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Catholic Church

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Blessed

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass & Celebration

Saturday, February 14 - 10AM

Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Raleigh. *No charge*, but do register:

<http://raldioc.configio.com/pd/1000/?code=fRDAJnPcdr>

Contact: leo.quinn@raldioc.org

SAVE THE DATES!

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

FEB 21 - FEB 26

**Basilica Shrine of St. Mary
"Upper Room"**

**Most days, 6PM -9PM and 8AM to
3PM on Sunday, FEB 22**

Need info?

mary.levesque.nc@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus

2026 Collegiate Scholarship

[sponsored by Cape Fear Deanery]

Visit:

KofC2017.org/scholarship

Lenten Soup Suppers

**Groups are invited to consider hosting the
Friday soup suppers/Meager Meals after
Stations. Contact the Parish Office for
your date! office@catholicwb.org**

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, May 3

**First Communion &
Crowning of Mary**

***[Volunteer to make a floral crown?
Please contact the office.]***

Pro Life Resources

Need Help?

Lifeline Pregnancy Center - 910.392.0001

Abortionpillreversal.com

HOPEAFTERABORTION.ORG

Project Rachel - 1.888.456.4673

Struggling with Infertility? Popepaulvi.com

Natural Family Planning: www.usccb.org/NFP

www.dioceseofraleigh.org/human-life-and-dignity

The Church in Latin America - 2nd Collection

You helped strengthen families, fund Catholic education, and foster priestly and religious vocations by donating to this fund. For over fifty years, Catholics in the United States have expressed solidarity with the Church from Mexico to the Caribbean, and down to the southern tip of South America.

[usccb.org/committees/church-latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/committees/church-latin-america)

Thank you for your generous support last weekend.

Start 2026 off right....

Eucharistic Adoration

Come Let Us Adore Him

**Thursday Devotion, following the 12PM Mass
12:30PM until 4:30PM**

**Consider taking a weekly Holy Hour to spend
time with Jesus in prayer!**

**(It will be the best hour of your week.)
Adorers always needed Thursdays....**

**[Come anytime Thursday when you can spend a
few peaceful minutes, or a whole Holy Hour in
powerful silence.]**

All Welcome! Bring a friend!

Need a priest to visit you while in NOVANT- NHRMC?

You, your family, or your nurse must contact our Parish office or the Spiritual Care Dept. in the hospital. (There may be infection-control procedures in place.) *Scheduled surgery?* Contact the Parish Office *prior* to it in order to schedule a time for Anointing of the Sick by Father before you are admitted.

Any person wishing a low-gluten host must come to the *back-door* of the sacristy *early* and ask Father directly, well prior to the start of Mass. (So preparations may be made.)

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4:00 PM - 4:45PM in the Reconciliation Room at the Church, and other times by appointment. (Additional time may be offered during Advent and Lent.)

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 12:30PM - 4:30PM (benediction)

Baptisms: Important information can be found on our website at www.catholicwb.org/sacraments as to how to get started. Baptisms for children are scheduled no more than 2 months in advance. Adults interested in becoming Catholic should inquire about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA).

Anointing: Persons concerned about their health are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. (Hospital & nursing home patients should notify the Registration Department, the social worker, or Pastoral Care upon check-in.)

Marriage: Couples from St. Therese planning marriage are asked to contact the Parish Office *at least 6 months prior* to their proposed wedding date.

Confirmation: Adults seeking Confirmation should call the Parish Office.

Faith Formation, Confirmation, First Communion classes are at *St. Mark*. Contact them too, if you can volunteer to help with the program.

**St. Therese is a joyful and welcoming Catholic Parish,
united in Christ, promoting discipleship through community,
outreach and service.**

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

In 2025 Give Online Giving a Try!

Visit: www.catholicwb.org

Click on: "Giving"

Read the online data, then hit click [here](#).

Follow the instructions to set up an account and password. *Use the email address on file with your Parish enrollment.....* You can set up a recurring scheme, or do a one-time gift on the weekends you are away...

**Interested in the Knights of Columbus, the largest
fraternal organization in the world?**

Contact: Frank Bio, frankbio2@gmail.com or <https://kofc12885.org/> - or any Knight for information on the St. Therese Council #12885 (Wrightsville Beach) and our principals of:

Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism!

Hooley Under the Bridge

Saturday, FEB 28

11:30AM - 6PM

721 Surry Street

**Music, dancing, food & beverages, plus:
meet-up with lots of our fellow parishioners!**

www.wilmingtonparade.com

PARISH STAFF

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This Week		Stewardship					
		Offertory	Needed	Received			
Saturday, January 31 7:30AM - Men's Group 4:00PM - Confession 5:00PM - Mass - Robert Jernigan (D)		January 4, 2025	\$ 16,731.25	\$ 25,630.27			
Sunday, February 1 8:00AM - Mass - St Therese Parishioners 9:15AM - OCIA 10:30AM - Mass - Muriel Haugstatter (D)		January 11, 2026	\$16,731.25	\$ 15,108.50			
Monday, February 2 No Mass, nor activities noted		January 2026	\$ 66,925.00	\$ 40,739.22			
Tuesday, February 3 - St. Blaise and St. Ansgar 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass		Consider online giving: visit www.catholiccwb.org , Click on "Giving" and follow the prompts.....					
Wednesday, February 4 10:30AM - Walking with Purpose 12:00PM - Mass		TODAY'S READINGS					
Thursday, February 5 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass		First Reading - The prophet addresses the devout poor among the people and praises them for their fidelity to the Lord. (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13)					
Friday, February 6 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass		Psalm - Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Psalm 146:6-7,8-9,9-10.)					
Saturday, February 7 7:30AM - Men's Group 4:00PM - Confession 5:00PM - Mass - Marilyn Allcock (D)		Second Reading — Paul tells us that "God chooses the foolish to shame the wise." He favors the humble who confound the strong. We are to be careful when we are tempted to boast. (1 Corinthians 1:26-31)					
Sunday, February 8 8:00AM - Mass - St Therese Parishioners 9:15AM - OCIA 10:30AM - Mass - Jim Tynnar (D)		Gospel — Here begins the "Sermon on the Mount" whereby we learn that Jesus' teachings fulfill, not abandon the Old Testament Law. (Matthew 5: 1-12a)					
Monday, February 9 No Mass, nor activities noted							
Tuesday, February 10 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass		This Week's Scripture Readings					
Wednesday, February 11 10:30AM - Walking with Purpose 12:00PM - Mass - Ed Basso (D)							
Thursday, February 12 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass		Monday Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32					
Interested in joining St. Therese? Please contact the Parish Office.		Tuesday 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mk 5:21-43					
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Wednesday 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 6:1-6					
<i>"...the fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts..."</i>		Thursday 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd Mk 6:7-13					
		Friday Sir 47:2-11 Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51 Mk 6:14-29					
		Saturday 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 Mk 6:30-34					
		Sunday Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16					
This Week's Saints/Special Observances							
Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time						
Monday:	The Presentation of the Lord						
Tuesday:	Saint Ansgar or Saint Blaise						
Wednesday:	Wednesday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time						
Thursday:	Saint Agatha						
Friday:	Saints Paul Miki and Companions						
Saturday:	The Blessed Virgin Mary						
Sunday:	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time						
Please use care when parking in the handicap spaces and display a current blue placard in addition to the handicapped tag. <u>(Other cars should not be parked so close as to render these spaces inaccessible.)</u>							

More Charitable/Volunteer Information

Would you like to Volunteer to help with meals
at the **Eugene Ashley Center**?

Please contact Sally Pete Klingenburger or Rosemary Burney if you are interested in joining some of your fellow parishioners in helping to provide Friday meals for the residents of this transitional housing center for veterans. This very flexible volunteer opportunity includes such tasks as cooking, prep work, etc.

(The veterans themselves do the clean-up.)

Contact to find out more:

Petek123@aol.com or **TEXT** Rosemary Burney, 910-685-3872

Want to Volunteer to help with **Catholic Charities' mobile laundry trailer**? You can help restore dignity, humanity and hope to some in the unsheltered community. Help with this or any other outreach program by texting VOLUNTEER to 910-550-0355

[Cape Fear Regional office: 4280 US Hwy 421 N, Suite 110]

Laundry Volunteer Training: 03/03/26 Harrellson Center/First Baptist - layla.perez@ccharitiesdor.org

Think you have a vocation to the Priesthood?

Diocese of Raleigh Office of Vocations

www.ncpriest.org

Upcoming Vocation Discernment Retreats

MAR 21	Wilmington	UNCW
APR 25	Elon	ELON

Pre-registration required.
Email: vocations@raldioc.org

Other 2026 Vocations Events

JUN 26-28	Young Adult Pilgrimage (Eastern NC)
JUL 20-23	Quo Vadis High School Retreat

Wilmington Catholic Radio

Wilmington Catholic Radio can be heard on station **93.1 FM** in Wilmington. Shows can also be heard *online* on their website. Visit:

www.wilmingtoncatholicradio.com

PLAN AHEAD

<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>February 18</i>
<i>Chrism Mass (Raleigh)</i>	<i>March 31</i>
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>March 29</i>
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	<i>April 5</i>

Men - start your New Year off right!

Join other men of St. Therese on Saturday mornings for candid conversation about how we can become better Catholic men.

We read and discuss scripture, but most of the time spent together consists of open dialogue about how these readings relate to real events in our lives. We are fortunate to have our faith to guide us. Meeting like this helps our faith to stay strong and to grow.

Inquiries? Email: jim@gibson-consultants.com

Please Pray for...

Rob Alford, Robert & Phyllis Anderson, Grace Anton, Jeanne Ashey, Bill Baker, Jr., Mark Bianco, Eileen Ballance, Tish Baker, Mary Barnhart, Paula Basso, Bill Bately, Connie Bergh, Doreen & Ed Bill, Nicole Birt, L. Black, Barbara Boggs, Ted Bost, Shealy Breen, Chuck Brown, Silas Brown, Kaitlin Burns, Matthew Burns, Leonel Cardenez, Rob Carroll, Rocco Campagna, Grayson Carfagno, Jimmy Carl, Tina Carter, Kurt Christiansen, Sarah Cicuto, Caroline Ciocca, Carla Clark, Anne Cline, Philomena Comes, Mary Condra, Sally Lynn Costa, Scott Cowlin, Dale Cromartie, Brown Crosby, Darlene Currier, Shawn Dahm, N. Davy, Sutton Dennis, Jim Dvorak, Bob & Nancy Farris, Charlie P. Farris, Larry Ferrell, Joe Foley, Mary Galioto, Pete Galioto, John George, Larry George, Rev. Gene Grabowski, Beth Grady, Jacqueline Gurarino, Gerry Geist, Wyatt Gildersleeve, Thomas Giorgio, The Griffin Family, Esther Caeli Gripshover, Jacqueline Guarino, Bob Gustie, Elizabeth Hagan, Phyllis Ham, Craig Hoffman, Ryan Hogan, Dan Holt, Bob Horne, Clayton T. Housler, Donna Howard, Lenore Hulser, Ed Hyer, Rachel Jacobs, David Johnson, Noah Joseph, Laurie King, David Kmiec, Frank Kohn, Isabella Kolcun, Marie Korlacki, Mike Kranchalk, Kathy L., Rich Lalier, Kathleen LaMonica, Anna Langlois, Pamela LeBlanc, Cheryl Lee, Annie Lewis, Barrett Loomis, Aubrey Lueck, David Mabee, Jessica MacKay, Joey Manett, Danny McComas, Elizabeth M. McConnell, Bill McCord, Holly McKittrick-Boyle, Anne Meister, Kristen Metkiff, Greg Meyers, Michele Milkiewicz, Janice Miller, Nicole Miller, Carmel Moffo-Hackert, Maureen Molnar, Emma Montpetit, Patricia Moore, Toni Meunier, Nicole Miller, Mary Murray, Terry Noe, Nick Onufrek, Gregory O'Toole, Chris P., Erin Pascarosa, Lauren Peterson, Debbi Pollock, Peter Pruij, Marylee Reaume, Amanda Reda, Alexa Reid, Omaira Reid, Marissa Rhyne, Kathleen Rice, Gunther Rohland, Judy Ross, Sonya Row, Brooke Russell, Mary Sanza, Charlie Sarracino, Cheryl Schmitter, Joanie Scott, Steve Scott, Carol Schultz, David Scullin, Baylee Sharp, Diane Sheedy, Gerald Sheehan, Lou Skrapits, Melanie Smith, Susan Snell - Callanan, Don Sonne, Stella Spratt, Karen Soteco, Nora Stamper, Alison Stone, Archie Stone, Cynthia Sullivan, Shawn & Margaret Sweeney, Martha, & Sean Swyney, Ashley, Brian, & Clara Stamper, Mary Teller, Mary Ann Thacker, David Thompson, Joanella Townsend, Janet Trowell, Hailey Tucker, Donna Tumolo, Ben Van Pilsum, Larry Vacek, Stan Vaughn, Nota Violagis, Laura Von, Kennedy Walker, Melinda & Dale Walker, Elaine Ward, Stephen Weber, Mary Ellen Wegrzyn, Nancy Weicht, Kim Williams, Phil Williams, TJ Wilson

Other Opportunities to Give....

Jan 24-25	Latin America
Feb 21-22	Black & Indian Missions
Mar 14-15	Catholic Relief Services
Apr 4-5	Priests' Welfare & Retirement

Thank you for your generosity!

Office of Vocations
Discernment Retreats
Ncpriest.org/events

MAR 20 Holy HR - UNCW, 7PM

MAR 21 Retreat - UNCW - 9AM

vocations@raldioc.org

John Patrick Publishing

John Patrick Publishing produces bulletins for over 500 churches all along the Eastern seaboard from New England to Florida.

[If you are interested in placing an ad to help defray the cost of producing our church bulletin - please contact: kzechello@jppc.net and refer to Bulletin #727] The last few spots are available.....

Want to view bulletin online when out of town?

Black & Indian Missions Second Collection

All Masses, FEB 21 - 22

Started in 1884, this collection embodies the Church's concern for evangelizing Black and Native American peoples in the U.S. The funds are distributed as grants supporting and strengthening evangelization programs.

www.blackandindianmission.org

Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites

Find out about St. Therese of Lisieux, St. John of the Cross, St. Teresa of Avila and the way you may be called to a life of prayer as a layperson.

Contact: christine.vayo@gmail.com or theresabogue@yahoo.com

Pray the Rosary!

Many gifts are attributed to those who faithfully pray the rosary, including: receipt of signal graces & armor against Hell, destruction of vice, decrease of sin, defeat of heresies, and more! Pray before daily Masses at 11:30AM. in the church....!

All Welcome! Join Us!

Altar Flowers

Want to donate flowers in 2026 "in Memory of" or "in Honor of" a special event, like an anniversary? Contact the Parish Office!

Jan 31-Feb 1	Open
Feb 7-Feb 8	Flowers sponsored by Dottie Carter in Memory of Fr. Joe Vetter
Feb 14-Feb 15	Open

[No flowers during Lent, except for MAR 14-15]

THANK YOU!

Food Pantry News

"...The Lord....gives food to the hungry....."

YOU can help the poor and the working poor (over 300 families) in our community in a variety of ways:

Make a monetary donation. Write a check to **St. Joseph's Food Pantry**, and mail to:
1303 US Hwy 17, Burgaw NC 28425

Make a food donation of non-perishable items when you come to church. Soups, stews, canned-meats or fish are welcomed, as are canned vegetables or fruit, instant mashed potatoes, pasta products, cereal, baking mixes, powdered milk, canned/evaporated milk, etc.

[Please make sure donated items have not exceeded their expiration dates.]

Volunteer to drive donations from St. Therese to the pantry on Mondays. **Contact Jane Yemma at 910-547-4243 to get onto the schedule.** (Arrive there between 9:30AM and 10:15AM.)

Volunteer AT the pantry: unload food, collect food from resource partners, or work directly with clients - on Wednesday or Thursday. Contact Kevin Gannon if you can help at 732-861-6600.

***If you are a compassionate person with some time on your hands, come join us!
The rewards are life-changing.....***

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