

**PARISH NEWS / NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA  
December 15, 2024 / 15 de Diciembre, 2024**

**“Food for Thought” from the Respect Life Committee:**  
“O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.”  
USCCB, “Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita”

**Pick of the Week on FORMED! This week on FORMED WATCH: 30 Minutes BC** 30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all. **WATCH: Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage** This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ’s coming so you can enter more deeply into this season. Finally, **WATCH: Christmas (Part 2) What Catholics believe** Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the internet’s most popular questions about Christmas. What are the 12 days of Christmas? Was Santa Claus a real person? What is Advent?

**Courage International:** *A Catholic apostolate for men and women who experience same-sex attractions and for the family members and loved ones of those who identify as LGBTQ+.* Whether you experience same-sex attractions and are committed to following the Church’s teaching on chastity (Courage), or you have a family member or loved one who identifies as LGBTQ+ (EnCourage), you are not alone. Join the Courage and EnCourage family and discover an apostolate that provides confidential support for living chastity, growing in holiness, and keeping family bonds intact. To learn more, visit Courage International at [Couragerc.org](http://Couragerc.org). Inquire about our new local Courage chapter at [courage@rcdoc.org](mailto:courage@rcdoc.org) and our local EnCourage chapter at [encourage@rcdoc.org](mailto:encourage@rcdoc.org).

**You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?** *Retrouvaille* (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10’s of 1000’s of couples experiencing difficulties, sometimes misery, in their marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for, the Fall program beginning with a weekend on **January 24-26<sup>th</sup>** in the Charlotte area, contact **Bill and Lyn Folsom** at 727-343-6701 or email: [3062ac@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:3062ac@helpourmarriage.org) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)

**Devotions & Crafts:** All parishioners are welcome to join us for devotions and crafts on Monday mornings from 10:30am-12:00pm in the conference room by the church office. We are now working on prayer blankets for foster children in Catawba County. Questions? Contact Janice at [lexingtonjanice@icloud.com](mailto:lexingtonjanice@icloud.com).

**Our Parish Has A FORMED Subscription**

To sign up for FORMED, visit: [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and enter our parish zip code, 28658 and your email address and that’s it! If you have questions, contact the church office.

**“Para la Reflexion” Del Comité de Respeto a la Vida:**  
“Oh, santa Josefina Bakhita, ayuda a todos aquellos que están atrapados en la esclavitud; en nombre de ellos, intercede ante Dios para que sean liberados de las cadenas de su cautiverio. Que los que han sido esclavizados por los hombres, que Dios les conceda la libertad.”  
USCCB, “Oración a santa Josefina Bakhita”

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS  
LAS LECTURAS DE ESTA SEMANA**

<b>Monday / Lunes</b>	<b>Nm 24: 2-7, 15-17a / Mt 21: 23-27</b>
<b>Tuesday / Martes</b>	<b>Gn 49: 2, 8-10 / Mt 1: 1-17</b>
<b>Wednesday / Miércoles</b>	<b>Jer 23: 5-8 / Mt 1: 18-25</b>
<b>Thursday / Jueves</b>	<b>Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a / Lk 1: 5-25</b>
<b>Friday / Viernes</b>	<b>Is 7: 10-14 / Lk 1: 26-38</b>
<b>Saturday / Sábado</b>	<b>Sg 2: 8-14 / Lk 1: 39-45</b>
<b>Sunday / Domingo</b>	<b>Mi 5: 1-4a / Heb 10: 5-10 / Lk 1: 39-45</b>

**BULLETIN ON THE WEB SITE:** *Please remember that any time you are away or do not receive a bulletin after Mass, you can access church information and see the weekly bulletin on the church web site at [www.stjosephrcc.org](http://www.stjosephrcc.org).*  
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**BOLETÍN en EL SITIO WEB:** *Por favor, recuerde que cada vez que está lejos o no reciben un boletín después de la Misa, puede acceder a la información de iglesia y ver el boletín semanal en el sitio web iglesia [www.stjosephrcc.org](http://www.stjosephrcc.org).*

**Purgatorial Society**

Enroll your deceased loved ones in our parish’s purgatory society. Every 1st Tuesday of the month a Mass will be said for all the names on the list. Submit the names of your deceased loved ones to [stjosephpurgatorialsociety@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephpurgatorialsociety@gmail.com) or write them on a paper labeled “Purgatory Society” and place in the collection basket.



**St. Joseph Catholic Church  
† † †  
Iglesia Católica San Jose**

720 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street – Newton, North Carolina 28658  
Church (828) 464-9207 Website: [www.stjosephrcc.org](http://www.stjosephrcc.org)  
E-Mail address: [stjosephrcc78@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephrcc78@gmail.com)

*Rev. James M. Collins, Pastor/Parroco  
Rev. Mr. Scott D. Gilfillan, Deacon/Diacono*

**Our Mission Statement**

*We, the Catholic Community of St. Joseph’s, embrace Jesus Christ as Lord, Savior, and center of our lives. We commit to fostering belief through education, faith, through action, and fellowship through love and reconciliation. In the spirit of unity, we shall proclaim and bring to all, Jesus, the Light of the world*

**Declaración de Intenciones**

*Nosotros, la comunidad católica de San José, aceptamos a Jesus Cristo como nuestro Señor, Salvador y centro de nuestras vidas. Nos dedicamos a promover la creencia a través de la educación, fe, acción, compañerismo a través de amor y reconciliación. En el espíritu de unidad, debemos proclamar y llevar a todos, Jesus, la Luz del mundo.*

**Mass Schedule/Horarios de Misa**

**Saturday/Sábado** 5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday/Domingo** 9:00 a.m. Mass  
11:45 a.m. Misa en Español

**Weekdays/Días de Semana**

**Monday-Wednesday-Friday** 12:10 p.m.  
**Lunes-Miércoles-Viernes** 12:10 p.m.

**Tuesday-Thursday** 8:30 a.m.  
**Martes-Jueves** 8:30 a.m.

**Holy Days as Announced/Días de Santo Cuando Anunciado**

**PARISH OFFICE**

Kara Antonio - Admin. Assistant - 828-464-9207  
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday

**HORARIOS DE OFICINA**

De Martes, Miércoles, y Viernes 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



**PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS -**

**MINISTERIOS PARROQUIALES Y ORGANIZACIONES**

Faith Formation Director ..... Kara Antonio – 464-9207  
Faith Formation Coordinator ..... Gustavo Rojo - 464-9207  
Minister of Music..... Eileen Crider & Mariah Richardson  
Ministry to Sick & Homebound ..... Donna Sharman – 459-2605  
Coord. Del Ministerio Hispano.....Marcelino Lopez – 514-3039  
Bautismos ..... Alejo & Wendy Diaz – 291-6462  
Matrimonios ...Maria Dosamante & Hugo Dominguez – 962-9035  
Ministerio de Liturgia..... Pedro & Carmen – 469-8562  
St. Joseph Workmen Group..... Richard Timmons Sr - 781-4887  
Co-Leader..... Jonathan Corona - 994-1397  
Annulments..... Selina Diaz - 464-9207  
Grounds Maintenance..... Ransom Graham - 464-9207  
Spanish Charismatics.....Jesus Ruiz - 980-241-0031  
Spiritual Direction..... Deacon Scott Gilfillan – 828-261-6375



**WEEKLY SCHEDULE / PROGRAMACIÓN SEMANAL**

- Sunday / Domingo - December 15
9:00 AM - Mass / Misa
11:45 AM - Misa en Español
Monday / Lunes - December 16
8:30 AM - Mass / Misa
Tuesday / Martes - December 17
8:30 AM - Mass / Misa
Wednesday / Miércoles - December 18
12:10 PM - Mass / Misa
Thursday / Jueves - December 19
8:30 AM - Mass / Misa
Friday / Viernes - December 20
12:10 PM - Mass / Misa
Saturday / Sábado- December 21
5:00 PM - Mass / Misa
Sunday / Domingo - December 22
9:00 AM - Mass / Misa
11:45 AM - Misa en Español

**Third Week of Advent**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK / INTENCIONES DE LA MISA DE SEMANA**

- Saturday / Sábado- December 14
5:00 PM - †† John & Rose Condon
Sunday / Domingo - December 15
9:00 AM - People of the Parish
11:45 AM - † Juana Luna
† Felipe Rojo
Monday / Lunes- December 16
8:30 AM - Jack Wujcik
Tuesday / Martes - December 17
8:30 AM - † Anna Hoa Do
Wednesday / Miércoles- December 18
12:10 PM - Jack Wujcik
Thursday / Jueves- December 19
8:30 AM - † Catherine Hong Phuc Do
Friday / Viernes- December 20
12:10 PM - † Emiliano Sanchez
Saturday / Sábado- December 21
5:00 PM - † John McCormick
Sunday / Domingo - December 22
9:00 AM - People of the Parish
11:45 AM - †† Fatima & Estrella Jaramillo Melchor & Wedding Anniv. of Alejandro & Azucena

**FEAST DAYS / DIAS de FIESTA**

- Sunday, December 15 / Domingo, 15 de Diciembre
Third Sunday of Advent / Tercer Domingo de Adviento
Saturday, December 21 / Sábado, 21 de Diciembre
St. Peter Canisius / San Pedro Canisio
Sunday, December 22 / Domingo, 22 de Diciembre
Fourth Sunday of Advent / Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS / POR FAVOR RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES**

Toni Harris, Kevin Hines, Marjorie Hines, Kathryn Phillips, Jada Halle, Barbara Lyman, Meghan Fannin, Jennifer Baker, Max Jonathas, Linwood & Patricia Morris, Kim Ramos, Carol Bowes, Luz Estrella Martinez Hernandez, Claudia Poe, Donna Earnhardt, Louis Holden, Rev. James Collins, Jo Wagoner, Corwin Revis, Michael Adamson, Steve McDaniel, Don Nackley, Chris Halle, David Stevens, Gonzalo Dosamante S., Maria Elena Gallegos, Maria de los Angeles Torres Vazquez, Jose Mateo Dominguez Cepeda, Jerry Malone, Ralph Vanderlught, Diane Canipe, Angie Ruffy, Jim Boydstone, Idalia & Waldo Cervantes, Pat Simpson, Dan & Fran Dixon, Mary Anne & Richard Shoener, Normand Dessert, Jeannine Dessert, Lanie Grimm, Theresa Lynn Goonan, Vicki Yokum, Rosalia Rios, Jessica Dominguez, Sally Ann McGill, Peggy Templeton, Barbara Harvey, Monica Noemi Delgado, Thomas Martin, Janet Blondo, Patricia Caldwell, Steve Caldwell, Kathleen Wanamaker, Rodger Chaffee, Johnny Schmitt, Ronald Merkall, Rick Schwartz, Diana Dominguez, Karla P. Dominguez, Enriqueta Dosamantes Perez, Ashley Bowman, Mary Plunkett, Luis A. Dosamantes F., Teresa Fannin, Richard Harzcuq, Nancy Paulos, Jim Ashton, Sharon Gayer, Rita Wergowske, Madeleine Futrelle, Rick Wilkenson, Vivian Horn-Mannix, Artie Sue

Please remember in your prayers those serving our country in the military: Captain Chris Chrislip, Shawn Mulligan, Matt DiRisio, Patrick Hayes. and Joseph Hayes.

Names on the prayer list will remain on the list for one month. At the end of each month, names will be removed from the prayer list unless the office is contacted and a request made for the name to remain. We appreciate your cooperation. Los nombres en las lista de oración se mantendrán en la lista por un mes. Al comienzo de cada mes la lista será nueva, a menos que la oficina sea notificada de su deseo de mantener un nombre en la lista por otro mes. Apreciamos su cooperación.

**OUR STEWARDSHIP / NUESTRA ADMINISTRACION**

Last Week's Regular Offertory / Ofertorio Regular de la Semana Pasada 12/08/2024 \$6,945.47

2024 DSA Report as of 12/02/2024 Families/Households Contributing 102 of 264 = 38%

Table with 3 columns: Goal, Pledged, Over/Under; On Goal, Total Paid, On Pledges. Values include \$30,996, \$32,197, \$1,201.00, 92%, \$28,731, 89%.

Thank you for your generosity! Note: Only Registered Parishioners will receive a tax statement at the end of the year.

**PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE SERVICES:**

Pregnancy Care Center of Catawba County 322-4272 Website: www.pcchickory.com

SERVICIOS DE ASISTENCIA DE EMBARAZO: Centro de Cuidado de Embarazo del Condado Catawba 322-4272 Sitio Web: www.pcchickory.com

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: If you know of anyone who would like someone to bring them communion or to visit them, please contact Donna Sharman at 459-2605.

LOST AND FOUND: If you believe you have left something in the Church, please visit out Lost and Found Box located in the office. If you find an item please also turn it into the office, so others may find.

PERDIDO Y ENCONTRADO: Si usted cree que le queda algo en la iglesia, por favor visite cabo perdidos ubicado en la oficina. Si usted encuentra un articulo por favor también convertirlo en la oficina, por lo que otros pueden encontrar.

**Help protect all of God's children**

Everyone has a role to play in protecting children. North Carolina law requires all adults to immediately report suspected child abuse by anyone to law enforcement agencies. If you know or suspect that a minor (person under 18) has been abused, please call 9-1-1 or contact local law enforcement.

Also, if you have information about possible sexual abuse or misconduct by any clergy, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Charlotte, report concerns securely and anonymously 24/7 over the phone or online: 1-888-630-5929 or www.RedFlagReporting.com/RCDOC.

**Safe Environment training**

Did you know that every Church worker must go through abuse prevention and education training? Find more information about the Diocese of Charlotte's Safe Environment program, sign up for Protecting God's Children training and more: https://charlottediocese.org/human-resources/safe-environment.

**Ayuda a proteger a todos los niños de Dios**

Todo el mundo tiene un papel que desempeñar en la protección de los niños. La ley de Carolina del Norte requiere que todos los adultos informen inmediatamente a las autoridades correspondientes si sospechan abuso infantil por parte de cualquier persona. Si sabe o sospecha que un menor (persona menor de 18 años) ha sido abusado, por favor comuníquese con el 9-1-1 o con la policía local.

Además, si tiene información sobre un posible abuso sexual o mala conducta por parte de cualquier miembro del clero, empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Charlotte, por favor reportar sus inquietudes de forma segura y anónima las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana por teléfono o en línea: 1-888-630-5929 o www.RedFlagReporting.com/RCDOC.

**Entrenamiento de medioambiente seguro**

¿Sabe usted que todos los trabajadores de la Iglesia deben de tomar el entrenamiento de prevención de abuso y ser capacitados en este tema? Encuentre más información sobre el programa de medioambiente seguro de la Diócesis de Charlotte, regístrese en el programa Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios y más en https://charlottediocese.org/human-resources/safe-environment.

Secular Franciscans: Don't Say "No" Before You Say "Yes" Come and see us, the Secular Franciscans. Get to Know Us and Ask Yourself "Is God calling me? We meet the second Saturday of each month normally at 1 pm in Holy Family Hall at St Joseph Catholic Church, Newton, NC. If you'd like to visit please contact us by phone or email to confirm our gathering location. Lynn Oeser at (919) 815-5301, matcat01@hotmail.com, or Esther Kelly at (919)302-4798, emariekelly@yahoo.com, or Xiomara Palma at (828) 461-3755.



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Third Sunday of Advent / Tercer Domingo de Adviento

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:**

Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

Pray for Our Parish Families of the Week—We are asking all members of our church to pray for five church families. Each week we identify a different group of five families. The families for this week are: The Yoder Family, The Zavalala Family, The Aberle Family, The Abreu Family, The Acevedo Family

Mondav Mass: Mass on Monday, December 16th will be at 8:30am instead of 12:10pm due to Karen Miller's funeral at 12:00pm at St. Aloysius in Hickory.

Coats for Kids: The annual "Coats for Kids" box will be in the vestibule until Noon on Monday, December 16th for you to put your donations of new clothing for children. Thank you for your generosity!

Second Collection: This weekend is our monthly collection for our Sister Church, Church of the Epiphany in Blowing Rock.

Community Christmas Dinner/Donate Hams: We will be having our semi-annual Community Christmas Dinner this year on Christmas Day. We will be serving ham, potatoes, green beans, and a roll with a dessert. If you are willing to donate hams, help in the kitchen, or help with deliveries for this event, please sign up on the sign-up sheets in the vestibule.

**PENSAMIENTO DE CO-RESPONSABILIDAD:**

El Evangelio de hoy proporciona un modelo para una buena mayordomía: "El que tiene dos túnicas, dé al que no tiene. El que tiene comida, haga lo mismo".

Misa del lunes: La misa del lunes 16 de diciembre será a las 8:30 a. m. en lugar de a las 12:10 p. m. debido al funeral de Karen Miller a las 12:00 p. m. en St. Aloysius en Hickory.

Abrigos para niños: La caja anual "Abrigos para niños" estará en el vestíbulo desde el miércoles 11 de diciembre hasta el mediodía del lunes 16 de diciembre para que deposites tus donaciones de ropa nueva para niños. ¡Gracias por tu generosidad!

Segunda colecta: Esta semana es nuestra colecta mensual para nuestra Iglesia Hermana, la Iglesia de la Epifanía en Blowing Rock.

Cena navideña comunitaria/Donación de jamones: este año celebraremos nuestra cena navideña comunitaria semestral el día de Navidad. Serviremos jamón, patatas, judías verdes y un panecillo con postre. Esté atento a los próximos anuncios y a las hojas de inscripción. Si está dispuesto a donar jamones, ayudar en la cocina o ayudar con las entregas para este evento, infórmenos.

Community Christmas Dinner
December 25th
Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Volunteers Needed: Kitchen help • Set-up • Clean-up • Delivery Drivers
Donations Needed: Fully Cooked Spiral Hams • Cakes • Monetary Donations
Please sign-up on the sheets in the vestibule

**MARCH FOR LIFE**

CHARLOTTE MARCH FOR LIFE
JANUARY 10, 2025
Mass 10:00am | Cathedral of St. Patrick Gather & Pray 11:30am | March 12:00pm 1123 S. Church St. Charlotte, NC

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE
WASHINGTON, DC
JANUARY 23-25, 2025
2 buses this year! Depart & return from Charlotte Bus fare, lodging, breakfasts included Tickets: \$200-\$300; student discount available

National Prayer Vigil Mass | Life Fest Rally & March for Life | Saturday Pilgrimage

