

TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

December 29, 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

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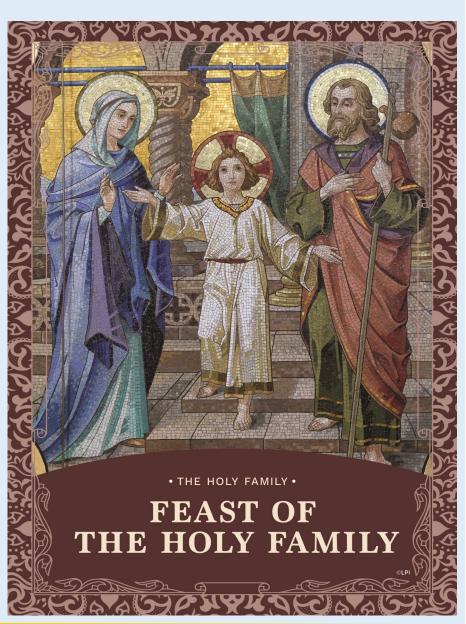
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The Sanctuary is located at the corner of Wilson Boulevard and North Pines Road.

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 | | | | |
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| Sunday, December 29 | No OCIA, Religious Education or Youth Group—Christmas Break 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC) | | | |
| Monday, December 30 | 6:30 p.m. Layer Cursillo Grouping (Conference Room—PLC) | | | |
| Tuesday, December 31 | 5:00 p.m. Evans Cursillo Grouping (Small Classroom—PLC) 5:00 p.m. Men's Cursillo Grouping (Conference Room—PLC) 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC) | | | |
| Wednesday, January 1 | 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Business Mtg. (Large Classroom—PL | C) | | |
| Thursday, January 2 | 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly (Lg. Class.—PL | LC) | | |
| Friday, January 3 | 6:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (PLC) | | | |
| Saturday, January 4 | 3:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC) | | | |
| Sunday, January 5 | No Religious Education or Youth Group—Christmas Break 11:30 a.m. OCIA (Large Classroom—PLC) 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC) | | | |



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Mary,
The Holy
Mother of God
January 1st
A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Celebrations

<u>December 31st - Vigil Mass</u> Transfiguration - 6:00 p.m.

January 1st - Solemnity Mass Transfiguration - 4:00 p.m. St. Theresa's - 5:30 p.m.

We congratulate and welcome Osarugue Esosa "Peter" Bruce-Osagie, son
of Bruce and Enibokun Osagie to the
family of God through the waters of
baptism on Monday, December 2, 2024.

Heavenly Father, In your love you have called us to know you, led us to trust you,

and bound our life with yours. Surround this child with your love and protect him from evil. Fill him with the Holy Spirit and receive him into the family of your church, that he may walk with us in the way of Christ, and grow in the knowledge of your love. Amen

| Offertory | Amount |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Sunday Collection for December 22 | \$11,280.73 |
| Weekly Budget Needs | \$8,631.00 |
| Fiscal Year-to-Date Total | \$230,881.53 |
| Year-to-Date Budget Needs | \$224,406.00 |
| Surplus/Deficit-to-Date | \$6,475.53 |
| Second Collection | l |
| Parish Religious Education Support | \$920.00 |

Church in Latin America



Adult Bible Study
The Eucharist & The Mass
Begins January 8, 2025
6:00 pm - 8:00 p.m.
Large Classroom

Hosted by Ken and Marybeth Sabol this continued Bible Study will resume on January 8, 2025. It will be for 10 weeks held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. This session will be a series from Dr. Petrie called The Eucharist and the Mass. It is a study connecting the Mass with the Old and New Testaments and the delivery of the content is exceptional. Study book is \$20.00. Contact Marybeth Sabol at 803-718-0557 for more information.

New members are welcome. Sign-up sheet will be on the table in the Parish Life Center.



First Fridays Extended Eucharistic Adoration

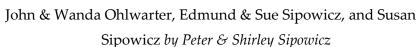
On the first Friday of every month we have extended Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 2:00 p.m. and ending at 10:00 p.m. We ask that at least two people commit to attend each hour by signing up using this link <u>Transfiguration Catholic Church: Eucharistic Adoration (signupgenius.com)</u> so we ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never alone throughout adoration. Our next extended Eucharistic Adoration is planned for **Friday, January 3rd.** We hope you will take advantage of this beautiful opportunity to spend quiet time with Jesus.



2024 Chrístmas Season Poínsettías were gíven

In Memory of...

Ann & Robert Van Epps and Ella & George Richter by Paul & Jane Richter



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Sally Inda, Susan Perkins, and James H. Wollpert, Jr. by Katherine Wollpert
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John Heiting by Scott & Joy Kent

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by Leroy & Judy Castleberry

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In Honor of...

Ruth Cunningham by Kevin & Kathy Cunningham



Donations...

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New Years Resolution Ideas For Catholics

January is here again, and it's time to make our annual New Year's resolutions. Every Catholic should add to their list a few spiritual resolutions designed to help them climb that mountain of faith! Let the freshness of a new year be your impetus to make new strides in your walk with God. There is no time like the present! Here are some ideas:

Increase Your Marian Devotion - The way to turn back to God is the same way that God came to us—through the Blessed Mother. In the new year, commit yourself to increasing your Marian devotion so that she may lead you to deeper conversion; to a renewed following of God's will for your life; and to an increase of your faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

Make More Time For Spiritual Reading - If you want to make progress in your walk with God in the new year, spiritual reading should be high on your list. Maybe this will mean cutting out TV time or slimming back on unnecessary social activities. The time you spend feeding your soul is time better spent.

Make Good Stewardship a Lifestyle - This boils down to one key concept in the life of the Christian: practicing good stewardship over the gifts God has given us. Good stewardship means good management of our "time, talent, and treasure" for the greater glory of God. As Jesus warned us in His parables, all of His servants will be judged on how they used the graces he gave them. Do we neglect them and spend them selfishly, or are we generous in building up God's kingdom on earth? Prayerfully evaluate how you will spend your time, your talents, and your income this year to see what lifestyle changes you can make that will positively impact your spiritual life. Make it big. God cannot be outdone in generosity!

Share Your Catholic Faith With Others - With so many people far away from God today (and more and more people noticing it), the culture is ripe for evangelism. There is a real hunger for God and his Truth. Modern Catholics aren't usually great about sharing their faith with others, but this is something that can change with practice. You don't have to be obnoxious or overbearing about your faith—just focus on doing simple things, such as being joyful in your walk with Christ and inviting people to come to Mass with you. Another good idea is to buy some sacramentals in bulk, get them blessed, and hand them out to people. If someone you know is going through a difficult time and you give them a Miraculous Medal or a prayer card out of a stash you always keep handy, it might be the touch of God that they need in that moment.

Bring Back Regular Penances - Living a penitential life, even outside of Advent and Lent, is the Catholic way of life. All of the Church's saints performed penances habitually, either internally or externally, great and small, for themselves and for others. Many Catholics do not know that Fridays outside of Lent are also days of abstinence and fasting. While the Church law against eating meat on the Fridays outside of Lent was altered by the U.S. bishops—meaning, it can be substituted with some other form of penance—it was never removed entirely. Such penances give special reverence to the day of the week on which Our Lord died on the cross. Be creative. Remember that penances aren't meant to be pleasant at first, but the graces that come from them grow sweeter with time.

Go An Extra Day To Mass - Mass is not only the source and summit of our faith—it is also the source and summit of our very life.

This new year, think of ways you can arrange your schedule and activities so that you can make it to Mass either an extra day each week, or a few extra days a month. If you have trouble with this due to a packed schedule, pray and ask Our Lord to help you find the time.

Pray The Rosary - No Catholic list of New Year's resolutions would be complete without a daily rosary added in. If you already pray the rosary daily, that is fantastic. Your resolution can then be to spread devotion to the rosary this year.

Pick A New Saint Buddy - Why not take on the tradition of choosing a different Catholic saint as a special patron each year? There are so many of them with unique graces to bestow. Pray about your New Year and the goals you have then choose a patron saint whose virtues you would like to emulate.

The Columbiettes Corner

The News and Happenings of the Transfiguration Columbiettes Council 13713

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



Joan Gardiner Honored as Columbiette of the Month for December

This Columbiette is a beautiful soul. We are so thankful that she is a Columbiette and happy to call her our "Sister in Christ." Her smile is contagious and her goodness shines through to all she meets. This lady has a great sense of peace and joy in her heart. She lives by the St. Therese quote: "You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them." Joan emulates St. Therese, the Little Flower. She has a commitment for love of God and for all individuals.



She walks in the path of St. Therese by knowing it is the little things that count. She knows that often small details end up making a major impact in others' lives. Last year, a dear friend who was also a Columbiette, went to be with the Lord. In prayer and much self-reflection, this lady served as an Honor Guard during the Funeral Mass. The lady's strength and determination to complete this one final honor for her dear friend was heartfelt. This Columbiette has been very active in our auxiliary. She helped with the annual mum sale as well as writing Grace Notes on a monthly basis. We missed her so much at our annual Christmas Party this year. But she had a great excuse. She and her husband were purchasing a brand-new car!



Donations to Children's Charities of the Midlands

Columbiette president, Arlene Bakutes, presented a check for \$400 to parishioner Gary Matthews, of Children's Charities of the Midlands. Kevin Cunningham, on behalf of the Knights of Columbus, presented a check to Gary for \$500! Children's Charities of the Midlands is a 100% volunteer non-profit organization that raises money for children in need in the Midlands area.

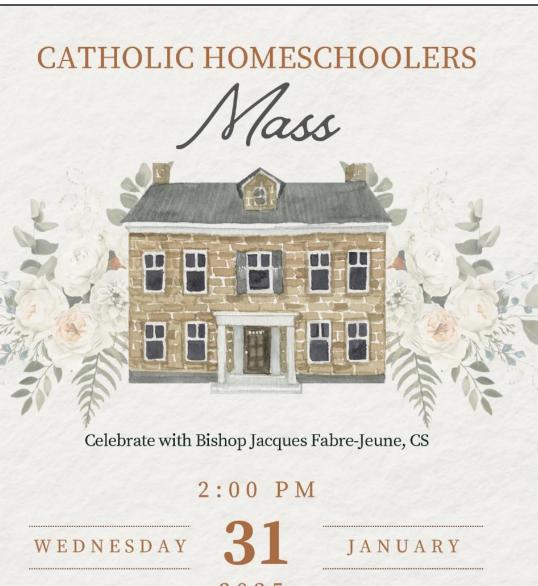


Now that Christmas is over, you may think your need for gift cards is, too. Remember, you can use gift cards for your everyday purchases like groceries, gas, clothing, and dining. Scan this QR code to join, or fill out one of the order forms found on the tables in the gathering space.

You can also find an order form on the Columbiettes' website (see link above).

Orders for January are due to Kathy Cunningham by Sunday, January 5, 2025. Your gift card order will be available after Masses on January 11 and 12.

Questions? Contact Kathy at kathy.cunningham@pm.me or 847-691-5899.



2025

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RSVP by Jan. 24, 2025 https://bit.ly/homeschool-mass25

Join Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, for Mass for Catholic homeschool families on Jan. 31, 2025. It will be held at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist at 2:00 p.m., and followed with a luncheon. All are welcome!

Kindly RSVP by Jan. 24, 2025 by clicking HERE or using the QR Code above.



Dear Transfiguration Parishioners,

My heart is so full of joy as I write this letter to all of you. The Children's Christmas Pageant was absolutely wonderful this past Sunday. I am so grateful to all of you that came to the program to watch and support the children perform the Story of the Birth of Jesus.

Thank you to all the parents that encouraged their children to participate. It was marvelous to see the children bravely say their lines, wear costumes and act their



parts. The children were just adorable, and I know that the parents were so proud of their children. For many of the children this was the first time they heard the story of the First Christmas more than 2,000 years ago. I am thinking that many of us grew up participating in Christmas Pageants and have our own fond memories of learning about our history of the miracle of the birth of Jesus.

If you were present, you had the opportunity to hear the Angels sing. The Children's Choir is absolutely outstanding. Dr. Denise Rudell is a treasure for our parish. We even had our own Littlest Angel that touched our heart during the program, and reminded us all that Angels of all ages are everywhere and very special. Pat Brunette and her family were so kind and gracious to undertake the set up of the lovely Christmas Reception that followed the program. I also want to thank the adults that helped me put the children in their costumes and guided the children during the play. Thank you Gaye Guerre, Sharon Cammisa, Rene Scheuer, and Michele Ludlow. Thanks, too, Adger Brown for helping to build the set.

Thank you Valerie Shealy for livestreaming the Pageant so friends and family unable to be there on Sunday could watch it. If you were unable to attend, please view it—it will surely warm your heart.

It is a labor of love to serve the Lord and this Parish, and I am so grateful to be able to be a part of the Children's faith journey. Thank you, Fr. Jim, as always for your encouragement and support. I wish you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas. May Hope be in your hearts and Peace be in our world as we go into the New Year.

Blessings,

Patty Evans, DRE PreK-5th Grade

Let 2025 be your year of Spiritual Transformation!

The new year is days away. Why not commit 2025 to feeding your soul and strengthening your understanding of the Bible, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, or the Rosary. Ascension Press, working with Father Mike Schmitz and Father Mark-Mary Ames, have created podcasts that offer you 365 daily episodes (approximately 15 minutes each) that help you understand the essentials of being Catholic; salvation history; and offer a deeper encounter and relationship with Jesus. Start an amazing journey this new year. Just click on the photos below to learn more about each podcast and how to sign up or go to—https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts/





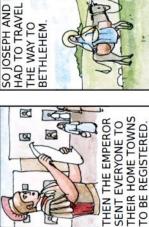


Transfiguration Kids Corner

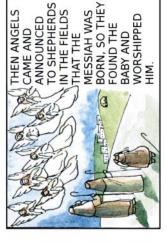
HOLY MAN CALLED JOSEPH. AN ANGEL APPEARED TO HIM TO TELL HIM WHO MARY REALLY MARY WAS ENGAGED TO A chosen Mary. God has WAS. done as you May it be MARY, WHO WAS A YOUNG WOMAN OF HIS TOLD HER SHE WOULD BE THE GOD SENT AN THE MESSIAH. PEOPLE. HE MOTHER OF ONG AGO ANGEL TO CHOSEN



THEY GOT MARRIED AND JOSEPH TOOK GOOD CARE OF MARY.







WHEN THEY GOT THERE, THEY FOUND NO PLACE TO STAY EXCEPT A STABLE. SO THE BABY WAS BORN THERE! FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS THE PEOPLE HAD BEEN WAITING FOR GOD TO SEND THEM A MESSIAH WHO WOULD SAVE THEM FROM NIGHT. SEE HOW MUCH GOD LOVES US, THAT HE WOULD COME THEIR SINS. FINALLY HE CAME, A POOR BABY BORN ON A COLD TO US AS A TINY, INNOCENT BABY! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!

The Holy Family Puzzle

Use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks with Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks. numbers part-way down.

thekidsbulletin@gmail.com

Worship, Intentions & Prayers



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday, December 29

8:00 a.m. Mass Mary Ann Buzzetti by the Buzzetti Family
10:30 a.m. Beth Wallick by Greg & René Scheuer

Monday, December 30

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass Jimmy Fernandes⁺ by the Dsa Family

Tuesday, December 31

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

5:00 p.m. Reconciliation

6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass—Solemnity of Mary Marvin Huff⁺ by Dan & Susan Wallick

Wednesday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God—A Holy Day of Obligation

4:00 p.m. Solemnity of Mary Mass Margaret Kowalczyk⁺ by Patty Evans

5:30 p.m. Solemnity of Mary Mass—St. Theresa's

Thursday, January 2—Saint Basil and Saint Gregory Nazianzen

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass Martha Shinn⁺ by Dcn David & Cheri Shinn

Friday, January 3—The Most Holy Name of Jesus

2:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass Intentions of Seminarians of by the Transfiguration Parish

Diocese of Charleson

Saturday, January 4

3:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

3:00 p.m. Reconciliation

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Intentions of the Parish

6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass—St. Theresa's

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-13; Eph 3:2-6; Mt 2:1-12

Sunday, January 5

8:00 a.m. Mass Paul Morin⁺ by Lenny & Pat Brunette
10:30 a.m. Mass Fathers of the Parish by The Columbiettes
4:30 p.m. St. Mary's Syro-Malabar

Church Meets

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, Mr. Clark, David Coble, Bill Corcoran, Gil Cordova, Frank Daresta, Jr., Jack, Wendi & Morgan Griffith, Sherry Haggerty, Janet Hargrove, Kenny Jackson, Kristi Jarvis, Zachary Komen, Noah Langan, Dr. Melanie LedoBarone, Amy Leonard, Boyd Marivittori, Kenny Martin, Ava Claire Mates, Patrick McLeod, George Mori, Lib & Ernie Neumeister, Sherri Nichols, Joe Ondracek, Therese Parthania, Misti Welch Post, Jimmy Phillips, Travis Spires, Dave Strominger, Dick Strominger, Rex & Beth Taylor, Deborah Thomas, and the Wallick Family.

For the safety of....Robert Furgal, Drew Gatzke, Mark Greenwood, Jr., Reuben Paul, Alex Piccuiolo, Will Smarr, 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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