

# The Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte

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

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

#### 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

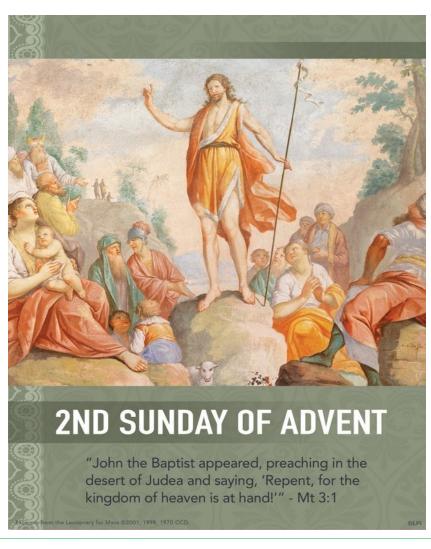
#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

# DECEMBER 7TH, 2025

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY CYCLE: A — WEEKDAY CYCLE: II— PSALTER: WEEK II





# **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		
DATE	MASSES & INTENTIONS	EVENTS
Saturday December 6th	8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory 5:30 PM † Evelyn Pachanat Requested by Anne Caestecker	7:30 AM—Confession 9:00 AM—Holy Hour - Knights of the Holy Sepulchre 10 AM— Mass- Knights of the Holy Sepulchre 4:00—5:00 PM—Confessions 5:30 PM—Vigil Mass
Sunday December 7th  2nd Sunday of Advent	7:30 am Pro Populo  9:00 am † Charles Martin Requested by Julia Martin  11:30 am Andrea Antezana Requested by The Antezana-Pino Family	7:30 AM—Mass 9:00 AM—Mass 10:00 AM—Eucharistic Adoration 10:15 AM—Faith Formation Class 10:15AM— Confirmation Class 11:30 AM—Mass 1:00 AM—Baptism
Monday December 8th	7:30 AM All Souls in Purgatory & Conversion of Sinners Requested by Ly Nguyen † Joseph Martin Requested by Julia Martin	11:30AM —Confessions 12:10 PM—Mass 3:00PM—Children's Choir Practice 7:00 PM—Young Adult Faith Formation
Tuesday December 9th	No Mass or Confessions	3:00 PM—Children's Choir Practice
Wednesday December 10th	No Mass or Confessions	7:00 PM —OCIA Class 7:15PM—Cathedral Choir Practice
Thursday December 11th	12:10 PM Giolio DiVirgilio Requested by Omega Hartman	11:30AM —Confessions 12:10 PM—Mass 7 PM— Santa Hora Español
Friday December 12th	12:10 PM Storms Family	8:30 AM—School Mass 3:00 PM—Children's Choir Practice 6:30 PM—Christmas Concert Rehearsal
Saturday December 13th	8:00 AM—Lucy & Louie Licari † Requested by Lucy & Bert Rodrigues 5:30 PM Pro Populo	4:00 PM—Children's Choir Practice 4:00—5:00 PM—Confessions 5:30 PM—Vigil Mass 7:30 PM—Christmas Concert
Sunday December 14th 3rd Sunday of Advent	7:30 am † Sergio Granados Requested by Gonzalo Bustamente  9:00 am † Jenny Marie Colleti Requested by The McDonnel Family  11:30 am Pro Populo	7:30 AM—Mass 9:00 AM—Mass 10:00 AM—Eucharistic Adoration 10:15AM— Faith Formation Class 10:15AM— Confirmation Class 11:30 AM—Mass 4:30 PM—Troop 9 Meeting



# **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

During Advent, God gives us the opportunity to work and move, not remain in one place. John the Baptist is our example—he worked tirelessly announcing how to prepare the way of the Lord and what His coming would be like. Isaiah speaks of him: "A voice cries out in the desert: prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths" (John 3:3). Making the paths straight means a conversion from the depths of the heart—a radical yet gentle and firm change to reach God.

"The Church of this time is like a field with grain and chaff mixed together, both good and bad. After the judgment, it will have only the good... He has the winnowing fan to separate the wheat from the chaff. He will store the wheat and burn the chaff in a fire that does not go out" (St. Augustine, Sermon 223).

This Advent is a time to learn that God's moments are moments of grace. Chaff and wheat grow in us, and it is time to work on conversion to meet the Lord. God expects the best from us and gives us the freedom to follow Him or leave Him. Advent invites us to examine our conscience: how we think, believe, and act.



# **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**

# 2nd Sunday of Advent December 7th, 2025

# **First Reading:**

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD. (Isa 11:2)

#### Psalm:

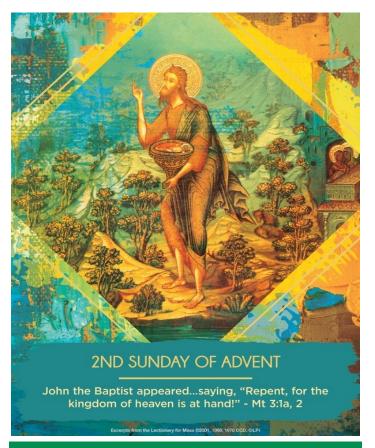
Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever. (Ps 72)

# **Second Reading:**

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)

# Gospel:

"I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I." (Mt 3:11)



# **BASKETBALL GAME**

Priests vs. Seminarians Basketball Game
Join us on December 21st at 5:30 PM for this
year's Priests vs. Seminarians game at Charlotte
Catholic High School. Come out, support both
teams, and enjoy a great evening with the community. It's always a fun matchup — hope to see you
there!





# **GET FORMED**

Visit <a href="https://www.formed.org">www.formed.org</a> 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.

# **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on **Monday, December 8.** All Catholics are reminded that this is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please join us for Mass as we honor our Blessed Mother.



# 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 <u>volunteer in any capacity</u> 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 <a href="https://charlottediocese.org/offices/safe-environment/">https://charlottediocese.org/offices/safe-environment/</a> 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: <a href="mailto:knights@stpatricks.org">knights@stpatricks.org</a>.

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 OR 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 <a href="www.stpatricks.org/the-sacrament-of-baptism">www.stpatricks.org/the-sacrament-of-baptism</a> to register for the preparation class and download the form.

# HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Send an e-mail to: <u>prayerworks@stpatricks.org</u> 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 11/3-11/9 \$ 5,222.00 Online Giving for past week \$ 9,795.00 Total Weekend Contributions \$ 15,017.00 Budget \$ 15,833.00

Over (Short) \$ (816)

Total Weekend Mass attendance 555

#### **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.

(Priest Retirement 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.

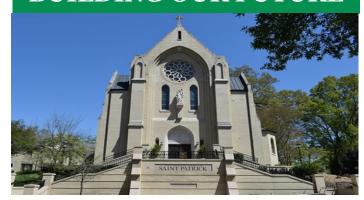
# **ONLINE GIVING**

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.



# 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 Fol-

it <u>www.helpourmarriage.org</u>, or call Bill & Lyn Folsom at (727) 343-6701. <u>All contacts and names are held in absolute confidence.</u>

# **Giving Tree Fundraiser**

St. Patrick's will have an Angel Tree this year, beginning the weekend of November 15–16 and concluding the weekend of December 13–14. We invite parishioners to donate gift cards, which will be distributed by Catholic Charities to children in need within our community. A tree will be set up in the narthex with envelopes available. \$25 Walmart or Target gift cards are recommended, though multiple cards are welcome and appreciated. Please be sure to note the amount of each gift card donated. Gift cards may be placed in the provided envelopes and added to the collection basket each week, or returned directly to the parish office (a secure drop box slot is available) before December 15th. Thanks to all for their generosity.

# **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 <a href="https://www.stpatricks.org/register-as-a-">www.stpatricks.org/register-as-a-</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.





# THE CATHEDRAL OF ST, PATRICK

# CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 7:30PM

On Saturday. December 13th at 7:30 PM, the Cathedral of Saint Pattick will host its annual Concett of Sacred Music for Advent and Christmas. Performing at the concert will be the Cathedral Chiof, aldren's Chom and High School Choir. The ehoirs will sing the *Magnificat* in C by Johann Gcolg Reinhardi.. and ottier works by Parsons. Rathgeber, B.

ADMISSION IS FREE FOR THIS CONCERT: A FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED.

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK 1621 DILWORTH RD. E CHARLOTTE, NC 28203

For more information contact Granfranco Do Luca at glelics@stpanickt.org-704-334-2283:

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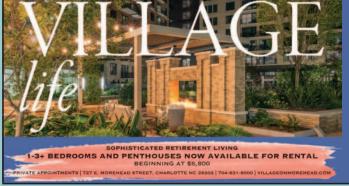
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