

Respect Life

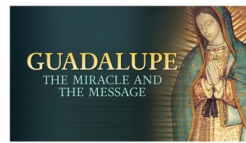


Regional Respect Life Meeting
Saturday December 10 at 2:00pm-3:30pm
St. Barnabas Parish in Arden - St. John
XXIII Room

All are invited who have an interest in becoming more involved in pro-life work. The goal is for parish Respect Life leaders to give updates on pro-life activities and to increase communication and coordination among Catholic pro-life volunteers across the region. The meeting is hosted by the Carolina Pro-Life Action Network (C-PLAN) of Western NC. For more information, please contact ashevilleprolifecatholics@gmail.com

THIS WEEK ON
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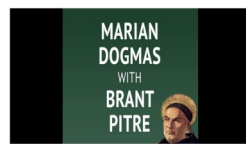
Week of December 04, 2022



Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message
Enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego, an encounter that has influenced the conversion of millions of people.



FORMED Live: Do We Make Too Much of Mary?
Why do Catholics think so highly of Mary? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss our Lady's esteemed place among the saints.



Marian Dogmas with Brant Pitre
Listen in as Matt Fradd and Dr. Brant Pitre explore the Church's understanding of Mary's role in the Church.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

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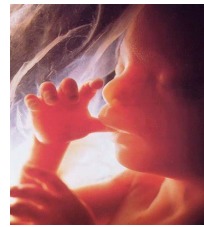
1. Select our Parish by name;
2. Register with your name and email address;
3. Check your email account for a link to begin using FORMED;
4. Scan the QR Code to download the FORMED app.



It's free! Download books, watch great movies, podcasts, and more!

Saturday Prayer Vigils

St. Margaret Mary's Parish is participating in a 1-hour prayer vigil the **fourth** Saturday of each month from 11:00am to 12:00pm. All are welcomed to attend. For more information, contact Linda Robinson at: larosa512@protonmail.com



He who closes his ear to the cry of the helpless will himself cry out and not be heard. Proverbs 21:13

Pray for the Sanctity of Life!
Upcoming dates: 12/17 (Note Date)



Special Prayer Intention for December:
For the children and the youth.
May Christ generously prepare the hearts and minds of children and youth to receive the Word of God.



The Miraculous Medal

In November 1830, Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine Laboure at the Rue de Bac Chapel in Paris, France. Our Blessed Mother was standing on a globe, with dazzling rays of light streaming from her outstretched hands.

Framing the apparition was an inscription:
"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

When Mary spoke to St. Catherine, she said,
"Have a medal struck upon this model. Those who wear it will receive great graces, especially if they wear it around the neck. Those who repeat this prayer with devotion will be, in a special manner, under the protection of the Mother of God. Graces will be abundantly bestowed upon those who have confidence."

The medal calls to mind Mary as the Immaculate Conception, identifies her as the New Eve and the woman of the Book of Revelation chapter 12, and emphasizes her participation in the redemption of mankind through the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of her Son, Jesus Christ. The Miraculous Medal can be blessed by any priest and worn by anyone who wishes to honor and love the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To learn more visit: <http://50years.charlottediocese.org/prayers-devotions/>

PARISH COUNCIL

Judy Clyne, Chair (5:30pm Mass)	630-212-8522
Phyllis Benbow (5:30pm Mass)	828-273-5818
Beverly Penland, (8:30am Mass)	828-275-6974
Dan Little (8:30am Mass)	828-298-1452
Jesse Boeckermann (11:00am Mass)	605.376.4234
LeAnn Wilson (11:00am Mass)	678-993-6456
Vacant (1:00pm Mass)	
Salvador Figueroa (1:00pm Mass)	828.424.5085

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Doug Thigpen, Chair	828-713-5785
John Czarnecki	828-767-1916
Dennis Sadelson	828-231-6136



Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Church

Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent / Segundo Domingo de Adviento

Most Rev. Peter J. Jugis J.C.D., Bishop

Rev. Brian J. Becker, Pastor

bjbecker@rcdoc.org

Rev. Mr. Dan Hoffert, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ralph Eckoff, Deacon (Ret.)

Claudia G. Graham, Office Manager

Kim MacNeil, Administrative Assistant

Sarah Kramer, Faith Formation Coordinator

Jennifer Puzerewski, Stewardship Coordinator

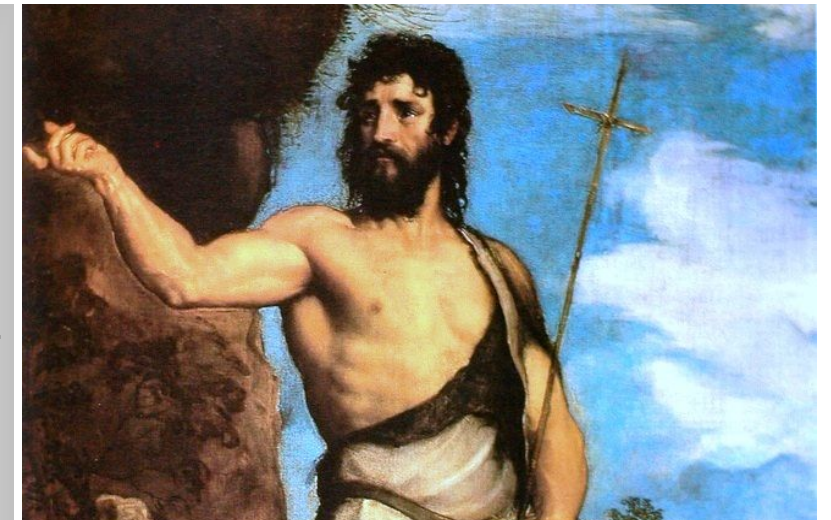
Karen Parsons, Organist

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John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: "A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." ~ Matthew 3:1-3

Celebration of the Sacraments

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil (Anticipated Mass): 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am; 1:00pm (Spanish)

Monday, Thursday, Friday: 7:30am

Wednesday: 6:00pm

Holy Days: Check bulletin & website, or call the office.

CONFESSION

Monday, Thursday, Friday 6:45am

Wednesday 5:15pm

Saturday 4:00pm

Or by appointment, call office to schedule.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Email: faithformation.stmargaretmmary@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE: Saturdays at Noon or 2:30pm.

To schedule, call office at least *six months* before the intended wedding date. For convalidations, contact Fr. Becker.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: If you or a loved one is in danger of death, even if remotely, call the parish to schedule the Anointing of the Sick, (formerly "Last Rites"). If there has been a terminal diagnosis, please call the parish right away so that the sacrament can be received early in the illness. In case of emergency after hours, call 828-686-8833 and press "2".

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION:

Contact Sarah Kramer at:

faithformation.stmargaretmmary@gmail.com.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00AM - 2:00PM

Tuesday: Closed

OFFICE: 828-686-8833, press 4 for Front Desk

Por información en español marque 3

FAX: 828-686-8832

E-MAIL: office@saintmmc.com

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY (danger of death):

828-686-8833, press 2

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC? Join R.C.I.A.! We welcome those who desire to learn more about the Catholic faith, who desire to become Catholic, or who have been away from the church and would like to return. If you want to know more, please email Deacon Dan and Linda Hoffert at hofferts@bellsouth.net.

ADULT CHOIR/SCHOLA: Call Karen Parsons 828-275-4977.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: For information, call Peter Graham at 828-669-7730.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Call 800-862-1633 for information or assistance with food, finances, etc.

VISITS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Call parish office.

WOMEN OF ST. MARGARET MARY'S: Women 18+ yrs. Contact the Parish Office for more information on our Women's Group.

December 4, 2022

St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church - Diocese of Charlotte

Mass Intentions

Sat 12/03	5:30pm.....Private Intention
Sun 12/04	8:30am..... Pro Populo
	11:00am.....† Glenn Geraghty
	1:00pm.....† Rafael Cruz Hernandez
Mon 12/05	7:30am.....† Luis Enrique Jaimes
Wed 12/07	6:00pm.....† Ann Tiernan
Thur 12/08	12 Noon.....Pro Populo
	6:00pm.....† Ann Cheatham
Fri 12/09	7:30am.....Pro Populo
Sat 12/10	6:30am.....Pro Populo



Those who are ill or have special needs:

Shaun Benbow, Susan Blanchard, Dana Breeding, Ann Bridgman, Dianna Bryant, Joseph Buttera, J.R. Callahan, Barry Cook, Sister Pat Coyle, Jack Crowley, Infant Sean Crowley, Carolyn Dickenson, Mike Fitzgerald, Maureen Flannigan, George Frazier, Allison Geraghty, Jackie Gunn, Eleanor Harker, Allison Hoefling, Michael Hayduk, Lane Lehman, Janet Linda, Meghan McGinnis, Debra Maddox, Debra Mattison, Lori Owensby, Lindsey & Jordan Owensby, Kathy Quarles, Marilyn Rebholz, Rhonda Rivera, Sally Schoen, Larry Scott, Marellen Struhar, Betty Testa, Arlene Turner, Vickie Wright, Toddler Vivienne Joy, Sandy Yacovelli.

Homebound or in Assisted Living:

Marian Bogdanowicz, Norma Brandin, Vicki Cram, Dorothy Kelly, Fr. Andy Latsko, Margaret Morrow, and Anne Papay.

Our Family Members Serving in the Military:

Chief Petty Officer Chris Balot, son of Randy Balot
Staff Sgt. Jordan Owensby, grandson of Don & Linda Gurecky.
David Woodward, serving in Afghanistan-friend of Samuel Medlin.
PFC Alex Czarnecki, son of Maureen & John Czarnecki.
God Bless All Veterans!

IMPORTANT DATES!

- Dec. 8:** Immaculate Conception (*Holy Day of Obligation*)
 Masses-12/7 6pm; 12/8 Noon & 6pm. (Bilingual)
 Confessions begin 45 minutes prior to Masses.
 7pm-9pm Adoration; 9pm-1am Nat'l Night of Prayer
- Dec. 10:** 6:30am - Rorate Mass (Traditional Latin Mass - Candlelight)
 9am-11am Knights of Columbus Highway clean up
 9:30am Women's Group Christmas Tea (Parish Hall)
- Dec. 11:** 7pm-8:30pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena (Parish Hall)
- Dec. 12:** 5am-7am Mananitas (Church)
 6pm - Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass (Spanish)
 7pm Rosary and Procession - Grovemont Park
- Dec. 13 & 14:** Adult Study "Eternal Rest" Sessions 3 & 4
- Dec. 15:** 5:30pm-6:30pm Penance Service at Sacred Heart, 150 Brian Berg Lane, Brevard, NC 28712

Scriptures for the Week

- MON Dec 5**
 Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
- TUE Dec 6: Nicholas, Bishop**
 Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
- WED Dec 7: Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor**
 Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
- THU Dec 8: Immaculate Conception of the BVM**
 Gen 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:28; Lk 1:26-38
- FRI Dec 9: Juan Diego**
 Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
- SAT Dec 10**
 Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Lk 3:4, 6; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- SUN Dec 11: Third Sunday of Advent**
 Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; James 5:7-10; Is 61:1; Mt 11:2-11



Canongate Catholic High School invites you to:
O Antiphons: Lessons and Carols

An original creation by director Jennifer Murrey. Based on the O Antiphons (also known as the Great Advent Antiphons or Great Os) which are taken from vespers of the week leading up to Christmas, this is an interactive program of music, scripture and poetry for the Advent season. Held between the morning masses at St. Barnabas December 18, from 9:45AM - 10:45AM, this will be a beautiful event for the whole family.



"Open to the Spirit, Mary, consecrated herself totally as lowly handmaid to the person and work of the Savior. She received Christ in order to share Him with all the world whose hope He is. In her, we recognize the model of the Church's faith and our own."
 St. Eugene de Mazenod

St. Vincent de Paul Society



Do you know someone who needs help?

If you or someone you know is experiencing financial difficulties, please remember that SVdP is here to help. For years we have assisted our neighbors with rent, utility bills, auto repairs, medical bills and other needs. Call 800-862-1633 to leave a message for our volunteer team; all calls are held in strictest confidence.

Thank you for your generous gifts and prayers that support our ministry. SVdP poor boxes are in the church vestibule and in the overflow seating entrance.

Parish Stewardship

December 4, 2022
2nd Sunday in Advent

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today: "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

4 de diciembre de 2022
Domingo 2 de Adviento

Debemos ser buenos administradores de los dones de Dios para nosotros, recibéndolos con gratitud y cultivándolos con cuidado para no ser aquellos de quienes Juan el Bautista habla hoy: "Todo árbol que no da buen fruto será cortado y arrojado al fuego."



Questions? Contact Jen Puzerewski, Parish Stewardship Coordinator

Religious Retirement Collection

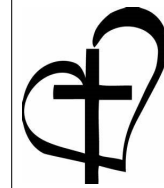


Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Lighten the load.
 An abbot writes, "Your gift helps ease our worldly burdens and allows us to continue living out our mission of seeking God and serving the Church."
 The Retirement Fund for Religious collection on December 10th & 11th helps hundreds of US religious communities to provide for their aging members.
 Please give generously.

Stewardship

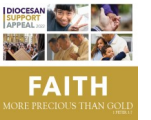


Weekly Offertory needed to meet our annual parish budget: **\$5,480.00.**

Offertory November 27th: **\$3,117.00**
 Online Giving: **\$2,694.10**
 Total Offertory: **\$5,811.10**

Priests' Retirement & Benefits: \$3,694.00
 (Goal by 12/31/22=\$9,304.00)

DSA to Date: **\$37,244.75**
 (Goal = \$36,045, 103% of Goal,
 100 donors participating)



Donate online at: saintmmc.com

Thank you! May God bless you for your generosity.

Schedule for the Week

- Mon** 6:45am: Confessions; 7:30am Mass
 9am - 2pm: Office & Church Open
 6pm - 8pm: High School Apologetics (John XXIII)
- Tues** **CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED**
- Wed** 9am - 2pm: Office & Church Open
 5:15pm: Confessions; 6:00pm Mass
 6:45pm - 8pm: Faith Formation & Adoration
- Thurs** **Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation**
 11:15am: Confessions; 12 Noon Mass
 5:15pm: Confessions; 6pm Mass
 7pm-9pm: Adoration
 9pm-1am: National Night of Prayer for Life
- Fri** 6:45am Confessions; 7:30am Mass
 9am - 2pm: Office & Church Open
 12 Noon: Rosary in the Church
- Sat** 6:30am: **Rorate Mass** - Traditional Latin Mass (Incense)
 9am: K of C Highway Clean Up
 9:30am: Women of St. Margaret Mary's **Christmas Tea (Women 18+ welcome!)**
 4:15pm: Confessions
 5:30pm: Vigil Mass
- Sun** 8:30am: Mass (Incense)
 9:45am: KoC Rosary in the church
 11:00am: Mass
 1:00pm: Mass Español (Incense)

Christmas Flowers

Our Christmas Flower Fund is accepting donations now! Flower Memorials will be published in our Christmas Bulletin. This is a special opportunity to remember or honor your loved ones. Place your donation (any amount) in a plain envelope, with your name & the name (s) of those you want to remember. Please note whether they are living or deceased.

Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Flower Donations must be received by December 18th.

