

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte

The Most Rev. Michael T. Martin, OFM Conv.

Bishop of Charlotte
Very Rev. Peter N. Ascik
Pastor & Rector

AUGUST 3RD, 2025

THE 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY CYCLE: C — WEEKDAY CYCLE: I— PSALTER: WEEK III

WEEKEND MASSES

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

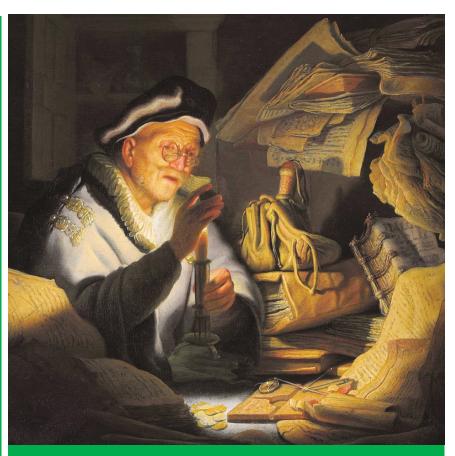
Thirty minutes before daily Masses Saturday: 7:30 am and 4:00 - 5:00 pm

ADORATION

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

SUMMER PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Closed on Fridays



"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."." - Luke 12:20-21



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.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

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DATE	MA	ASSES & INTENTIONS	EVENTS
Saturday August 2nd	8:00 am 5:30 pm	† Anthony & Mary Nigro Requested by the Bruck Family † Ron Russell Requested by St. Patrick Cathedral	7:30 AM—Confessions 8:00 AM—Mass 2:00 PM—Wedding (Cotrill-Hiatt) 4:00—5:00 PM—Confessions 5:30 PM—Vigil Mass
Sunday August 3rd 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Pro Populo † Gull R'Com Requested by the R'Com Family † Fr. Joseph Kelleher Requested by Carol Rains	7:30 AM—Mass 9:00 AM—Mass 10:00 AM—No Confessions 10:00 AM—Eucharistic Adoration 11:00 AM—Mass 5:30—7:00 PM—Scout Planning Meeting
Monday August 4th	12:10 pm	† Jimmy Seignious Requested by Jane Duncan	11:30 AM—Confessions 12:10 PM—Mass
Tuesday August 5th	No Tuesday Mass or Confessions		
Wednesday August 6th	12:10 pm	Fr. Carmen Malacari Requested by Jane Duncan	8:00 AM—6:00 PM—Eucharistic Adoration 11:30 AM—Confessions 12:10 PM—Mass 7:15 PM—Cathedral Choir Practice
Thursday August 7th	12:10 pm	† Jimmie Patrum Requested by the Bruck Family	11:30 AM—Confessions 12:10 PM—Mass 7:00 PM—Hora Santa en Español
Friday August 8th	12:10 am	† Janine & Grover Lines Requested by Amy Toberage	11:30 AM—Confessions 12:00—9:00 PM—Camp Joshua 12:10 PM—Mass
Saturday August 9th	8:00 am 5:30 pm	† Souls in Purgatory Requested by Anonymous Fr. Christopher Roux Requested by Jane Duncan	7:30 AM—Confessions 8:00 AM—Mass 9:00 AM—5:00 PM—Camp Joshua 10:00 AM—Baptism (Griggs) 4:00—5:00 PM—Confessions 5:30 PM—Vigil Mass
Sunday August 10th 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Felipe Alvarez Requested by the Gonzalo Bustamante † Gull R'Com Requested by the R'Com Family Pro Populo	7:30 AM—Mass 9:00 AM—Mass 10:00 AM—No Confessions 10:00 AM—Eucharistic Adoration 11:00 AM—Seminarian Mass 12:00—1:30 PM—Seminarian Pictures

REGISTER FOR FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation for Children

The Faith Formation for Children program is open to children of registered Cathedral parishioners from **Kindergarten through 7th grade**. Classes are held on Sundays from 10:15—11:15 am during the school year. For more information and to register visit:

www.stpatricks.org/faith-formation-children



First Penance & Holy Communion Preparation



Sacrament preparation at the Cathedral is a **two-year process**. The Diocese of Charlotte requires that a child participate in one full year of religious education in a parish or school setting prior to their First Holy Communion year. For more information and to register visit: www.stpatricks.org/first-penace-first-communion

Confirmation Preparation for Teens

Confirmation is available to **rising 8th grade students** who have completed **at least two years of religious education** in a parish or school setting. Classes meet on most Sundays from 10:15—11:15 am. Confirmation classes begin in September, with the Sacrament taking place in May. For more information or to register visit:



www.stpatricks.org/confirmation

Order of Christian Initiation for Children

Children or teens who are not baptized or who have not attended any Faith Formation classes are welcome to prepare for the Sacraments through OCIC. For more information regarding this program email:

faithformation@stpatricks.org

Additional questions about our Faith Formation programs? Please contact (704) 334-2283 or via email: faithformation@stpatricks.org

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Mary Johnston
Howard Pena
Wel Plekleh
Trisha McGoldrick
Maria A
Jack McDonnell
Kerry Williams
Tafadzwa Chorwira
Gemma Flanery
Therese Contreras
Emelie Cil Nie Kdam
Michael Devaney
Emily Bolka
Nadia Lakatosh
Julia Vandermeulen

Devin Dupree
Kaley DeLorenzo
Taylor Zaytoun
Adam Senk
Ian Williams
Sebastian Flemings
Hagen Helms
Francesca Sperrazzo
Hut Cil Mop
Elizabeth Cruz
Courtney Gaillard
Lillian Ma
Lauren Nicholson
Thomas Barry
Joshua Tedesco

SUNDAY READINGS

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 3rd, 2025

First Reading:

For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? (Eccl 2:22)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 90)

Second Reading:

If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Gospel:

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." (Lk 12:21)

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

The Barn

It's 9:08 on a Saturday morning, and I am too darn busy for confession.

I've probably written before about how hard I find it to get to confession — I say 'probably' because I really can't remember. I whine about it so frequently that it's hard to tell if I've made it the subject of a written piece or if it is simply an oft-recited refrain from the Litany of Colleen's Perpetual Complaints.

During the week, it's tough to get to confession because I have little kids who are attached to me like Velcro, and I don't need them listening in on (and eventually repeating to everyone) my sins. On the weekend it's a little easier, but our parish doesn't offer it before or after Sunday Mass, just on Saturdays. Saturday is when I get most of my work done, so getting absolution usually comes at the expense of productivity.

And that, friends, right here, is my barn. Productivity. That's the proverbial storehouse of my earthly harvest. For the rich man in the parable, it's a literal barn, filled to bursting with sellable crops. For you it might be money or your job title or what your life looks like to other people on social media. For me, it's Getting Things Done. That's my barn, the repository that holds the whole of my worldly preoccupations.

And it's so full I want to tear it down and build a new one. A bigger one. One that can hold more worry, more time for work, more focus on output and crossing things off a to-do list. Vanity of vanities, indeed.

If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

I have to burn the barn, friends. I don't want to, but I have to. I'm closing my laptop and going to church.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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

Altar Servers	LECTORS
Deacon Bruck altarservers@stpatricks.org	Deacon Medina cmedina@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. The statue is CURRENTLY AVAILABLE in the sacristy. To take home the statue, please contact the Parish Office at info@stpatricks.org.



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 August 24th, please email mhinson@stpatricks.org.

GET FORMED

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

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT FAITH FORMATION OR RCIA? PLEASE CONTACT:

FAITH FORMATION	OCIA
Faith Formation Office faithformation@stpatricks.org	OCIA Office rcia@stpatricks.org

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: How many times did Peter deny knowing Jesus?



Answer: Three Times

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Would you like to serve our diocese? The Diocese of Charlotte is looking for qualified individuals to fill key positions. Scan the QR code to search all available jobs.

Looking for a part time job?

Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools is now hiring After School Assistants. Come Join our team!

Locations:

St. Ann Catholic School

St. Patrick Catholic School

St. Mark Catholic School in Huntersville

Now-May, Hours 2:30-6:00, 3- 5 days a week!

No weekends or evenings, Summers off

If interested contact:

Ellen Buening
ehbuening@rcdoc.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 at 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 info@stpatricks.org or 704-334-2283. You may also contact the Diocese Safe Environment Office at safeenvironment@rcdoc.org.

HORA SANTA EN ESPANOL

¡Actualización importante! La hora santa será todos los jueves del mes de 7 pm a 8 pm en la iglesia. Tambien, desde el dia 9 de Julio contaremos con un sacerdote bilingue para las confesiones en los horarios establecidos.



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

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 **fourth** Sunday of each month at 10 am 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 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 7/21-7/27 \$ 6,166.00 Online Giving for past week \$ 8,933.00

Total Weekend Contributions \$ 15,099.00

Budget \$ 15,833.00

Over (Short) \$ (734.00)

Total Weekend Mass attendance 732

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL

2025 Assessment \$ 83,417.00 Amount Paid \$ 39,986.71 Pledge Balance \$ 4,374.29 Over (Under) \$ (39,056.00)

Donors 37



PRIEST RETIREMENT

2025 Assessment Unknown Amount Collected \$ 12,952.00

In August, the Diocese will send out our 2025 Priest Retirement Goal.

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!



Please remember that every first weekend of the month's second collection is for capital improvements.

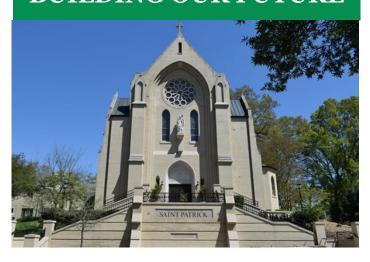
WIN A NEW CAR

Catherine's House Annual Car Raffle is open! Catherine's House is a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Mercy in Belmont, NC. Proceeds from the event will benefit women and children experiencing homelessness.

Scan the QR code or visit catherineshouseinc.org/engage for tickets and more information. The Facebook live drawing will be held on December 4, 2025. The winner will need to be present to win.



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 muchneeded 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.

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on Earth." ~ Mother Teresa



POPE LEO XIV – AFTER THE ANGELUS ADDRESS – JULY 20, 2025

"Tragic news continues to arrive in these days from the Middle East, especially from Gaza.

I express my profound sadness regarding last Thursday's attack by the Israeli army on the Catholic Parish of the Holy Family in Gaza City, which as you know killed three Christians and gravely wounded others. I pray for the victims, Saad Issa Kostandi Salameh, Foumia Issa Latif Ayyad, Najwa Ibrahim Latif Abu Daoud, and I am particularly close to their families and to all the parishioners. Sadly, this act adds to the continuous military attacks against the civilian population and places of worship in Gaza.

I again call for an immediate halt to the barbarism of the war and for a peaceful resolution of the conflict.

I renew my appeal to the international community to observe humanitarian law and to respect the obligation to protect civilians, as well as the prohibition of collective punishment, the indiscriminate use of force and the forced displacement of the population.

To our beloved Middle Eastern Christians I say: I deeply sympathize with your feeling that you can do little in the face of this grave situation. You are in the heart of the Pope and of the whole Church. Thank you for your witness of faith. May the Virgin Mary, woman of the Levant, dawn of the new Sun that has risen in history, protect you always and accompany the world towards the dawn of peace."

CAMP JOSHUA

Join us for Camp Joshua 2025! Thursday, August 7 (4-9pm) & Friday, August 8 (9am-4pm) St. Patrick Cathedral -- Charlotte, NC

Camp Joshua is a two-day camp designed to train high school students to be effective pro-life leaders. It covers all the basics of the pro-life issues through hands-on workshops, fun, fellowship and excellent pizza!

Camp Joshua is part of the Life and Leadership Camps Initiative, a nationwide pro-life program developed by National Right to Life, Louisiana Right to Life, and Wisconsin Right to Life. Camp Joshua North Carolina is a project of North Carolina Right to Life (NCRTL).

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.



JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE



INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for those who have recently passed away

† 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 † Frank Rupar † Barbara Anne Meskill † Elizabeth Collins † Don McRae † Ron Russell † Mary Esuka † KPhe Cil Mup † Teresa Keeter † Mark Belfiore † Wendy Shaffer † Ellie Fagan † Patricia Milroth† Coleen Clementi

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Julienne Benson; Brian Blatchford; Mar Bris; Brendan Dignan; Jimmy Lee Hager; Michael McRae; Ailleen Mesa; Michael Pappas; Josette Roisin; Gail Roux; Rafael Winters; Fiona Desch; Deacon Carlos; Francoise Merrien; Bob Fagan; Janice Kinney; Kevin Niebuhr; Lucas Leonard; Donnie Cates; Jim Scancarelli; The Shaffer Family; all servicemen & women.

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE



July 15-28, 2026

Plan to join Father Christopher Roux and the Te Deum Foundation for a Pilgrimage to Fatima and Holy Sites in Portugal and Spain.

For more information, visit the Te Deum Foundation: https://tedeumfoundation.org/

RETROUVAILLE

Retrouvaille Marriage Help offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises.

For more information about the upcoming Retrouvaille weekend program in the Charlotte area on Oct. 3rd—5th, 2025 for couples, please see the information below:

Email: 3062ac@helpourmarriage.org

Call: (727) 343-6701

Website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com

CALLING YOUNG ADULTS

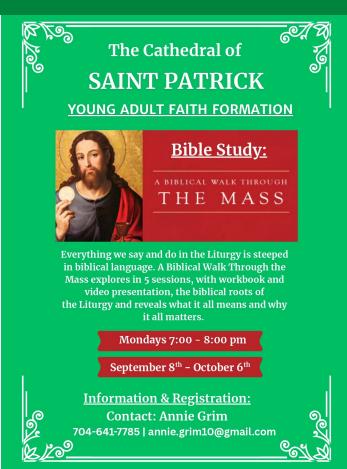
Are you in your 20s or early 30s and looking to meet other young adult Catholics at St. Patrick?

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 11:00 am Mass.

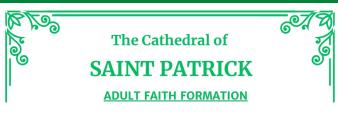


YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY





ADULT FAITH FORMATION





Divine Mercy is a dramatic 10-session journey featuring Fr. Michael Gaitley, who weaves a tapestry of wonder and beauty from the threads of the dramatic history of Poland, the transformative message of St. Faustina, the appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of St. Maxamilian Kolbe and the papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Beginning September 9th

Information & Registration:
Contact: Cindy Grim
704-650-0429 | cgrim0929@att.net



ANNIVERSARY MASS

Celebrating a silver or golden wedding anniversary this year? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Michael Martin, OFM Conv., for a special Wedding Anniversary Mass in your honor. Sponsored by the Diocese of Charlotte's Family Life Office, the event includes a reception with the bishop after Mass. Couples will receive a special certificate commemorating their 25th or 50th anniversary.

Mass will be offered at 3 p.m. with a reception to follow. Limit of 2 guests per couple.

It will take place on Sunday, October 26th, 2025 from 3 pm to 6 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick.

To register go to https://charlottediocese.org/form-wedding-anniversary-mass/.

We hope to see you there!



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WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

FLOCKNOTE NETWORK

STAY CONNECTED... with your The Cathedral of Saint Patrick Parish komiling

Flocknote is an online communications system that sends parish related emails, text messages, & social media updates. It is a great way to stay updated with various ministries and groups in the parish.

GET CONNECTED TODAY!

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