

**ST. JOHN
THE BAPTIST
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Est. 1911

Ut In Omnibus Glorificetur Deus

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REGISTRATION: New parishioners may register at the parish office or download the registration form from our website.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK / LAST RITES: Please ask the priest for the Anointing of the Sick before serious surgery. In the case of an emergency and the need for Last Rites, call the parish office at 828-859-9574, wait for the answering machine, then press 6 to leave your name and phone number.

HOLY COMMUNION AND HOSPITAL CALLS: Please notify the parish office when a parishioner is in the hospital or homebound.

FAITH FORMATION: Classes, Monday: 6 to 7:15 pm.
High School Youth Group, see bulletin for scheduling.

DEVOTIONS: Rosary before weekday Mass. Morning Prayer following weekday Mass. Divine Mercy Chaplet following Monday Mass. First Friday Adoration begins at 9 am and concludes at 5 pm with Benediction.

SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am (Latin), 11 am & 12:30 pm (Spanish)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday & Friday: 8:30 am
First Saturday Mass: 8:30 am
Holy Days to be announced

CONFESSION

Monday & Friday: 7:30 — 8:15 am
Saturday: 3:30 — 4:15 pm, or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday & Thursday: 8:30 — 9:30 am

BAPTISM: Preparation class required. Contact the parish office.

MATRIMONY: Couples planning marriage should contact the parish priest at least six months in advance of the marriage.



THE LITURGICAL WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 13

4:30pm - Marshall Monroe†

Sunday, March 14

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30am Latin - Pablo &

Elena Gonzalez

11am - Jane Hughes†

12:30pm - Pro Populo

Monday, March 15

8:30am - Jessica & Art DeCotiis

Tuesday, March 16

8:30am - David Meredith

Friday, March 19

**St Joseph, Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30am - The Winn Family

Saturday, March 20

4:30pm - Edwina Brodzinski†

Sunday, March 21

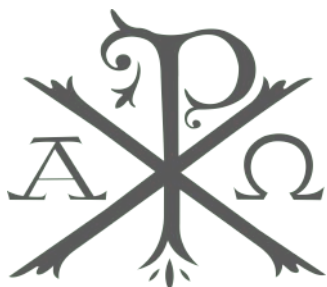
Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30am Latin - Adeline &

James Kenny†

11am - Kristie Fitzsimmons†

12:30pm - Pro Populo



CONFESSIONS

Monday 7:30 — 8:30 am

Friday 7:30 — 8:30 am

Saturday 3:30 — 4:15 pm

DEVOTIONS

**ADORATION & BENEDICTION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Wednesday & Thursday

8:30 — 9:30 am

MORNING PRAYER

after Mass on Monday,

Tuesday & Friday

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

After Monday Morning Prayer

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

are lit for the intentions of

Joseph DeCotiis

PRAYERS

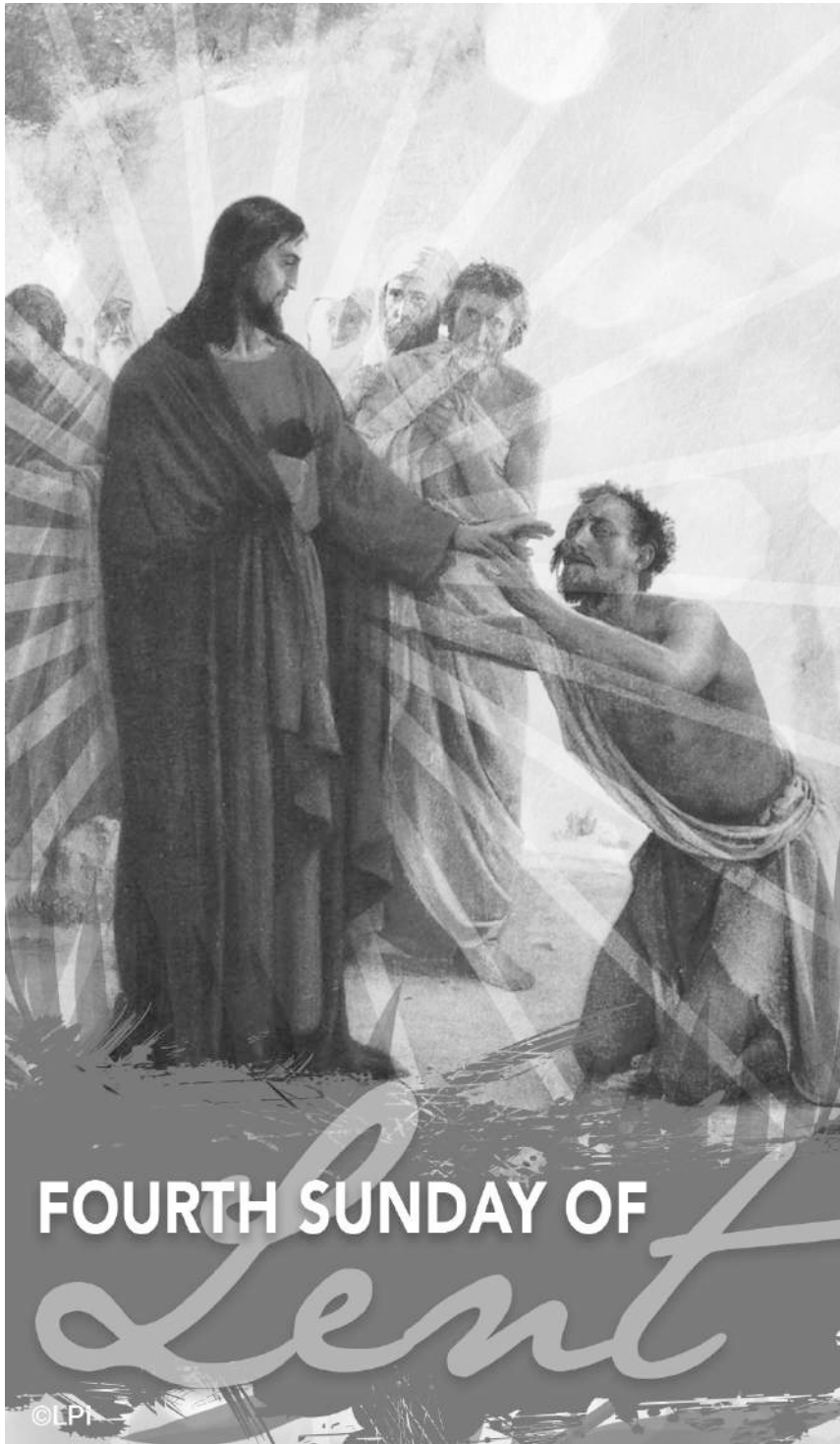
FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS

Please remember the infirmed of our parish, especially those who, by request, have been placed on our parish prayer intention list. If you would like to be added to this list, please call the parish office. You may call for a copy of the prayer list.

Added to our prayer list is

Jane Torres

SPIRITUAL READING & REFLECTION



FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

Christian faith is centered on Christ; it is the confession that Jesus is Lord and that God has raised him from the dead. All the threads of the Old Testament converge on Christ; he becomes the definitive Yes to all the promises, the ultimate basis of our Amen to God. If Israel continued to recall God's great acts of love, which formed the core of its confession of faith and broadened its gaze in faith, the life of Jesus now appears as the locus of God's definitive intervention, the supreme manifestation of his love for us. The Word which God speaks to us in Jesus is not simply one word among many, but his eternal Word. God can give no greater guarantee of his love.... Christian faith is thus faith in a perfect love, in its decisive power, in its ability to transform the world and to unfold its history. We know and believe the love that God has for us (1 Jn 4:16). In the love of God revealed in Jesus, faith perceives the foundation on which all reality and its final destiny rest.

The clearest proof of the reliability of Christ's love is to be found in his dying for our sake. If laying down one's life for one's friends is the greatest proof of love, Jesus offered his own life for all, even for his enemies, to transform their hearts. This explains why the evangelists could see the hour of Christ's crucifixion as the culmination of the gaze of faith; in that hour the depth and breadth of God's love shone forth. It was then that Saint John offered his solemn testimony, as together with the Mother of Jesus he gazed upon the pierced one: He who saw this has borne witness, so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth (Jn 19:35). In Dostoevsky's *The Idiot*, Prince Myshkin sees a painting by Hans Holbein the Younger depicting Christ dead in the tomb and says: "Looking at that painting might cause one to lose his faith." The painting is a gruesome portrayal of the destructive effects of death on

Christ's body. Yet it is precisely in contemplating Jesus' death that faith grows stronger and receives a dazzling light; then it is revealed as faith in Christ's steadfast love for us, a love capable of embracing death to bring us salvation. This love, which did not recoil before death in order to show its depth, is something I can believe in; Christ's total self-gift overcomes every suspicion and enables me to entrust myself to him completely.

POPE FRANCIS

His Holiness Pope Francis was elected to the See of Saint Peter in 2013. March 2021 Magnificat

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/ Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

EASTER FLOWERS

Be sure to use your Easter Flower Offering envelopes and mark in memory of, or in honor of a loved one. Please clearly print each name. Thank you.



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THE OFFERTORY REPORT

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 — June 30, 2021
Offertory Totals for the Masses of March 6 & 7, 2021

	This Week	Y.T.D
Actual - Regular	\$10,901	\$302,566
Budgeted	\$7,885	\$283,846
Variance	\$3,016	\$18,720

THE 2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

are in the social hall.

ONLINE OFFERTORY & OTHER DONATIONS

To conveniently make donations online, see our website or go to: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohntryon>. Or, feel free to mail your offertory donation to St. John Church at 180 Laurel Ave., Tryon, NC 28782 Attn: Kelli.

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL

On behalf of those who benefit from the Diocesan Support Appeal, thank you for your generosity. Remember, "Love Thy Neighbor" – being kind, compassionate, and supportive of our brothers and sisters in need.

HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION

FRIDAY AT 1 PM IN THE CHURCH

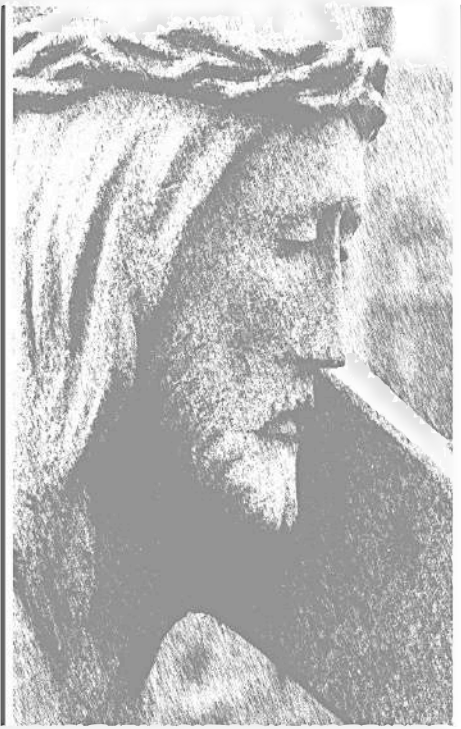
Please join us

A MESSAGE FROM FR. CHRISTIAN:

We are approaching the Holy Season of Easter and with that comes many parishioners and visitors to our parish. Each person is asked to be attentive to the health and well-being of all desiring to attend at this sacred time. We ask that if you are ill, through prudence and charity, to remain home.

DONUTS & DOGMA

SUNDAY — MARCH 14TH
9:45AM | SOCIAL HALL



**Friday
March 19th**

**Stations
of
the
Cross**

5pm

**LENTEN EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

**ADORATION
OF THE
BLESSED
SACRAMENT**



Fridays in Lent

***March 19
to March 26
9am — 5pm**

**~ 3pm Holy Hour
of Reparation**

~ 4:30pm Benediction

***March 19
Schedule Change**

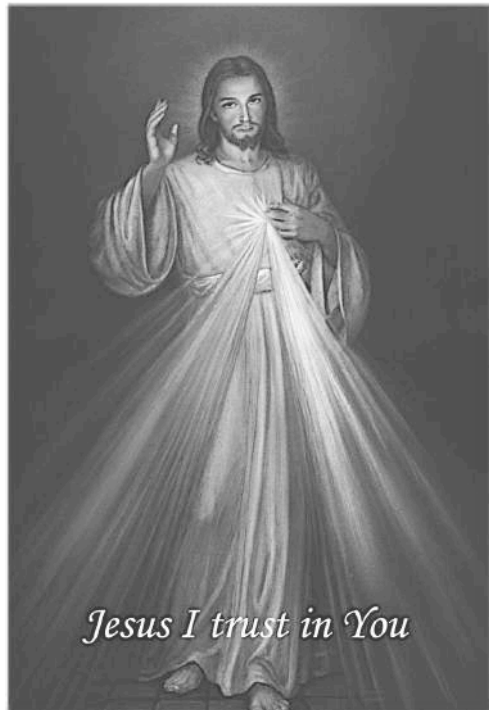
- *Adoration 9am - 3pm*
- *1pm Holy Hour
of Reparation*
- *2:30pm Benediction*

Please sign up in the Church vestibule

*Divine
Mercy*

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA | APRIL 2ND TO APRIL 10TH

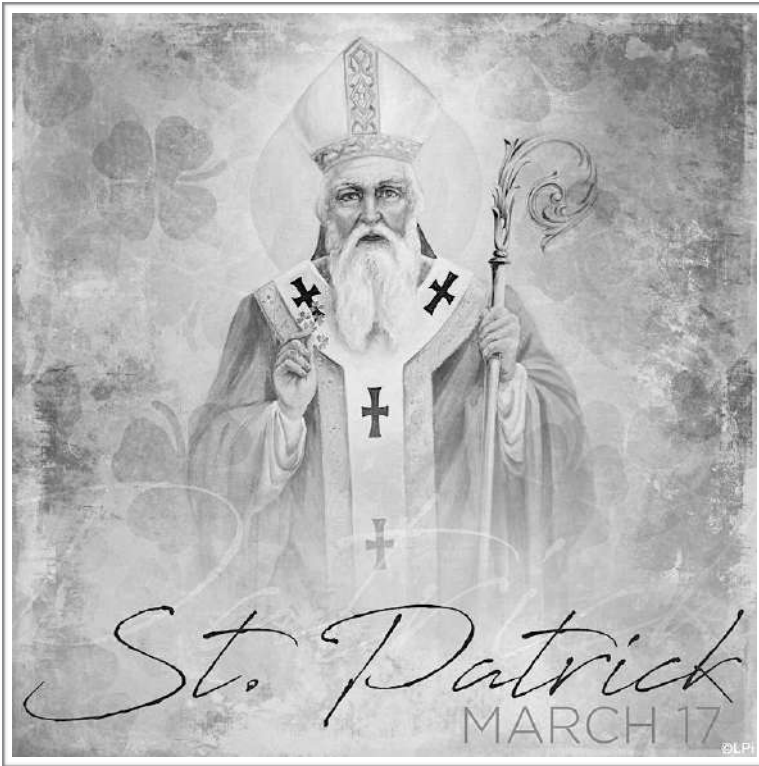
This nine day novena begins on Good Friday, April 2nd, and ends on Saturday, April 10th. Novena consists of daily recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet and prayer. This will be a personal novena for you to pray on your own time. Pamphlets are available in the vestibule of the Church.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Please join us on Sunday, April 11th at 3:00pm to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We will begin with Eucharistic Adoration, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Meditations, Litanies, and close with Benediction. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

PARISH LIFE		
<i>3pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Mon. — Thurs., Church</i>		
Mon Mar 15	5:30pm 5:30pm	Faith Formation Classes, Parish Ctr Schola Choir Rehearsal, Church
Tue Mar 16	9:30am 6:30pm	Patriotic Rosary, Church Women's Group, Parish Center
Fri Mar 12	9am-5pm 5pm 5:30pm	Adoration, Church Stations of the Cross, Church Lenten Fish Fry, Social Hall



**CONVERGING ROADS
MEDICAL ETHICS CONFERENCE**

The St. John Paul II Foundation, in collaboration with the Diocese of Charlotte, and Belmont Abbey College, invite all health care professionals to the fourth annual Converging Roads medical ethics conference held in person and online, Saturday, March 20th from 8am – 6pm, at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Charlotte, N.C. The conference theme is *Hippocratic Medicine: Do No Harm*, and continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered.

Topics include: Rationing in Times of Crisis, The Duty to Care When Facing Personal Risk, Conscience Protection, Gender Dysphoria, and more!

For more information, please visit convergingroads.com or email amelia@forlifeandfamily.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte Western Regional Office in Asheville is pleased to provide bilingual professional mental health counseling for couples and adults in English or Spanish. During COVID-19, all counseling sessions are being held remotely through a safe, confidential, and virtual platform. Appointments are required. If we can help, please call us at 828-820-5148. Peace is just a phone call away.

FORMED

Some excellent suggestions for this week... and this Year of St. Joseph!

- Watch: *Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ*
- Learn: *Lectio: Beloved—Session 4: The Total Gift of Self*
- Listen: *St. Joseph: Patron of the Universal Church*

See “Pick of the Week” in the glass bulletin board for more information. To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

*Lenten season fish fry dinners
Fridays through March 26th*

We will be prepared to serve meals for sit-in and carry-out, at 5:30pm, after Stations of the Cross. Schedule subsequent to change depending on attendance.

Prices for dinners are:

- Fish* **\$11.00**
- Shrimp* **\$12.00**
- Combo* **\$13.00**

SAVE THE DATE	
Stations of the Cross & Eucharistic Adoration, Fridays in Lent	
Lenten Fish Frys, Fridays in Lent	
Mar 28	Palm Sunday
April 2	Holy Thursday
April 3	Good Friday, ...begin Divine Mercy Novena
April 4	Easter Sunday
April 11	Divine Mercy Sunday

FAITH FORMATION



- Lenten Fish Fry Fridays Youth Work the Fish Frys—be sure to sign up —only two more Fridays — March 19 & 26.
- Sunday, March 21 Youth Breakfast with Fr. Christian, 10am Social Hall.
- Fridays in Lent
 - *Adoration 9:15am to 4:30pm.
Stations of the Cross at 5pm.
 - *Adoration note for March 19th*
— Adoration ends at 3pm.

Let the Saints Guide You

*“I pray to God
to give me perseverance
and to deign that I be
a faithful witness
to Him
to the end of my life
for my God.”
—St. Patrick*



FAITH FORMATION 2021 **FF Classes 2nd / 8th Grades** **Mondays: 5:30 to 6:30pm**

We are holding only sacramental prep classes this spring for 2nd year students and 8th year students, on Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30pm in the parish center. Any questions, contact Theresa Fitch in the parish office: stjohnff@windstream.net.



WOMEN'S GROUP

Tuesday, March 16th

The women's group will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8pm. We gather in the parish center. We are reviewing and studying the *Last Seven Words of Christ*. All ladies of the parish are invited.

MEN'S GROUP

Tuesday, March 23rd

Men's group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday each month in the parish social hall. Any questions, please email Greg Lobas: beintentional500@gmail.com.