

**BULLETIN 02-09-2025**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

***Pastor's Message***

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

The readings for this Sunday are all about vocation, the vocations of Isaiah, Paul and Peter. Isaiah, Peter and Paul truly tasted the bitter reality of their unworthiness. When Isaiah saw the vision of the Holy One, he cried out: "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among people of unclean lips" (Isaiah 6:5). Similar to Isaiah, Paul said: "I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle" (1Cor. 15:9). And Peter fell at the knees of Jesus and said: "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8).

*Yes, these men had to face the bitterness of their sinful condition. However, it did not lead them to despair - to give up. Rather, it led them to a profound renewal in the power of God. Isaiah experienced a moral renewal by a burning coal being placed to his lips. Paul experienced a full conversion because of the grace of God that was with him. And Peter was empowered by Jesus to be a fisher of men.*

Each of us has a vocation, a calling from the Lord. Each of us is commissioned to be an Apostle of Christ in this world. Each one of us has been given the task to bring the Good News to all. Like Isaiah, Paul and Peter, we do experience our own unworthiness. At times, we might feel afraid at the awesomeness of the task placed before us of proclaiming the Good News of salvation to others. But Jesus tells us not to be afraid. He tells us not to be afraid because he has already filled us with his Spirit and has strengthened us so that we are able to carry out his mission.

*Jesus doesn't call perfect people to be his disciples, rather he calls ordinary and imperfect persons just like you and me. All we need to do is to let the Lord renew and*

*transform us. Yes, Jesus invites us to be his Apostles because he knows that we are capable of doing his work, of explaining the faith to those around us; he knows that we are fit for this job, and that we have all the necessary skills to do it well. With Jesus we can do great things for the Kingdom.*

We are called to serve the Lord, not only to perform a job, for working in the vineyard of the Lord is our blessing and grace. If we are parents, children, doctors, priests, professors, students, workers, we are called to serve God in every way possible. We are to serve the Lord by using our gifts and talents to serve our family, our community, our brothers and sisters.

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

***— Fr. Joe***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1. We kick off our parish DSA campaign this year with the showing of the DSA video from the diocese of Charlotte. The DSA goal for this year is \$25,012.00. Please consider helping us to meet the goal. Thank you!**
- 2. *We are indeed grateful for your tremendous support you have given to our parish DSA campaign last year. We have surpassed the DSA goal of 2024. Please continue to support our parish DSA campaign this year. There is a second collection next weekend for DSA.***
- 3. The Knights of Columbus are selling tickets for the North Carolina State Raffle! Tickets are \$5.00 each. The top prize will be \$5,000.00. The drawing will be May 17th, 2025. Please**

see a Knight for tickets.

**4. If you need a financial statement regarding your contributions of 2024 to our church for tax purposes, please call the church office. We are glad to do it for you.**

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

02/08 Saturday 5:00 pm + Jesus Mena Lopez  
02/09 Sunday 7:00 am + Lonnie Angel  
9:30 am + Pablo Chicana Rengifo  
12:00 pm + Tomas Ibarra Olvera  
02/10 Monday NO MASS  
02/11 Tuesday 7:00 am (SI) For the Rin's family  
02/12 Wednesday 7:00 am + A.D. Jausen  
02/13 Thursday 7:00 am + Isave Phan  
02/14 Friday 7:00 am + Charles & Frances Bundy

### **NEXT WEEKEND**

02/15 Saturday 5:00 pm + Emmerly Evans Jr. & + Terrace Richardson  
02/16 Sunday 7:00 am + Hal Felton  
9:30 am + Jose Joe Lopez  
12:00 pm + Candido Rodriguez Alvarez

**(+) Deceased (SI) Special Intention**

### **Stop Human Trafficking – Learn & Take Action**

will take place at Catholic Charities (CCDOC) in Winston-Salem on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> (1612 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street). A free lunch, offered at 11:30 am, will be followed by a presentation on the current realities of human trafficking in NC and ways of stopping this horrific crime. Dr. Jim Duncan, President and Founder of Project Light Rowan in Salisbury will present. Email [scaeducation@ccdoc.org](mailto:scaeducation@ccdoc.org) to register (deadline February 19<sup>th</sup>). Visit [www.ccdoc.org/education](http://www.ccdoc.org/education) for an event flyer.

Due to event subject matter, attendees should be at least 16 years old. Parental discretion is advised. This event is sponsored by CCDOC in collaboration with Project Light Rowan.

### **Reflecting God's Light**

The Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA) provides annual funding to help carry out our mission: to “grow ever more perfectly into a community of praise, worship, and witness, and to become a leaven of service and sign of peace through love in the Piedmont and western North Carolina.” The DSA provides funding for over 50 ministries and programs. Whether you choose to pledge over time or give a one-time donation, check out the many options available for making a gift:  
<https://charlottediocese.org/giving/dsa-giving/>.  
Our 2025 DSA assessment is \$25,012.00

### ***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 Sanchez  
Maria G.Sanchez A.  
Gricelda Sanchez  
Paula Rodriguez  
Andrew Royster  
Mariane Smithh  
Venuste Tuyikunde

## **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

Regular Offertory: \$ 3,460.00

2nd Collection CA Fire Relief: \$ 660.00

Mass Intension : \$ 10.00

Food Pantry: \$ 190.00

Votive Candle:\$ 22.00

Total: \$ 4,342.00

***THANK YOU!***

The Holy Father's Intentions for February 2025  
— For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

## **UPCOMING**

<b>March 5</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
March 9	Daylight Savings time begins
March 22	<b>Rite of Election, St. Pius X</b>
<b>March 25</b>	<b>ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b>
Mar 29	Health Care Ethics Conference, Charlotte
<b>April 13</b>	<b>HOLY WEEK BEGINS</b>
<b>April 20</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>
Apr 26-30	Spring Furniture Market
<b>April 27</b>	<b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b>

## **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!***

**My Body My Choice?** The modern view of the human person sees freedom as personal acts of the will, evident in debates over biological realities. Explore St. Augustine's teaching on Free Will and his debate with Pelagius over grace and what our souls, our families and our society need to be truly free. Thursdays, February 20 & 27, 7:30pm (pre-class) 8-9pm (lecture).

InstituteOfCatholicCulture.org. No charge.

Register for live discussion and Q&A.

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## **February 7-14<sup>th</sup>**

**National Marriage Week** - This year's theme from the USCCB is Marriage: Source of Hope, Spring of Renewal. Check out the variety of resources for those discerning marriage and those already living out their vocation, including an at-home, week-long retreat and a marriage-centered Lectio Divina. Visit [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org).

## **Room at the Inn Fundraiser**

**2025 WINTER ROSE GALA**

Friday, February 28 at 6 pm

**The Blue Heron**

4130 Mendenhall Oaks Pkwy, High Point

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