



December 3, 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 3	8:00 am + Gordon Reid <i>by Fr. Reid</i> 10:30 am Intentions of our Parish 12:30 pm Latin Mass Intentions of John Lauer <i>by the family</i>	Sisters of St. Elizabeth Convent Visit 9:00 am Legion of Mary (Classroom 3) Teen Apologetics (Classrooms 1&2) 1:30 pm Library in use 2:00 pm Baptism (Church)
Monday, December 4	7:00 am + Charles McDonough <i>by the family</i>	2:45 pm Rosary Club (Hall by CL 1&2) 6:30 pm Advent Women's Retreat (Ch, cry, kit) 7:00 pm Fraternus (Gym, café) RCIA (Classrooms 1&2)
Tuesday, December 5	7:00 am + Josie Sanctis <i>by St. Ann Staff</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 6	6:00 pm Latin Mass Intentions of Ava Shayeghi <i>by the family</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) 7:15 pm Flower Girl Rehearsal (Church)
Thursday, December 7	7:00 am Intentions of Sean Murphy <i>by Judy Murphy</i> 9:00 am Holy Trinity Middle School	10:00 am Catholic Scripture Study (Classroom 3) 4:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal (CH) 5:30 pm Confessions (Church) 6:00 pm St. Ann Christmas Party (Gym, café) 7:00 pm Young Adult Ballroom Dancing (Gym) Great Adventure Bible Study (Class 1&2) Finance Council Meeting (Conference room)
Friday, December 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	7:00 am Latin Mass + Ronald Auth <i>by Les and Karen Auth</i> 12:00 pm + Esther Rayano <i>by the family</i> 6:00 pm Hannah Grace Davis <i>by Christopher Hall</i>	OFFICE CLOSED—NO SCHOOL 3:00 pm Wedding (Church) 6:00 pm Interfaith Basketball (Gym)
Saturday, December 9	6:30 am Rorate Mass 4:30 pm + Deceased Members of the Salvemini family	8:00 am Carmelites (All rooms) 2:00 pm Baptism (Church) 3:00 pm Confessions (Church) Interfaith Basketball (Gym)
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)



Dear Parishioners,

I am grateful to the many of you who are praying the Novena in preparation for the dedication of our parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which we will celebrate on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This is something we've been doing for several years now, and it's something that I believe brings great graces to our parish. Along with praying the novena prayer below, I ask you to consider fasting from something you enjoy (as you would during Lent). Our Novena Prayer is as follows:

O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially that our parish may be consecrated to your Immaculate Heart. We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust to your gentle

care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever. Amen.

Friday, December 8th is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, and it is a holy day of obligation. We will have Masses at 7am (Latin), 12noon (English Novus Ordo), and 6pm (English Novus Ordo). There will be no 8:30am Mass. I will be consecrating our parish to Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 6pm Mass. Please be sure to join us!

This coming Saturday, 09 December 2023, we will have our annual **Rorate Mass** at 6:30 a.m. This votive Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary takes its name from the first words of the Introit: "*Rorate coeli, desuper et nubes pluant justum,*" which is translated: "Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down the Just." What is special about this Mass is that it is celebrated early in the morning using only candlelight, a reminder that the world was in darkness before the coming of the True Light of the World, Jesus Christ. As the Mass is offered, and the dawn begins to break, the Church – through the prayers of this Mass – expresses her deep longing for the coming of the Messiah in the darkness of our fallen world. It is thus a Mass that is so wonderfully suited to the Advent theme of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Christ Child.

I realize that 6:30 a.m. on a Saturday is a bit early, but I promise that this Mass will be worth getting up for! So please come and join us as we anticipate the dawning of the Son of God at Christmas.

Lastly, we still have not met our **Diocesan Support Appeal Goal (DSA)** for this year. We are about \$20,000 short of our assessment. If you haven't made a donation to the DSA yet, now is a great time to do so. And please consider giving generously to the **5-Year Plan** as you plan your end-of-year giving. We still have a debt to pay off for renovations on the Allen Center and a mortgage on the rectory. Thanks for your generosity!

In hopeful expectation of our Lord's coming,

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
YTD July 01, 2023-November 12, 2023	\$ 465,324.43	\$496,046.40	\$ (30,721.97)
Priest Retirement Assessment:		\$37,409.00	
Received:		20,922.13	
Balance Due:		16,486.87	

—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!*

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to **SERVE** is to **LOVE**

DSA 2023:

Goal:	\$ 134,991.59
Pledged:	122,268.83
Received:	111,203.43
Over/Under Goal Pledges:	(12,722.76)
Pledge Balance:	11,065.40
Assessment Balance:	23,788.16
Families that Pledged:	170
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

Advent Retreat with Father Reid

*A Reflection on Hope
for Women*



Monday,
December 4, 2023
6:30-9:00 p.m.
St. Ann Church

Evening will include:
Door Prizes!
Tea and Refreshments
Talk by Father
Holy Hour/Homily

Questions/RSVP to:
STANNHSMRETREAT@gmail.com



There will be a basket available to collect donations toward a stipend for Father.
Please bring cash/check if you wish to contribute (optional).
Please spread the word and invite your friends!

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.



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



HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES

For Sunday, December 10th

Noon, December 4

For Sunday, December 17th

Noon, December 8

For Sunday, December 24th

Noon, December 14

For Sunday, December 31st

Noon, December 21

A big thank you to all the folks who helped at our Fall Service Day. We were able to get a lot accomplished and all the hard work was much appreciated. Also, thank you to the Men's Club for providing lunch for the volunteers!

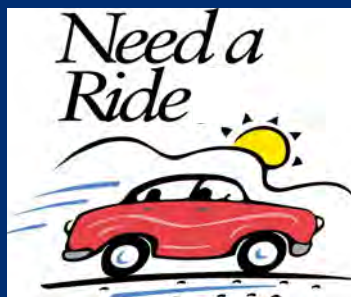
Save the Date! Our church cleaning date has been set for Saturday December 16th, 8:00 – 12:00. Please contact Chris Brunhuber if you would like to help or have any questions: Ccb2691@icloud.com

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.

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.

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. Please see the parish website for the formation calendar. For additional information or questions, contact Virginia Blatchford at 704 523 4641 ext. 231 or Vlbatchford@rcdoc.org

Teen Apologetics class sessions run from 9:00-10:10 am in classroom 2 in the Allen Center. We follow the same calendar as the Faith Formation students. We are currently working on **Apologetics, the Catholic Argument, and Natural Law**. This class is open to all students who have been confirmed.



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.

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.

Confirmation

Our confirmation classes run from 9:00am to 10:10am on Sunday mornings. **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!



Please considering joining us in our Rock Hill home to grow in faith and fellowship as we host the "The Light of Grace" Advent Bible Study. We will gather on Tuesday evenings starting November 28th (last session December 19th). Feel free to start arriving at 7 pm and the program will start around 7:15. If you have any questions, call or text Tammy Fischer (704.287.2319) or Ron Fischer (704.965.1815). If you wish to purchase a study guide, it can found at

The Light Of Grace - Advent Bible Study:
Student Guide Booklet : Creative Communications - Catholic

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 3	First Sunday of Advent - 1 st class
December 4	St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor - 3 rd class
December 5	Feria of Advent - 3 rd class
December 6	St. Nicholas, Bishop & Confessor - 3 rd class
December 7	St. Ambrose, Bishop Confessor & Doctor - 3 rd class; Jesus Christ the High Priest - 3 rd class
December 8	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 1 st class
December 9	Feria of Advent - 3 rd class
December 10	Second 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

WEDDING BANNERS

III: Alisha Parker—Allen Severson
8 December 2023
St. Ann Church

**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

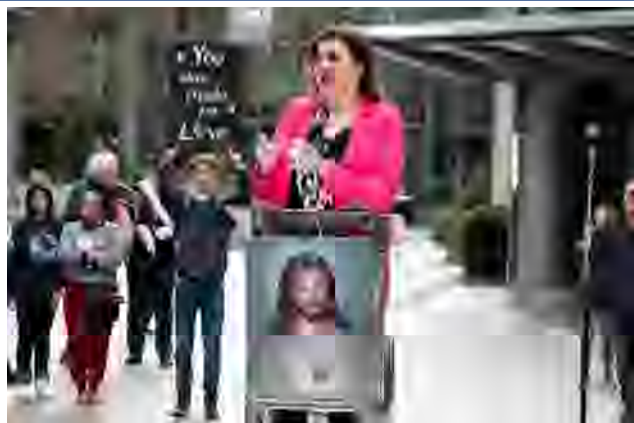
**Do You Like To Pray?
Are you in need of prayer?**

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 stannprayers@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, NC. 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 at www.marchforlifeforlfecharlotte.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.



DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS!

We will have a visiting sister
from the Convent
of St. Elisabeth
(Minsk, Belarus) on

December 2nd and 3rd

The Sisterhood of St. Elisabeth
was founded in 1996 and was named
in honour of the Holy Martyr and Grand
Princess Saint Elisabeth.



The Sisterhood of St. Elisabeth
takes care of children and adults
with mental and physical
disabilities in boarding homes
and patients of the National
Psychiatric Hospital.



Sisters offer love and spiritual
help to the sick and work hard to
improve the living conditions for
the children suffering from
Down's syndrome, birth traumas
and cerebral palsy.



They also help ex-prisoners,
drug and alcohol addicts at
rehabilitation center established
for this purpose.



**PLEASE TAKE
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to support beautiful work
and mission of the sisters by
purchasing the items of devotion.**

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Sisters brought with them
beautiful religious handcrafts
made in the workshops of the
Convent.



Handcrafts are available after
Masses in our church.
The goods at display:

- church vestments;
- icons;
- crosses;
- rosaries;
- other religious items;
- souvenirs;
- Cds.

