

**Saturday- December 21 Memorial of St. Peter Canisius**

4:00 p.m. Confessions  
 4:30 p.m. Rosary  
 5:00 p.m. Mass †Dan Willers r/b Kathy & Walt Auman

**Sunday- December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:30 a.m. Mass †Mary Dorothy r/b Christopher Bauer  
 10:15 a.m. Coffee & Donuts  
**NO FAITH FORMATION**  
 12:15 p.m. Spanish Mass Pro Populo

**Monday- December 23 Memorial of St. John of Kanty**

8:00 a.m. Rosary  
 8:30 a.m. Mass †Shirley Payseur r/b Felix & Margie Zyra

**Tuesday- December 24 Advent Weekday; Christmas Eve**

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass †Irene & James Sullinger r/b Don & Nancy Barker

**Wednesday- December 25 Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord**

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass †Done Espina r/b Karen & Bill Peak  
 11:00 a.m. Mass †Ted Kupsick r/b Phyllis Kupsick & Theresa Long

**Thursday- December 26 Feast of St. Stephen**

8:00 a.m. Rosary  
 8:30 a.m. Mass †Bill Wentzel r/b Judy Wentzel  
 6:00 p.m. Al-Anon

**Friday- December 27 Feast of St. John**

8:00 a.m. Rosary  
 8:30 a.m. Mass †Michael Patrick Murphy r/b Family  
 9-10:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday- December 28 Feast of the Holy Innocents**

4:00 p.m. Confessions  
 4:30 p.m. Rosary  
 5:00 p.m. Mass †Dottie Stilwell r/b Richard & Donna Yorkovich

**Sunday- December 29 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph**

9:30 a.m. Mass †Renee Jordan r/b Geri Vaughn  
 10:15 a.m. Coffee & Donuts  
**NO FAITH FORMATION**  
 12:15 p.m. Spanish Mass Pro Populo

Red Rose by Mary: Knights of Columbus  
Flowers on the Altar: ADVENT  
Lily by Joseph: Dwan Hahn  
The Sanctuary Lamp: Mary Beth Staiano



Ramelle Staton, Ann Dortan,  
 Joan Storms, Lisa Deppe,  
 Walt Deppe, Rose Ann Maiden,  
 Theresa Long, Marian McCann,  
 Terri Random, John DeVane, James Bauer,  
 Donna Stevenson, Leah Ciampini,  
 Frankie Coley, Carol Fox, Sebastian LaJiness,  
 Spencer Rummage, Chelsea Spack,  
 Beth Lowery, Dan Huffman, Malachi Dennis,  
 Cassidy Stadler, Robert Mitchell, Carl Mogilka,  
 Roman Walz, Judy Misenheimer,  
 Janet Lavallee, John Forest, Joseph Forest Jr.,  
 Reed Huneycutt, David Whitman Jr.,  
 Donna Keith, Juanita Guessford,  
 Teofista Floyd, Ryan Park, Barbara Dawson,  
 Brandon Cole, Frank Jaimes, Gerald Miller,  
 Mary Christie, Lourdes Yarbrough

**Parish Family members in the military services:**

Will Welsh, Tyler Ostrander,  
 Hunter Osterhout, Steven Pressley,  
 Frank Sawicki, Rick Davis, Tim Roberts,  
 Cameron Crayton, Theresa Fox, John Tenney,  
 Ethan Matthew Grefrath, Tristan Huff,  
 Kyle Thompson, Ben Zona,  
 Joseph Monteleone, Christopher Lopez,  
 Jared Carrasco

If you know of any parishioner (or former parishioner) who is ill or in a care facility, would you please let Father know so he may visit them. Also, if you are planning to enter the hospital, please let Father know. Hospital patient records are not available to Father. Thank you and may God Bless you.

**Homebound:** Please notify the Parish office (704) 982-2910 if you or your spouse desire Holy Communion at home.

**Hospital visitations:** Please notify church office if you or your Catholic family member desires Anointing of the sick or Holy Communion in a hospital. The hospital does not notify us.

# Our Lady of the Annunciation Catholic Church

90 years a parish

Fourth Sunday of Advent

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Micah 5:1-4a  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

December 22, 2024

Responsorial Psalm: 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
 Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

**Sacrament of Baptism:** By appointment only**Sacrament of Marriage:** Please contact Pastor at least 6 months in advance.

**Confessions:** Saturday 4-4:45 p.m. &  
 Wednesday 6-6:20 p.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Every Wednesday & Friday**Pastor:** Very Reverend Peter Fitzgibbons VF**Faith Formation:** B. Storms**Chief of Staff:** L. Storms**Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule****Christmas Eve Mass**

5:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass

**Christmas Day Mass**

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass  
 11:00 a.m. Mass

**New Year's Eve Mass**

6:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

**New Year's Day Mass**

8:30 a.m. Mass  
 6:30 p.m. Mass

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**Carolina Catholic Corner Bookstore:** Open Sat-Sun.  
 After Mass & during office hours.



The parishioners of Our Lady of the Annunciation Church are happy to extend a warm welcome to the visitors who join us for Mass today. Please join us for coffee & donuts in the Family Life Center after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.  
"You are so loved by God"

## Office Hours

Office hours: Monday – Friday 7:30am – 1:30pm

**The office will be closed: December 24-26<sup>th</sup>, & January 1<sup>st</sup>**

## Altar Servers

Anyone wishing to serve on the altar please contact Carolyn Sain (704) 550-6933 (Cell). If you want to serve and need training, Carolyn will plan to meet with you after Mass.

## Readers

Readers for Christmas Masses: Vigil Mass: Sally Pleasant, Midnight Mass: Randy Stevens, & Christmas Day Mass: Kathleen Miller. Readers for: December 28<sup>th</sup> Vince Lombardo & December 29<sup>th</sup> Matt Bolen.  
**If you would like to be a reader, please call Liz Nichols (704) 474-5729.**

## Sermon Notes

Copies of last weekend's Sermon notes are at the entrance of the church.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is every Friday, 9-10am, except the first Friday of each month is 9-11am. Wednesdays, 7-8pm.

## Adoration

Through our regularity in prayer of adoration, we let God act in the soul, whatever the states of our souls! In parishes where continuous Eucharistic Adoration is organized, the parishioners who agree to commit themselves to a fixed hour of adoration every week, grow in faithfulness and attentiveness. Their commitment allows them not to be discouraged in moments of trial and spiritual dryness.

## Food Pantry

The Knights of Columbus are collecting items for the food pantry. You can leave your items in the entrance of the church under the bulletin board in the baskets. Monetary donations can be made out to the Knights of Columbus. Needed items: ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, pancake mix, pancake syrup, grits, oatmeal, salad dressings, tomato sauce & diced tomatoes. **74lbs.** of food were donated last week. **Please NO outdated food. Egg cartons are no longer needed.**

## Upcoming Faith Formation

**NO CLASSES: December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>**

**January: 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

**No Class January 19<sup>th</sup>**

**February: 2, 9, 16, & 23**

## EWTN

My Time with Jesus: Christmas Special: While decorating the Christmas creche, the children travel back in time with their imaginations to Jesus' birth, welcoming Him into their hearts, and learning about the tradition of the Nativity. December 23, 4:30pm, December 28, 10:30am.

On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica, marking the beginning of the 2025 Jubilee Year. But what is the Jubilee? The Vatican's website says: A year of forgiveness of sins and also the punishment due to sin, it is a year of reconciliation between adversaries, of conversion and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and consequently of solidarity, hope, justice, commitment to serve God with joy and in peace with our brothers and sisters. A Jubilee Year is above all the year of Christ, who brings life and grace to humanity.

## Community Christmas Dinner

If anyone is interested in receiving a Christmas meal, we (Annunciation) is hosting the annual Community Christmas Dinner drive thru on Christmas Day, from 11am-2pm. (Or until no meals are left). They will be handing out the meals in the downstairs parking lot.

## Book Study Group

The Book Study Group will meet Wednesdays from 3-4 p.m. in the conference room in the office. We plan to start The Mindful Catholic by Dr. Greg Bottaro. You may already have this book as it was one of the free books offered at the church. Everyone is invited to join us.

## Offertory Envelopes

If you missed picking up your offertory envelopes for 2025, please call Lori in the office to schedule a time to pick them up.

## 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory

Next Sunday, you will receive your book, "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory". Our parish will begin our new year mission by reading this book together, starting December 31<sup>st</sup>, and we will conclude with our consecration after each Mass, the weekend of February 1-2. For our Mission to be successful, I need each family to commit to 10 minutes a day reading the daily entry, as I will be doing. If you miss a day or two, no problem, just catch up. January 8<sup>th</sup>, from 5:15-6:15, you can join a discussion on the week's readings in the conference room in the Office building. It's my hope you will grow in your faith through this experience.

## Basket of Cheer

It is time for the Christmas baskets of cheer raffle! Three winners will be selected Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 9:30am Mass. See a member of the Knights near the parking lot after Mass starting on the 7<sup>th</sup> to buy raffle tickets.

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas? It's Christmas, Eve!

## Offertory

**Fiscal year: Budgeted: \$158,959.08 Actual: \$162,533.00**  
**As of December 15<sup>th</sup>: Budgeted: \$6,623.36 Actual: \$4,716.00**

**Donation: \$13,600.00**

**Donation: \$25,000.00**

**We THANK YOU for your continued support!!!**

**DSA 2024 Goal \$28,248.00 Paid & Pledges \$7,448.00**

**(Under) (\$20,800.00) as of 12/16/24**

**2024 Priest Retirement Assessment: \$7,979**

**Paid: \$1,547.00 (Under) (\$6,432.00) as of 9/24/24**

**Sister Parish Collection Dec. 14-15: \$1,711.00**

## Daughters of Mary

The Daughters of Mary have their meeting every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month downstairs FLC at 1pm.

Noticias Hijas de Maria, Reuniones el tercer miércoles de cada mes, a la 1pm en el FLC

The next Daughters of Mary meeting will be January 15<sup>th</sup>. (No meeting in December).

La próxima reunion para las Hijas de Maria será el 15 de enero. (no hay reunion en Diciembre).

## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life

The following Mass will be offered for the Unborn on Jan. 10, 2025, at the Cathedral of St. Patrick at 10am. At 11am 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 pm we will march to Trade and Tryon to be a witness for The Unborn. Fr. Peter Rusciollelli will be the guest preacher 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 to save babies' lives. See schedule details at [www.marchforlifeforcharlotte.com](http://www.marchforlifeforcharlotte.com)

## Mass participation and Stewardship

The sharing of one's time, talent, and treasure identifies a family as a participating member of Our Lady of Annunciation Catholic Church. In order to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation here at Our Lady of Annunciation, all students must be registered & attend Faith Formation for at least **2 consecutive years** prior to the reception of these sacraments. Weekly attendance to Mass is required.

## Al-Anon Family Groups

Al-Anon family groups, sixty years of hope for the families and friends of problem drinkers. Meetings: Annunciation Catholic Church Tuesday and Thursday 6:00 p.m. [www.alanon.org](http://www.alanon.org)

## Second Collection

The Diocese of Charlotte has asked parishes to "adopt" a sister parish in Western NC. Our Lady of the Annunciation has been paired with Church of the Epiphany in Blowing Rock. We have been asked to have a second collection to help support their relief efforts. We will be taking second collections: Jan 4-5, Feb 1-2, Mar 1-2 & Apr 5-6.

## Knights of Columbus (K of C)

The K of C is an international organization that meets monthly in the FLC. For more information about the K of C contact Vince Lombardo at [2323vincel@gmail.com](mailto:2323vincel@gmail.com). Next Meeting: Monday, January 6, 7pm, downstairs FLC.

Nov. Knight of Month: Gary L. Robinson

Nov. Family of the Month: Don & Christine Young

## Christmas Shopping

Buy Catholic, Shop EWTNRC.com The religious Catalogue Online Store is open 24/7 and has a huge variety of religious items that anyone would love to have. Take a look at their website at: [ewtnrc.com](http://ewtnrc.com) or call 800-854-6316 for any of your religious gift needs.

## Church Blog

Come take a look at the blog on our website.

<http://annunciationcatholicbemarle.com>

There are so many wonderful things to look through. There is too much to list. If you haven't been able to attend church and miss Father's sermons head on over to the website, you will be able to read them all there. There is no need to have an account or to log in. Just go to our website, if you are on a computer the blog will be listed at the top and if you are on a phone, you will find it in the menu section.

## Remind

If you would like to get texts on Church Information, i.e., Mass cancellations, death, funeral arrangements, etc. Text this number: 81010 and send the message: @church416

Once this message is sent, you will get a message from a new number confirming your successful join. You will now receive notifications for church information! This information can also be found on our website:

[www.annunciationcatholicbemarle.com](http://www.annunciationcatholicbemarle.com)

## December Birthdays:

Jerri Barbee, Chris Bauer, Chris Borys, Sandra Ciampini, Mary Combs, Juan de la Cruz Bautista, John Erickson, Angel Gallardo, Arcadius Hartsell, Natalia Hernandez, Angela Johnson, Ann Jordan, Idalia Luis Cohetero, Carol Lundin, Rose Ann Maiden, Marion McCann, Rob McIntyre, Robert McIntyre, Angel Moua, Bee Moua, Mai Moua, Mark Nichols, Pamlea Jean O Connor, Michelle Pantore, Joseph Robert, Tim Schumacher, Bill Staiano, Lin Stephens, Stacie Swikle, Anthony Thompson, Craig Vollman, Jack Watts, Felix Zyra

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is Mar.21-23, 2025 Emerald Isle, NC & May 2-4, 2025 Hickory, NC. Early sign up is recommended. -For more information visit our website at

<http://MCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at [applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or 704-315-2144



**Please do not play with your cell phones in church**  
**Please NO gum chewing in Church and please do not put your gum under the pews or kneelers. If you have trash, please do not throw it on the floor in church there is a trash can in the bathroom.**