

TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

December 21, 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.
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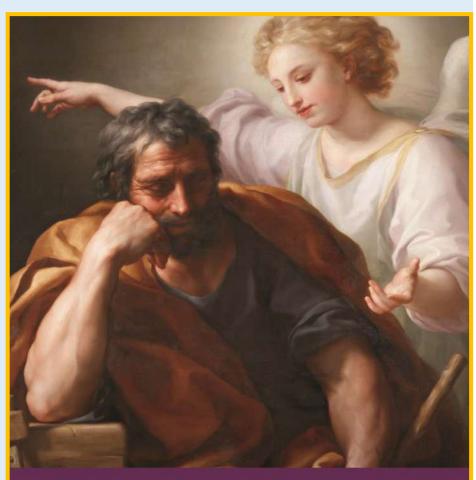
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Our Parish Office is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We are located in the white farmhouse at 9720 Wilson Blvd.

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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:21

Parish Activities

Sunday, December 21		Elementary Religious Education (Blue & Tan Buildings) Confirmation Class (Red Brick Building) Adult Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC) Youth Group (Red Brick Building)
Monday, December 22		
Tuesday, December 23	5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Evans Cursillo Grouping (Small Classroom—PLC) Underwood Cursillo Grouping (Large Classroom—PLC)
Wednesday, December 24		Parish Office Closed
Thursday, December 25		Parish Office Closed
Friday, December 26	6:00 a.m.	Parish Office Closed Men's Prayer Group (Kitchen Conference Room —PLC)
Saturday, December 27	3:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC)
Sunday, December 28	10:00 a.m.	Adult Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC)



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This Christmas Season the Poinsettias were given

In Honor of...

The Gardiner Family, The Rail Family by Mr. & Mrs. John Gardiner

Gabe Lewis by Mr. & Mrs. John Buzzetti

In Memory of...

Mr. & Mrs. Salvador Agustin by Mr. & Mrs. Celso Agustin Gregorio & Mario Nario by Mr. & Mrs. Celso Agustin Amparo Vizcarra by Mr. & Mrs. Celso Agustin Mr. & Mrs. Ernesto Hernando by Mr. & Mrs. Celso Agustin Richard Astrella by Mrs. Nereida Astrella Mary Evelyn Grindle by Mr. & Mrs. John Buzzetti Maryann Buzzetti by Mr. & Mrs. John Buzzetti Robert & Ava M. Raftery by The Cammisa Family Vincent & Helen Cammisa by The Cammisa Family Evelyn Castleberry, Raymond Castleberry by Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Castleberry Dorthy Kashuba, George Kashuba by Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Castleberry Ray & Bernadette Oltman by Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Cunningham Bill Cunningham by Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Cunningham Jack and Mary Ann Brinker by Mr. & Mrs. Ron Doiron Helen Palmieri, Carmine Palmieri by Mr. & Mrs. Ron Doiron Dortha Doiron by Mr. & Mrs. Ron Doiron

Mr. & Mrs. Davenport by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Eberlin



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Milton Johnson Sr. by Mrs. Judy Johnson
Rastapari Hailstock Sr. by Mrs. Judy Johnson
Sylvia Capasco by Mrs. Judy Johnson
Eunice Coleman by Mrs. Judy Johnson
All Deceased Family Members by Mr. & Mrs. Rich Lavecchia
Marion Lawny by Mr. George Lawny
The Battle Family by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Miranda
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Jack Oliver Sr. by Mrs. Linda Oliver Prince & Edna Gills by Mrs. Linda Oliver Anthony & Idell Moses by Ms. Marguerite Ojalvo Andre Bernard by Ms. Marguerite Ojalvo Gloria Moses & Stephen Moses by Ms. Marguerite Ojalvo Dolores & Angelo Dimaria by Ms. Marguerite Ojalvo The Schmitt & Paxton Families by Mr. & Mrs. John Paxton George & Ella Richter and Ann & Bob Van Epps by Jane & Paul Richter Kendal Shelley, Jr. and Hilda Shelley by Mr. & Mrs. Kendal Shelley Lenneau Shelley, Darius Shelly by Mr. & Mrs. Kendal Shelley Luis, Petra, and Oscar Torres by Mr. & Mrs. Kendal Shelley Jola Evans by Mrs. Daneen Sherman Billy Peal by Mrs. Daneen Sherman Jennie Dickenson by Mrs. Daneen Sherman Laura Wolff, Roy Wolf by Mrs. Daneen Sherman Edmund & Sue Sipowicz by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Sipowicz Susan Sipowicz by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Sipowicz John & Wanda Ohlwarter by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Sipowicz Tekla Michaud by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Sipowicz Donald & Marguerite Deyling by Mr. & Mrs. Herb Winner William & Dorthy Winner by Mr. & Mrs. Herb Winner George & Maryanne Greech by Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Zehner Vera Healey by Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Zehner

Donations by...

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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.)

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 Masse

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

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Offertory Amount
Sunday Collection for Dec. 14 \$11,309.55
Weekly Budget Needs \$9,494.00
Fiscal Year-to-Date Total \$218,722.58
Year-to-Date Budget Needs \$227,856.00
Surplus/Deficit-to-Date (\$9,133.42)

Second Collection

Capital Campaign \$20,538.00

Next Week's Second Collection: Church in Africa



Marriage Troubles? If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you might have grown cold and distant; or even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it, Retrouvaille can help...as it has already helped tens of thousands of others. Our next program begins January 16-18, 2026. For information, visit www.helpourmarriage.org, or call Bill & Lyn Folsom (727) 343-6701. Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names held in absolute confidence.



The Columbiettes Corner

News and Happenings of the Transfiguration Columbiettes Council 13713



Visit the Columbiette Website: Columbiettes13713.org

Columbiette Christmas Party

About 30 Columbiettes gathered on a Saturday afternoon to share some scrumptious foods and desserts for their annual Christmas party. This year, the group voted on and collected gifts to bring smiles and share the true meaning of Christmas to two families in need.



Kelly Scott and Renee Soler help prepare the buffet



Kelly Scott spreading Joy!



Mary Matthews, Rene Scheuer and Cathy Hoque



The afternoon continued with several rounds of the Columbiettes version of Family Feud hosted by Patty Evans and Rene Scheuer. Competition was tough but Maria Clark, Jo Sanders and Mary Matthews (pictured left) came out on top as the winners!

YOU are invited to the Columbiettes Information Meeting

Are you a lady who wants to be a part of a national network of Catholic women fostering sisterhood and service through faith, hope and charity, working to strengthen members' spiritual lives, supporting the Knights of Columbus, and aiding Transfiguration and our community through charitable works? We have an upcoming Information Meeting on Jan. 12, 2026, at 6:30 PM. Please join us to hear more about the Columbiettes!









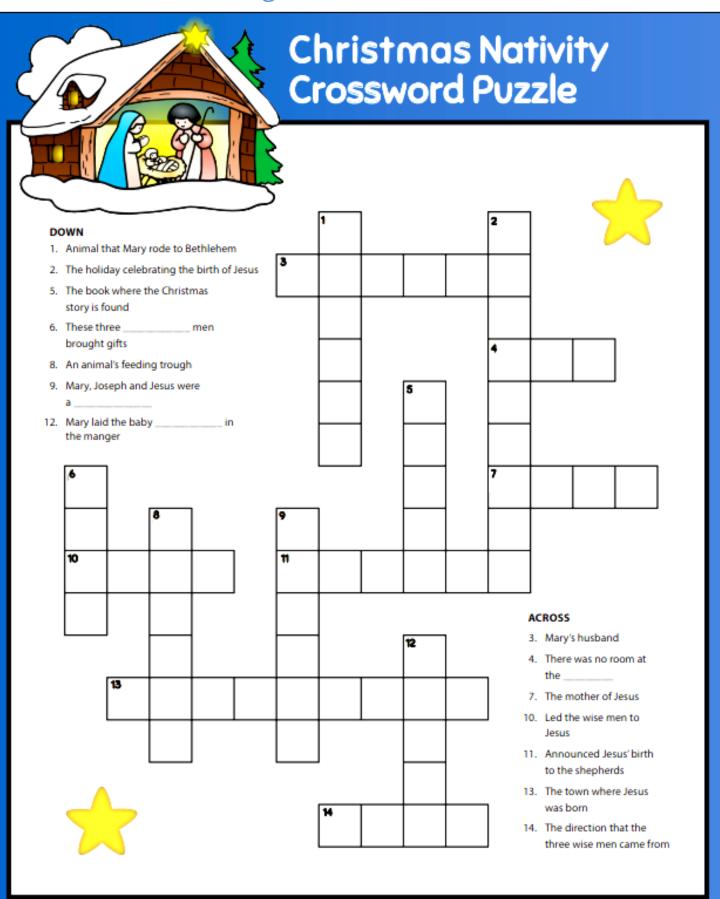
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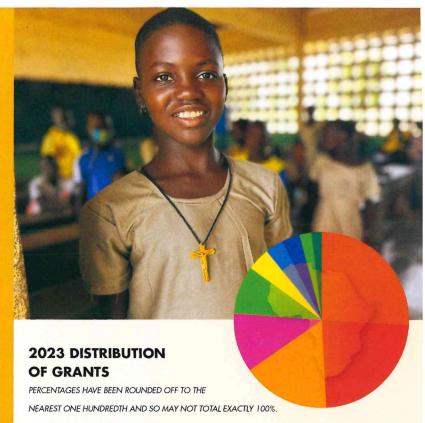
SUPPORT THE Solidarity Fund for the CHURCH IN AFRICA

We live our Catholic faith with a deep understanding of ourselves as pilgrims walking together and helping one another through life. From biblical times to our present day, Catholics have always visited holy sites, shrines, and other places significant in the history and life of the Church. In walking and praying together at these sites, Catholic pilgrims experience unity with Christ, with one another, and with the Church today and throughout history in a deeper way.

During the first week of Lent, in early March 2024, approximately 1,000 Catholics from across the Diocese of Gbarnga in Liberia in west Africa went on a pilgrimage to the site of the people's first encounter with Catholic missionaries in the town of Saclepea, Liberia. By retracing the footsteps of those 19th-century missionaries, these pilgrims connected with their history while also deepening their call to build upon this legacy today.

This special event was made possible by a grant from the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, which helped provide food and accommodations for the pilgrims and liturgical furnishings for Masses and confessions. Throughout Africa, your donations to the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, a program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, help African Catholics continue the work of evangelization and building up the Church that began with those first missionaries.

Please be generous through the offertory collection envelope or your parish's e-offertory platform. To learn more about the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, visit www.usccb.org/africa.



Total Grants: 75
Total Granted: \$2,108,250

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PROGRAM AREA	NUMBER OF	GRANIS	GRANT AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
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Leadership Form	mation	16	\$380,850	18.06%
Church Capaci	ity Support	14	\$301,300	14.29%
Vocations		4	\$170,000	8.06%
Communication	ns	5	\$169,100	8.02%
Evangelization		7	\$157,000	7.45%
Justice and Pea	ice	6	\$155,300	7.37%
Religious Educa	ation and			
Catholic Schoo	ls	4	\$116,000	5.50%
Child Protection	n	4	\$103,100	4.89%
Clergy/Religion	us			
Continuing Edu	cation	3	\$94,000	4.46%
Youth Ministry		2	\$49,000	2.32%

*CONSTRUCTION GRANTS PRIMARILY FUND REHABILITATION AND RENOVATION OF EXISTING, DETERIORATED STRUCTURES.

EXPENSES

Grants and Donations	\$2,110,175	73.39%
Program Costs	\$510,169	17.74%
Promotions and		
Fundraising Expenses	\$158,843	5.52%
Administrative Expenses	\$95,998	3.34%

Total Expenses \$2,875,185



SOLIDARITY FUND FOR THE CHURCH IN AFRICA

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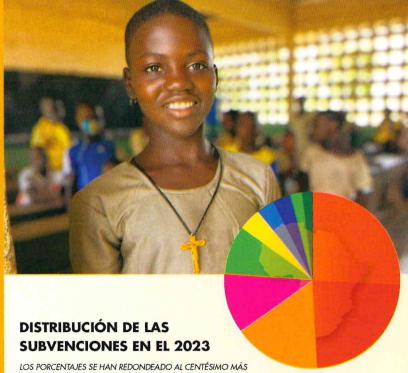
APOYE AL Fondo de Solidaridad PARA LA IGLESIA EN

Tivimos nuestra fe católica con un profundo conocimiento de nosotros mismos como peregrinos que caminan unidos y que se ayudan unos a otros a lo largo de la vida. Desde tiempos los bíblicos hasta el presente, los católicos siempre han visitado lugares sagrados, santuarios y otros lugares importantes en la historia y en la vida de la Iglesia. Al caminar y orar juntos en estos lugares, los peregrinos católicos han vivido profundamente una unidad con Cristo, entre sí y con la Iglesia, hoy, y a lo largo de la historia.

Durante la primera semana de Cuaresma, a principios del mes de marzo del 2024, aproximadamente 1,000 católicos de la Diócesis de Gbarnga, Liberia, en África Occidental, hicieron un peregrinaje al lugar en donde ocurrió el primer encuentro con misioneros católicos en el pueblo de Saclepea, en Liberia. Estos peregrinos, al rememorar el camino que tomaron esos misioneros en el siglo XIX, lograron conectarse con su historia y, al mismo tiempo, profundizaron su llamado para hoy seguir construyendo sobre este legado.

Este singular evento fue posible gracias a una subvención del Fondo de Solidaridad para la lalesia en África, con la cual se brindó alimentos y hospedaje a los peregrinos, así como todo lo necesario para las liturgias en las Misas y para las confesiones. En todo el continente africano, sus donativos al Fondo de Solidaridad para la Iglesia en África, programa de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos, ayuda a los africanos católicos a continuar con su labor de evangelización y seguir edificando la Iglesia que empezaron esos primeros misioneros.

Por favor, sean generosos a través del sobre de colecta en el ofertorio o en la plataforma electrónica de su parroquia. Para informarse más acerca del Fondo de Solidaridad de la Iglesia en Africa, visiten www.usccb.org/africa.



CERCANO, POR LO CUAL ES POSIBLE QUE NO SUMEN EXACTAMENTE 100%.

Total de subvenciones: 75 Cantidad otorgada: \$2,108,250

ÁREA DE PROGRAMA TOTAL DE SUBVENCIONES		CANTIDAD OTORGADA PORCENTAJE		
Co	nstrucción /renovación	10	\$412,600	19.57%
For	mación de liderazgo	16	\$380,850	18.06%
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Edu	ocación religiosa y			
esc	uelas católicas	4	\$116,000	5.50%
Pro	tección del niño	4	\$103,100	4.89%
Edu	ucación continua para			
cler	ro/religiosos	3	\$94,000	4.46%
Pas	itoral juvenil	2	\$49,000	2.32%

GASTOS

Subvenciones y donaciones	\$2,110,175	73.39%
Costos del programa	\$510,169	17.74%
Gastos de promoción y		
recaudación de fondos	\$158,843	5.52%
Gastos administrativos	\$95,998	3.34%

Total de gastos \$2,875,185





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Worship, Intentions & Prayers



by the Lofurno Family

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 21

8:00 a.m. Lord's Day Mass Joseph Nostadt+ by Greg & Jeanne McCarty
10:30 a.m. Lord's Day Mass Gary Alan Martek+ by the Knights of Columbus

Monday, December 22

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

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass Josefina Valentine+ by the Bobadilla Family

Tuesday, December 23—Saint John of Kanty, Priest

5:00 p.m. Reconciliation

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

6.00 mm. Evening Frayer

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass All Souls in Purgatory+ by the Cotter Family

Wednesday, December 24—The Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass John Heiting+ by Joy Kent

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass Wesley Faulkenberry+ by the Cotter Family

Thursday, December 25—The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass Saint Theresa's 11:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass Charles Cotter+

1:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy Holy Cross Eastern Catholic Mission

Friday, December 26—Saint Stephen, First Martyr

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

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass Intentions of Danni Sherman by Mary Matthews

Saturday, December 27—Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist

3:00 p.m. Reconciliation

3:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

4:00 p.m.Vigil MassWilfred Taylor+by John de Silva6:00 p.m.Vigil MassSt. Theresa's

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sir 3:2-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-23

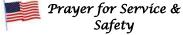
Sunday, December 28

8:00 a.m. Lord's Day Mass Deceased Members of the Grindle Family+ by Richard Grindle

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

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, Bryan Blaze, Princey Blaze, 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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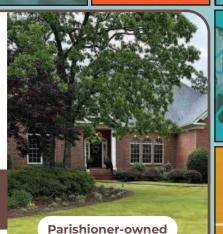
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