

**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC
CHURCH**
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022



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Office Hours (horarios del oficina)

Monday (lunes): 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Tuesday (martes): 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM [Bilingual]

Wednesday (miércoles): 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM [Bilingual]

closed from (cerrado de) 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Thursday (jueves): 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

closed from (cerrado de) 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM

2:00 PM - 5:30 PM [Bilingual]

CLOSED (CERRADO): Friday (viernes), Saturday (sábado) and (y) Sunday (domingo)

MASS TIMES (HORARIOS DE MISA)

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (miercoles, jueves y viernes): 12:00 PM

Saturday (sábado): 5:00 PM [English]

Sunday (domingo): 9:30 AM [English]
7:30 AM y 11:30 AM [Español]

CONFESION (CONFESIÓN)

Confession is every **Saturday** from **3:00 PM - 4:30 PM**, or by appointment with the Priest.

La confesión es todos los sábados de 3:00 PM a 4:30 PM, o con cita previa con el sacerdote.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

***1st Reading:** Is 7:10-14 ***Ps** 24:1-2,3-4,5-6

***2nd Reading:** Rom 1:1-7

***Gospel** Mt 1:18-24

Gospel Reflection

Today we get to look at 2 stories of faith in the Davidic line. Both call for faith and courage, of being willing not just to believe in God, but to trust in him as well. Ahaz who fails the test of asking God for the absurd, a sign, anything that he wants at the request of the Prophet Isaiah with horrible consequences for him and his people. And Joseph who although his decision flew in the face of his normal thought process and society, trusted God, and fulfilled his essential role in salvation history, even though the reasons given were more absurd than those presented to Ahaz. Now we have to look into ourselves and make a decision, are we going to trust God, or are we going to trust secular wisdom, or our friends or ourselves? Are we willing to make the decision to trust God every single day of our lives?

CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Reflexión del Evangelio

Hoy podemos ver 2 historias de fe en la línea davídica. Ambos piden fe y valentía, de estar dispuestos no solo a creer en Dios, sino también a confiar en él. Acaz que falla la prueba de pedirle a Dios lo absurdo, una señal, cualquier cosa que quiera a petición del profeta Isaías con horribles consecuencias para él y su pueblo. Y José, quien aunque su decisión iba en contra de su proceso de pensamiento normal y de la sociedad, confió en Dios y cumplió su papel esencial en la historia de la salvación, a pesar de que las razones dadas eran más absurdas que las presentadas a Acaz. Ahora tenemos que mirarnos a nosotros mismos y tomar una decisión, ¿vamos a confiar en Dios, o vamos a confiar en la sabiduría secular, o en nuestros amigos o en nosotros mismos? ¿Estamos dispuestos a tomar la decisión de confiar en Dios todos los días de nuestras vidas?

LITURGY OF THE WEEKEND

17 SAT Mass 5:00 PM: (+Deceased family members of Guadencia Sanchez)

18 SUN: Misa 7:30 AM:

(+miembros difuntos de la familia de Lucia Verales)

Mass 9:30 AM: (+deceased family members of Verula Diaz Sanchez)

Misa 11:30 AM: (+miembros difuntos de la familia Lidia Flores Capote)

Presentacion de bebe Omar Isaias Diaz Perez



LITURGY AND READINGS OF THE WEEK

19 MON: Advent Weekday

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17
*Lk 1:5-25

20 TUE: Advent Weekday

Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
*Lk 1:26-38

21 WED: Saint Peter Canisius (priest & doctor of the Church)

Song of Songs 2:8-14 Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
*Lk 1:39-45
(+Deceased family members Julio Garcia)

22 THU: Advent Weekday

(+Deceased Family Members of Victoria Aguilar)
1 Sm 1:24-28 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd
*Lk 1:46-56

23 FRI: Saint John of Kanty (priest)

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14 *Lk 1:57-66
(+Deceased Family Members of Luz & Sergio Jimenez)

24 SAT: Advent Weekday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29
*Lk 1:67-79

SFDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Please mark your calendars and make time to attend this year's Family Christmas Program on December 24, 2022 at 4:00 pm (before the Christmas Eve Mass). Mrs. Lorna Kruetzer was gracious enough to take the lead this year and work with the children of our Youth Faith Formation and the 9:30 Choir to put on a very special program for the whole family. Following the Christmas Program, Mr. Greg Malinski and Katie Herrington, along with his granddaughter Kayla, will preform classic carols for the entire parish to enjoy and sing along with.



PARISH FINANCIAL RECORD:

*Third Sunday of Advent
(December 10/11, 2022)*

1st Collection: \$ 1983.00

2nd Collection: \$ 746.00

Total: \$ 2729.00

[Last Year: \$ 4628.50]

Immaculate Conception (Dec 8, 2022) - \$ 1487.38

Last year \$ 1493.00

We thank you all for your contributions. Please, remember to send your offertory envelope weekly or monthly or give online.

Les agradecemos a todos por sus contribuciones. Por favor, recuerde enviar su sobre de ofertorio semanal o mensualmente o dar en línea

<http://www.stfrancisdesalescatholic.org/online-giving.html>

Last Week's Special Collection

Religious give thanks!

A sister writes, "We remember the many people who believe in the Retirement Fund for Religious, thanking them in prayer for their great generosity and compassion." God Bless you for donating to last week's second collection. Visit www.retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly brothers, sisters, and religious order priests.



Colección especial de la semana pasada

Los religiosos dan gracias!

Una hermana escribe: "Recordamos a las muchas personas que creen en el Fondo de Jubilación para Religiosos, agradeciéndoles en oración por su gran generosidad y compasión". Dios los bendiga por donar a la segunda colecta de la semana pasada. Visite www.retiredreligious.org para saber cómo su donación apoya a los hermanos, hermanas y sacerdotes de órdenes religiosas mayores.



Due to the holiday season, the Social Ministry Team turned in donations a little bit early. If more donations are collected, they will also be turned in and added to December's total count, however, as of right now, a total of **407 lbs** was turned in! Thank you SO much for your donations, especially during these difficult times. As a reminder, there are boxes by the main entrance and Gift Shop entrance of our Church where you can place any items you would like to donate.



Debido a la temporada navideña, el Equipo de Ministerio Social entregó las donaciones un poco antes. Si se recolectan más donaciones, también se entregarán y se agregarán al conteo total de diciembre; sin embargo, a partir de ahora, se entregarán un total de **407 libras!** Muchas gracias por sus donaciones, especialmente durante estos tiempos difíciles. Como recordatorio, hay cajas en la entrada principal y en la entrada de la tienda de regalos de nuestra iglesia donde puede colocar cualquier artículo que desee donar.



Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners
(Se solicitan sus oraciones para la siguiente lista de feligreses):

Tony Blackwell, Alane Walters, David & Rhonda Martin, Sandra Rodríguez, Noelia Powell, Dr. Jerry Devine, Renete Cortez, Lupita Flores Castellano, Fabien, Janet Hester, Mitchell Pittman, Joseph & Shelby Young, The Brown Family (Erin, Adam, Marion, Delano), Cathy Cartrette and Doris Schneider

Sick and Homebound: Victor & Claire Dorais, Robert Barnhill, Robin Barnhill, Richard Geibert, Judy Whritenou, Lydia Yarborough, Carolyn & Richard Onorato, Howard & Nellie Canady, Josette Terry, Tom Divine, Gladys Ortiz, Peggy Malinsky and Lorraine Sinclair, Tom Jacoby, Jan Henderson, Antonio Lorenzo

Nursing Homes: Mary Hammonds and Therese Morel at Wesley Pines

Recently Departed (Recientemente Fallecido):

Tom Devine, Molly Chicelli



The Lost & Found shelves in front of Deacon Pat's Office are overflowing! If you left or forgot something while on Church grounds, please go by and check the shelves. It's more than likely waiting for you! ¡Los estantes de objetos perdidos y encontrados frente a la oficina del diácono Pat están desbordados! Si dejó u olvidó algo mientras estaba en los terrenos de la Iglesia, pase y revise los estantes. ¡Es más que probable que te esté esperando!

Youth Faith Formation wishes all families and students a safe and blessed Christmas. There is NO FAITH FORMATION or CHILDREN's LITURGY at the 9:30 Mass on Dec 18, Dec 25 or Jan 1. Classes and Children's Liturgy will resume on January 8, 2023.

We do ask parents to make time to share the richness of our Catholic Faith with their children.

There are several good movies, reflections, documentaries, and even cartoons available on FORMED...plan for a movie night and prepare and enjoy the coming of Christ Jesus! Or visit the below website for lots of family ideas!

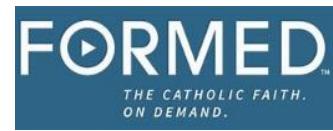
<https://www.catholicicing.com/advent-and-christmas-with-kid/>



to everyone celebrating their birthday this week! (¡Feliz cumpleaños a todos ustedes que celebran sus cumpleaños esta semana!)

December 18-24

Olivia Arokiasamy, Marion Brown, Kimberley Mesino Nieves, Chris Pittman, Celso Valdez, Norma Villanueva, Fredy Yepez, Demetrio Chavez-Ortiz, Frank Kabiri



Parish Access to Formed.org SFDS has purchased a subscription to www.formed.org, making it available and free to the whole Parish. Simply go to the site, search our Church and then create your login. Reach out to the office if you have any problems, and Happy Streaming!

Acceso parroquial a Formed.org SFDS ha comprado una suscripción a www.formed.org, haciéndola disponible y gratuita para toda la parroquia. Simplemente vaya al sitio, busque en nuestra Iglesia y luego cree su nombre de usuario. Comuníquese con la oficina si tiene algún problema y ¡Feliz transmisión!



New Year's Retreat: Rebuilding Your Temple. Begin the New Year with an answer to the question: What does it really mean to be a temple of the Holy Spirit? Let Franciscan Friar Peter Tremblay lead you on a journey of discovery, beginning with God's original temple plan in creation to the true temple food in the Eucharist. In addition to powerful preaching, there'll be Mass, confession, Matins, Vespers, and Adoration. Plus time to simply reflect upon the New Year, enjoy the gas logs in our lounge, or explore the beautiful grounds of the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC. Two nights, December 30-January 1. As a special treat, the retreat includes a New Year's Eve banquet and traditional festivities. Last year's sold out, so register now at www.catholicconference.org/new-years. For more information email info@catholicconference.org or call 828.327.7441.

Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreat



If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love and mercy of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat January 6-8, 2023. The weekend retreat is strictly confidential for both women and men and includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or to register for the retreat, go to website Project Rachel (www.rachelinc.org) and/or email project.rachel@raldioc.org or call (919) 852-1021. The cost is \$200.00 for lodging, meals, and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available.



Pro-Life Events

- Diocesan Mass for Life and NC March for Life
Saturday, 14 January 2023
- Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral
10:30 Bilingual Rosary
11:00 Mass for Life with Bishop Zarama
- Halifax Mall, Downtown Raleigh, Bring your church and group banners!
12:30 Band starts, followed by Youth Rally and speakers with Benediction from Bishop Zarama
2:30 March begins
- North Carolina Mass for Life in DC
20 January 2023
11:30 am Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

National March for Life

Join the diocese at the Navy Memorial at 2:00 pm to march together

Understand Your Catholic Faith with
The Catechism in a Year Podcast
with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

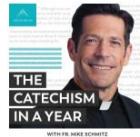
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Martin Luther King Jr. Day

ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE LEGACY OF DR.
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Monday, January 16, 2023 - 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM
Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral

Join the Diocesan celebration at the Annual Mass commemorating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. promoting justice for social issues. Event is open to the public.

Celebrant: Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama
Homilist: Reverend Carl Gales, SVD, Archdiocese of Chicago

Please bring disposable diapers, in the original, unopened packaging for the service project benefitting Catholic Charities.

