



ST. ANN

CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 17, 2023



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Pastor.....	Rev. Timothy S. Reid.....	704-523-4641 x222
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	Clare Beltran	704-523-4641 x231
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Music	Terese Rowe	704-523-4641 x234
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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 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)
Monday, December 18	7:00am Intentions of Mary Ann McKenna <i>by David and Debbie Walsh</i>	7:00 pm Fraternus (Gym, café)
Tuesday, December 19	7:00 am + Eleanor Wade <i>by the Corbly family</i>	8:00 am Adoration begins (Church) 6:00 pm Interfaith Basketball (Gym) 6:30 pm Young Adult Holy Hour (CH) 7:00 pm St. Joseph Prayer Group (Library)
Wednesday, December 20	6:00 pm Latin Mass Intentions of Hold and Deborah Fouchee <i>by the family</i>	<i>Adoration continues in the Church</i> 7:45 am Homeschool High School (CL 1-4, library) 5:00 pm Holy Hour (Church) 7:00 pm Handmaidens (Café)
Thursday, December 21	7:00 am Intentions of Sara Nobers <i>by the family</i> 9:00 am Holy Trinity Middle School	10:00 am Catholic Scripture Study (Classroom 3) 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 22	7:00 am Latin Mass + Josie Sanctis <i>by Mike Fitzgerald</i> 8:30 am + Gregory Alia <i>by the Corbly family</i>	8:00 am School Rosary (Church) 9:30 am Conference Room 6:00 pm Interfaith Basketball (Gym)
Saturday, December 23	8:00 am Pro Life Mass 4:30 pm Intentions of our Parish	8:00 am Church Cleaning 12:30 pm Catholic Charities Refugee Party (Café) 2:00 pm Baptism (Church) 3:00 pm Confessions (Church)
Sunday, December 24	8:00 am + Abbey Lejk <i>by the Martin family</i> 10:30 am Intentions of Gabriella Benson <i>by the family</i> 12:30 pm Latin Mass Intentions of William Nobers <i>by the family</i> 4:30 pm + Abigail Fleming <i>by the Orso family</i> 6:30 pm Intentions of the Kaufmann family <i>by Mike and Joan Makalca</i>	



Dear Parishioners,

Today is *Gaudete Sunday*! Much like *Laetare Sunday* in Lent, *Gaudete Sunday* signals that we are drawing near to our Advent goal of Christmas! In recognition that the great feast of Christmas is drawing nigh, *Gaudete Sunday* has traditionally been set aside as a day of rejoicing and a lightening of penance. It's for this reason that the color rose, instead of the penitential violet, is generally worn in the liturgy on this day.

To be well prepared for our Lord's coming, please consider going to confession before Christmas if you haven't already done so. We have confession every Thursday from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. and every Saturday from 3 – 4 p.m. Many parishes offer confessions on other days during the week as well.

Looking ahead to next Sunday, please understand that, even though Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, you must still attend two Masses next weekend: one for your obligation for the 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time, and one to fulfill your obligation for Christmas. This may mean going to Mass twice on the same day!

Our Sunday Mass schedule and our Christmas Mass schedule will follow our normal patterns. This means that you'll need to go to one Mass in each of the groupings below:

4th Sunday of Advent

Christmas

Saturday, 23 Dec.
4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, 24 Dec.
8 a.m. Mass

Sunday, 24 Dec.
4:30 p.m. Mass

Monday, 25 Dec.
Midnight Mass

10:30 a.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Mass

9 a.m. Mass

12:30 p.m. Mass

In joyful anticipation of Christmas,

Fr. Reid

Fr. Reid

Fr. Reid's homilies (audio & PDF) & the bulletins are posted on the website: www.StAnnCharlotte.org

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.

Your Stewardship of Treasure*929 registered families*

<u>Collection Date</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
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)
November 26	23,051.75	24,892.30	(1,840.55)
YTD July 01, 2023-November 26, 2023			
	\$ 511,454.40	\$545,651.04	\$ (34,196.64)

Priest Retirement Assessment:	\$37,409.00
Received:	25,180.33
Balance Due:	12,228.67

—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!*

**DIOCESAN
SUPPORT
APPEAL 2023**
to **SERVE** *is to* **LOVE**
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
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life

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is coming to St. Mark!
January 10, 6:30 pm



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CHRIS STEFANICK

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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.

HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES

For Sunday, December 24th

Noon, December 14

For Sunday, December 31st

Noon, December 21

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

33 Hours of Adoration
Tuesdays 8 am -
Wednesdays 5 pm
in the Church
Contact
Cecilia Balman at
(704) 618-7648



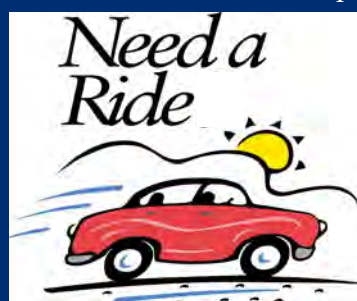
Adorers: share your contact information with those who adore during your Adoration Hour.

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+



Donated by the Lejk family

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.

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> Newcomers are Welcome! If you have questions please contact Patti Cucci at mwoj.stann@gmail.com

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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. **Classes** will start back on **January 7th**. For additional information or questions, contact Virginia Blatchford at 704 523 4641 ext. 231 or Vlbatchford@redoc.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. We resume our classes 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

Students resume classes 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@redoc.org

Deacon and Dogma will resume on January 7th. The class schedule for the new year is: January 7th and 28th, February 4th and 25th, March 3rd and 17th, and April 14th and 21st. We meet in the Café at the Allen Center. This is a great time to share your faith with fellow Catholics in a discussion led by Deacon Peter Tonon.

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!



**OPENLIGHT
MEDIA**

You will find virtue training and fun videos for the family. **Manners Monday** is a favorite series. The kids love 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!

St Ann Young Adult Swing Dance Group



Free Swing Dance Lessons

Thursdays | 7-9pm | St Ann Gym
@CarolinaSwingDance23@gmail.com

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.

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar

December 17	Third Sunday of Advent - 1 st class
December 18	Feria of Advent - 3 rd class
December 19	Feria of Advent - 3 rd class
December 20	Feria of Advent - 3 rd class
December 21	St. Thomas –1st class
December 22	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini - 3 rd class
December 23	Feria of Advent - 3 rd class
December 24	Fourth 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

Next event: December 26

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

HOLY HOUR
Happy

HOLY HOUR AT ST. ANN'S • 6:30-7:30PM

Happy Hour at Selwyn Ave Pub • 7:45PM



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.

Prayer cards of our Statues

are available in the North Vestibule.
A donation of \$0.50 per card.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

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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

**COME AND BE HEALED****A Bilingual WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Come to me all who are weary and heavy burdened and I will give you rest. Matthew- 11:28

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024 8AM-3PM

ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH PARISH CENTER

To register go to www.healedandrestored.org

EVENT DESCRIPTION

Come and join us for a full day of inspiring talks, fellowship, praise and worship music, confession, and so much more! Breakfast and lunch are included with the registration fee of \$20. Inspirational talks by Christine Wisdom, Carloryn Franks.

Featured talk by Elza Speedy: "Renewing the Heart: Replacing the Devil's Lies with God's Truth and Mercy."

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)