

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

Est. 1911

*Ut In Omnibus Glorificetur Deus*

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**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, 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.

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

# THE LITURGICAL WEEK

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, November 7**

**First Saturday**

8:30am Latin - Priest's Intention

4:30pm - All Deceased Priests  
of St. John the Baptist Church†

**Sunday, November 8**

**Thirty-second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

8:30am Latin - Scarlet Wright

11am - David Gonzalez†

12:30pm - Pro Populo

**Monday, November 9**

**The Dedication of the  
Lateran Basilica**

8:30am - The Kohlbry Family

**Tuesday, November 10**

**St. Leo the Great**

8:30am - The Meyers Family

**Friday, November 13**

**St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**

8:30am - Adeline & James Kenny†

**Saturday, November 14**

4:30pm - David Carmichael†

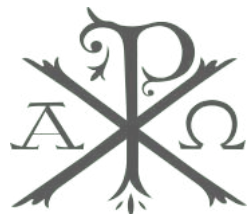
**Sunday, November 15**

**Thirty-third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

8:30am Latin - John Damien Carter

11am - Maurice P. Neville†

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  
Joanne Leen

## 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.

*Please pray for the repose of the  
soul of Christine Cheseldine†*

# SPIRITUAL READING & REFLECTION



## AWAKE AND WATCHING

As long as we are... pilgrimaging together toward the Kingdom along all the highways and byways of life, a continual exchange of goods and mutual support were not only legitimate but absolutely essential. However,

when we have reached the goal and suddenly find ourselves at the culminating instant of our lives... at the very moment of encountering the Bridegroom face to face — each of us has to show himself to him for what we have become... Initiation into the final stages of divine intimacy cannot be conceived in any but these most personal terms, which require the stripping down of my whole self to the essential core. All this for the simple reason that the Bridegroom yearns to behold the shape and gaze of my unique face.

Because God does not love us generically, he does not look for the same quality of love in each one. At that final moment, Christ will be looking for only one thing in me: the inimitable light that he has always wanted to kindle in me and bring forth from me, the unique flame that can flare up only if I have allowed my very heart and soul to catch the fire of his love. This is the light that only I can give, the light that will result from the combustion of my whole being and all its long and intricate becoming, as it offers itself up to the invasion of God's all-consuming Fire of Mercy.

Sobering as the conclusion of the parable may be, we should find much comfort in the very final verse: Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. With this admonition, Jesus turns his focus away from the drama of the parable and toward his listeners in the immediate present. His concluding therefore encourages them to...begin right now to accumulate oil for the day of their own encounter with the divine Bridegroom. By penetrating words and keen, persuasive images, the patient Teacher is presently hard at work, forming virginal hearts in his hearers, showing them how to distill drop by drop the oil of fidelity and devotion into the lamps of their hearts, against the day when he, and no other, will come as ardent Lover, demanding a pure, flammable offering where his passion may eternally burn.

*Erasmio Leiva-Merikakis, now known as Fr. Simeon, is a Cistercian monk living in Rome. Nov. 2020 Magnificat*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK



# Ave

**Sunday:** Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/

1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

**Monday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

**Tuesday:** Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday:** Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday:** Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/Lk 17:20-25

**Friday:** 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday:** 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

**Next Sunday:** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

## IF YOU HAVE RECENTLY MOVED

or changed your phone number or e-mail address, please call Andrée in the parish office at 828-859-9574 or email at: [stjohnchurch@windstream.net](mailto:stjohnchurch@windstream.net), with your updated information. Thanks!

## MASS INTENTIONS PROCEDURE

In order that Mass intentions and sanctuary lamps may be accurately recorded and accounted for, they must be made in person during office hours. If you are homebound, please call Andrée to secure a Mass time. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## THE OFFERTORY REPORT

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 — June 30, 2021

Offertory Totals for the Masses of Oct. 31 & Nov. 1, 2020

	This Week	Y.T.D
Actual - Regular	\$8,807	\$138,857
<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>\$7,885</b>	<b>\$141,923</b>
Variance	\$ 922	(\$ 3,066)

## 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.

## DSA

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, please consider your blessings and make a gift of gratitude to the DSA. If you have not yet contributed, you can donate online at [www.charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://www.charlottediocese.org/dsa) or by returning the pledge form that you received in the mail. Remember, any amount over our goal will be returned to the parish for our own needs. If you have an outstanding pledge, please complete your pledge payments by December 31.



## SEMINARIAN EDUCATION COLLECTION

### TODAY

Please support our seminarians. The seminarian education program is primarily funded through the DSA, the seminarian education major gifts campaign, and today's second collection. Your generosity to this collection is an important part of educating our 41 seminarians.



**Year of St. Joseph:** We're happy to announce that the Fathers of Mercy will be preaching a special Year of St. Joseph Mission at two locations in the Diocese of Charlotte this November (see schedule below). Each mission will be held Monday – Thursday from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Each evening will include an inspiring conference on the life and virtues of St. Joseph along with Eucharistic Adoration and Confession. Mark your calendars! For complete details including the schedule of talks, please visit: [www.YearofStJoseph.org/Mission](http://www.YearofStJoseph.org/Mission).

- **November 9 – 12, 2020 with Fr. Ricardo Pineda, CPM:**  
Holy Cross Catholic Church, Kernersville, NC  
(616 South Cherry St., Kernersville, NC 27284)
- **November 16 – 19, 2020 with Fr. Ricardo Pineda, CPM:**  
St. Barnabas Catholic Church, Arden, NC  
(109 Crescent Hill Dr., Arden, NC 28704)

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS — ST. JOHN'S  
CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
*Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> — 3:30pm*



Location: The 1927 Lake Lure Inn  
Address: 2771 Memorial Hwy.,  
Lake Lure, N.C.

Get your dinner tickets after weekend Masses, or call Tom Furey at 828-817-0536 or Dave Malak at 371-403-2513.

*The LAMB fundraiser prize drawing will be held at the Christmas dinner.  
(1<sup>st</sup> prize- \$2,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - \$500, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize - \$200.)*

***DID YOU EVER ASK YOURSELF...***

*...what do Catholics believe? What are some of the practices and customs of Catholicism?*

*Do you feel that God is calling you to learn more about the Catholic faith?*

Every year adults are welcomed into the Catholic faith through a process (which varies at different parishes) established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation — Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. It is a life transforming experience for many as they learn about our beautiful and ancient faith. If you, or someone you know, may be interested or have any questions, please contact Theresa Fitch at [stjohnff@windstream.net](mailto:stjohnff@windstream.net) or 828-859-9574 ext 3. Information regarding specific classes will be forthcoming.

**PARISH LIFE**

Mon	Nov 9	5:30pm 6:30pm	Schola Choir Rehearsal Women's Group, Social Hall
Tue	Nov 10	9:30am 3pm 7pm	Patriotic Rosary, Church Men's Group, Social Hall K of C Mtg, Social Hall
Thur	Nov 12	10am	Women's Bible Study, Social Hall



The St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Charlotte invite all married and engaged couples to the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **Together in Holiness marriage conference** on **Saturday, November 21, 2020 from 10:30 am – 5:30 pm** at **St. Ann Catholic Church and online!**

Dynamic Presentations | Mass | Scholarships  
Eucharistic Adoration | Reconciliation  
Featuring: Kathryn Whitaker, Rev. Matthew Kauth, and more!

Registration: \$59/couple and \$35/individual  
At-Home Conference Experience: \$15  
Early Bird discount available until October 5.  
Scholarships available upon request.

For more information, please visit [togetherinholiness.org](http://togetherinholiness.org) or email [sara@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:sara@forlifeandfamily.org).

## ANGEL TREE

The Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry has decided not to have the Angel tree this year. If you would still like to participate in their program for Christmas, this is what they are doing: Collecting gift cards in \$25 increments to give children and adults. Favorite stores include: Walmart, Target, Game Stop, Old Navy, Dollar General, and Family Dollar. Gift cards must be returned to Outreach Ministry by November 16<sup>th</sup>. The Address is: 134 White Drive, Columbus, N.C., 828-894-2988. Thanks to all who will participate in this activity.

## SAVE THE DATE

Nov 26	Thanksgiving, office closed Nov. 26 & 27
Nov 29	First Sunday of Advent
Dec 5	Rorate Marian Mass
Dec 6	K of C Christmas Dinner
Dec 8	Immaculate Conception
Dec 13	O Antiphons Program
Dec 25	The Nativity of the Lord

## OUR HOUSE KITCHEN

Our small, active parish home has many folks using the parish kitchen. A true blessing indeed, it is to have so parishioners meeting for bible study, faith study, faith development, youth breakfasts, and various celebrations. We ask each group to please READ the posted "house rules," a.k.a. guidelines, for using the kitchen, which are posted on the front of the refrigerator, in the social hall kitchen. We need ALL to be mindful of the guidelines to maintain a clean and organized kitchen for ALL to share. Thank you for your assistance.

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

The Natural Family Planning (NFP) program of Catholic Charities is continuing to provide online courses and plans to resume in person instruction in the New Year. Current online courses include Natural Family Planning in English or Spanish, a new course called "Know Your Body" for any woman who wants to understand her menstrual cycle as a vital sign, and a parent/daughter retreat, designed to assist parents to guide their daughters through the changes of puberty and into womanhood. All courses incorporate Church teaching on feminine dignity. For more information, go to [ccdoc.org/nfp](http://ccdoc.org/nfp) or contact Batrice Adcock, MSN, at Catholic Charities, (704)-370-3230 or [bnadcock@charlottediocese.org](mailto:bnadcock@charlottediocese.org).

*"...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind..."*

## K OF C RAFFLE

The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets for the L.A.M.B. Foundation after Masses, for the next several weeks, or until sold out. Tickets are \$10 each. First prize is a \$2000 prize, second prize is \$500 and third prize is \$200. The remaining proceeds will be donated to L.A.M.B. The drawing is at the Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas party.

*L.A.M.B. stands for Least Among our Brethren. Most of the money stays local to help people suffering from mental disabilities. A small portion of the funds go to the state of N.C. to help with the special olympics.*

# FAITH FORMATION

## FORMED:

### *November...*

See the “Pick of the Week” in the glass bulletin board: Watch: *Lukas Storyteller*; Learn: *Salvation* (Lectio) and Listen: *That They May All Be One*, by Matt Maher.

Note: Fantastic nine minute video: *Angels in the Water...* if you enjoy it, we have the paperback books in the Book Shoppe in the parish office — a gift for your own family or for someone else!

*You can watch your FREE parish subscription by simply selecting our parish’s name during registration at [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup).*

## WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

### *Thursday, November 12*

The Women’s Thursday Bible class will meet November 12<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the social hall from 10 to 11:30am. This session will be a study of *2nd Samuel*. The class is open to all women in our parish. For questions please call Suanne at 864-510-1073 or email [suannethen@gmail.com](mailto:suannethen@gmail.com).

## WOMEN’S GROUP

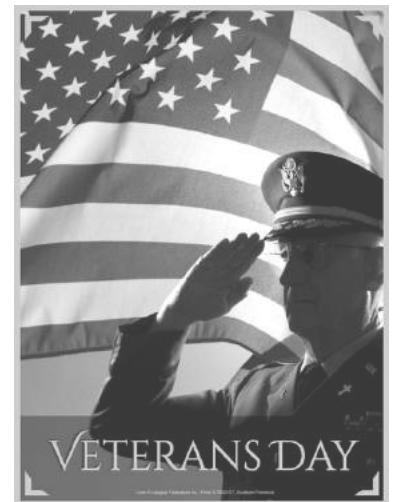
### *Monday, November 9*

#### *Parish Social Hall*

Women’s group will meet Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8pm in the parish social hall (below the church) for review and fellowship. All women of the parish are welcome to join the women’s group.

*Everything in the Church’s life comes from  
and returns to the Sacraments.”*

NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>



## MEN’S GROUP

### *Tuesday, November 10*

The men’s group of St. John the Baptist will meet again on the second Tuesday of the month: Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in the social hall of the parish. All men of the parish are welcome to join at any time.

### ***Let the Saints encourage you...***

*“Go often my dear ones and place yourself at the feet of Jesus. He is our comfort our way, and our life.” — St. Frances Xavier Cabrini*

## Youth Ministry

- Sunday, November 8 Youth Breakfast with Fr. Christian, Social Hall 9:45am.
- Sunday, December 13 Youth Breakfast with Fr. Christian, Social Hall 9:45am.