

# 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

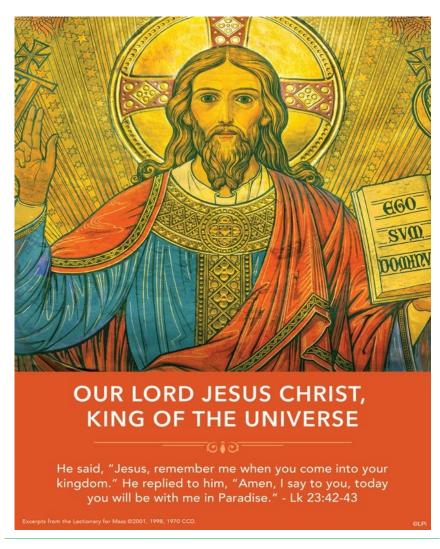
#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

# NOVEMBER 23RD, 2025

34TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY CYCLE: C — WEEKDAY CYCLE: I— 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 November 22nd	8:00 am † Sr. Mary Thomas Burke Requested by Judy + Mike Simac	4:00 PM- Altar Server Training (Meeting Room) 4:00—5:00 PM—Confessions 5:30 PM—Vigil Mass
Sunday November 23rd 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:30 am Sharon Honeycutt Requested by Courtney Gaillard  9:00 am Jimmy Barnett Requested by The Dignan Family  11:00 am † Jane Anderson Requested by Schiffiano Family	7:30 AM—Mass 9:00 AM—Mass 10:00 AM—Eucharistic Adoration 10:00 AM—Baptism Prep Class 10:15 AM—Confirmation Class 10:15AM—Baptism Preparation Class 11:30 AM—Mass 4:30 PM—Troop 9 Meeting
Monday November 24th	12:10pm Maryan Norman Requested by Geralyn Wintering	11:30AM —Confessions 12:10 PM—Mass 3:00PM—Children's Choir Practice 7:00 PM—Young Adult Faith Formation
Tuesday November 25th	No Tuesday Mass or Confessions	1:00 PM—Adult Faith Formation 3:00 PM—Children's Choir Practice
Wednesday November 26th	12:10pm Sr. Mary Adele Bahdurski Requested by The Somerville Family	11:30AM —Confessions 12:10 PM—Mass 7:00 PM —OCIA Class 7:15PM—Cathedral Choir Practice
Thursday November 27th	9:00 AM Kathy Herrero Requested by The Bendandi Family	8:30 Am – School Mass 8:15 AM —Confessions 9 AM—Mass
Friday November 28th	No Friday Mass or Confessions	3:00 PM—Children's Choir Practice
Saturday November 29th	5:30 PM Erin Jelinck Requested by Courtney Gailard	4:00 PM—Children's Choir Practice 4:00—5:00 PM—Confessions 5:30 PM—Vigil Mass
Sunday November 30th 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:30 am Pro Populo  9:00 am Angel Pinchot Quinoney Requested by The Dignan Family  11:30 am Greta Suarez Requested by The D'Costa Family	7:30 AM—Mass 9:00 AM—Mass 10:00 AM—Eucharistic Adoration 10:15AM—Faith Formation Class 10:15 AM—Baptism Preparation Class 11:30 AM—Mass



# **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Not long ago, I was called to anoint a woman in her early 80s who was dying. She was in great pain, yet the room wasn't filled with despair. Surrounded by her children and the many foster kids she had raised, there was a quiet strength — a sweetness. She seemed to suffer with them and for them, and they for her. The pain was real, but so was the peace. It felt like a small paradise, hospital machines and all.

I think of that moment in today's Gospel. Jesus on the cross doesn't look like a king, yet the dying man beside him sees through the suffering and says, "Jesus, remember me." He's asking to belong to Christ — and Jesus answers, "Today you will be with me in paradise." He doesn't promise to remove suffering, but to be with us in it.

Christ the King reigns not by avoiding suffering, but by transforming it with love. Whatever you're carrying now, if you suffer with him — paradise can begin even today.

— 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**

# 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time November 23rd, 2025

## **First Reading:**

"And the LORD said to you, 'You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel." (2 Sm 5:2)

#### Psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

# **Second Reading:**

For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those

in heaven. (Col 1:19-20)

# **Gospel:**

He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Lk 23:43)

#### FR. FRANK O'ROURKE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY AT ST GABERIEL

# Fr. Frank O'Rourke's 50th Anniversary Mass

Fr. Frank O'Rourke, previous pastor of this parish, is celebrating his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. You are invited to ioin him for the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, November 23, Feast of Christ the King at St. Gabriel Catholic Church (3016 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC). The Mass will be livestreamed at www.stgabrielchurch.org/ livestream

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 Goofg Reinhardi.. and ottier works by Parsons. Rathgeber, B.

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

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For more information contact Granfranco Do Luca at glelics@stpanickLorg~704334-2283:

# THANKSGIVING WEEK **SCHEDULE**

Week of **November 24th-29th** Mass Times.

Monday and Wednesday Mass will be at **12:10 PM**.

**Thursday** Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9:00 AM

Friday: No Mass/No Confessions

Saturday: No morning Mass

\*5:30 PM Vigil Mass Sunday: Normal 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.

# **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 CUR-RENTLY AVAILABLE in the sacristy. To take home the statue, please contact the Parish Office at parishoffice@stpatricks.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.

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 <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 November 23rd. Please scan the OR code to register.



#### **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 \$ 6,145.00

Online Giving for past week \$ 7,621.00

Total Weekend Contributions \$ 13,766.00

Budget \$ 15,833.00

Over (Short) \$ (2,067)

Total Weekend Mass attendance

#### **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)



2025 Assessment \$ 23,909.00 Amount Collected \$ 16,855.00 Over (Under) \$ (7,054.00)

The annual collection for Priests' Retirement & Benefits will be taken up this weekend, September 21, 2025. Our priests have dedicated their lives to serving us through the sacraments and pastoral care. This collection helps provide for their retirement and medical needs, ensuring they are cared for with dignity.

# **ONLINE GIVING**

Scan the QR code to the right or visit <a href="https://www.osvhub.com/st-patrick-cathedral/giving/funds">https://www.osvhub.com/st-patrick-cathedral/giving/funds</a> 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.

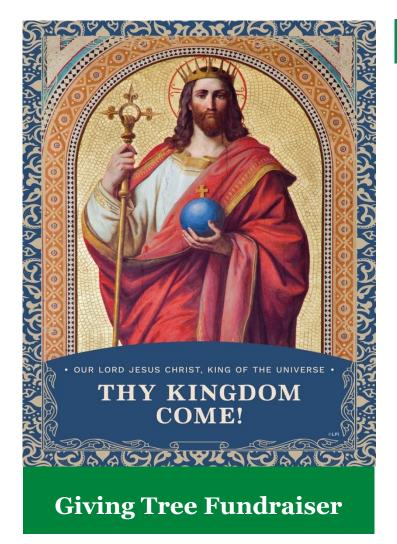
The campaign will address the much-needed repairs to our sacristies and bell tower and ensuring the continuing radiance of the Cathedral's stained-glass windows. Scan the QR code to pledge your support.

# **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 this sub list.





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

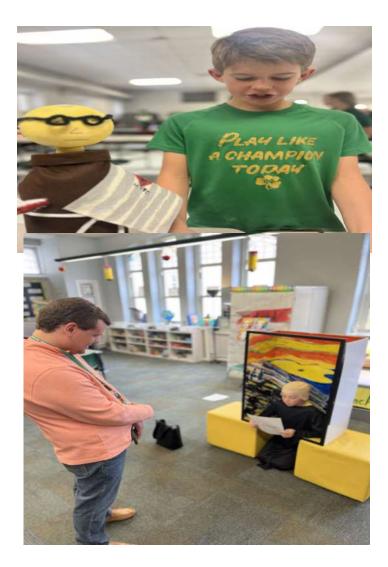
To register as a parishioner of the Cathedral, please visit <a href="www.stpatricks.org/register-as-a-">www.stpatricks.org/register-as-a-</a>

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.



# **ONE CAMPUS**

Who's your favorite Saint? St. Mother Theresa? St. John Bosco? What about St. Elizabeth Ann Seton or even St. Carlos Acutis? Well, all of them – and dozens of other Saints – made an appearance during St. Patrick Catholic School's 2nd grade All Saints Day Wax Museum! Families, teachers, classmates, and even Fr. Peter joined these students to learn about what makes their favorite Saint important to them. Thank you to the school's exceptional staff and parents for their hard work in making this event possible! All you holy men and women, pray for us...



# ST. PATRICKS SCHOOL LIVING ART SHOW

Talk about bringing art to life...St. Patrick students take field trips to museums all the time, but somedays the museums come to Buchanan Street! Neither canvas nor coke bottle were left blank as 4th grade LEAP students performed as their favorite piece of art during a "Living Art Show" and 5th graders taught visitors about their favorite holy hero during a "Saints Bottle Presentation." Student uniforms might've looked like an artist's palette, but for good reason and an even better cause. This month's colorful out of uniform day proceeds will help support Veterans Bridge Home and their mission to make sure veterans and their families are supported in our communities.



# VIGIL OF THE TWO HEARTS

# First Fridays & First Saturdays

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



Next vigil: December 5-6
Celebrant: Fr. Nicholas Kramer

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 (12/5)
- 9pm-8am Nocturnal Adoration
- 9pm Holy Hour of Reparation
- 8am First Saturday Mass (12/6)

Please sign up for Eucharistic Adoration times at: defendthefamily.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.



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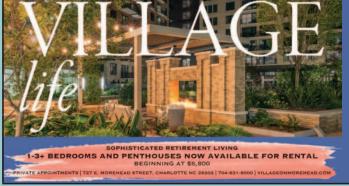
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