

First Sunday of Advent



November 27, 2011



Saturday, November 26:

4:30pm—Confessions

5:30pm—Mass

Sunday, November 27:

8:30am—Mass—RCIA Dismissal

9:45am—RCIA, RCIA Rm

NO CLASSES for Pre-K-12th GRADES

11:30am—Mass

Monday, November 28:

9:00am—Mass

7:00pm—Adult/Catechist Formation, RCIA Rm.

Tuesday, November 29:

9:00am—Mass

6:30pm—Girl Scout/Boy Scout Meeting, Social Hall

Wednesday, November 30:

10:00am—Wandering Wednesday's, Music Rm.

5:30pm—Confessions

6:00pm—Rosary

6:30pm—Mass

7:00pm—Exposition

7:25pm—Benediction

7:30pm—Women of Charity, Angels Haven

Thursday, December 1:

9:00am—Mass

9:00am—Holy Stitchers, RCIA Rm.

7:00pm—Choir Practice, Church

7:30pm—Knights of Columbus Meeting, RCIA Rm.

Friday, December 2:

6:30am—Mass

10:30am—50+ Club Meeting, Social Hall

12:00pm—Mass

3:00pm—Deacon's Den open

Saturday, December 3:

4:30pm—Confessions

5:30pm—Mass

Women of Charity fundraiser after all Masses, G.A.

Sunday, December 4:

8:30am—Mass

9:45am—Adult/RCIA/Cat. Formation with Deacon Pat, "Sacrament of Matrimony", RCIA Rm

9:45am—K-5th Grade Classes, Classrooms

9:45am—Reader Training, Church

11:30am—Mass—RCIA Dismissal

1:00pm—Children's Christmas Eve Practice, Church

6:00pm—6th-12th Grade Classes, Classrooms

For the Week of November 26-December 3, 2011

Saturday 5:30pm All Souls

Sunday 8:30am All Souls

11:30am People of Good Shepherd Parish

Monday 9:00am All Souls

Tuesday 9:00am All Souls

Wednesday 6:30pm All Souls

Thursday 9:00am Intention of the donor

Friday 6:30am Vocations

12:00pm + Mary Strathern

Saturday 5:30pm People of Good Shepherd Parish



Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Offertory, Share Sunday and Social Hall Building fund will be placed in next weekends bulletin.

- Thank you for your continued support of our Parish and its mission to serve the people of God -

Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.

(Mark 13:33-37).



Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5-8

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Would you like to be informed of critical community alerts and severe weather? Cumberland County has a new mass notification system for severe weather notifications, emergency situations, or critical community alerts. This is a two part service; Code Red Mass notification, to alert you of emergency information, evacuations, and so forth. Code Red Weather Warning is activated through the National Weather Service and will call the numbers you provide in the event of any severe weather warning to include tornados or severe thunderstorm warnings. Please take a few minutes and sign up for this free service provided by the county. Visit the Cumberland County website at www.co.cumberland.nc.us and click on the Code Red icon in the upper right hand corner.



Altar Flowers this weekend are given for the greater glory of God and in **Loving Memory of President John F. Kennedy**, given by **Joe Bierkorte**.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF CATECHESIS



THANKSGIVING BREAK FOR CLASSES -

There will not be any catechetical classes this Sunday, Nov. 27th. Classes will RESUME THE NORMAL SCHEDULE next SUNDAY, DEC. 4TH.

WHY DOES THE CHURCH INSIST MARRIAGE IS A SACRAMENT? --

Deacon Pat will answer that question, plus others you may have about marriage during his presentation, "Sacrament of Matrimony," next Sunday, Dec. 4th in the RCIA Room, 9:45-11 am.

Child care will be available for adults who wish to attend the session.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN PREPARING FOR 1ST RECONCILIATION -

Next Sunday, Dec. 4th is a combined class of parents and children for the "Reconciliation Game With Parents." If your child is preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please make every effort to participate in this fun activity designed to help parents prepare their children to celebrate the sacrament.

Parents will meet in the Youth Room downstairs at 9:45 am.



ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR CATECHETICAL CLASSES? --

Joe Bierkorte, the head of the Catechetical Advisory Board, will be in the Gathering Area after all the Masses on Dec. 3d/4th, to receive any suggestions/comments concerning the catechetical needs of the parish. If you would like a presentation or class on a specific topic to be offered, Joe's the man to see. If you have a concern about any of the classes for the children and youth, Joe's the man to see. We truly want to hear your suggestions as to how the catechetical ministry can be improved. If you like something that is being done, we would like to hear that too.

Youth News

Service Hours

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

CANDIDATES -- How are you doing with your service hours? The month of December will provide several opportunities for you to participate in service projects that will bring a smile to others and maybe even yourselves! Miss Ann

or Mr. Terry can give you the details - ann3989@yahoo.com or terryandkaren@hughes.net.

Join other Diocesan youth for a Pro Life Rally for High Schoolers on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at Cathedral School parking lot in Raleigh. For more information, please contact the H.S. Youth Ministers, Ann Provencher or Terry Estep.

IT'S COMING!! The biggest Christmas raffle ever sponsored by the Women of Charity! Look for those items you hope to win the weekend of December 3rd and 4th. Your generous support will help bring Christmas joy to the less fortunate in our community.

Women of Charity Christmas Raffle



Respect Life News

On Friday's at 10:00am, and the second and fourth Saturday's at 10:30am, join us to pray for an end to abortion. Location: Planned Parenthood on Yadkin Road across from Walmart on Skibo Road in Fayetteville. Parking is available in the Walgreen's parking lot. Any questions, call Joanna Odom at 677-0147.

Spiritual Adoption Prayer for your unborn Baby

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of [baby's name], the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

Week 32 for your Spiritually Adopted Baby

Layers of fat are growing under my skin to make my skin soft and smooth!

It's not too late to come and put your acting and singing talents to use for our

Family Christmas Mass Play. If you would like to be part of our Family Christmas Eve Mass on December 24th at 6:00pm, please join us next Sunday, December 4 at 1:00pm in the Church.



"Christmas Share Tree"

Each year our church adopts several families from the ALMS House, St. Isidore and the community. Our Christmas Share Tree is available in the Gathering Area with ornaments. Please take an ornament and return the gift with the ornament attached by the

date specified.

We look forward to your help during this time of need. Thank you and may God Bless You. Nick Foti and Deacon Nay.

Come on out and join the Holy Stitches this Thursday, Dec. 1 at 9:00am in the RCIA Rm. Hope you are able to join us!!



Liturgical Minister Training & Refresher Classes—

Every aspect of the Mass is important. Please consider being a part of it by becoming a Reader. Our Reader training is next Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 9:45am in the Church.

A sign up sheet for December's training is available on the kitchen airlock bulletin board. Please sign up for the session if you will be attending. Any questions, please call Paulette Munson at (910) 424-2533.

Once trained, you may sign-up for that ministry on the next month's schedule located on the kitchen airlock bulletin board.

This weekend, November 26/27, First Sunday of Advent, marks the beginning of the new Liturgical Year, Cycle B. With this, all Mass changes will be implemented. The new hymnals contain the new changes. If you are not comfortable with the larger book, the Mass of Renewal books will remain in the pews for a few more weeks.



We would like to express our heartfelt prayers and condolences to Kevin and Lisa Sullivan on the loss of Lisa's nephew, **Anthony Maza**. May the soul of **Anthony** rest in eternal peace with the risen Lord.

Advent Reconciliation Services

Advent Reconciliation Services in the Fayetteville Deanery
 November 29, 7:00pm—St. Ann, Fayetteville
 December 1, 7:00pm—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fayetteville
 December 9, 7:00pm—St. Isidore's, Stedman
December 13, 7:00pm—Good Shepherd, Hope Mills
 December 14, 7:00pm—St. Patrick's, Fayetteville
 December 15, 7:00pm—St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Raeford
 December 20, 7:00pm—St. Anthony of Padua, Southern Pines

News from the Knights of Columbus

The Grand Knight and All Knights of Columbus would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to Jeanette Hubbard, Frank Hogan, Al Grupy, Joe Bailer, Middle School Youth, Girl Scouts and all who donated food to help feed the less fortunate. They were able to provide over 25 food baskets. Thanks to all of you, they are able to have a great start for baskets for Christmas as well. They are still accepting donations of non-perishable items. Be sure to drop them in one of the boxes by the doors. Thank you.



Advent

Advent (ad-venio in Latin or "to come to") begins the Church year and consists of the four Sundays before Christmas. The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. Advent devotions remind us of the meaning of the season. Special Advent Devotions: the lighting of the Advent wreath each Sunday during Advent; the Advent calendar helps remind us of the season with daily thoughts and activities; Advent prayers prepare us spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.



Dedication of the new hymnals are still available. If you would still like to donate a hymnal "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" a loved one or friend, please call Janice Scott in the Office at 425-1590.

Advent Wreath

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE PRAYERS AT MASS?

At Masses today, Catholic parishes in the United States are for the first time in about forty years using a new English translation of all the prayers. These prayers are found in *The Roman Missal*, the large book that we are accustomed to seeing the priest use at our Eucharistic liturgies. In the early part of this century, the late Blessed Pope John Paul II called for the original Latin Missal (the official prayer book for Mass for the entire Catholic Church worldwide) to be re-translated into the various languages prayed throughout the world. In particular, he and other Church leaders felt that the English translation could be improved. He called for new translations that would be much more like the Latin texts upon which they are based, so that all Catholics throughout the world would become more closely united by praying translations that were closer to the original. The words that we pray at Mass express our beliefs; it is important that the translations capture and express these beliefs clearly. The translation process has come to a culmination now, and today we begin using this new translation at Mass.

Advent Prayers

Advent prayers call to mind our preparation for the Lord's coming on Christmas and His second coming at the end of the world. The Advent theme of preparing one spiritually requires special Advent prayers focused on waiting, watching, and hoping for the Lord's coming. Many Advent prayer books include daily prayers, while others involve the writings of popular Catholics including Pope John Paul II or Fulton Sheen. Other prayers are meant specifically to be said along with an Advent wreath.

News Around the Community

9th Annual Chocolate Affair to Remember...

Catholic Charities announces their annual Chocolate Affair to be held on January 28, 2012 from 7-10pm at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux in Fayetteville.

The fundraiser is held annually to benefit Catholic Charities of Fayetteville, providing services to thousands in need of emergency assistance, counseling, family support and social ministry with parishes across the deanery.

Tickets will be available in the Gathering Area the weekend of Dec. 10/11 for \$35.00. For more information, contact Nick Foti, 425-1535.

News Around the Diocese

Cathedral Corner

Campaign leadership explained after a meeting on October 14, that parishes will be invited to participate in the Cathedral campaign in one of two calendar blocs; Nov. 2011-June 2012 or July-Dec. 2012. The Fayetteville deanery will participate in the July-Dec. 2012 bloc.

Each parish will have a Total Campaign Goal that will include its portion of the Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) for 2012 and a portion for the "**Our Cathedral: One Faith, One People**" campaign. The BAA for Good Shepherd for 2012 will not begin until July 2012 along with the Cathedral Campaign.

Additional information on the Cathedral may be found on the diocesan website at www.dioceseofraleigh.org or at www.holynamecathedralinc.org