

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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*Your Stewardship of Treasure
736 registered families*

The week ending December 13, 2009

Total: 9,474.23

YTD: 254,076.88

Budget: 240,000.00

+/-: +14,076.88

Religious Retirement Collection: 3,106.00

Priest Retirement Assessed: 20,097.00

Received: 16,356.50

Due: 3,740.50

Please keep your cars locked and any valuables with you or in your trunk. At this time of year there seem to be a lot of car break-ins. Please be alert and careful.

You will find all of our pamphlets, brochures and the Lighthouse CD's, along with the basket for travel size lotions, and the basket to collect snacks for the cancer kids in the **North Vestibule**. It is the side of the church closest to the parking lot.

Please keep all of our servicemen and servicewomen in your daily prayers.

LT Michael P. Bernard, Jr.,

USN, Louis Cragg, US Navy, Todd MacDonald 1st

class Petty Officer, US Navy, Ted MacDonald Sgt.

US Marines, Richard Beard A.F. National Guard

Master Sergeant, Austin Timm Montana National

Guard, Sergeant Justin David Schoonover, US

Marines.

Bulletin Deadlines are 12noon:

Sunday, January 10th is due Tuesday,

January 5th.

December 27, 2009



Dear Parishioners,

As we come once again to the end of another year, it is natural that we should give thanks to our Lord for the many blessings bestowed upon us. Certainly this year we have so much to be thankful for as a parish community. It is my deep hope that we, as a parish community, will always look back on 2009 as a very special year in which the promise of one day having a beautiful new church was finally fulfilled. And as we look back on this year with gratitude, let us also look hopefully to the future. Not only do we now have the church we've always hoped for, but our parish is growing and our future is bright!

Speaking of the future of our church, as we prepare to begin a new year I want to invite all of you to pray earnestly for the seminarians of our diocese. In particular I ask your prayers for those seminarians who are affiliated with St. Ann's. As you all know, our seminarian, Lucas Rossi, was ordained as a deacon this past week, and he will be ordained to the priesthood this coming June. Please pray for Lucas as enters into this final period of preparation for the priesthood. Many of you will also remember Richard Worthington, who grew up here at St. Ann's. Richard is currently serving a pastoral year at St. Mark's in Huntersville, so please keep him in your prayers as he continues discerning and preparing for his vocation. And lastly, we have a parishioner, Jason Christian, who is a seminarian for our diocese studying in Rome. Please be sure to remember Jason as well in your daily prayers.

Moreover, I want to encourage all of you to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. In the past year we've lost many of our priests in this diocese to death, sickness, and leaves of absence. This has put a strain on all of us priests, and while we will be ordaining four men to the priesthood this summer, we have need for many more priests as our diocese continues to grow. To this end, the intention of our Wednesday evening holy hour will now be for an increase in priestly and religious vocations. We began our weekly holy hour in July 2007 in order to pray for our church building project, but now that our church is built, I think we should shift the focus of that hour to praying for vocations. Please be sure to join us on Wednesday nights at 5 p.m. as we pray for this important intention.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Fr. Reid". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "R" at the end.

Fr. Reid

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Through the intercession of St. Ann we humbly place our plans for the building of a new church before our Lord: seeking unity within our diversity, the increase of faith within our fears, the blessing of wisdom in our deliberations, and the mind of God in our decisions.

Immigrant Window Update. In memory of all of our immigrants that dedicated their lives serving and working in this country. For those who have pledged, thank you for your financial contribution! If you have not participated yet, please consider your financial support to honor our immigrants, ancestors, friends, and/or loved ones that have given their lives serving in this country, frequently working in the most life threatening of physically demanding jobs, helping to build this great country. Might the Lord open the gates of heaven for them! Mark your checks on the memo line “immigrant window” and send to the church office.

(Received: 18,229.75 – as of 12/13/09).



“Happiness lies more in giving than in receiving.” (Acts 20:35)



On behalf of those who benefit from the DSA, thank you for your generosity. Remember the words of Jesus, “whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me.”

Fr. Reid's homilies are on the website:
www.stanncharlotte.org

Masses

Sunday, December 27, 2009

8:00am Mass-Fr. Hanson +Eddie Gildae
by Marie Gildae
10:30am Mass-Fr. Hanson
Intentions of Brian Kubovcik
by Abi and Dale Purvis
12:30pm Mass-Fr. Hanson
Intentions of our parish family

Monday, December 28, 2009

7:00am Mass-Fr. Hanson
Intentions of LeAnn and Michael Cuccinello
by Abi and Dale Purvis

Tuesday, December 29, 2009

7:00am Mass-Fr. Hanson
Intentions of Bishop Curlin

Wednesday, December 30, 2009

5:00pm Holy Hour
6:00pm English Mass-Fr. Hanson
For St. Ann Benefactors and their loved ones

Thursday, December 31, 2009

9:00am Mass-Fr. Hanson +Fr. James Billar
by Virginia Doman

Friday, January 1, 2010

12:30pm Mass +Mary Nguyen
by the Nguyen family

Saturday, January 2, 2010

3:00pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass Intentions of Ann Hoover
Birthday intentions
by Pat and Jim Rebol
6:30pm Latin Mass In thanksgiving
by Virginia Doman

Sunday, January 3, 2010

Capital Needs and On Going Improvement
Collection/Debt Collection
Food and Snack Collections
8:00am Mass +Patricia Campbell
by the family
10:30am Mass +Cheryl Hadley
by SueAnn Howell
12:30pm Mass Intentions for our parish family

Monday, January 4, 2010

7:00am Mass +Sister Aloysuis Shoemaker RSM
by Virginia Doman

Tuesday, January 5, 2010

7:00am Mass

Wednesday, January 6, 2010

5:00pm Holy Hour
6:00pm Latin Mass Intentions of Elizabeth DeHority
by Lisa Tobin

Thursday, January 7, 2010

7:00am Mass +Paul Lentz
by Anne Lentz

Friday, January 8, 2010

8:30am Mass Intentions of Peter Blaise Tonon
by Brian and Angela Williams

Saturday, January 9, 2010

3:00pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family

Please pray for: (in our parish): Carl Edwards,
Don Millard, Bob Brewer, Maggie Bernard, Gladys
Cavallone, Elizabeth DeHority, Scott Wheeler and
Catherine Silverthorne;

And among our relatives and friends: Terri
Benton (daughter of Pat and Bob Brewer), Jack
Broxterman, Katie Balman (daughter of Cecilia and
Ashley Balman.

Please pray for our friends who are incarcerated:
Walter F. Sanders, Jr., Amiee Porter.

The Allen Center Schedule

Sunday, December 27, 2009

9:00am Bible Study-library
9:00am Class-café

Monday, December 28, 2009

6:00pm Dance group-gym
6:00pm AA-cl 1 and 2
7:00pm RCIA-café
7:30pm World Rosary-church

Tuesday, December 29, 2009

9:00am Ceramic

Wednesday, December 30, 2009

5:00pm Holy Hour-church
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Thursday, December 31, 2009

Church office closed
7:00pm Choir-church
7:00pm bingo-café

Friday, January 1, 2010

Church office closed
6:30pm dance group-cl 1 and 2

Saturday, January 2, 2010

9:00am AA/NA-cl 1 and 2
9:00am Ceramics
3:00pm Confessions-church

Sunday, January 3, 2010

9:00am Bible Study-library
9:00am class-café
6:30pm Men's Club-café
7:00pm CSS-cl 1 and 2

Monday, January 4, 2010

6:00pm dance group-gym
6:00pm AA-cl 1 and 2
7:00pm RCIA-café
7:00pm Women's Society-library
7:00pm Carnival meeting-scout room
7:30pm World Rosary-church

Tuesday, January 5, 2010

9:00am Ceramics
3:00pm SAAA-gym
7:00pm library in use

Wednesday, January 6, 2010

5:00pm Holy Hour-church
5:00pm SAAA-gym
7:00pm Boy Scouts
7:00pm library in use

Thursday, January 7, 2010

10:00am Intercessors of the Lamb -church
3:00pm SAAA-gym
7:00pm Choir-church
7:00pm Bingo-café

Friday, January 8, 2010

3:00pm SAAA-gym
6:30pm dance group-cl 1 and 2
7:00pm Judy Townsend-scout room

Saturday, January 9, 2010

8:00am SAAA-gym
8:00am Carmelites-church
9:00am Ceramic
9:00am AA/NA-cl 1 and 2
2:00pm Blue Knights-cl 1 and 2
3:00pm Confession-church

Sunday, January 10, 2010

9:00am Baptismal-Class-cl 1 and 2
9:00am Bible Study-library
9:00am Fr. Reid's class-café
1:00pm SAAA-gym
2:00pm Girls Scouts
3:30pm Brownies
7:00pm CSS-cl 1 and 2

To book a room in the Allen Center call Charlie Nesto at 704-523-4641#227 on Tuesdays or Thursdays 9:00am to 12noon.

World Rosary, Monday, December 28th at 7:30pm in the church. Ann Layman at 704-525-3519.

We are asked to love and honor the life of every man and woman and to work with perseverance and courage so that our time, marked by all too many signs of death, may at last witness the establishment of a new culture of life, the fruit of the culture of truth and of love.

-John Paul II Evangelium Vitae, 77

Join one or all three... be a witness to human sanctity! March for Life 2010 Charlotte, Raleigh and Washington DC.

Charlotte-March for Life will be on January 15, 2010 will march at 12:00pm from the parking lot on the corners of W. Palmer and S. Church streets across from the Catholic Center. For more information go to www.marchforlifecharlotte.org
Raleigh-March for Life will be on January 16, 2010 will march at 1:00pm from the corner of Hargett and McDowell streets. For more information on prayer breakfast and march go to www.ncrtl.org or call 1-800-392-6275. *Washington DC*-March for Life will be on January 22, 2010. There will be an awesome overnight pilgrimage to Washington DC on a bus leaving from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church on January 21st. Only \$40.00 per person. For more details call Marie Leclair 704-341-5961 or e-mail marie.teacher@hotmail.com

Healing after Abortion: There is hope and healing after abortion. Men and women are invited to begin their healing journey at our next Rachel's Vineyard retreat, January 29-31, 2010. For further information, please call the Respect Life Office: 704-370-3229 or visit: Rachelsvineyard.org.

Jesus did not come to explain away suffering or remove it. He came to fill with His presence.

-Paul Claudel

For information on the Creighton Model **Fertility Care System** please call Trisha Brown, Diocese of Charleston FCPI, at 803-554-6569.

Join us to pray the Rosary to stop abortions at the Hebron Abortion Clinic off South Blvd. Every Saturday at 9:45am.

Petition to Help Pregnant Women Choose Life:

Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Jugis need your help in convincing our state legislators to allow the Choose Life license plate to be made available in NC. An online petition has been created by the Carolina Pregnancy Care Fellowship and can be found at <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/ncchooselife/>
IMPORTANT: If you prefer not to receive further notifications from this petition website, please be sure to remove the green check from the box that appears above the "Sign Petition" box. Please consider signing the petition and let your friends know about the petition as well. Without your help, the Choose Life license plate will never be passed by our Legislature.

March for Life Charlotte!! January 15, 2010.

Please join others to march and pray for an end to abortion and save babies lives. There were 10,444 babies killed in Mecklenburg County alone last year!! We will gather at the Catholic Diocese parking lot at the corner of W. Palmer and Church Street across from 1123 South Church Street at 11:00am. We will have signs available to carry and we will march from there at 12:00pm to Trade and Tryon to pray and continue on to the court house at 401 W. Trade Street where we will pray a Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. There may be some parking available at the parking lot, but please expect to find parking on your own uptown if necessary. Please encourage others to come to this extremely important event. Any questions call Tina at 704-846-7361. www.marchforlifecharlotte.org.

Register for the next **Worldwide Marriage**

Encounter Weekend – it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! The weekend centers entirely on your relationship and is a positive, private experience between you and your spouse that revitalizes marriage. Sign up now for the Valentine's Day weekend February 12th-14th, 2010 being held in Charlotte, NC. www.wwme-nc.info. You may also contact Tom and Emilie Sandin for more information @ emilieandtom@yahoo.com or 336-274-4424.



St. Ann's Women's Society. Mission: Catholic women providing a light to our parish and surrounding community by service, prayer and fellowship. *"lighting up the community one hand at a time."* For questions please call or email Kimberlee Shukes at 704-643-2956 or shukesk@bellsouth.net.

The next meeting will be Monday, January 4th at 7:00pm.

The St. Ann's Women's Society and the Circle of Hope are collecting food for the pantry of the Presbyterian Children's Hospital. They are in need of individually wrapped snacks for the children and their families such as chips, crackers and cookies.

Young Adult Singles, Married Couples and Families are invited to join St. Ann's Young Adult Group! This is a group for **adults in the 20s and 30s** looking to enrich their faith and social life. Activities will have spiritual, social and charitable aspects and are family-friendly! Thank you to those of you who joined us for Rosary and Game Night! **Upcoming Events: New Year's Eve Party**, December 31st: 6:30pm, Vigil Mass at St. Vincent's Church, then party to follow! *Please RSVP on Facebook or via email!* **Mass & Coffee Meet-up:** Start your Saturday off right! January 16th, 9:00am: **Mass at St. Gabriel** Parish followed by coffee at **Starbucks** (4450 Randolph Rd # 100). For more information visit us on Facebook: [Saint Ann's Young Adult Group](#) or contact Lauren Rugar 704-900-8903, lauren.rugar@yahoo.com.

Babysitters Needed: St. Ann's Young Adult Group is looking for teenage volunteers to babysit at some of their events! If you are a teen in need of service hours, please contact Lauren Rugar at lauren.rugar@yahoo.com or 704-900-8903.

Catholic Book Store! The Carolina Catholic Corner is proud to let you know that the ever growing Catholic population in the Charlotte area now has a place to shop for books, gifts and art work that celebrates our beautiful Faith. Carolina Catholic Corner has opened its doors for business. We are located **inside** the Ace Hardware Store in the Cheshire Place Shopping Center at 3716 WT Harris Blvd near where Sugarcreek crosses Harris. This is a most unusual location but one that has already shown great blessings for both ACE and CCC! Carolina Catholic Corner is owned by the Bond Family. Call Allen Bond – store manager at 704-562-5001. We look forward to assisting you.

Living Waters Catholic Reflection Center is offering "Connecting with Al of Nature in Prayer and Praise to our Creator with Sister Fran Grady, SCL. Monday, June 8th through Sunday, June 14th. Call 828-926-3833 or check the web: www.catholicretreat.org.

Email: lwcrc@bellsouth.net

This retreat and more are offered throughout the year.



They're here! New Lighthouse Catholic Media CD's have arrived and are in the kiosk just outside the church doors.

Stop by the wooden stand after Mass and select CD's from our newest shipment. Your small donation of just \$3.00 or more per CD is appreciated!

Volunteers Needed to Help Clean Church:

Calling all Marthas! We are in need of volunteers who are willing to help clean the church building on a regular basis. Now that we have such a beautiful new church, let's be sure to take good care of it. For more information please contact Carol Kuhn at 704-527-5277. Thank you!

Thank you for all the cards and gifts during this blessed Christmas season

Please keep in mind as you come in to the church we have several parishioners and visitors with walkers and canes that would like to sit in the back of the church by the baptismal font so the walk from their cars is not too far! Thank you.

Come to a night of prayer at Wednesday January 20th at 7:15pm. Our prayer night is directly after the Latin Mass. It will be held in the cry room. Please contact Carolyn Franks for further information. 704-544-3153 or carolynfranks1@netzero.net.

Help Wanted: During these difficult economic times, some members of our parish family have lost their jobs. If you or anyone you know is looking to hire, please consider those within our church family first. Contact Marcy in the office for names and numbers of those currently searching for employment. We would like to set up a service of support. A list on which you could include your company, your hobby or your service. We hope to have an “Angie’s List” of people and companies such as lawn service or planting flowers, plumbers of the parish and all the others occupations. Call the church office.

Dr. George Raad and the Metrolina Medical Research would like to invite you to volunteer in one of the Clinical Research Studies: Arthritis, urinary incontinence, over active bladder, Diabetes, Diabetic Neuropathy, High Blood Pressure, Osteoporosis, Menstrual Migraine and flu vaccine for ages 65 and older. Call 704-527-6672 www.pmg-research.com

St. Gerard's Club. Missions: To pray for women who are pregnant or seeking to become pregnant. To provide free meals (cooked by parish volunteers) for women who have recently given birth. If you wish to receive prayers concerning pregnancy or to receive meals when you give birth, or if you are available to cook meals occasionally throughout the year, please contact Katherine Lauer at 704-447-7322 or katherinetlauer@gmail.com. *Good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor before the throne of God, pray for us.*

If you aren't praying for your child, who is? **Moms in Touch** is an international organization of moms who pray for their children and their children's schools. Our children need our prayers desperately in today's society and these prayer groups meet regularly to pray for these special intentions. If your children are in Catholic schools, public schools, private schools, Christian schools, home schooled, college, etc., Marie Foster (704-366-3332 or TGAMFOSTER@aol.com) to get the name of a MIT leader for your child's school.

Habitat Critical Home Repair (HCHR) began in 2007 as a division of **Habitat for Humanity**. It is for person who can't afford to make the necessary repairs on their houses themselves. If you are interested in helping please call 704-716-5639 or Homerepair@habitatcharlotte.org.

Young adults in their 20s and 30s interested in meeting others in our community come and check out our growing young adult group. **Activities: Adoration (5:00pm) and Mass (6:00pm) Wednesday, December 30** at St. Ann's with dinner afterwards at a local restaurant. Join us for all or any part of the evening's activities. We will be having a **New Year's Eve Party on Thursday, December 31** starting at 8pm. More details to come... For more information or to join please contact Christina Hinton at christina.hinton@gmail.com or check our group out on Facebook, Vinny's DOC.

Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS) is accepting applications for all grades (TK thought 12th) for the 2010-2011 school year. If you are interested in providing your child a Catholic School education – please go to our website at www.charlottediocese.org for an application packet. Deadline for the Early Admission process is January 31, 2010. The second admission round begins February 1st. Applications continue to be accepted until all seats are filled. For more information please call the MACS Admission Office 704-370-3273.



St. Ann's School News

Visit the website at
www.stannscatholicschool.com

Christmas Holiday is
December 21st-January 1st

January 4th classes resume
January 18th no school
January 19th no school
January 21st report cards
January 31st Catholic Schools week

Baptismal Class is Sunday, January 10th at 9:00am in the Allen Center. Please call the church office to sign-up.

All are invited to join us at 9:00am-10:00am in the café for our **Adult Education** a different topic each week.

Forest Lawn East Cemetery in Matthews, NC has now opened at Catholic Section for Catholics in our area. Call 704-846-1068 for more details.

Pro-Life Career Opportunities in Charlotte
Room At The Inn is a Catholic maternity and after care program that provides long term housing, professional counseling, spiritual support and material assistance to single moms in need. Currently there are two rewarding positions available: **Part Time Bilingual Counselor** (Must be a licensed counselor and fluent in English/Spanish) and **Full Time Program Support Specialist** (Entry level position, must be fluent in English/Spanish.) For information or to submit a resume, contact Debbie Capen: 704-525-4673 x14 (debbiecapen@rati.org).

Congress is preparing to debate health care reform legislation. The Catholic bishops of the United States strongly support genuine health care reform that protects the life and dignity of all, from the moment of conception until natural death. However, all current bills are seriously deficient on abortion and conscience rights, and do not yet provide adequate access to health care for immigrants and the poor. The bishops have asked for our swift action and the commitment of our prayers for this critical effort. Thank you for your help. We can help make sure that health care reform will be about saving lives, not destroying them.

The Men's Club next meeting will be January 3rd at 6:30pm for dinner and will have a meeting following dinner. We will be planning the carnival events! All men of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend!

Shining Stars Adult Day Respite is a not-for-profit organization helping families dealing with memory loss. They provide relief for the caregiver and activities and friendship for the care receivers. Meeting times are Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00am at St. Gabriel Catholic Church. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am at Sardis Presbyterian Church. They provide support groups for caregivers dealing with a memory loss family member. They are free and open to the public. Meeting times are: The last Monday of each month at 10:00am at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, Room E in the Ministry Center.

The 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm at Sardis Presbyterian Church. Bereavement Group now meets the last Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm at St. Gabriel Catholic Church Room, E in the Ministry Center. Shining Stars Adult Day Respite is in need of volunteers. They meet from 10:00am –3:00pm at St. Gabriel on Mondays and Wednesdays. Also Tuesdays and Thursdays at Sardis Presbyterian Church. Call Suzanne Bach at 704-376-4135.

It is a glorious thing to be indifferent to suffering, but only to one's own suffering.

-Robert Lynd

Catholic Social Services is committed to the growth of individuals and the strengthening of families. We invite you to take advantage of our counseling program whether it be for individual therapy, couples counseling, or family therapy. We accept most health insurance and offer a generous sliding scale. To find peace of mind, hope, support, please visit our website, www.cssnc.org or call 704-370-3262.

As part of the Park Road Ministry please keep in your prayers the **Moore Place** an Urban Ministry Center model to end chronic homelessness in Charlotte. To help contact Kathy IZARD director of Homeless to Homes, Urban Ministry Center email her at kizard@urbanministrycenter.org or visit www.mooreplacecharlotte.com.

2009-2010 IFBL Information:

www.sportability.com. Season Dates:

3rd grade- January 9th, 16th, 24th.

4th-8th grade- January 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, February 6th. Playoffs February 8th -14th.

9th-12th grade-December 20th, January 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st. February 7th, 14th, Playoffs week of February 15th.

Diocesan requirements for reporting ministry-related sexual abuse of a minor.

1. Any individual having actual knowledge of or reasonable cause to suspect an incident of ministry-related sexual abuse is to immediately report the incident to the Chancery.
2. The Chancery will then report the incident to the proper civil authorities. The individual reporting the incident to the Chancery will be notified of the particulars regarding the Chancery's filing of the incident with the civil authorities.
3. This reporting requirement is not intended to supersede the right of an individual to make a report to civil authority, but is to ensure proper, complete and timely reporting. Should an individual choose to make a report to civil authority, a report is still to be made to the Chancery.

Marriage and Natural Family in the Charlotte area- Introductions 2010.

Diocesan Pastoral Center time 6:30pm and dates: January 6th, February 3rd, May 5th, August 4th and November 3rd.

St. Gabriel Catholic Church: January 13th 6:30pm.

St. Ann Catholic Church: February 2nd 7:00pm

Engaged Couples time 7:30pm and dates: January 8th, April 9th, July 2nd, October 1st. Co-sponsored by Catholic Social Services NFP Program. RSVP required. cssnfp@charlottediocese.org
704-370-3230.

Charismatic Prayer Group of St. Matthew's invites you to every third Monday of the month (the next one is Monday, January 18th) at 7:30pm in the chapel. Questions to CHLT5NC@aol.com.

Shepherd's Center of Charlotte has just the computer class for you. Our computer classes are designed especially for the older adult. Microsoft Word, Excel, Internet/E-Mail, Digital Imaging Management & Editing and E-Bay classes meet for three hours, three days a week. Cost is only \$25! Please call 704-365-1995.

Attentions Families! Come spend time as a family while you discover what your family's mission is at the **Domestic Church Conference!** Special guest speaker Cathy Garcia-Prats (mother of 10 boys and co-author of "Good Families Don't Just Happen"). January 30, 2010, 8:30am-6:00pm, St. Michael's Catholic Church, Gastonia. \$25 per family. For more information or to register, contact Lori Tortorich: mltort@gmail.com, 704-675-5366. Hurry, space is limited!

The Oratory Labyrinth Prayer Garden on the grounds of the rock Hill Oratory is open to all seeking to walk this prayer experience. Labyrinth prayer touches many parts of our lives and faith communities.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 27, 2009 Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. — *1 John 3:2a*

FAMILY IN CRISIS

Today’s Gospel gives us the only real glimpse we have into the life of the Holy Family during the childhood of Jesus. Here we see a family in crisis. A son is lost and frantic parents search and search until they finally find him. We hear these words from the mother of Jesus: “Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety” (Luke 2:48). We can only imagine the distress felt by Mary and Joseph. Their love for their son brought them to their wits’ end. Let us take the opportunity this day to ask the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph to intercede for us in times when our families experience anxiety and fear.

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THE NAME FOR GOD

Mother is the name for God on the lips and in the hearts of little children.

—William Makepeace Thackeray

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday: The Holy Innocents
Tuesday: St. Thomas Becket
Thursday: St. Sylvester I; New Year’s Eve
Friday: Octave of Christmas; New Year’s Day; The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; First Friday
Saturday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; First Saturday

SAINT THOMAS BECKET (1118-1170)

December 29

To anyone who imagines conflict between religion and politics to be a modern phenomenon, history witnesses otherwise. Martyred under Henry VIII in 1535, Thomas More declared, “I die the King’s good servant, but God’s first!” Thomas Becket could have said the same four centuries earlier. As Henry II’s closest friend and trusted chancellor, Becket, the King presumed, could be counted on, if made Archbishop, to deliver the church to royal control. But Becket experienced a profound conversion, confirmed by the ordination liturgy’s rich symbolism of the bishop as Good Shepherd and the church as Bride of Christ. Renouncing secular responsibilities, distributing his wealth to the poor, Thomas became the church’s uncompromising champion. Faced with this “new” Becket, the King’s previous friendship turned into a ferocious, almost irrational hatred. As eight centuries later, Archbishop Romero would be martyred at the altar of Christ’s sacrifice, Becket was slain before the altar of Canterbury Cathedral by royal agents, neither the first nor last good shepherd to lay down his life as the price of freedom for Christ’s church and justice for Christ’s sheep.

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SPEAK WELL

Speak well of people and you will never need to whisper.

—Anonymous

La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José 27 de diciembre de 2009 Hermanos míos, ahora somos hijos de Dios, pero aún no se ha manifestado cómo seremos al fin. — *1 Juan 3:2a*

FAMILIA EN CRISIS

El Evangelio de hoy nos ofrece la única verdadera ojeada a la vida de la Sagrada Familia durante la niñez de Jesús. Aquí vemos a una familia en crisis. El hijo se ha perdido y, frenéticos, los padres buscan y buscan hasta que al final lo encuentran. Escuchamos a la madre de Jesús decir: “Hijo mío, ¿por qué te has portado así con nosotros? Tu padre y yo te hemos estado buscando, llenos de angustia” (Lucas 2:48). Apenas logramos imaginar la angustia que María y José sintieron. El amor por su hijo casi los saca de quicio. Aprovechemos esta oportunidad hoy para pedir a la Santísima Virgen María y a san José que intercedan por nosotros cuando nuestras familias estén pasando por ansiedades y temores.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura—Ana entregó su hijo Samuel al Señor, dejándolo en el templo de Siló: “Toda su vida, él está cedido a Yavé” (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) o *Sirácide 3:2-7, 12-14*.

Salmo — Señor, dichosos los que viven en tu casa (Salmo 84 [83]) o *Salmo 128(127)*.

Segunda lectura—Somos hijos de Dios cuando creemos en el nombre de su Hijo, Jesucristo, y nos amamos mutuamente como él nos ordenó (1 Juan 3:1-2, 21-24) o *Colosenses 3:12-21 [12-17]*.

Evangelio—José y María encuentran a Jesús perdido en el templo en medio de los maestros, escuchando y haciendo preguntas (Lucas 2:41-52).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Martes: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lc 2:22-35

Miércoles: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lc 2:36-40

Jueves: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Viernes: Núm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66); Ga 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21 Sábado: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Domingo: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72 (71); Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SANTO TOMÁS BECKET (1118-1170)

29 de diciembre

Tomás Becket se distinguió por su inteligencia y rápido ascenso durante el reinado de Enrique II de Inglaterra. Como canciller, en ausencia del rey, estuvo al mando del reino. No obstante, Enrique II era ambicioso y quería a la Iglesia bajo su dominio, fue por eso que le nombró como Arzobispo de Canterbury en 1162. Sin embargo, Tomás cambió radicalmente: renunció a la cancillería, vendió su mansión, dio el dinero a los pobres y se fue a un monasterio viviendo humildemente. Se opuso públicamente al rey y a sus intenciones de sometimiento de la Iglesia hasta que el mismo rey lo amenazó con la muerte, razón por la que se expatrió a Francia. Luego de una reconciliación temporal, el rey expresó su deseo de librarse del arzobispo y envió a una guardia real a que lo asesinaran, hecho que ocurrió en el altar mayor de la catedral mientras Tomás Becket celebraba la Eucaristía. Sus últimas palabras fueron: “Acepto la muerte en el nombre de Jesús y de la Iglesia”.

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EL NOMBRE DE DIOS

Madre es el nombre de Dios en los labios y corazones de los niños pequeños.

—William Makepeace Thackeray

Servicio Bilingue: Domingoes a las 12:30pm

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Si tiene algo que quiere anunciar en Español por el boletín, favor de mandarlo a Robin Davis por correo electrónico meandmygirlies@windstream.net. Comunidad Hispana! Celebraremos el Carnaval de Santa Ana el 31 Octubre. La tradicion es que la comunidad hispana patrocina una zona donde vendimos comida hispana para ayudar recoger fondos. Necesitamos que cada persona participe! Pongase en contacto con Robin Davis 704-806-2434 o con Hilda Pimentel 704-606-7970 para participar en una labor!!

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LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS OBSERVANCIAS

Domingo: La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José
Lunes: Los Santos Inocentes
Martes: Santo Tomás Becket
Jueves: San Silvestre I; Vispera del Año Nuevo
Viernes: Octava de Navidad; Año Nuevo; María Santísima, Madre de Dios; Jornada Mundial de Oración por la Paz; Primer viernes
Sábado: Santos Basilio Magno y Gregorio Nacienceno; Primer sábado

Su iglesia y la comunidad, ofrece muchas oportunidades para usar su tiempo y talento al servicio de Dios. Si tiene interes en servir en la misa como monaguillo, ministro de la Eucaristía, lector, etc. favor de llamar a Robin Davis 704-806-2434.

Por favor, considere sinceramente la posibilidad de tomar parte en nuestra misa bilingüe. Se necesitan muchos voluntarios para celebrar la misa adecuadamente. Estamos buscando a aquellos que están interesados en leer la palabra, recibir a los asistentes, y también estamos necesitando de jóvenes para servir en el altar. Por favor, deje su nombre y su información de contacto en la oficina de la iglesia si están interesados en ser voluntario en uno de estos ministerios.

Parroquiano de Santa Ana, el Doctor Raad, invita a las personas hispanas que necesitan servicios medicos. Llamar a Park Road Medical Clinic 704 523 2565 con Angela Gamarra (habla Espanol). Tambien el Doctor Raad tiene el placer de invitar a voluntarios en uno de los estudios clinicos de investigacion: gerd(acid reflux), diabetes, alta presion, osteoporosis, arthritis, problemas de vejiga. Tambien se ofrece vacuna para FLU (65 anos o mas) Llamar a 704-527-6672.

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