

## TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Lord, how good it is that we are here."

#### January 7, 2024

Rev. Msgr. James L. LeBlanc Pastor

Deacon John Tempesco Deacon David Shinn

#### **Sunday Mass:**

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

#### **Daily Mass:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 6:00 p.m. & Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesdays
5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Saturdays
3:00 p.m.–3:45 p.m. & by Appointment

#### Infant Baptism, RCIA, Funerals, Weddings:

Call the Office-(803) 735-0512

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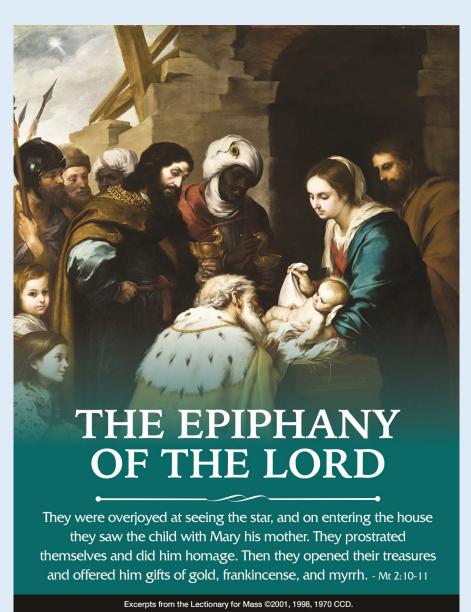
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The Sanctuary is located at the corner of Wilson Boulevard and North Pines Road.

Our Parish Office is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We are located in the white farmhouse at 9720 Wilson Blvd.

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		Parish Activities
Sunday, January 7	No Religiou 11:30 a.m.	us Education K4-5th Grade, or Youth Group—Christmas Break RCIA (Large Classroom—PLC)
Monday, January 8	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Layer Cursillo Grouping (Conference Room—PLC) Columbiettes Rosary & Business Meeting (Large Classroom—PLC)
Tuesday, January 9	5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Evans Cursillo Grouping (Small Classroom—PLC) Men's Cursillo Grouping (Large Classroom—PLC)
Wednesday, January 10	4:30 p.m 4:30 p.m.	Columbiettes Gala Meeting (Large Classroom—PLC) Children's Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC)
Thursday, January 11	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Ultreya (Conference Room—PLC) Youth Bible Study (RBB)
Friday, January 12	6:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group (PLC)
Saturday, January 13		
Sunday, January 14	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Elementary Religious Ed. K4-5th (Lg ClassrmPLC, Tan & Blue Bldgs.) Confirmation Class (RBB) Youth Group Grades 6th-12 (RBB) RCIA (Large Classroom—PLC)

#### **Parish Directory**

Adult Faith Formation	Karen Hanson	(803) 318-6452
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	Ed Hogue (Home)	(803) 348-1260
Evangelization	Karen Hanson	(803) 318-6452
Finance Council	Valerie Shealy	(803) 735-0512
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Kitchen	Danni Sherman	(803) 315-1344
Knights of Columbus	Richard LaVecchia	(773) 255-1683
Lectors	Sharon McNatt	(803) 338-0419
Library	Katherine Wollpert	(803) 360-5979
Music	Denise Rudell	(803) 735-0512
Parish Secretary	Valerie Shealy	(803) 735-0512

Religious Education	Patty Evans	(803) 729-4625
Respect for Life	Karen Hanson	(803) 318-6452
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Service Committee	Russ Foss	(404) 518-0323
Ushers	Kevin Cunningham	(847) 691-5897
Youth Ministry	Mary Beth Vernau	(803) 814-6214

#### **Our Pastoral Council**

Our Pastoral Council advises Father and works with him to develop the overall goals and priorities of the parish. It also seeks to help maintain healthy communication within the parish. Members are appointed by Father Jim and currently include:

Greg Arling	Tracy Hair	Gary Matthews
Patty Evans	Karen Hanson	Deacon John Tempesco
Russ Foss	Ed Hogue	Mary Beth Vernau

#### **Share Your Talent!**



#### Join Us For Ultreya January 11, 2024

Please come to Cursillo Ultreya on Thursday, January 11th at 6:45 p.m. in the Conference Room. Bring a friend, a snack to share, and come hear Russ Foss witness about his faith. We welcome parishioners who want to learn more about Cursillo to also attend. If

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you have any questions, please contact Debra Layer

<u>Sonsmom@aol.com</u> or call (803) 603-6748.

#### Vocations Chalice This program is for everyone!

This is an invitation to all parishioners to participate in the Vocations Chalice Program by taking the Chalice home with you for a week of prayer. Having the Vocations Chalice in your home is a powerful, visual reminder of our faith. The prayer booklet is a helpful guide of prayers for all vocations and our personal, spiritual journey. The journal is an opportunity to share your experience with others. Please choose to sign up now! You may sign up on the SignUpGenius.com website, using this link: https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/5080c44aeab2aabfe3-vocations1, or please ask the sacristan or an usher before or after Mass to sign you up. You can also scan the QR code below. This program is for everyone. You should return the Chalice. booklet and journal in the case the following week at the same Mass time as when you received it. If you have questions, please contact

Bob Wagner, 803-629-2978, <a href="mailto:rswag1971@gmail.com">rswag1971@gmail.com</a>; or Kathy Cunningham, 847-691-5899,

kathy.cunningham@pm.me

#### **Vocations Chalice Schedule**

Weekend	4:00 p.m. Mass	8:00 a.m. Mass	10:30 a.m. Mass
Dec 30/31	Thomas Family	Nazario Family	Weber Family
Jan 6/7	Family Needed	Family Needed	Paxton Family



#### **Embrace Your Faith!**

(Epiphany, beginning of Ordinary time)
Jan. 8-14 Week 7

#### **Exhortation/Encouragement**

Love your God, and that which He loves, with all your heart, mind, and strength.

Doctor of the Church: St. Hilary of Poitiers (Jan. 13)

"Virute is nothing without the trial of temptation, for there is no conflict without an enemy, no victory without strife."—St. Hilary of Poitiers

#### Virtue for January—Perfection

Give yourself in earnest to the acquisition of virtue; otherwise, you will remain always a dwarf in it. Never believe that you have acquired a virtue, if you have not made proof of it in resisting its contrary vice, and unless you practice it faithfully on suitable occasions which, for this reason, ought never to be avoided, but rather desired, sought, and embraced with eagerness----St. Teresa of Avila

"May these words from God's holy saints edify us and bring us into more perfect union with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

Offertory	Amount
Sunday Collection for December 31	\$9,084.87
Weekly Budget Needs	\$8,600.00
Fiscal Year-to-Date Total	\$221,036.62
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$232,200.00
Surplus/Shortfall-to-Date	(\$11,163.38)
Second Collection	
Church in Africa \$38	





Father Jim will be away on retreat from Monday, January 15th through Wednesday, January 17th. During those days there will be no Daily Mass. Our Deacons will celebrate Communion Services on those evenings instead—6:00 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday. We hope you will attend. Daily Mass will resume Thursday, January 18th.



#### A Christmas Gift From Transfiguration—Beautiful Eucharist Pick Up Your Book in the Gathering Space!

Nothing will transform your life quite like a personal encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist. When we encounter Jesus, he changes us in powerful and unexpected ways. He heals us, brings us peace and clarity, models how to relate with others, and teaches us the lessons we need to learn to navigate the everyday situations of our lives. In the Eucharist we meet with the same Jesus who healed the blind, forgave sins, and rose from the dead. Are you ready to discover

how he can transform your life too? *Beautiful Eucharist* is a stunning collection of life-changing reflections about Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and wonderfully present in our lives.

Some of the most beloved authors of our times have come together to witness to their personal encounters with Jesus in the Eucharist, provide eye-opening insight into the Mass, and inspire every reader to grow closer to God, one step at a time. Father Mike Schmitz, Peter Kreeft, Lisa Hendey, Matthew Kelly, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Fulton Sheen, Sister Helena Burns, Allen Hunt, Matt Warner and others have each contributed deeply personal reflections

The perfect companion for the National Eucharistic Revival called for by the United States Bishops, Beautiful Eucharist will help you encounter Jesus like never before. Whether you need to repair a broken relationship, long for peace, hope to reignite your faith, or want more joy in everyday life, this book will bring you face-to-face with the one person who has all the answers. The world needs the healing and hope only Jesus can provide. He is waiting in the Eucharist to transform families, Churches, communities, and the culture as a whole. And all of that begins with your own life-changing encounter with him today.

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#### The Columbiettes Corner

The News and Happenings of the Transfiguration Columbiettes Council 13713 Visit the Columbiettes Website – <a href="https://columbiettes13713.org">https://columbiettes13713.org</a>





#### **Retirees Luncheon**

The Columbiettes are hosting the second Retirees Luncheon on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 - from 12 Noon to 2:00 p.m. Sign-ups will be available after all Masses on the weekends of January 13-14 and 20-21. We ask that those planning to attend limit their guests of non-Parish guests to one. A variety of soups, chilis, stews, breads and desserts will be served. We hope that those who joined us in October will spread the word to others to come and join in fellowship, fun, and food.



#### Columbiette Information Meeting – All are Welcome!

Would you like to learn more about the Columbiettes? Join us for our Information Meeting to be held in the large classroom at 6:30 p.m., after the 6:00 p.m. Communion Service on Monday, January 15, 2024. Join other Columbiettes to hear about the wonderful volunteer opportunities that are available. Our auxiliary needs dedicated women who are interested in sharing their time, talents, and treasures with others. We know that, "So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead." *James* 2:17



#### ChippenWhales Polar Plunge – January 13th

In years past and this year, the Columbiettes have supported this fundraising event that benefits Children's Charities of the Midlands. This year we proudly donated \$375 towards this fundraiser. The plunge takes place on January 13th. For more information about opportunities to donate to this worthy cause, check out: <a href="https://www.gofundme.com/f/CW2024">https://www.gofundme.com/f/CW2024</a>, or their auction site: <a href="https://www.32auctions.com/cw2024">https://www.32auctions.com/cw2024</a>. Also, on Tuesday, January 9th, MJ's Grill in Lake Carolina is donating 20% of their sales to Children's Charities Of the Midlands. So come on out and have a meal and help support this great charity. Any questions, contact Gary Matthews at (843) 861-7879.

#### **Valentine's Day is Coming ~ We Can Help!**

Hard to believe it but Valentine's Day is right around the corner! Once again, the Columbiettes will be selling Valentine's Day gifts for everyone after each Mass on the weekend of **February 10th and 11th**. Look for more information about the items that will be on sale this year.

Trivia Night
Saturday, January 27, 2024
Don't miss Trivia Night!
Please look for details in
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### Eucharistic Congress

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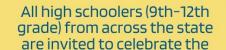
#### charlestondiocese.org/eucharistic-revival

## Please join us for our first ever Diocesan Eucharistic Congress on April 6, 2024.

This is an opportunity for the entire diocese to gather around our Lord in the Eucharist. It will feature great speakers including Bishop Joseph Espaillat and Dr. Edward Sri. The event will also include Mass with Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, bishop of Charleston and a eucharistic procession, and opportunities for adoration and confession. Tickets are FREE but due to limited capacity, you must register and receive a ticket to attend. Please contact the parish office for tickets no later than Friday, January 26, 2024—803-735-0512.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

John 6:51



## 33rd Annual HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CONFERENCE

March 9-10, 2024

"And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed."

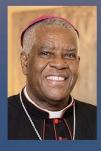
2024 Theme - Romans 13:11

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



#### Sister Josephine Garrett, CSFN

Sister Josephine was raised Baptist and entered the Catholic Church in 2005. In November 2011, she began formation to become a religious sister and professed final vows as a Sister of the Holy Family of Nazareth in 2020. She is a licensed counselor, serving at a school in Tyler, Texas, and also in private practice. She has served vocations ministry and nationally as a speaker for youth and young adult events.



#### Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS

Bishop Fabre is a vowed cleric of the religious order the Missionaries of St. Charles, or Scalabrinian Fathers. He became the 14th bishop for the Diocese of Charleston when he was ordained and installed on May 13, 2022. He will celebrate Mass for us on Sunday morning and speak after.

#### FEATURED ARTIST



#### **Josh Blakesly**

Josh makes music that moves people to prayer and action. He has been featured on Sirius XM, EWTN'S Life on the Rock, KLOVE, and has performed with a variety of Christian artists. He has worked with the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Life Teen Intl. and more, and is a music ministry coordinator at his parish.

#### **DETAILS HERE**

For: All registered members of Lifeteen
(9-12th grades & Confirmation students asked to
attend as part of their formation)
Cost: \$150 (includes registration, housing, meals & tshirt) - financial assistance available
Deadline to Register: February 14th (after that the
cost increases to \$170)

**Location:** Columbia Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street, Columbia, SC 29201 **Contact:** Deacon Jerry - jwhite@charlestondiocese.org | Ella Grace Haas - eghaas@charlestondiocese.org

## ASIESSED NEW YEAR!

It's been another wonderful year! Our youth group is so grateful to have had the opportunity to gather, grow, and thrive week to week here at our parish! Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we dive into all that God has in store of us in 2024! He is so good and our prayer is that you are equally blessed in the months ahead!

#### HERE ARE SOME OF OUR HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2023:

Pro-Life Banquet, Diocesan High School Youth Conference, Middle School Lent Retreat with the Lifeteen Missionaries, Adoration & monthly Confession, paintball, the Steubenville Youth Conference in Ohio, Diocesan Jr. High Rally, weekly Sunday gatherings, Bible studies for both High School & Middle School, Veritas Sundays with the Knights & Columbiettes, movie nights, a trip to Clinton Sease Corn Maze, Teen Masses, Halloween Retreat, a bonfire at Deacon John's house, service opportunities, Christmas pajama party + gift exchange ... plus so much more!







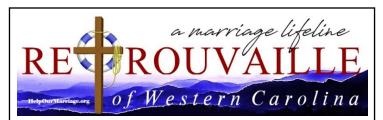








We love seeing new faces! To learn more about our ever growing youth program, please contact Mary Beth Vernau via email: MVernau@charlestondiocese.org



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 an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program in Charlotte area on January 19th-21st, 2024 for couples, Email: 3062ac@helpourmarriage.org or Call: 727-343-6701 Website:

www.HelpOurMarriage.com



#### What is the "Key" to a Wonderful New Year?

The KEY is—Keep Educating Yourself! Take this year to learn more about our rich faith by spending 15-20 minutes a day reading through the Catechism or the Bible—or both! Father Mike Schmitz leads you through each book page by page for 365 days offering insight that is not only informational but transformational! It's not too late to start and we have The Catechism of the Catholic Church available in our parish library for you to pick up. Many of our parishioners have participated in both of these incredible FREE podcasts and have said that it has strengthened their faith and understanding of God and his never ending love for us. You can start by clicking on either picture above—The Catechism in a Year or The Bible in a Year or by going to www.ascensionpress.com. Make 2024 a year of personal transformation!

#### **Trivia Night!**

#### Saturday, January 27, 2024!

The 17th Trivia Night hosted by the Knights of Columbus and the Columbiettes will be on Saturday, January 27, 2024 beginning at 7:00 pm in the PLC.



Trivia Night is open to anyone over the age of 21. (Please, no children.)

If you are new to the parish or have never participated before, the evening is a fun, fast-paced trivia game. You play as a team, and teams consist of 8 people at a table. There are 10 categories consisting of 10 questions in each category. The categories are random and are revealed that night. (Spoiler alert – there is no bible-related trivia.)

It is to your advantage to sign up as a team of 8! Payment is due at the time of registration and the cost is \$160.00/table (\$20/person). Credit card payments are accepted with a small convenience fee. You may register as an individual or couple and be placed on a team if space allows.

#### Registration will be held in the PLC:

Sunday, January 7 after the 10:30 am Mass ONLY. Saturday & Sunday, January 13 & 14 after ALL Masses.

For more information, please contact Kathy Cunningham at 847-691-5899 or email klcunningham@protonmail.com.

#### Transfiguration Kids Corner

## THE EPIPHANY

At he beginning of the new year we celebrate both Mary, the Mother of God and the Epiphany, which is when the wise men came from far away to worship baby Jesus.

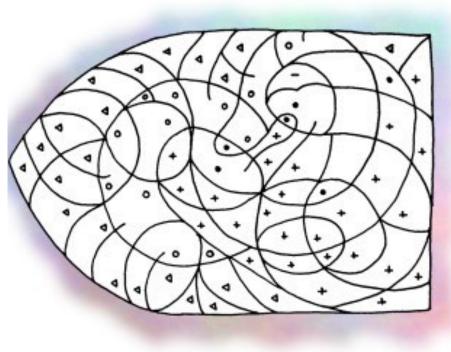
Imagine that you are living a long time ago in Bethlehem and your parents have invited a poor family to stay at your house: a mother, a father, and a new baby. One day something amazing happens. Some rich men from a far away country come to see the baby and bring expensive treasures for him! Do you know who the family is now? Who is the baby?

The baby is Jesus, of course, and the mother is Mary. She holds Jesus on her lap so the wise men can bow down to Him and worship Him. Mary cooperated with God to bring Jesus into the world so that we could all see and love and worship Him.

Answers to True or False: 1.false 2.false 3.true 4.true 5.true 6.true 7.false

# The Kids' Bulletin

January 1, 2024: Mary the Mother of God and Feast of the Epiphany January 6 or 7, 2024



Whose feast is it on New Year's Day? Colour in the spaces to see! Here's the code:

Blue

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Brown

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#### **Worship, Intentions & Prayers**





Sunday, January 7

8:00 a.m. Mass Robert Johnson<sup>+</sup> by Transfiguration Parish 10:30 a.m. Mass **Intentions of the Parish** 

Monday, January 8—The Baptism of the Lord

5:00 p.m. **Eucharistic Adoration** 

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass Iola & Billy Peal+ by Danni Sherman

Tuesday, January 9

5:00 p.m. **Eucharistic Adoration** 

5:00 p.m. Reconciliation

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass The Safety of Law Enforcement by Elaine Slan

Wednesday, January 10

By Elaine Slan 4:00 p.m. Daily Mass **Intentions of the Papke Family** 

5:30 p.m. Daily Mass—St. Theresa's

Thursday, January 11

5:00 p.m. **Eucharistic Adoration** 

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass Christina Neh Ngufor<sup>+</sup> by Lum Azeh

Friday, January 12

5:00 p.m. **Eucharistic Adoration** 

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass Anna Gaydos<sup>+</sup> by Cheryl Corcoran

Saturday, January 13

3:00 p.m. **Eucharistic Adoration** 

3:00 p.m. Reconciliation

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Mimi Shinn<sup>+</sup> by the Columbiettes

6:00 p.m. Mass—St. Theresa's

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3-19 Ps 40:2-10: 1 Cor 6:13-20: Jn 1:35-42

Sunday, January 14

8:00 a.m. Mass **Intentions of the Parish** 10:30 a.m. Mass Sebastian Ngufor<sup>+</sup>

by Lum Azeh

#### Please Pray for the Healing & Safety of Our Loved Ones

Prayer Line Ministry—Jessica Sisco Moore - (803) 477-6255 or jesskah.moore@gmail.com

#### Prayer for Service & Safety

Lord, we thank you for those who serve daily whether here or abroad and ask that You protect them from harm, give them courage to persevere, and bring them home safely.

Amen



For the healing of...Tom Aiken, Dave Anderson, Fred Branham, Moses Branham, Alex Bringle, Amy Brown, Enrique Caballero Jr., Mary Cammisa, Bill Campbell, Michael Cannon, Mary Causey, Mr. Clark, David Coble, Frank Daresta, Jr., Sherry Haggerty, Kenny Jackson, Kristi Jarvis, Debbie & Ward Johnson, Zachary Komen, Noah Langan, Amy Leonard, Rosie & Robert Leonard, Boyd Marivittori, Kenny Martin, Ava Claire Mates, Patrick McLeod, George Mori, Lib & Ernie Neumeister, Sherri Nichols, Misti Welch Post, Jimmy Phillips, Rose Presutti, Charlotte Reed, Linda Roush, Dave Strominger, Dick Strominger, Deborah Thomas, Connie Turgeon, Travis Spires, Pat Von Plinsky, and the Wallick Family.

For the safety of....Robert Furgal, Rachel Graham, Reuben Paul, Alex Piccuiolo, Will Smarr, Danika Verna, all first responders, law enforcement, missionaries, military personnel and their families serving at home and in hazardous locations around the world.



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