

**BULLETIN 12-14-2025**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

***Pastor's Message***

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

This is Gaudete Sunday-the third Sunday of Advent-to rejoice for the Lord is coming. In the gospel, people came to John the Baptist asking: "What should we do?" He said to them in reply: "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise" (Luke 3:10-11). To tax collectors he said: "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." To soldiers he said: "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with our wages" (Luke 3:12-14). John encouraged them to change their life, to live a life of service and charity for the Savior was coming to them.

***Two thousand years later, Archbishop Oscar Romero in El Salvador preached the same message. The Church says to the rich: "Do not sin by misusing your money. It says to the powerful: Do not misuse your political influence. Do not misuse your weaponry. Do not misuse your power." To the poor, Archbishop Romero was a voice for those who have no voice, to the powerful and rich, he was a communist, an enemy to the state and they tried to silence him. Without fear he said to them: "We have never preached violence, except the violence of love which left Jesus nailed to the cross."***

In one Advent season Archbishop Romero said: "Advent should admonish us to discover in each brother or sister that we greet, in each friend whose hand we shake, in each beggar who asks for bread, in each worker who wants to use the right to join a union, in each peasant who looks for work in the coffee groves, the face of Christ. Then it would not be possible to rob them, to cheat them, to deny them their rights. They are Christ, and whatever is done to them Christ will take as done to him. This is what Advent is: Christ is living among us."

***That is the Good News we share with our family and friends this season, the Word Made Flesh, the Lord has become a human person like us so that***

***all flesh can see God's salvation. We are able to see Christ is living among us because God is willing to share our humanity. This Sunday encourages us to live in charity, to reach out to the needs of others. God is calling us to bear the fruits of charity and love in order to be ready for the coming of the Lord. We don't know what the future will bring. But we are not afraid of the unknown. What we know here is that we do have the greatest of all gifts. We have Jesus Christ, we possess the Lord. With Jesus, nothing else would matter in our life.***

So, let us rejoice in the coming of the Lord!

***-Fr. Joe***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. There is a second collection this Sunday for religious retirement. This collection will help care for aging religious sisters, brothers and priests who have dedicated their lives in service to the Church. Please be as generous as you can.**

**2. Christmas Mass Schedule: Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 5:00pm for children, 8:00pm-Vietnamese. Christmas Day: 7:00am-English, 9:30-English, 11:00am-Korean and 12:00pm-Spanish.**

**3. Ultreya CHRISTMAS PARTY! DeColores all Greensboro Area Cursillistas! Please come to our Christmas Party this Sunday afternoon, December 14th, at St. Pius X in Greensboro. We will gather at 4:00 pm to celebrate with music, games, and delicious food. All Cursillistas, their families and friends interested in Cursillo are invited. We hope to see many of you as we gather for an afternoon of fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ!**

**4. You are invited to a Christmas night movie this Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, after the 5PM Mass in the parish center. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.**

**5. Christmas flower envelopes in loving memory of your loved ones are available for you in the back of the church.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

12/13 Saturday 5:00 pm + Deceased members of  
The Staub's Family  
12/14 Sunday 7:00 am + Gregory, Ray & Lori Tirrell  
9:30 am + Gilbert Carter  
12:00 pm + Buenaventura Luna Santillan  
+ Enrique Rivera  
12/15 Monday NO MASS  
12/16 Tuesday 7:00 am + Giuse Toan N  
12/17 Wednesday 7:00 am + Phanxico Xavie Tai  
Nguyen  
12/18 Thursday 7:00 am + Anre C. Chinh  
12/19 Friday 7:00 am + Brian Kilgariff

## NEXT WEEKEND

12/20 Saturday 5:00 pm + Betty Hrinko  
12/21 Sunday 7:00 am + August & Lucille Lautz  
9:30 am + Patricia Shively  
12:00 pm + Por Nuestra Comunidad de CTK

**Second collection** this weekend supports the  
**Retirement Fund for Religious**, which helps  
care for aging Catholic sisters, brothers, and  
priests who have dedicated their lives in service  
to the Church. Your generosity provides for  
their daily needs and ensures quality care in  
their later years. Thank you

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Rejoice!** This Sunday is known as Guadete  
Sunday, a time for rejoicing as the light is  
growing brighter and Christmas is drawing  
near. This candle is known as the Shepherds'  
Candle. The shepherds were the first people  
- other than Mary and Joseph - chosen to  
meet Jesus. This candle reminds us of the  
message shared with the shepherds: Behold,  
I bring you good news of great joy that will  
be for all the people. For today in the city of  
David a savior has been born for you who is  
Christ the Lord.

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

Johnny Apodaca  
Tracy Barber  
Gilbert Carter  
Angel M. Cuellas  
Marie Forbert  
Theresa French-R.  
Gio Ibarra Sanchez  
Amanda Garcia  
Mario Garcia  
Willa Graham  
Myles Harris  
Maria Hdz.  
Aber Johnson  
Jorge Lagueruel  
Deacon Larry Lisk  
Daysi Martinez  
Rosario Martinez  
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:\$ 5,162.00  
2nd collection Hispanic Community:\$ 407.00  
Food Pantry:\$ 560.00  
Restricted Donation: \$4,000.00  
Total: \$ 10,129.00

***THANK YOU!***

## **UPCOMING**

Dec 14 3:00pm Mass in Polish, St.  
Matthew (Main)  
Dec 18 7:00pm Penance Service - IHM  
Dec 31 **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of  
God**-Vigil Masses: 5:00pm  
Jan 1 Holy Day Masses:  
Jan 9 March for Life/Charlotte  
Jan 23 March for Life, Washington DC

## **CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT**

**Saturday December 13th after the  
5PM Mass In the Parish Center**

**Knights of Columbus is  
sponsoring a Christmas movie**

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Make time for your marriage!

**Feb. 13 to 15, 2026 in Waynesboro,  
Virginia.**

**[applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org)**

**/704-315-2144.**

### **PRIESTS VS SEMINARIANS**

***Annual Showdown***

**Charlotte Catholic High School**

**Next Sunday,**

**December 21st at 5:30pm**

**All proceeds benefit Holy Angels**

### ***Are you struggling in your marriage?***

**RETROUVAILLE** (retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too, or a hurting couple you might know. To register for the upcoming **January 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>** weekend in Charlotte. Visit The Website AT **[www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)**

### **BIBLE STUDY** with

**DEACON FRANCIS SKINNER** will be on hiatus for the Holidays and will resume on ***Tuesday, January 13, 2026***

### **- Urgent Parish Food Pantry Donations -**

**\*Canned Fruit   \*Peanut Butter   \*Pasta Sauce  
\* Canned Pork & Beans   \*1 lb boxes of pasta  
\*Saltines (or other crackers)   \*Canned Vegetables  
\*Cookies   \*Canned Soup**

*No glass containers,  
No fresh food or outdated food, please.  
As always, we are grateful for  
monetary donations.*

***GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY***