>Requested by the Stevens Family</i> <b>Cuong.To.Van</b> <i>Requested by Ly Nguyen</i> <b>The Conversion of Sinners</b> <i>Requested by Ly Nguyen</i>	7:30 AM—Mass 9:00 AM—Mass 10:00 AM—Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 AM—Divine Mercy Novena 11:00 AM—Mass 12:30 PM—Mass



# St. Patrick Cathedral

# CELEBRATING The Joy of EASTER

## 2024 Holy Week and Octave of Easter Schedule

### HOLY WEEK

#### **Palm Sunday—March 24th**

*No Sunday Adoration or Confessions.*

5:30 PM (Saturday Vigil), 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM

At the 11:00 AM Mass only: Please gather by the Marian grotto fifteen minutes prior to Mass for the procession. No entry into the Cathedral until the procession enters. Individuals with disabilities please meet at the rectory entrance.

#### **Monday of Holy Week—March 25th**

*No 12:10 PM Mass or 11:30 AM Confessions.*

8:30 AM—Confessions

9:00 AM—Mass

#### **Tuesday of Holy Week—March 26th**

*No 12:10 PM Mass or 11:30 AM Confessions.*

10:00 AM—Diocesan Chrism Mass

#### **Wednesday of Holy Week—March 27th**

*No Adoration. No 12:10 PM Mass or 11:30 AM Confessions.*

8:30 AM—Confessions

9:00 AM—Mass

### THE SACRED TRIDUUM

#### **Holy Thursday—March 28th**

*No 12:10 PM Mass or 11:30 AM Confessions.*

7:00 PM—Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:00 PM to Midnight—Altar of Repose\*

\*Great Hall in the Family Life Center.

#### **Good Friday—March 29th**

*No Masses.*

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM—Confessions

12:00 PM—Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM—Celebration of the Lord's Passion

4:00—7:00 PM—Veneration of the Cross

4:00 PM—Divine Mercy Novena by Celtic Cross

#### **Holy Saturday—March 30th**

*No 8 AM or 5:30 PM Masses. No scheduled Confessions.*

3:00 PM—Divine Mercy Novena by Celtic Cross

See next column for Easter Vigil Mass

### OCTAVE OF EASTER

#### **Easter Vigil—Saturday, March 30th**

##### **Evening**

8:30 PM—Easter Vigil

Initiation of Elect during the Vigil Mass.

Please gather by the Marian Grotto for the blessing of the Easter fire and procession into the Cathedral.

#### **Easter Sunday—March 31st**

*Normal Sunday Mass times.*

*No Adoration or Confessions.*

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM

10:00 AM—Children's Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 AM—Divine Mercy Novena

#### **Easter Week—April 1st—5th**

*No 12:10 PM Masses or 11:30 AM Confessions.*

*No Adoration on Wednesday.*

8:30 AM—Confessions

9:00 AM—Mass

Divine Mercy Novena following 9 AM Mass

#### **Saturday of Easter Week—April 6th**

*Normal Saturday Mass times and Confessions.*

Divine Mercy Novena following 8 AM Mass

#### **Divine Mercy Sunday—April 7th**

*Normal Sunday Mass times, Confessions, Adoration.*

11:00 AM—Initiation of Candidates or

Confirmandi during the 11 am Mass

2:00 to 3:00 PM—Holy Hour and Confessions

3:00 PM—Divine Mercy Chaplet



## PRACTICING CATHOLIC

### The Whole Story

The Bible is a strange book. It's one of the only books that most people never read in its entirety, even those who claim it as one of their favorites. It's also one of the only books that we feel comfortable chopping up and sectioning out. There's nothing wrong with that, really, until people start making wholesale judgments of divine revelation based on one tiny part of it. You can't base your belief system on a few lines from Leviticus and ignore the Gospels, just like you can't embrace the teachings of Jesus and ignore the Old Testament. You need to accept the whole story, in its entirety, or none of it means anything.

But it's hard, because accepting the whole story means patience. It means critical thinking. It requires endurance. It's easier just to throw a line from Leviticus at a problem and be done with it.

Holy Week reminds us that salvation history is a tapestry, not a collection of threads. As beautiful as the individual stitches might be, you won't appreciate the message unless you back up and look at the complete product. If we didn't have the whole story, Holy Thursday and Good Friday would be neither holy nor good. And without Holy Week, Easter morning means nothing — it's just a guy waking up.

How often in life do we find ourselves confused to the point of hopelessness, unable to make sense of it all? Overwhelmed by the pain and suffering that exists in this world, and for seemingly no reason. Some of us become so frustrated we throw up our hands and despair.

We need Easter. We need the whole story. We need to be patient.

*"His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him." — John 12:16*

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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## FAITH FORMATION

Questions about our Faith Formation programs?  
Please contact (704) 334-2283  
Or via Email: [faithformation@stpatricks.org](mailto:faithformation@stpatricks.org)

### INTERESTED IN SERVING AS AN ALTAR SERVER OR LECTOR? PLEASE CONTACT:

ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS
Deacon Bruck <a href="mailto:altarservers@stpatricks.org">altarservers@stpatricks.org</a>	Deacon Medina <a href="mailto:cmolina@stpatricks.org">cmolina@stpatricks.org</a>

## ONE CAMPUS



Just weeks after being announced, the Pre-Kindergarten program for the 2024-2025 school year at St. Patrick Catholic School has been filled, and a waitlist has been created.

"This program just extends [the] wonderful community we have already at St. Patrick and continues our tradition of excellence." Use the QR code to read more from Principal Nick Calametti and Dr. Monroe, the Diocese of Charlotte's Superintendent of Catholic Schools.



For more information about St. Patrick Catholic School, visit: <https://www.saintpatrickschool.org/>

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Are you passionate about making a difference in the lives of students? St. Patrick Catholic School is now hiring for two new positions for the 2024-2025 school year: **Full-time Preschool Teacher**, and **Instructional Assistant** in the Matthew Morgan Down Syndrome Program.

Contact Principal Nick Calametti at [ndcalametti@stpatrickschool.net](mailto:ndcalametti@stpatrickschool.net) or at 704-333-3174 for more information and to apply.

## PARISH SURVEY

**Thank you to everyone that took the time to complete the parish survey in the fall of 2023**

Reminder—The plan is currently under review by the Diocese of Charlotte. Fr. Roux and members of the Parish Planning Committee will meet with the Diocesan Curia. Once the meeting is completed and the Diocese approves the plan, it will be shared with all parishioners.

To see the full results, please scan the QR Code or visit our new website at <https://www.stpatricks.org>.





## VIANNEY PILGRIM STATUE

We invite parishioners to bring home our St. John Vianney pilgrim statue and pray for vocations to the priesthood, especially here in the Diocese of Charlotte. Each week a family may pick up the statue when they attend Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning and then return the statue the following Saturday afternoon prior to 5:30 pm. To sign up to take home the statue, please contact Matthew Falencki at [mfalencki@stpatricks.org](mailto:mfalencki@stpatricks.org).



## SUNDAY READINGS

**Palm Sunday - March 24, 2024**

### First Reading:

I have set my face like flint,  
knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Isiah 50:7)

### Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?  
(Psalm 22)

### Second Reading:

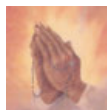
He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.  
Because of this, God greatly exalted him.  
(Philippians 2:8-9)

### Gospel:

They brought him to the place of Golgotha  
—which is translated Place of the Skull—. (Mark 15:22)

## PRAYER REQUEST

Please continue to keep Deacon Medina in your thoughts and prayers. We look forward to seeing him back assisting at Mass soon!



## 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. **Please note there is no Adoration on Wednesday, March 27th or Wednesday, April 3rd.**



Please consider spending an hour with the Lord.

## 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](mailto:knights@stpatricks.org).

[www.kofc770.org](http://www.kofc770.org)

Instagram/Facebook: @kofc770

## 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. \$5 offering per Mass.

## 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 held on the third Sunday of each month at 10 am and complete the Baptismal registration form. Please visit [www.stpatricks.org/the-sacrament-of-baptism](http://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](mailto: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.

## RECTORY RESTORATION CAMPAIGN



The existing rectory, which remains largely untouched since its construction over 80 years ago, is in need of a significant restoration that requires immediate attention. Please help current and future priests and seminarians have a simple, yet highly-functional, durable, and **most importantly, safe residence** on the campus. We are half-way to our goal and need your time, talent, and treasure to help us budget for the remaining costs to begin the restoration.

We know through **prayer and your help**, we will meet this objective, and in turn, the earthly needs of our spiritual fathers for 80 more years. With these thoughts in mind, please use the QR code or pray with the **pledge card** (available at the Cathedral's entrances), that we may strive to look after the temporal condition of those chosen by God to be our shepherds.



*Thank you to all for your support*

## WELCOME HOME



On March 17th, The Cathedral of St. Patrick welcomed the nine individuals above into the Church during the Initiation of the Candidates at the 9:00 am Mass. The Initiation of the Elect will occur during the Easter Vigil Mass on March 30th. Please keep these individuals in your prayers this Easter season!

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Couples who attend Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends not only rediscover the joy, intimacy, & romance in their relationships, but also become more active in their parish. Together, we are making marriages, families and our Church stronger & healthier.

As we celebrate Palm Sunday, let us be open to the love from our spouse and God by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on **May 3-5, 2024** in **HICKORY, NC** and **Nov 1-3, 2024** in **EMERALD ISLE, NC**. Early sign up is recommended.

For more information visit our website at: <https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at [applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or 704-315-2144.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

All women of the parish are welcome to join in a book club discussion of ***He Leadeth Me*** by Fr. Walter Ciszek on **Tuesday, May 14 from 1:00-2:30 pm** in the Family Life Center Youth Room. This book is the deeply moving personal story of one man's spiritual odyssey and the unflagging faith which enabled him to survive 23 years in Soviet prisons and the labor camps of Siberia. He recalls how it was only through an utter reliance on God's will that he managed to endure. It is a book to inspire all Christians to greater faith and trust in God – even in their darkest hour. The book is available online through The Catholic Company and other retailers.

For more information and to rsvp, please contact Margaret Gustafson at [Margaret@jmgusto.com](mailto:Margaret@jmgusto.com). Discussion questions will be sent to participants prior to the meeting date.

## CATHOLIC MEN'S BOOK CLUB

Interested in reading some good books? The St. Patrick's Catholic Men's Book Club meets every other month to discuss great books relevant to our Catholic faith. The next meeting will be in **May**.

For information, please contact Dave Rupar at 704-651-8549 or via e-mail at: [bigrupe53@gmail.com](mailto:bigrupe53@gmail.com).

## HORA SANTA EN ESPANOL

¡Anuncio! No habrá Hora Santa en Español hasta nuevo aviso. Por favor, mantengan al Diacono Carlos en sus oraciones.





## EASTER EGG HUNT

All children are invited to participate in our annual Easter Egg hunt at 10 am on Easter Sunday in the courtyard and front lawn. The children will be split into two age groups as they hunt for eggs. Please bring a basket or bag!

## CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP

*Thank you for all you do to support our St. Patrick parish community.*

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. As we read about the climax of Christ's mission here on earth, we are reminded that He is the Perfect Steward, a model for us all on our stewardship journey.

Our First Reading, from the prophet Isaiah, portrays a suffering servant. The suffering servant, in many ways, foreshadows what Jesus endured during His passion. Even though He didn't deserve such tortures, He humbly submitted to them. His mission as a steward was to fulfill His Father's mission. We, too, play a unique role in our Father's mission by bringing souls to Christ. It simply begins with the witness of our lives.

Today's Gospel shares the account of Jesus' last days on earth, and how He lives them says a great deal about how we should be living ours as faithful stewards. Jesus does many things in these last days, and they all revolve around prayer and service — two trademark actions of a good and faithful Catholic. He hosts a Passover meal in which He gives us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. He intensely prays to His Father. Lastly, He submits to humiliation, torture and death for our sake, calling out to God the Father in His weakest moments. We might not be called to the same type of prayer and service, but we are all called to commit time in daily prayer with our Lord, and to serve our families, churches and neighbors.

As we embark on this Holy week, let us take some time to reflect on the life of Christ as He is our model Steward, and may we strive to imitate Him daily.

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## ONLINE GIVING

Scan the QR code to the right or visit <https://www.osvhub.com/st-patrick-cathedral/giving/funds> for more information on how you can sign-up for online giving today!



## 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](http://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.



## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

### REQUIESCAT IN PACE

*Please pray for those who have recently passed away*

† Joyce Arrowood; † Michele Broadfoot; † Rose Broadway; † Bill Butler; † Joy Konang Da; † Mark Ferreira; † Conrad John; † Thomas Michael Larson † Jimmie Patrum; † Jean Perrone; † Kathleen Potter; † Charlotte Sparks; † Somnang Thach † Bill Youngblood † Tin Colieng † Gull R'Com † Tom Carlisle † Kate Toma

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Julienne Benson; Brian Blatchford; Mar Bris; Brendan Dignan; Jimmy Lee Hager; Michael McRae; Aileen Mesa; Michael Pappas; Josette Roisin; Gail Roux; Richard Stipanovic; Rafael Winters; Fiona Desch; Deacon Carlos; Francoise Merrien; Michael Falencki; Cara Hohmann; all servicemen and women.

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

*Stefano Pavesi  
Jessica Barkanic  
Vincent Dagout  
Mar Bris  
Henry Coste  
Lindsey Osmera  
Jacqueline Garcia  
Saveena R'Com  
Maggie Rose Schiffiano  
Tom Reilly  
Dominic Bishop  
Trevor Hutto  
Joseph Krebs*

*Levi Goddard  
Josep A  
Fortune Amatu  
Joseph Ryan IV  
Regan Ryan  
Mien Pang Ting  
Melissa Summitt  
Eric Tsui  
Samuel Timmy  
Michael Mosley  
Hil Krajan  
Dolly Green*

## SAVE THE DATE

The Cathedral will be hosting Totus Tuus on **June 16th** through **June 21st** this summer. Totus Tuus is a week-long summer camp for children and teens held at the Cathedral. The program combines daily Mass, songs, games, Eucharistic Adoration and tons of fun! **Details are being finalized. Registration will open Monday, March 25th.**

Grade School Program (rising Grades 1-6)  
The program is held Mon—Fri from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

Middle/High School (rising Grades 7-12)  
The program is held Sun—Thu from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

## NEW PRAYER GROUP

Thank you to all that responded to be a part of the new Knitting/Crocheting Prayer Group! If you know of a parish member in need of a lap blanket, would like to join, or have any questions, please contact Karen Hanosh at 980-327-3501.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for the praying of the Stations of the Cross at **12:00 pm on Good Friday**. We will pray the stations in the Cathedral.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION

Did you know the Cathedral offers a Baptism preparation class on the 3rd Sunday of every month? The class is held in the Family Life Center Library at 10:00 am. If interested, please email Matthew Falencki at [mfalenci@stpatricks.org](mailto:mfalenci@stpatricks.org) to register.

## LENTEN REGULATIONS

Please remember that all Catholics ages 14 and up are to abstain from eating meat on all Fridays during the Lenten season. All Catholics ages 18-59 are expected to fast on Good Friday. Fasting is defined as eating no more than one full meal and two smaller meals such that the two smaller meals combined do not equal to a full meal.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR CAMP

Monday, August 5th - Friday, August 9th  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Cost: \$30 per child (family maximum is \$90)  
Registration required  
Please register by July 1st  
Lunch not provided, please pack a lunch



All rising 2nd to 8th grade boys and girls are invited to attend the Cathedral of St. Patrick's annual summer choir camp! Besides choral singing (including singing for daily Mass), activities will include games, crafts, and learning about Gregorian chant and music history. All children participating will sing for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress Holy Hour at the Charlotte Convention Center on Saturday, August 31st at 10:00 am.

For more information, use the QR code, visit [www.stpatricks.org/choir-camp](http://www.stpatricks.org/choir-camp), or contact Dr. DeLuca at [gdeluca@stpatricks.org](mailto:gdeluca@stpatricks.org).

## RETREAT



**His Mercy Endures Forever**

Saturday, April 6, 2024

Allen Center at St. Ann Catholic Church  
3635 Park Road, Charlotte, NC 28209

8:00 AM Holy Mass in the Church

9:15 AM – 11:00 AM Retreat

**Cost: Free!**

Please let us know you are coming by scanning the QR code or registering here: <https://www.worldvillages.org/st-ann-retreat/>

## VIGIL OF THE TWO HEARTS

*First Fridays & First Saturdays*

Cathedral of St. Patrick | 1621 Dilworth Road E. Charlotte



**Next vigil: April 5-6**

**Celebrant: Fr. Darren Balkey**

Join us on each First Friday through First Saturday of the month in an overnight vigil to honor the Hearts of Jesus & Mary, to pray for our families, to offer penance for our sins, and to pray for the conversion of our nation.

**All families & parishes invited to participate!**

- 8pm First Friday Mass (4/5)
- 9pm—8am Nocturnal Adoration
- 9pm Holy Hour of Reparation
- 8am First Saturday Mass (4/6)

Please sign up for Eucharistic Adoration times at: [ProLifeCharlotte.org/two-hearts](http://ProLifeCharlotte.org/two-hearts)

*"Tell everybody that God grants us graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary; that people are to ask Her for them; and that the Heart of Jesus wants the Immaculate Heart of Mary to be venerated at His side. Tell them also to pray to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for peace, since God entrusted it to Her." – St. Jacinta Marto*



The Vigil of the Two Hearts is a special monthly prayer vigil that unites devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart of Mary, organized around 1st Friday & 1st Saturday Masses, with overnight Eucharistic Adoration in between, allowing all faithful of our diocese to unite in prayer and penance.

Sponsored by C-PLAN of Charlotte  
[www.prolifecharlotte.org/two-hearts](http://www.prolifecharlotte.org/two-hearts)

For more information contact:  
[info@prolifecharlotte.org](mailto:info@prolifecharlotte.org)



# FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

A pilgrimage is a time set apart from what is familiar. It is a time of prayer, of penance, and of experiencing the surprises of Divine Providence. Most of all, it is a grace-filled encounter that challenges and transforms one's life.

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We will also celebrate Mass near the tombs of the children in the Basilica, and participate in the beautiful evening candlelight processions. There will also be a special side trip to Santiago de Compostela, Spain. Join us **July 17th—July 30th** for an experience that will deepen your love for Christ, His Mother, and the call to prayer, love, and penance for souls.

Use the QR code to see the full itinerary or contact the Te Deum Foundation for information:

<https://tedeumfoundation.org/>

## 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. Among other updates, the diocese has shifted from Virtus to a streamlined platform called CMG Connect. CMG Connect will combine all of our Safe Environment screening, onboarding and training in one place for all clergy, employees and volunteers.

**All who volunteer in any capacity or work in 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 Matthew Falencki at [mfalencki@stpatricks.org](mailto:mfalencki@stpatricks.org) or 704-334-2283. You may also contact the Diocese Safe Environment Office at [safeenvironment@rcdoc.org](mailto:safeenvironment@rcdoc.org).

## ACT OF CHARITY

### Seminarian Homeless Support Mission

*"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Mt 25:40)*

Help seminarians Jordan Haag and Matthew Hennessy, and other Catholic volunteers, help the homeless population on the streets of Uptown Charlotte this Lent!

This new mission will live out the corporal works of mercy, evangelization by action, and collect an ever-increasing list of names to pray for throughout Lent.

St. Patrick Altar Servers are leading the effort to collect the much-needed items below that will be given out each every Saturday.



First aid Supplies  
Small Hand Sanitizer Bottles  
Toothbrushes & Toothpaste



Healthy Granola/Trail Mix/Protein Bars

Men's Underwear

Feminine Products

Jackets

Toboggan Hats/Gloves/Socks

Hand/Feet Warmers

Healthy Drinks/Water

Holy Cards/Small Rosaries

Small New Testaments



We need your help! Over the next few weeks, if you could please bring in your donations when you come to Mass and the Altar Servers will be outside between Masses to collect the items.

Thank You for Your Prayers and Support!

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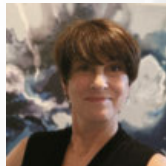
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