**BULLETIN 11-17-2024**

***33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

 ***Pastor’s Message***

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

As we are approaching the end of our liturgical year, today's readings speak about the last things. Prophet Daniel in the first reading foresees the day when those who "sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some shall live forever" (Daniel 12:2). Others, however, “will be an everlasting horror and disgrace" (Daniel 12:2).  Jesus also describes a separation. On the last day, God will send angels to "gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky” (Mk.13:27).  Jesus also stresses ***that no one knows when the last day will come***, not the angels, not even the Son, only the Creator, the Father (Mk.13:32).

***Many people of today are indeed concerned about the end of time and many contemporary “prophets” have erroneously predicted about the end of time. People are concerned because they have certain areas of fear in their lives. Some are afraid due to their health or financial situation. Some are afraid of war, terror or being going to die sooner than they expect. Fear, anxiety and confusion may drive them out of the circle of faith. They are indeed spiritually dead.***

From our faith we believe that the end of time will come in God’s time and the Lord will judge us accordingly. But the message from the Gospel is: those who trust in the Lord, and who live His life to the best of their ability have nothing to fear.

***So “Do not be afraid. Trust in God. He will care for you.” We need to do our best to get out of the fear mindset and live as people of the faith we profess. God is infinitely stronger than all the forces of the world. He loves us as His people. And He loves us more than we can fathom. If we do everything we can to be open to His Presence, He will take care of us even if we were to be alive on the last day. St. Augustine put it this way: “If we do not resist the first coming of the Lord, then we will have no reason to dread His second coming.” By that he means if we live according to the way Jesus told us to live when He came to be one of us, then we have no reason to fear when He comes again at the end of time.***
Today’s readings tell us that God is in control.  As Christians, we do our best to give ourselves to Jesus. Jesus has given Himself to us for that very reason, so that we, in turn, can give ourselves to Him. As people united to the Lord Jesus who brings life through death, united to Him, we trust that our loving Savior will care for us, for the end of time is not only the day of judgment, it is also the day of salvation for those who trust in Him.

***May God bless us all!***

— Fr. Joe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1. As guided by the Bishop of Charlotte, we are a sister parish to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Hendersonville, NC which has been impacted by the hurricane Helene and needs our spiritual and financial support. There is a second collection this Sunday to support our sister parish. Please be as generous as you can.

*2. Besides the second collection every month in 6 months to help our sister parish in Hendersonville, our parish council also has plans to raise funds to financially support them. These events will be announced ahead of time for you to join us.*

3. Please remember to support our parish Christmas gifts program to help mothers and babies at New Life Family Outreach Center. Please bring your unwrapped gifts to church and place them in the box at the entrance of the church. Thank you!

*4. Please continue to support the victims of the hurricane in western NC. Without your help, we are unable to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters. Please make checks available to our parish and clearly marked for “Helene Relief Effort.” Thank you for your generosity!***

**5. "The Christ the King Council of the Knights of Columbus is providing *FREE winter coats* for children in need of them.  Please contact the church office. They will be distributed on the weekend** of ***December 1st."***

**MASS INTENTIONS**

1/16 Saturday 5:00 pm + Marion Staub

11/17 Sunday 7:00 am + Wendy Jones

 9:30 am + Lloyd & Geneva Warren

 12:00 pm + Margarito Alfonso Cruz

11/18 Monday NO MASS

11/19 Tuesday 7:00 am + Rijo Paul

11/20 Wednesday 7:00 am + Deceased members of

 The Hoyng Family

11/21 Thursday 7:00 am + T.K Kurian

11/22 Friday 7:00 am + Deceased members of

 The Black’s Family

**NEXT WEEKEND**

11/23 Saturday 5:00 pm + Jesus Mena Lopez

11/24 Sunday 7:00 am + All Souls

 9:30 am + Michael Wayne Bush

 12:00 pm + Andres Moreno Veneg

***Thursday, November 21st***

Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary’s Presentation reminds us of the value of dedicating our lives to God with readiness and trust. Her entire life was marked by an anticipation of God’s promises - faith in His plan and an openness to His will. We examine our own lives: Are we offering ourselves fully to God? Do we trust in His promises, even when the path is uncertain? Mary’s example urges us to give ourselves wholly to God’s purposes, trusting that in Him, every offering, no matter how small, is woven into His divine plan.

**Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.+**

**Winter Coats**

**For Kids**

"The Christ the King Council of the Knights of Columbus is providing ***FREE winter coats*** for children in need of them.  Please contact the church secretary, Karina Sanchez ***336-501-8278***, with the size and sex of the child.  There are girls **child** sizes 4-6x, boys**child** 4-7, and **youth** girls sizes 7-16.  They will be distributed to those who have signed up with Karina on the weekend of ***December 1st."***

**Let Us Pray For Our Parishioners...**

Johnny Apodaca

Tracy Barber

Joseph Carter

Angel M. Cuellas

Marie Forbert

Theresa French-R.

Amanda Garcia

Mario Garcia

Willa Graham

Myles Harris

Maria Hdz.

Aber Johnson

Jorge Lagueruel

Deacon Larry Lisk

Daysi Martinez

Rosario Martinez

Michael Messengler

Linda McKinney

Felicia Murphy

Nancy Nkwokolo

Gladys Ozor

Rosemary Peterson

Hector SanchezMaria G.Sanchez A.

Gricelda Sanchez

Paula Rodriguez

Andrew Royster

Mariane Smithh

Venuste Tuyikunde

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION**

 Offertory: $ 4,133.00

 2nd Collection Hispanic Collection: $ 392.00

 Restricted Donation: $ 180.00

 Priest Retirement: $ 350.00

 Hurricane Relief: $ 250.00

 Mass Intension: $ 55.00

 Food Pantry: $ 50.00

 Total: $ 5,410.00

 ***THANK YOU!***

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| **NEW LIFE FAMILY OUTREACH**This year our parish is doing a collection drive for New Life Family Outreach in High Point for Christmas.  The purpose of the drive is to provide Christmas gifts for the moms to give to their children ages infant thru preschool.  **Suggested items:** **- Stockings - Toy for Infants - toys for toddlers to preschool** **- stuffed animals - games for babies and toddlers** **-small toys, treats - No puzzles please -**  **There will be a box in the rear of the Church and in the Parish Hall beginning November 9th.** **All items must be brought in by December 1st****Thank you all for the generosity that** **Christ the King Parish continues to show.** **God bless our parish family!**  |

UPCOMING

**Nov 24** **FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**

Nov 28 Thanksgiving

**Dec 01 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Jubilee Year of Hope begins

Dec 9 **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

(Obligation is moved to Monday)

Dec 12 **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Dec 30-31 New Year’s Eve Retreat, Catholic Conf. Cntr

Jan 21 Retrouvailleweekend/HelpOurMarriage.org

**BIBLE STUDY** with

Deacon Francis Skinner

Tuesdays @ 7:00pm

“My son, says the Lord, listen to my words, the most delightful of all words, surpassing all the knowledge of philosophers and wise men of this world.” — St. Thomas a Kempis

**PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED!**

**- Mac n Cheese - Saltine Crackers**

**- Peanut Butter (regular size)**

**- Pork & Beans canned - Canned Fruit**

**- Canned Corn or Green Beans - Pasta 1lb**

**-Cereal - Boxes or bags (regular size, not large)**

**- Pasta Sauce (regular size, not large)**

**- Instant Oatmeal (boxes with individual pouches)**

 ***No glass containers,***

***No fresh food or outdated food, please.***

***As always, we are grateful for monetary donations.***

***God Bless you for your generosity!***

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience** on March 21 to 23 in Emerald Isle and May 2 to 4 in Hickory. Information at applications@ NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.

**Retrouvaille of Western Carolina 2025 Marriage Retreats**  A marriage program to improve communication and help couples rebuild their relationship and rediscover their love. www.HelpOurMarriage.org. Next date: Jan. 24th in Charlotte

**Catholic apostolate for men and women who experience same-sex attractions and for their family members and loved ones.** Whether you experience same-sex attractions (Courage) or you have a family member or loved one who identifies as LGBTQ+ (EnCourage), you are not alone. [**https://Couragerc.org**](https://couragerc.org/)  or **encourage@rcdoc.org**

**Project Rachel Retreat—** If you are healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a weekend retreat, January 10-12, 2025. ProjectRachel@raldioc.org

**Room at the Inn Fundraiser**

Troubador Concert (roominn.org/events)

**December 6th, 7:30-9:30pm @ Carolina Theater, GSO**

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**Reminder for Parents—** We request that all children under 12 are always accompanied by an adult if they need to leave their pew to go to the restrooms or anywhere else during Mass.

**OCIA (formerly RCIA)\***

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults prepares people to become Catholic. Baptized but uncatechized Catholics may also participate for reception of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

\*Why the name change? In Latin, it is *ordo initiationis christianae adultorum,* so the USCCB changed the English for a more accurate translation.

**Kellin Foundation**—For professional help with prevention, treatment and healing of trauma/ mental health/substance use challenges: **336-429-5600**

**Interactive Resource Center—** Day resource center for those facing homelessness: 336-332-0824.

InteractiveResourceCenter.org.