

TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

December 7, 2025

Rev. Msgr. James L. LeBlanc Pastor

Deacon John Tempesco

Deacon David Shinn

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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

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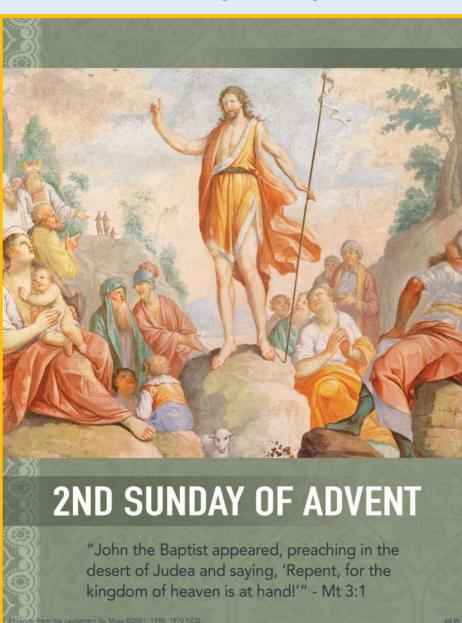
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The Sanctuary is located at the corner of Wilson Boulevard and North Pines Road.

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, December 7	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Elementary Religious Education (Blue & Tan Buildings) Confirmation Class (Red Brick Building) Pancake Breakfast (Gathering Space—PLC) Youth Group (Red Brick Building) O.C.I.A. (Large Classroom—PLC) Youth Group Music Practice (Red Brick Building)	
Monday, December 8	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Foss Cursillo Grouping (Kitchen Conference Room—PLC) Reception for Immaculate Conception (Gathering Space—PLC)	
Tuesday, December 9	5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	Evans Cursillo Grouping (Small Classroom—PLC) Underwood Cursillo Grouping (Large Classroom—PLC) Middle School Bible Study (Red Brick Building—PLC) Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting (Large Classroom—PLC)	
Wednesday, December 10	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	n. Service Committee (Kitchen Conference Room—PLC)	
Thursday, December 11	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	n. Cursillo Ultreya (Kitchen Conference Room—PLC) n. Children's Christmas Pageant Practice (Gathering Space—PLC)	
Friday, December 12	6:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group (Kitchen Conference Room —PLC)	
Saturday, December 13	10:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	Columbiette Christmas Party (Gathering Space—PLC) Adult Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC)	
Sunday, December 14	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Elementary Faith Formation (Large Classroom—PLC) Confirmation Class (Red Brick Building) O.C.I.A. (Large Classroom—PLC) Youth Group (Red Brick Building) Children's Christmas Pageant (Red Brick Building)	

Parish Directory

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WHY DO WE HAVE HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION?

The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2042

WHAT IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION?

In the Roman Catholic Church, Holy Days of Obligation are the days on which, as canon 1247 states:

"On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. Moreover, they are to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body."

HOLY DAY OBSERVANCE

A person who assists at a Mass celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the Holy Day of Obligation itself or after 4:00 PM of the evening of the preceding day satisfies the obligation of participating in the Mass. Canon Law #1248-§1.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

The 1983 Code of Canon Law identifies every Sunday as "the primordial holy day of obligation" in the universal Church: "Remember, keep holy the Sabbath." In addition to every Sunday, there are 6 other Holy Days of Mass attendance obligation observed in the United States.



The Nativity of the Lord Jesus Christ (Christmas, Dec. 25) - always of obligation, even falling on Saturday and Monday.

"... And on entering the house they saw the child with Mary His mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Mt 2:11



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The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (Octave of Christmas, Jan. 1) - not of obligation only when falling on Saturday and Monday, otherwise always of obligation.





The Ascension of the Lord (40 days after Easter) but transferred now from Thursday to Sunday in South Carolina.

"So then the Lord Jesus, after He spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took His seat at the right hand of God." Mk 16:19



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The Assumption of Mary (August 15) - not of obligation only when falling on Saturday and Monday, otherwise always of obligation.

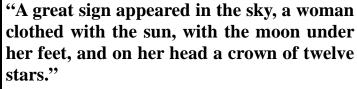


"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us..."

Heb 12:1

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The Solemnity of All Saints (Nov. 1) - not of obligation only when falling on Saturday and Monday, otherwise always of obligation.

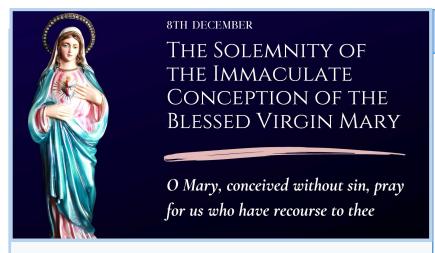


Rev 12:1



The Immaculate Conception of Mary (Dec. 8) - <u>always of</u> obligation, even falling on Saturday and Monday.





Have you ever wondered what makes Mary, the mother of Jesus, so special in our faith? **The Immaculate Conception** - one of the most beautiful mysteries we celebrate - reveals that from the very first moment of her existence, Mary was preserved from original sin.

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Offertory Amount
Sunday Collection for Nov. 30 \$8,661.55
Weekly Budget Needs \$9,494.00
Fiscal Year-to-Date Total \$199,049.91
Year-to-Date Budget Needs \$208,868.00
Surplus/Deficit-to-Date (\$9,818.09)

Second Collection

International Ministry and \$770.00

Mission

Next Week's Second Collection:
Capital Campaign

God prepared Mary's soul with perfect grace to be the mother of Jesus. But this extraordinary gift wasn't just about Mary - it was about God's love for all of us. By keeping Mary free from sin, God was creating the perfect vessel to bring Christ into our world, establishing a pure channel of grace that continues to flow into our lives today. This is why we turn to Mary with such confidence - she understands our human struggles while possessing the unprecedented closeness to God that allows her to powerfully intercede for us.

You Are Invited to:

The Holy Qurbana (Mass) of St. Mary's Syro-Malabar Rite Catholic Mission

(Entirely in English)

This will fulfill your obligation for The Immaculate Conception.

December 7, 2025, 4:30 pm



Mass Times at Transfiguration for the Immaculate Conception—a Holy Day of Obligation

Sunday, December 7 4:30 pm with St. Mary's Mission

7:00 pm with Fr. Jim

Monday, December 8 6:00 pm with Fr. Jim

All Bulletin Articles must be received by the end of the day on Monday, for publication in the upcoming weekend's bulletin.

Send text and pictures to DRudell@CharlestonDiocese.org.



The Columbiettes Corner

News and Happenings of the Transfiguration Columbiettes Council 13713



Visit the Columbiette Website: Columbiettes13713.org

Sistercare Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our blessings turn into their blessings as generosity continues to pour from the Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes, which provided Sistercare, an organization that supports women impacted by domestic violence, a variety of dishes for a Thanksgiving feast. The Knights provided the ham and turkey, while the Columbiettes provided scrumptious side dishes and desserts.

Columbiette Website: Keep in touch with what's happening with the Columbiettes Auxiliary 13713 by visiting our website: https://columbiettes13713.org

Or visit our parish website and find us under the "Our Parish" tab: https://transfigurationsc.org

- View upcoming Events
- Read about RaiseRight and how you can participate (no need to be a Columbiette member)
- Read about past Columbiettes of the Month and how they make a difference
- · Submit questions through the Contact Us page



Grand Knight, Kevin Cunningham; Sir Knight Mike Mozdzierz; Columbiette President, Blanche Ellis; and Knight, Matthew Rusch.



Trivia Night! Saturday, January 24, 2026!

The 21st Trivia Night Fundraiser, hosted by the Knights of Columbus and the Columbiettes, will be Saturday, January 24, 2026 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Parish Life Center (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 per table. (Build your own team, or sign up and

be placed on a team.) The cost is \$25.00 per person, and payment is due at registration. We accept cash, check, and credit cards.

Registration dates:

Saturday, January 3 after the 4:00 Mass Sunday, January 4 after the 8:00 and 10:30 Masses Saturday, January 10 after the 4:00 Mass Sunday, January 11 after the 8:00 and 10:30 Masses



For more information, please contact Kathy Cunningham at (847) 691-5899 or email her at kathy.cunningham@pm.me.

OCIA - 2025-2026

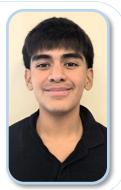
On Sunday, December 14 at the 10:30 AM mass, we will be celebrating the "Rite for Entrance into the Catechumenate and of Welcoming the Candidates". This first rite takes place after a period of inquiry and discernment. Through their answers and with the prayers and support of their sponsors and this community, the journey of these ten individuals into the Paschal Mystery has begun - to die to self and to many, or even all of the things they hold dear, and to embrace a new way of life. Over the next few months please pray for them, support them and be an example of the faith they seek.

CATECHUMENS (unbaptized)

Wendy Bigham — I am a special education teacher at Bethel-Hanberry Elementary in Blythewood. During this year in OCIA, I hope to become a stronger Christian through the Catholic faith and Baptism.



Manuel Alejo Cacaeres-Rosales — I am a Junior at Cardinal Newman High School. I love my cat and music. I am hoping to learn more about the Catholic faith and come into union with the Church.



OCIA CANDIDATES (baptized)

Christopher Berry — My desire to join the



Catholic Church is for a connection to a universal faith community and a deeper relationship with God through the Sacraments and Scripture, and the spiritual support offered by the Church's teachings and community. Additionally, I desire a

moral structure, spiritual nourishment of the Eucharist, and the traditions and history of the Church.

Flynn Berry — I want to join the Catholic Church to build a strong basis in faith and also grow to become a role model in the Catholic faith. Not only this but I want to grow closer to God as well. I love the works of the Catholic Church and how they profess our faith in God. I also would like to build a strong connection between myself and the community. Overall, I want to get closer to



God and profess my faith in him by the works of the Catholic Church.





Christopher and Joelle Adams — We are the Adams family; Chris, Joelle, Brooklyn, Charlotte, Luke, and another one on the way. We feel as a family we have been called to the Church to receive God's full grace through the Sacraments. We are having a great time learning about the Catholic faith and coming to Mass.

OCIA CANDIDATES (baptized)

Marc Bowman — I was born in Montgomery,

Alabama into a military family and lived in Europe for most of my formative years. I graduated from high school in Vicenza, Italy. I graduated from Auburn University with my undergraduate and proceed to obtain a master's in engineering from the Univer-



sity of South Carolina. I currently work for the Army as a General Engineer at Fort Jackson.

William Hutchinson — Born in Charleston, South Carolina, "Hutch" works in risk management/compliance. He seeks Confirmation in the Catholic faith and reception of the Eucharist.



Justin Drew Enjambre — Born in Brooklyn, New York, Justin works at his family's business. He seeks Confirmation in the Catholic Faith and reception of the Eucharist—the real, true, body, blood, soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Michael Ludlow — I moved to Columbia from the Chicago suburbs with my wife,

Michele. Originally confirmed Episcopalian, I have attended mass with my family for 40 years. I am participating in the OCIA process in order to receive the Eucharist and participate in all the Sacraments of the Catholic Church.





Special Children's Confession Time

with Father Jim

Sunday, Dec 14 and Sunday, Dec 21

9:30 am — 10:15 am

Fr. Jim will be in the Confessional for this special time set aside for children. Children in Religious Education—grades 3, 4, and 5—will participate as a class on a scheduled basis, but all children are welcome!

Transfiguration Children's Christmas Pageant!



Sunday, Dec. 14
3:00 PM
Outside the Red Brick
Building

Advent Penance Service

at St. John Neumann Parish
December 9th - 6:30 pm- 9:00 pm



Service Committee Giving Tree

The Service Committee invites all parishioners to join in celebrating Christmas by donating to "The Giving Tree" and gifting to the following charities:

Birthright, Christian Assistance Bridge, and Catholic Charities.

Look for the tree In the Gathering space from November 26th – December 22nd and three marked containers. Please leave your gifts in designated boxes. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Birthright

Hooded bath towels

Baby shampoo and lotion

Infant gowns & sleepers (0-3 months)

Socks (0-3 months)

Diapers, newborn & size one

marybeth.123@hotmail.com

Christian Assistance Bridge (CAB) Catholic Charities

Canned beef stew

Canned meats (spam, chicken, tur-

Canned vegetables

Chef Boyardee (all kinds)

Pasta and pasta sauce

Peanut butter and jelly

Rice

Hoodies M - 2X

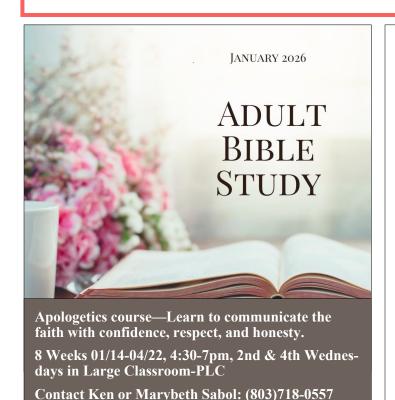
Winter Scarves

Washcloths

Wool hats and gloves

Deodorant (men and women)

Toothpaste (adult size)





Birthright of Columbia Seeking a New **Executive Director**

We knew this day would come, and sadly it has arrived...our Executive Director, Terry Hodaly, is retiring.

We are actively seeking a new Executive Director. The ideal candidate is a Pro-life college graduate with extensive experience in management (preferably in the nonprofit arena). Other qualifications include fundraising, public speaking, and public relations. Knowledge of Microsoft Office, Google applications, QuickBooks, and DonorPerfect a plus. If you are committed to the Pro-life movement and want to engage in Birthright's critical mission, please send your resume to jobs@birthrightofcolumbia.org. The Executive Director position will be available in February 2026.

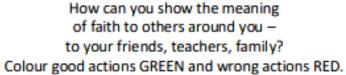
Transfiguration Kids Corner

FAITH

2nd Week of Advent

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"Now	is a confidence in what we	for
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	and assurance about what we do not see." Hebrew 11:1	\sim

Colour the wreath green, 2 candles purple, and its flame.





I can say a simple PRAYER each day		
I can laugh at someone.		
I can ENCOURAGE others.		
I can put others down.		
I can offer to HELP someone.		
I can complain about others.		
I can DONATE to those in need.		

I J M T Y Y N L V V L R S N X W O A
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Worship, Intentions & Prayers



Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 7

8:00 a.m. Lord's Day Mass Joseph Daniel Medina+ by Greg & Jeanne McCarty

10:30 a.m. Lord's Day Mass Intentions of the Parish

7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Justin Lemrow+ by Joe & Arlene Bakutes

4:30 p.m. Holy Qurbana St. Mary's Syro-Malabar Rite Catholic Mission

Monday, December 8—The Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration 5:40 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Carl & Shirley Faircloth+ by the Cotter Family

Tuesday, December 9—San Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

5:00 p.m. Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration 5:40 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass Healing of John O'Brien by Sam & Nadine McDonald

Wednesday, December 10—Our Lady of Loreto

3:40 p.m. Evening Prayer

4:00 p.m. Daily Mass Intentions of Gary Mathews by Patty Evans

5:30 p.m. Daily Mass at St. Theresa's

Thursday, December 11—Saint Damasus I, Pope

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration 5:40 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass Jane O'Brien+ by Sam & Nadine McDonald

Friday, December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration 5:40 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass Intentions of Mary Matthews by Patty Evans

Saturday, December 13—Saint Lucy, Virgin Martyr

3:00 p.m. Reconciliation

3:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Karen Astrella Duva by Nereida Astrella

6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Theresa's

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

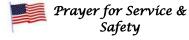
Sunday, December 14

8:00 a.m. Lord's Day Mass Intentions of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Lord's Day Mass Intentions of Rochelle Nicole Capilos by Valerie Shealy

Please Pray for the Healing & Safety of Our Loved Ones

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



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, Larry Avins, Fred Branham, Molly Branham, Alex Bringle, Amy Brown, Enrique Caballero, Jr., Mary Cammisa, Bill Campbell, Mr. Clark, David Coble, Frank Daresta, Jr., Marvin Davant, Janice Dillon, Jack Eson, Jack, Wendi & Morgan Griffith, Sherry Haggerty, Kristyne Hall, Janet Hargrove, Kenny Jackson, Kristi Jarvis, Becky Jones, Zachary Komen, Naomi Lambert, Noah Langan, Dr. Melanie Ledo Barone, Amy Leonard, Boyd Marivittori, Kenny Martin, Ava Claire Mates, Patrick McLeod, George Mori, Lib & Ernie Neumeister, Sherri Nichols, Joe Ondracek, Therese Parthania, Jimmy Phillips, Joe Raimondi, Travis Spires, Dave Strominger, Dick Strominger, Rex & Beth Taylor, Deborah Thomas, Bob Underwood, and the Wallick Family.

For the safety of.... Kayla Francisco, Robert Furgal, Drew Gatzke, Rachel Graham, Mark Greenwood, Jr., Dominick Laibly, Reuben Paul, Alex Piccuiolo, Will Smarr, Gavin Zamora, all first responders, law enforcement, missionaries, military personnel and their families.



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