



# TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

**February 4, 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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## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may  
preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

## Parish Activities

Sunday, February 4	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Elementary Religious Ed. K4-5th (Lg Classrm--PLC, Tan & Blue Bldgs.) Confirmation Class (RBB) Youth Group Grades 6th-12 (RBB) RCIA (Large Classroom—PLC)
Monday, February 5	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Lay Cursillo Grouping (Conference Room—PLC) Columbiettes Rosary & Business Meeting (Large Classroom—PLC)
Tuesday, February 6	11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Deanery Meeting (PLC) Evans Cursillo Grouping (Small Classroom—PLC) Men's Cursillo Grouping (Large Classroom—PLC)
Wednesday, February 7	4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC) Knights of Columbus Rosary & Business Mtg. (Large Classroom—PLC)
Thursday, February 8	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Ultreya (Conference Room—PLC) Youth Bible Study (RBB)
Friday, February 9	6:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group (PLC)
Saturday, February 10	5:00 p.m.	Columbiettes Valentine's Sale (Gathering Space—PLC)
Sunday, February 11	9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Columbiettes Valentine's Sale (Gathering Space—PLC) Elementary Religious Ed. K4-5th (Lg Classrm--PLC, Tan & Blue Bldgs.) Confirmation Class (RBB) Youth Group Grades 6th-12 (RBB) RCIA (Large Classroom—PLC)

## Parish Directory

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<b>Columbiettes</b>	<i>Arlene Bakutes</i>	(803) 673-7262			
<b>Disaster Prep &amp; Response</b>	<i>Greg Scheuer</i>	(803) 210-7272	<div style="text-align: center;"> <b>Share Your Talent!</b>    </div>		
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## Join Us For Ultreya February 8, 2024

Please come to Cursillo Ultreya on Thursday, February 8th at 6:45 p.m. in the Conference Room. Bring a friend, a snack to share, and come hear speakers Alan Waters, Herman King and Deacon David Shinn. We welcome parishioners who want to learn



more about Cursillo to also attend. If you have any questions, please contact Debra Layer [Sonsmom@aol.com](mailto:Sonsmom@aol.com) 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, [rswag1971@gmail.com](mailto:rswag1971@gmail.com); or Kathy Cunningham, 847-691-5899, [kathy.cunningham@pm.me](mailto:kathy.cunningham@pm.me)



### Vocations Chalice Schedule

Weekend	4:00 p.m. Mass	8:00 a.m. Mass	10:30 a.m. Mass
Jan 27/28	Sabot Family	McCarty Family	Hogue Family
Feb 3/4	Family Needed	Family Needed	Family Needed



## Embrace Your Faith!

(Week 5 of ordinary time) Feb 5 -11 Week 11

### Exhortation/Encouragement

Out of love for God and your neighbor respond well to trial, tribulations and suffering.

### Saint of the Church St. Scholastica (Feb. 11)

Our relatives must be loved in and for God; otherwise the purest affection becomes inordinate and is so much taken from Him.—St. Scholastica

### Virtue for February - Humility

I am despised and derided, and I resent it; just so do peacocks and apes. I am despised and derided, and I rejoice at it; thus did the Apostle.

This is the deepest grade of humility, to be pleased with humiliation and abjection, as vain minds are pleased with great honors; and to find pain in marks of honor and esteem, as they find it in contempt and affronts.

--St. Francis de Sales

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

## Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Offertory	Amount
Sunday Collection for January 28	\$6,898.29
Weekly Budget Needs	\$8,600.00
Fiscal Year-to-Date Total	\$265,134.68
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$266,600.00
Surplus/Shortfall-to-Date	(\$1,465.32)

### Second Collection

Catholic School Tuition	\$715.33
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Next week's Second Collection will support:  
**Capital Campaign**





# LET'S BE **TOGETHER.**

## *2024 Catholic Appeal Begins*

The **Catholic Appeal of South Carolina** (CASC) is a primary source of funding to help sustain and expand the ministries of the 95 parishes, 21 missions, 32 Catholic schools and multiple agencies of the Diocese of Charleston across the state. As stewards of God's gifts, we are invited to support the needs of our diocese through prayers and sacrificial gifts.

### *Catholic Appeal of South Carolina Funding | \$5,000,000 Goal*

#### Ministry & Outreach | \$1,500,000 – **29%**

- Catechetical & Evangelization Programs
- Child Protection Services
- Ethnic Ministry Programs
- Family Life Programs
- Hispanic Ministry Programs
- And many more services*

#### Vocations, Seminarians, Priest Retirement | \$975,000 – **20%**

- Seminarian education
- Permanent Diaconate
- Priest retirement pensions & healthcare
- Women religious vocations

#### Catholic Charities of South Carolina | \$850,000 – **17%**

- Clean of Heart Laundry & Shower Facilities
- Food Pantries
- Pregnancy Case Management
- Response Preparedness
- Senior Care Management
- And many more services*

#### Catholic Schools | \$750,000 – **15%**

- Tuition Assistance
- Catholic School Grants
- Support of educational initiatives

#### College Campus Ministry | \$650,000 – **13%**

- Conferences and Statewide Retreats
- Minister and Student Training
- Catholic Student Center Spaces
- And many more services*

#### Youth & Young Adult Ministries | \$275,000 – **6%**

- Education and Training
- Youth Retreats, Camps and Conferences
- Regional Young Adult Communities

**Thank you for making  
a difference!**



Next week, all registered parishioners will be mailed their personalized information packet and invitation to participate in the **2024 Catholic Appeal of South Carolina**. Please take the time to review the materials and make your response in the return envelope provided.

Only by your prayers and generosity are the ministries supported by the **Catholic Appeal of South Carolina** able to thrive and serve the many people who need us to share with them the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

TRANSFIGURATION EVANGELIZATION TEAM  
INVITES YOU TO OUR THIRD ANNUAL

# Wine & Dine!

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

TICKETS: \$25 EACH

## OUR WINE AND DINE EVENING

5:00 PM - GUEST SPEAKER, TIM FRANCIS

6:00 PM - DINNER

Prior to our meal we will have a short presentation by our weekend Eucharistic Miracles speaker, Tim Francis

Presenting: *The Power of a Mother's Prayer*

Dinner will be Surf & Turf prepared by our very own chef extraordinaire - Doug Phillips & his crew with wait service by our Transfiguration Youth Teens

Tickets on sale after all weekend Masses beginning February 10th & 11th

If you have any questions about this Wine & Dine E-Vent, please contact Karen Hanson  
803-318-6452 or  
[khanson2@sc.rr.com](mailto:khanson2@sc.rr.com)





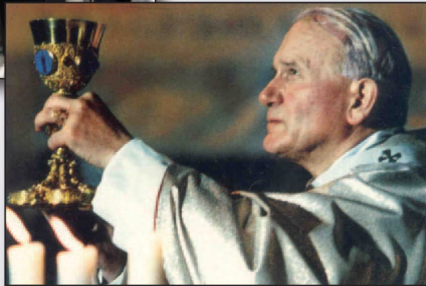
# DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?

~ SEEING IS BELIEVING ~

*Signs from God Miracles  
and Their Meaning*  
Friday, March 1st  
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

*The Power of a Mothers Prayer  
How my mother prayed me back in the Church*  
Saturday, March 2nd  
5:15 pm - 6:00 pm

*Signs from God Miracles  
and Their Meaning*  
Sunday, March 3rd  
12:30 pm - 3:00 pm



## *Can miracles stand up to the test of science?*

- Exclusive film footage of a stigmatist who bleeds from her hands, feet, and head. Are these the wounds of Christ? *What does science have to say?*
- A consecrated Communion Host becomes living flesh and blood. Is it heart tissue? *What does science have to say?*
- A scientist (former atheist), an attorney and a famous TV Journalist witness statue of Jesus weeping real tears and shedding real blood. Are these claims true? *What does science have to say?*

Transfiguration Catholic Church is hosting an **EVENT** for everyone in the area. If you have an "I will believe it when I see it" attitude, don't miss this event!

*"Put it this way-this is either the biggest hoax of the 20th Century, in which case it would have to be a fairly huge conspiracy, or the most important moment of the century, if not the whole millennium."*

*Alastair Thompson  
New Zealand journalist*

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For detailed information go to  
**[www.ScienceTestsFaith.com/SC](http://www.ScienceTestsFaith.com/SC)**

**\*\*\*Friday and Sunday are the Same Presentation\*\*\***

## Join Us For a Lenten Study—February 13—March 19, 2024

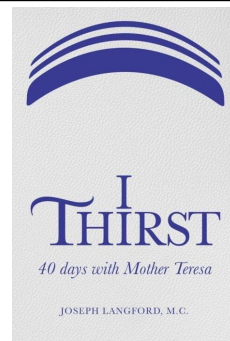
There will be a Lenten Book study on "I Thirst: 40 Days with Mother Teresa" meeting on Tuesday evenings 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. from February 13th until March 19th in the Conference Room. A light supper will be served.

Based on Mother Teresa's understanding of God's thirst (love) for us, this powerful book makes a wonderful preparation for Easter. Please join us Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. to watch a great video by Fr. Michael Gaitley and to receive your book. **Books are only \$5 each**, so even if you can't come to the study, please feel free to purchase a book for private study.

Learn more about the book here -

<https://ithirst.augustineinstitute.org/optin22620298>

Call or email the office to register for the class or reserve a book: 803.735.0512 or [vshealy@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:vshealy@charlestdiocese.org).



## Birthright of Columbia Office Volunteers Needed!

Would you like to join our awesome team of Volunteers?

Birthright of Columbia, an emergency pregnancy center is looking for a few caring individuals to provide positive assistance and support to pregnant girls and women who are faced with an unplanned or problem pregnancy and who have no where to turn to. If you have three hours a week to spare and enjoy greeting and mentoring clients, working in the 'Baby Closet' and putting together baby gift bags, selecting maternity clothes for moms, helping moms navigate their way through their pregnancy or simply offering a kind and compassionate ear.... then you might want to consider being a volunteer at Birthright.

Please prayerfully consider this request...we need your help! Extensive training is provided. Please call, email or go to our Website [www.BirthrightofColumbia.org](http://www.BirthrightofColumbia.org) for more information or to submit your interest.

Call Anita @ **803.765.0165** or email [anita@birthrightofcolumbia.org](mailto:anita@birthrightofcolumbia.org)

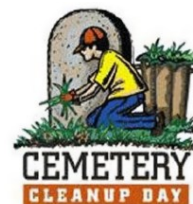


## Cemetery Clean-Up

Day

February 17, 2024

8:00 a.m.—Noon



Join your fellow parishioners at St. Patrick's Cemetery, 1200 Mason Rd, Columbia, SC, for a clean-up day on Saturday, February 17th. Bring your favorite yard tools. Come when you can; Leave when you need to. Questions? Call Bob Wagner at (803) 629-2978.



**ASH  
WEDNESDAY**  
February 14, 2024

Mass Services

Transfiguration—7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

St. Theresa's—5:00 p.m.



## The Columbiettes Corner

The News and Happenings of the Transfiguration Columbiettes Council 13713

Visit the Columbiettes Website – <https://columbiettes13713.org>



*Team 11 pictured left to right: Joe & Vicki Samolowicz, Lenny Brunette, Evan Ruffing, Adger Brown, Darlene Embelton, and Dan Medina.*

### Trivia Night #17 – It Was Awesome!

The heavy rain didn't stop all of our trivia gurus from coming to compete on Saturday, January 27. Team 4 started out the night with a perfect score of 10 after the first category of 10 questions. After 5 categories (50 questions), Team 10 – the defending champions – were leading all other teams by 1 point. Teams 1, 8, and 11 gave Team 10 a run for their money and battled it out until the end. After 100 questions, Teams 8 and 11 were tied! The tie-breaker round began, and after 4 questions, each team had 2 correct answers. The 5<sup>th</sup> question took Team 11 to the winners' circle!

The Columbiettes and Knights raised over \$2,000.00 from this fundraising event. Thanks to all those who participated and those who helped make the night run smoothly. **Checkout the next page for more photos of the evening.**

**Please look for Trivia Night #18 to come your way in August 2024.**

### Initiation Ceremony

The Columbiettes are welcoming four new members at our initiation ceremony on **Sunday, February 4th** following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The ceremony will begin at noon. All are welcome to attend!







**Team 1:** Joe & Kelly Scott, Runnie & Charisse Pender, Ben & April Small, Doug & Resa Cochran



**Team 2:** Mark Barefoot, Amanda Wolfe, Mike Mozdierz, Linda Oliver, Ed & Cathy Hogue, Christy & David Russell



**Team 3:** Nicole & Stephen White, Jen Diehl, Ricardo De La Paz, Mary Ann & Scott Adams, Ryan & Erin Zehner



**Team 4:** Nikki Mellen, Sharon McNatt, Rose & Vice Presutti, Nancy & Jim Shubnell, Cheri & David Shinn



**Team 5:** Katherine Wollpert, Nicole McLeod, Wanda Heron, Debbie McLeod, Cassandra Thompson, Beth Griffin, Claudette Talmadge, & JoAnn Schmidt

# **Trivia?** **NIGHT?**

**A night of great food, fun, and friendly competition! This is always a great fund-raising event! We hope you plan to come to the next Trivia Night in August!**



**Team 6:** Barbara Steward, Eric Steward, Kristen & Christopher Capps, and Virginia



**Team 7:** Joe & Brenda Mulero, Alexis Mulero, Marie Murphy, Yan & Tina Dia, Roberto Di'Mauro, and Rusty



**Team 8:** Kevin & Jenell Torbit, Andy & Nikki Quinn, Jen Bess, Jennifer & Frank Costas, and Bobbi Kiehl



**Team 9:** Alaina Paxton, Jeanette Wallulis, Mark & Michelle Powell, John & Georgia Tempesco, Paul & Jane Richter



**Team 10:** Larry & Nita Eberlin, Sean & Jennifer Germann, Joe Eberlin, Laura Stephens, Katie Whitmer, and Virginia Eberlin



**Kitchen Crew:** Jeanne McCarty, Arlene Rowland, and Carmen Nazario

**Not pictured: MC:** Kevin Cunningham—**Floor workers:** Bill Corcoran and John Kelley—**Scoring team:** Vickie Kelley and Kathy Cunningham



**This Valentine's Day give that special someone a sweet gift!  
Visit The Columbiettes' Valentine Shoppe  
February 10th and 11th after all Masses!**

**Almost  
Everything is  
\$5.00**

- Jewelry for adults & children
- Jars of nuts & candy
- Toys, Cars, Beanie Babies
- Valentine Cookie Cutters

**And Yes, we  
also have single  
stem roses in a  
vase!**

**Stop by, pick up a gift, and share the love!!**

### **Vocation Chalice Program**

***"Praying with the Vocations Chalice in our home has been a blessing."***

***"Thank you for allowing us to host the Chalice in our home. There has been a sense of peace that has settled over it."***

These are just two of the many inspiring and heartfelt comments shared in the Vocations Chalice journal which travels with the Chalice in the home.

These are consistent messages of appreciation and 'blessings' of so many parishioners (families, couples, singles) who have taken the Chalice home and shared their experiences.

Some have made only a few comments, and some have written daily about their experience with the Chalice in their home and the blessing they have received. It is important to share these experiences as we are sharing our faith and helping each other in our and their spiritual journey.

Many have taken the Chalice home several times, some a few and some only once. Taking the chalice home is a personal decision. Based on the comments shared and personal experience, it is a rewarding opportunity and a 'blessing' helping each of us in our spiritual journey to God.

***"Having the Chalice sitting on our dining room table this week has been a wonderful blessing. It has reminded us to 'pray together' both at meals and 'our special time with the Chalice.'"***

The Vocations Chalice in the home truly makes a difference. The presence of the Chalice continues to remind us of our faith and our need to pray often, not only for vocations but for ourselves and our loved ones. It is a gift which is available to anyone who desires the presence of a sacramental in their home, thereby enhancing their spiritual journey.

The prayers included with the Vocations Chalice Program are given to help bring a focus to the needs of the church and our own personal needs. They are examples and many people use them. There are other prayers that may be more personal that may be prayed. There are also other prayers and resources suggested in the booklet. The purpose of the prayer booklet is to provide help with praying, considering the daily topic; but most important is having the Chalice present in the home and a focus on our faith and the need for prayers.

All are invited to take the Vocations Chalice home and pray!

All are encouraged to receive the blessings of the Chalice in their home and the reminder to pray!

Please see any sacristan or usher to sign up to take the Vocations Chalice home and enjoy the experience.

Thank you.

Your Vocations Chalice Program Team

***Oh, what a joy it was to have the Chalice on our dining room table and walk by and see it every day. What a joy to pray each night."***





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PRESENTS

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Your Faith



# The Holy Family

## The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family

The Holy Family models for us what family life should exemplify. It is a school of virtue for both parents and children. There we find God, and learn how to connect with God and with others. The family is where love is freely given without self-interest. It is where we learn to love, to pray and to practice the gift of charity. Pope John Paul II has said, "The family, more than any other human reality, is the place in which the person is loved for himself and in which he learns to live the sincere gift of self"

### 02 February - Presentation of the Lord

Forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today we recall the holy day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses and at the same time going to meet his faithful people. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized Christ as their Lord, and proclaimed him with joy. United by the Spirit, may we now go to the house of God to welcome Christ the Lord.

### 11 February - Our Lady of Lourdes

Observed since 1907, this memorial celebrates the immaculate Virgin Mary as honoured in Lourdes (France). This site of apparitions to the young Bernadette Soubirous in 1858 has become a focus of devotion to Mary. It is a place of prayer and pilgrimage, of conversion and healing for Christians from every land.

### 14 February - Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. It is the beginning of a season of repentance, fasting, and awaiting Christ's Resurrection. **Why we receive ashes** - Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told "Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return." Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession.

### 22 February - Chair of Peter

The chair (cathedra) of a bishop is a pre-eminent sign of his teaching authority and pastoral oversight of a local Church. This feast, observed in Rome since the fourth century, celebrates Peter, first among the apostles, as founder of the See of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.

*Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ~Matthew 16:17-19*





# BLACK CATHOLICS 2024 HERITAGE CELEBRATION

WRITE THE VISION:  
A Prophetic Call to Thrive

**FEBRUARY 9-10**

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2229  
Hampton  
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CONGRESS XIII S.C. DELEGATION



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## Friday, February 9

6:00 pm

- Prayer Service
- Youth Track
- Panel Led Discussion
- Dinner social

Fee: \$25 | Due at check in

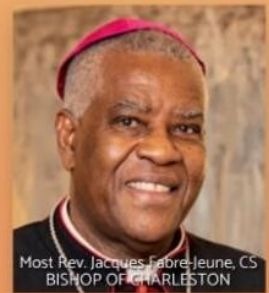
## Saturday, February 10

9:00 am - 6:00 pm

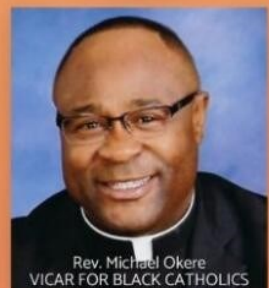
- Morning Praise
- Youth Track
- Pastoral Planning
- Dialogue with Bishop Fabre
- Heritage Mass

Fee: \$25 | Due at check in

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Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS  
BISHOP OF CHARLESTON



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VICAR FOR BLACK CATHOLICS

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# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

February 14 - March 24

**HELP SAVE LIVES IN COLUMBIA, CHARLESTON AND GREENVILLE**

**Come out and join us in prayer and fasting**

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

**With God's help**, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

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**Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:**

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for the 40 Days for Life. Also by joining in one of these vigils below to pray for life. Thanks!

**Vigil location: COLUMBIA** Outside Planned Parenthood, 2712 Middleburg Dr (do not park there) You may park across the street at 2719 (*away from the building or in back of lot*) see details on campaign webpage.

**Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily

**Local contact:** Maureen  
[Respectlife@ollchapin.org](mailto:Respectlife@ollchapin.org)  
803-932-6032

**Learn more** ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign  
[40DaysforLife.com/ColumbiaSC](http://40DaysforLife.com/ColumbiaSC)

**Vigil location: GREENVILLE** Outside Greenville Women's Clinic on public right-of-way, 1142 Grove Rd., Greenville, SC

**Vigil hours:** 8 am to 8pm, Monday – Saturday

**Local contact:** Judy, 864-506-0964 or Ingrid 864-329-0044

**Learn more** and get involved by visiting our campaign: [40daysforlife.com/Greenville](http://40daysforlife.com/Greenville)

**Vigil location: CHARLESTON—**

Planned Parenthood  
1312 Ashley River Rd Charleston, SC

**Local Contact:** Susan Zeleniak  
(703) 328-2334 [szeleniak2@gmail.com](mailto:szeleniak2@gmail.com)

# Transfiguration Kids Corner







# Worship, Intentions & Prayers



## The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Sunday, February 4

8:00 a.m.

Mass

Christine Corcoran<sup>+</sup>

by Bill & Cheryl Corcoran

10:30 a.m.

Mass

Intentions of the Parish

### Monday, February 5—*Saint Agatha*

5:00 p.m. *Eucharistic Adoration*

6:00 p.m. *Daily Mass*

Safety of Law Enforcement

by Elaine Slan

### Tuesday, February 6—*Saint Paul Miki & Companions*

5:00 p.m. *Eucharistic Adoration*

6:00 p.m. *Daily Mass*

### Wednesday, February 7

4:00 p.m. *Daily Mass*

5:30 p.m. *Daily Mass—St. Theresa's*

### Thursday, February 8—*Saint Jerome Emiliani and Saint Josephine Bakhita*

5:00 p.m. *Eucharistic Adoration*

6:00 p.m. *Daily Mass*

### Friday, February 9

2:00 p.m. *Eucharistic Adoration*

6:00 p.m. *Daily Mass*

### Saturday, February 10

3:00 p.m. *Eucharistic Adoration*

3:00 p.m. *Reconciliation*

4:00 p.m. *Vigil Mass*

6:00 p.m. *Mass—St. Theresa's*

Jack Heron<sup>+</sup>

by Wanda Heron

## The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Lv 13:1-46; Ps 32:1-11; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45*

### Sunday, February 11

8:00 a.m.

Mass

Intentions of the Parish

10:30 a.m.

Mass

Donald Haggerty<sup>+</sup>

by the Haggerty Family

## 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, Charlotte Reed, Linda Roush, Dave Strominger, Dick Strominger, Rex & Beth Taylor, Deborah Thomas, Connie Turgeon, Travis Spire, Pat Von Plinsky, & 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.

### Prayer for Healing

*Dear Lord, We lift up all those who are facing illness today.*

*We ask that You would bring Healing, Comfort, & Peace to their bodies.*

*Calm their fears & let them experience the healing power of your love. Amen.*





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