

## March For Life



Charlotte, January 13, 2023

Raleigh, January 14, 2023

Washington, DC, Jan. 19-21, 2023

For more information: go to [www.marchforlife.org](http://www.marchforlife.org)



Week of December 18, 2022



**Christmas in Rome: A Celebration of the Nativity**  
Nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child Jesus.



**The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas**  
Enjoy this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity as we enter into the joyful season of Advent. Christmas is so much more than a humdrum story we've heard since childhood. Join top scholars, speakers, and authors as they explain the gravity of Christ's miraculous birth.



**The True Meaning of Christmas by Fulton Sheen**  
This presentation combines recordings of Fulton Sheen's timeless reflections on the meaning of Christmas, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

### How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever: Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup):

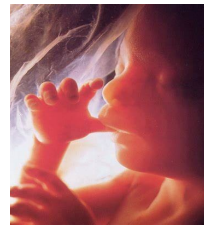
1. Select our Parish by name;
2. Register with your name and email address;
3. Check your email account for a link to begin using FORMED;
4. Scan the QR Code to download the FORMED app.



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](mailto: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!  
Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Mar. 25, Apr. 22



**Special Prayer Intention for December: For children and 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 18, 2022

## Fourth Sunday of Advent / Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

**Most Rev. Peter J. Jugis J.C.D., Bishop**  
**Rev. Brian J. Becker, Pastor**  
[bjbecker@rcdoc.org](mailto: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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## 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.stmargaretmary@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.stmargaretmary@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.stmargaretmary@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.stmargaretmary@gmail.com).

*"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."*

~ Matthew 1:20-21

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 18, 2022



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

### Mass Intentions

Sat 12/17	5:30pm.....† Craig Ostrander
Sun 12/18	8:30am..... Pro Populo
	11:00am.....† Jason Geraghty
	1:00pm..... Margarito Anaya
Mon 12/19	7:30am.....† Rita Bathe
Wed 12/21	6:00pm.....† Rev. Wilbur Thomas
Thur 12/22	7:30am.....† All Souls in Purgatory
Fri 12/23	7:30am..... 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, Kim Rovinski, 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. 18:** 7pm-8:30pm Posadas continue through 12/23 (Parish Hall / Piñata outside in Portico)

**Dec. 22-27:** Parish Office Closed for Christmas Holidays

**Jan. 6:** 3pm-6pm, 7pm-8pm First Friday Adoration  
6-7pm First Friday Mass

**Jan. 13:** 9am Mass for the Unborn, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church - Charlotte followed by 12 Noon March for Life

**Jan. 14:** 9am - Women of St. MMC Meeting (Parish Hall)  
11am - Mass for Life, Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral 2:30pm, Raleigh, NC followed by 12:30pm March for Life

### Scriptures for the Week

#### MON Dec 19

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

#### TUE Dec 20

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

#### WED Dec 21: Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor

Sg 2:8-14 or Zeph 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

#### THU Dec 22

1 Sam 1:24-28; 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

#### FRI Dec 23: John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

#### SAT Dec 24

2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

#### SUN Dec 25: The Nativity of the Lord Solemnity

Is 52:7-10; Ps 98: 1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

### Men's Emmaus Retreat

The Emmaus of the Carolinas Weekend Retreat for Men is an exceptional opportunity to grow in faith.

February 17-19, 2023

YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly

Black Mountain, NC

Adult Men are invited to attend.

Why should you attend? Men who have attended have experienced a closeness to God, deeper family relationships, and fellowship with other men of faith, among other effects. So, if you desire a deeper relationship with God, your family, and your fellow man, then fill out an application and come join us on your personal walk to Emmaus!

For more information or to sign up, visit our website: [emmausofthecarolinas.org](http://emmausofthecarolinas.org)



"And the angel answered her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.'"

Luke 1:35

## 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 18, 2022

4th Sunday in Advent

When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother Mary. God grant that I may be as open the leading of the Holy Spirit!

18de diciembre de 2022

Domingo 4 de Adviento

Cuando descubrió que María estaba embarazada, José resolvió terminar su compromiso con la menor desgracia posible. Pero obediente a la voz de Dios, cambió esos planes y se convirtió en el protector del niño Jesús y de su madre María. ¡Que Dios me conceda estar tan abierto a la dirección del Espíritu Santo!



Questions? Contact Jen Puzerewski,  
Parish Stewardship Coordinator  
at [office@saintmmc.com](mailto:office@saintmmc.com)

### Religious Retirement Collection

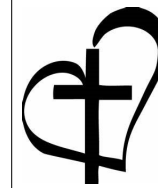


Our Parish Collected \$1,333

Our Retired 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 [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org) to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

## Stewardship



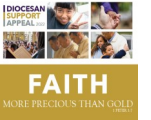
Weekly Offertory needed to meet our annual parish budget: \$5,480.00.

Offertory December 11th: \$5,943.00  
Online Giving: \$543.10  
Total Offertory: \$6,486.10

Priests' Retirement & Benefits: \$3,894.00

(Goal by 12/31/22=\$9,304.00)

DSA to Date: \$37,494.75  
(Goal = \$36,045, 104% of Goal,  
100 donors participating)



Donate online at: [saintmmc.com](http://saintmmc.com)

Thank you! May God bless you for your generosity.

### Schedule for the Week

<b>Mon</b>	6:45am Confessions; 7:30am Mass 9am - 2pm: Office & Church Open 6pm - 8pm: HS Apologetics (Overflow) 6:30 - 8pm: RCIA (John XXIII) 7pm - 8:30pm: Posadas (Parish Hall & Portico)
<b>Tues</b>	<b>CHURCH &amp; OFFICE CLOSED</b> 7pm - 8:30pm: Posadas (Parish Hall & Portico)
<b>Wed</b>	9am - 2pm: Office & Church Open 5:15pm: Confessions; 6:00pm Mass 7pm - 8:30pm: Posadas (Parish Hall & Portico)
<b>Thurs</b>	6:45am Confessions; 7:30am Mass <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 7pm - 8:30pm: Posadas (Parish Hall & Portico)
<b>Fri</b>	6:45am Confessions; 7:30am Mass <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 12 Noon: Rosary in the Church 7pm - 8:30pm: Posadas (Parish Hall & Portico)

### The Nativity of Our Lord

**Sat The Vigil of the Nativity**  
4pm (Incense)  
6pm  
8pm (Español, Incense)  
Midnight (Incense)

**Sun The Nativity of Our Lord**  
10am (Incense)

(Overflow and Parish Hall seating available for all Christmas Masses.)



Thank your for your Christmas Flower Donations! Our Christmas Flower insert will be in next weekend's bulletin.