



December 10, 2023



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Parish Office Hours

Liturgical Schedule

(Changes in the schedule noted inside)

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Closed 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. for lunch.

St. Ann's Parish Mission

St. Ann Parish seeks the salvation of souls through the redemption of Jesus Christ as revealed to us in and through the divinely instituted Holy Catholic Church. We invite all to receive God's love as we give of ourselves in compassionate service.

Sunday Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:30 p.m.
 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.;
Mass in the Extraordinary Form: 12:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 7:00 a.m.
 Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form)
 Friday: 7:00 a.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form) and 8:30 a.m.

Adoration

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. through
 Wednesday 5:00 p.m.
 Holy Hour:
 Wednesday 5:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Thursday: 5:30-6:30 p.m.
 Saturday: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
Sunday, December 10	8:00 am Intentions of our Parish 10:30 am + Josie Lynn Sanctis <i>by the Balman family</i> 12:30 pm Latin Mass Intentions of the Connor children <i>by the family</i>	9:00 am Legion of Mary (Classroom 3) Teen Apologetics (Classrooms 1&2) 2:00 pm Baptism (Church)
Monday, December 11	7:00 am + Richard Mas <i>by the family</i>	2:30 pm St. Ann Rosary Event (Church) 2:45 pm Rosary Club (Hall by CL 1&2) 7:00 pm Fraternus (Gym, café) RCIA (Classrooms 1&2)
Tuesday, December 12	7:00 am + AJ Vandenberg <i>by Jenny Orso</i>	8:00 am Adoration begins (Church) 6:00 pm Interfaith Basketball (Gym) 6:30 pm Young Adult Holy Hour (CH) Deacon Peter (Classrooms 1&2) 7:00 pm St. Joseph Prayer Group (Library)
Wednesday, December 13	6:00 pm Latin Mass + Lucie Nigro <i>by David and Debbie Walsh</i>	Adoration continues in the Church 7:45 am Homeschool High School (CL 1-4, library) 5:00 pm Holy Hour (Church) 6:00 pm Handmaidens (Café) 7:00 pm Fidelis (Gym) St. Vincent de Paul Ministry (CL 1&2)
Thursday, December 14	7:00 am Intentions of Sam George <i>by the Ferrante family</i> 9:00 am Holy Trinity Middle School	10:00 am Catholic Scripture Study (Classroom 3) 5:00 pm Renewal of Vows (CH) 5:30 pm Confessions (Church) 6:00 pm Interfaith Basketball (Gym) 7:00 pm Young Adult Ballroom Dancing (Gym) Great Adventure Bible Study (Class 1&2)
Friday, December 15	7:00 am Latin Mass + Poor Souls in Purgatory <i>by the Duncan family</i> 8:30 am + Raymond Alphe <i>by the Erfe family</i>	8:00 am School Rosary (Church) 9:30 am Conference Room 3:30 pm Homeschool HS Swing Dance (Gym) 6:00 pm Interfaith Basketball (Gym)
Saturday, December 16	4:30 pm + Chuck Border <i>by the Lewis family</i>	8:00 am Church Cleaning 10:15 am Interfaith Basketball (Gym) 2:00 pm Baptism (Church) 3:00 pm Confessions (Church)
Sunday, December 17	8:00 am + Abbey Lejk <i>by the Balman family</i> 10:30 am + William and Ruby Gillespie <i>by the Corbly family</i> 12:30 pm Latin Mass Intentions of our Parish	9:00 am Legion of Mary (Classroom 3) 11:00 am Homeless Ministry (Kitchen) 2:00 pm Baptism (Church)



Dear Parishioners,

Happy 2nd Sunday of Advent! Per my homily on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, I do hope that many of you are managing to keep yourselves from being swept into the madness of this time of year and are finding time to pray. I hope that many of you are making more time to engage with God in this beautiful but busy season.

As we strive to immerse ourselves in the spiritual side of Advent and prayerfully prepare for Christmas, there is some parish business I must tell you about. Bishop Jugis has recently instituted a new pastoral planning process that each parish is required to go through every 6 years. This is a process by which we will determine our pastoral needs and priorities. And it will entail that you, as parishioners, provide input that the Parish Council, Finance Council, parish staff and I will use to chart a course for our parish to follow for the next 6 years. Thus, in the early part of the new year (probably during Lent), we will be setting up an on-line survey that we will ask you to complete to help us compile this information.

The preparation for this pastoral planning process is just beginning, but as it progresses, I will keep you updated. For now, just be aware that our parish is starting the process, and that sometime in the near future you will be asked to provide some input. As always, I am very grateful for all the many ways our parishioners contribute to St. Ann's. We are a very blessed and vibrant parish, and I hope to keep it that way for the foreseeable future!

Lastly, this week I will be making a very quick trip to Minnesota to pick out stained glass for our new lower windows. As you'll recall, these 12 windows will have images of the apostles. Hopefully, I will have some renderings to share with you sometime soon. At this point, I still do not have a date when the windows will be completed and installed. But they are in process!

Joyfully awaiting the Christ Child,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fr. Reid". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure

929 registered families

Collection Date	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
November 5	27,422.83	24,892.30	2,530.53
November 12	25,205.22	24,892.30	312.92
November 19	20,443.22	24,892.30	(4,449.08)
YTD July 01, 2023-November 19, 2023	\$ 486,847.65	\$520,848.72	\$ (34,001.07)

Priest Retirement Assessment:	\$37,409.00
Received:	24,584.33
Balance Due:	12,824.67

—Text **Offertory** Donations to: 704-360-5305 with the amount you would like to contribute (Example: 25). —Text **5-year Plan** Donations to: 704-360-5305 Amt/Space/Needs. You will be sent to a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and debt or card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via email. *Thank you for your generosity!*



DSA 2023:	
Goal:	\$ 134,991.59
Pledged:	124,618.83
Received:	116,408.43
Over/Under Goal Pledges:	(10,372.76)
Pledge Balance:	8,210.40
Assessment Balance:	18,583.16
Families that Pledged:	173
Registered Families:	929

Outstanding Parish Loan Balances:

Rectory Loan: \$465,328.70

5 Year Plan Loan: \$102,071.99

Give Electronically at www.StAnnCharlotte.org

Our Lady of Guadalupe

A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared. Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.



St. Ann's Mary's Women of Joy- Registrations

SAVE THE DATE: Spring Semester Study

+ Sisterhood for Women beginning Feb 8th!

What started at St. Marks in Huntersville over 26 years ago has grown to over 400 women in 4 parishes and has now made a home and sisterhood in our parish! Our second semester begins in February. Mary's Women of Joy is a sisterhood that celebrates our beauty and dignity as beloved daughters of God and honors the feminine genius perfectly expressed by our Mother Mary.

All Women are invited and encouraged to join our 12-week Spring Study: Lectio: Evangelization with Dr. Mary Healy. To hear Fr. Reid's message about MWOJ or to register online please visit <http://www.stanncharlotte.org/mwoj> New-comers are Welcome! If you have questions please contact Patti Cucci at mwoj.stann@gmail.com

Advent Angel Tree:



If you took a tag from the Angel tree in the narthex, it is time to return the unwrapped gift w/ the tag to the tree. The gifts will be collected through the 2nd Sunday of Advent. The deadline is delivery to the office on Monday

12/11. *Thank you for your generosity!*

EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE UPDATE:



** We are in need of prayer warriors for our two wonderful Deacons. You will be asked to pray for **BOTH Deacon Tom and Deacon Peter** one day/week. Please let me know if you can give Our Lord just one hour. If God is calling you to make a Holy Hour/week for either of our needs, please contact Anchoress, Sarah Miller at Holyfamilyacademy4@yahoo.com.



Save the Date! Our church cleaning date has been set for Saturday December 16th, 8:00 – 12:00. Please contact Chris Brunhuber if you would like to help or have any questions: Ccb2691@icloud.com

Help Wanted: Have you ever considered being an usher at our beautiful church? This is a wonderful way to meet folks and bring a warm welcome to all of our parishioners. We are looking for ushers and greeters for all of our masses. Please contact Chris Brunhuber at ccb2691@icloud.com if you are interested and would like to learn more.



2023 Charity Christmas Tree Sale

'Tis the season for giving, and we need your help!

The Men's Club of Saint Ann is excited to announce our biggest

fundraising event of the year.

We're looking for dedicated volunteers to contribute their time and talents with setup, sales, and event cleanup.

Your support will make a significant impact on our community and our parish.

Please take a moment to sign up using the link below or scan the QR Code.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4FA9AE2EA5FD0-45901321-2023>

Let's come together and make this holiday season special for everyone.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment. Contact Paul Sorge

@ 704.430.8129 or

paulsorge@yahoo.com



All Men of the parish are invited to join the St. Joseph Men's Prayer Group on Tuesday at 7:30 PM. The purpose of the group is to join men of faith in prayer and fraternity to strengthen our relationships with God and deepen the bond within our parish community. Please meet in the courtyard at the Statue of Our Lady at 7:30 PM. We will pray the Rosary in the chapel then afterwards enjoy some fellowship in the Allen Center. +AMDG+



Hi St. Ann's parishioners:



Our names are Catherine and Emily Thompson and we are currently first year students at Queens University of Charlotte. We are looking for transportation to and from masses for either the 4:30 pm

Vigil mass or the 10:30 Sunday mass. If you are willing to transport us to mass we will be very thankful for your transportation. You can contact us at (252)-723-7728 or (252)-725-1557.

Thanks and God bless,
Catherine and Emily Thompson.

HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES

For Sunday, December 17th

Noon, December 8

For Sunday, December 24th

Noon, December 14

For Sunday, December 31st

Noon, December 21

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Deacon and Dogma will start back up in January. Watch the bulletin for details.

Faith Formation 2023-24 The St. Ann Faith Formation program for the children of registered parishioners in grades K-8 takes place from 9:00 to 10:10am between the Masses on Sunday. **Dec 10th** is our last class for 2023. We will start back on **January 7th**. For additional information or questions, contact Virginia Blatchford at 704 523 4641 ext. 231 or Vlbatchford@rcdoc.org



At St. Ann's **Formed.org** account has many resources for our parish. They have movies and devotionals for Advent. Be sure to look at all the options. Under devotionals, you will find a video on the *Novena of Surrender*. Our parish code is Y6ZQ8M. A direct link is found on our parish website.

Teen Apologetics classes run from 9:00-10:10 am in classroom 2 in the Allen Center. Our last session for 2023 is on **December 10th**, and we return in the new year on **January 7th**. We are currently working on **Apologetics, the Catholic Argument, and Natural Law**. This class is open to all students who have been confirmed.

Confirmation

Our last Confirmation class for 2023 is on **December 10th**. We come back after Christmas break on **January 7th**. Confirmation is available for rising 8th graders who have completed at least two years of religious education. All Candidates must be active participants in the faith and should plan to attend our **full year program**. This includes all Theology of the Body classes offered in September-October, Confirmation Workshops which begin in November, and 8th grade Beginning Apologetics classes offered at the end of second semester. If you have any questions about our program, please contact Virginia Blatchford at 704 523 4641 ext. 231 or Vlbatchford@rcdoc.org

Parish Resources

St. Ann renewed our parish membership for **Open Light Media** on October 6th. The materials are produced by the **Dominican Sisters** so the content is excellent!

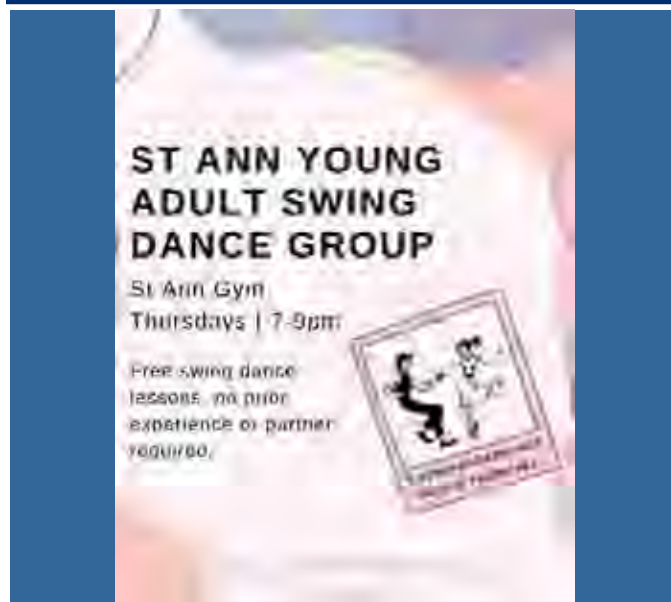


Indeed, we used virtue videos in our summer camp. The kids loved them! To access our new subscription, please follow the steps listed.

Users join the St. Ann group in 3 simple steps!

1. Go to Open Light Media subscription.
2. If individuals do not have a login on Open Light Media, you will be prompted to create a free account or log in using an existing user account.
3. Fill out the form. Copy and paste this into the search bar:

St. Ann, 3635 Park Road, Charlotte, NC, 28209
You must type in the name and address exactly as above or the account will not pop up!



Last year St. Ann's was featured in the book ***52 Masses: A Journey to Experience Catholicism Across America.***

This book is now available on the website: <https://52masses.square.site> or on Amazon and other online bookstores. St. Ann's is also featured in the book

101 Places to Pray before You Die: A Roamin' Catholic's Guide, which is also available on online bookstores.

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

***St. Ann Family Ministry Corner***

**Equipping Parents in their Mission of Love
and Building a Community of Joy**

**“All you peoples, clap your hands;
shout to God with joyful cries.” Psalm 47:1**

Join us for these Upcoming Events:

1. Sign up for the Carolinas Retreat for Families or
2. Attend the New Year's Eve Family Party: Dinner and Dance
December 31, 4PM-12PM at Heartridge Retreat and Cultural Center, SC
For more information and to register go to vhfretreat.org

Challenge: Be intentional this Advent and spend time preparing your families hearts for Jesus.

Next event: December 12



LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar

December 10	Second Sunday of Advent - 1 st class
December 11	St. Damasus I, Pope & Confessor - 3 rd class
December 12	(USA) Our Lady of Guadalupe - 3 rd class; Feria of Advent - 3 rd class
December 13	St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr - 3 rd class
December 14	Feria of Advent - 3 rd class
December 15	Feria of Advent - 3 rd class
December 16	St. Eusebius, Bishop and Martyr - 3 rd class
December 17	Third Sunday of Advent - 1 st class

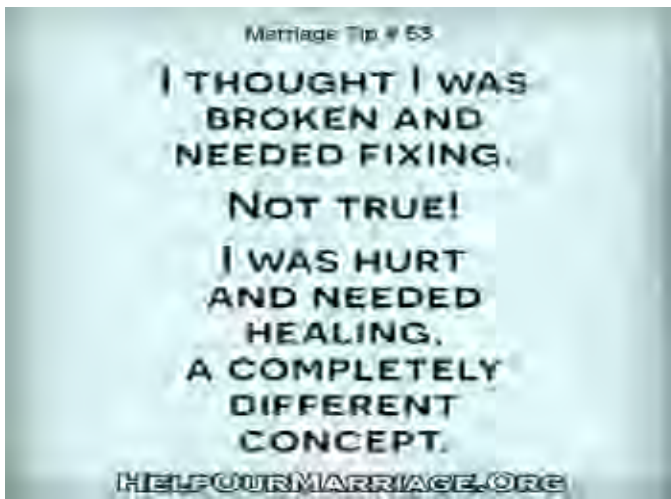
St. Ann's offers the Latin Mass on Sundays at 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., Fridays 7:00 a.m., and on select feast days. The Latin Mass has a different liturgical calendar and readings than the Novus Ordo (English) Mass. Any Mass schedule changes will be listed on Page 2 of the bulletin.

Latin Mass Q&A: What do the Classes in the above calendar mean? The Class is the level of importance or solemnity (1st-4th) associated with that day's Saint or commemoration. A 1st Class Feast Day are many Sundays and major solemnities like Christmas. Feria is a non-feast day and readings typically revert to the prior Sunday readings.

More Questions?

Check out the Latin Mass table in the Narthex every Sunday before and after the 12:30 Mass.

Or email Mike FitzGerald with the
St. Ann Latin Mass Ministry at:
saintannlatinmass@gmail.com

MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too, or a hurting couple you might know. For confidential information about the program or to register for the upcoming weekends in Charlotte area, call Bill and Lyn Folsom at 727-343-6701 or email: 3062ac@helpourmarriage.org or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

For more information about upcoming **Retrouvaille Weekend** programs,
Email: 3062ac@helpourmarriage.org or
Call: 727-343-6701
Website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

call: 803-810-9602,
visit: SCMarriageMatters.org,
email: applications@scmarriagematters.org.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

33 Hours of Adoration
Tuesdays 8 am -
Wednesdays 5 pm
in the Church

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

prayer Requests

***Our Parishioners***

Roe family
Chuck Sollard
Anna Sobus & family
Thomas Lauer & family
Stephanie Kaufmann

Our friends and family:

Albert Ayd
(brother of Cecilia Balman)
Dolly Langley
(sister of Cecilia Balman)
Marcia York
(sister of Carol Kuhn)
Jeremy Kuhn, (son of Carol & Dennis Kuhn),
Steve Frank
Kinley Duncan
Maureen Frost
(Sister-in-law of Regina Beach Hoar)
Brian Blatchford
Lauren Alderman
Baby Boy Berdine

Our servicemen and servicewomen:

Lt. Grace Carlson, USN,
Lt. Drew Carlson, USMC
Ensign Hayley Derscheid
Petty Officer 1st Class
Jeffrey Derscheid
SGT James "Jim"
Alston, US Army.
Cadet 1st Class Kenneth
Davison III USAF
Cadet 2nd Class Anna
Davison USAF
Cadet 4th Class Therese
Davison USAF
Lt. Thomas Hetzel,
Deployed
Capt. Peter Hetzel,
US Army

**Do You Like To Pray?
Are you in need of prayer?**

Receive the comfort of others praying for and with you by joining the **St. Ann Prayer Group**. This group of volunteers filled with the love of God and the love of prayer. In Jesus name they pray for healings, conversions, whatever the need.

Pray in your home, at Mass, at Adoration, or any place you are at peace. Any questions or to join, call Nancy Picciola at 803-389-5530 or email stannpray_ers@comporium.net



DIOCESAN EVENTS

**18th Annual MARCH FOR LIFE****Charlotte****Friday, Jan. 12, 2024**

The following Masses will be offered for The Unborn on Jan. 12, 2024: **St Ann Catholic Church at 7:00am** Traditional Latin Mass and at the **Cathedral of St. Patrick at 10:00am** Novus Ordo Mass. At 11:00am we will start to gather at the parking lot across the street from the Catholic Diocese at 1123 S. Church St., Charlotte. There may be some parking available at the parking lot but please expect to find parking on your own uptown if necessary. At 12:00pm we will march to Trade and Tryon to be a witness for The Unborn. Fr. Raymond Ekosse will be the guest preacher and Deanna Tyler Glenn “Miss Huntersville 2023” will be the prolife speaker followed by the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. ***Please join us to march and pray for an end to abortion and save babies lives!***

See schedule details atwww.marchforlifecharlotte.com**Knights of Columbus
Council 770 Meetings**

First Tuesday of every month
St. Patrick Church

Agenda for the meeting is:

6:30pm rosary,

7pm business meeting,

7:30 social, bible study.

K of C is a Catholic men's
fraternal and service organization.

Membership is open to all
practicing Catholic men.

For more information about the Knights, contact
knights@stpatricks.org or info@kofc770.org

**Help Wanted:****TAN Books - Director of Brand Development**

Join our team! The ideal candidate possesses:

- Minimum of 10 years of experience in brand strategy or similar
- Genuine passion for promoting Catholic content and values

Our Director of Brand Development will develop innovative brand strategies, lead cross-functional teams, and manage our relationship with our audience. They will also collaborate with talented individuals and contribute to the growth and success of TAN Books—a leader in Catholic publishing dedicated to helping people *Become a Saint*.



Join us in our mission to uphold and promote the values and teachings of the Catholic faith through strategic brand initiatives. If interested, you can apply at TANBooks.com or email careers@TANBooks.com with your resume and salary requirements.

REMINDERS



CATHOLIC DIVORCE HEALING PROGRAM

Join Us for *Build A New Life Workshop*

A life-changing 12-Week Virtual Catholic Divorce Support & Healing Program.

Discover proven guidance to not just survive but thrive before, during, and after divorce – emotionally, spiritually, interpersonally, and as a parent.

Whether you're discerning separation, have been divorced for years, or are somewhere in between, this program is tailored for you!

Catholic - Compassionate - Caring - Comprehensive

Starts January 4th on Zoom - Register NOW at <https://www.AboundingJoyMinistry.com/events> or call Carolyn at 608-547-9484.

Early Bird Discount until Dec 20th! Don't miss your opportunity to receive the healing and support you deserve.

Build A New Life Workshop -
Guiding You to Greater Healing & Joy!

[AboundingJoyMinistry.com](https://www.AboundingJoyMinistry.com)