

**PARISH NEWS / NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA**  
**January 5, 2025 / 5 de Enero, 2025**

**“Food for Thought” from the Respect Life Committee:**  
 “Por medio de la Encarnación y el nacimiento de Cristo, Dios nos revela la dignidad de toda vida humana. La vida humana, como un don de Dios, es sagrada e inviolable, El Hijo de Dios se ha unido con todos los seres humanos y desea que compartamos la vida eterna con Él... Cada uno de nosotros está hecho a imagen y semejanza de Dios, y reflejamos su gloria en el mundo.” Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB “El Evangelio de la Vida: Breve resumen”

**Pick of the Week on FORMED! This week on FORMED WATCH: God’s Doorkeeper** This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love! **WATCH: The Three Wise Men** Ms. Kim explains the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the importance of the wise men’s gifts by teaching students how to draw the three magi. She challenges kids to do an act of kindness for someone, offering it as a gift to Jesus. Finally, **WATCH: Epiphany** What is Epiphany? Join Dr. Michael Barber to find out.

**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)

**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:**  
 “Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world.”  
 USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
 “The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary”

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

<b>Monday / Lunes</b>	<b>1 Jn 3: 22-4: 6/ Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25</b>
<b>Tuesday / Martes</b>	<b>1 Jn 4: 7-10 / Mk 6: 34-44</b>
<b>Wednesday / Miércoles</b>	<b>1 Jn 4: 11-18 / Mk 6: 45-52</b>
<b>Thursday / Jueves</b>	<b>1 Jn 4: 19-5: 4 / Lk 4: 14-22</b>
<b>Friday / Viernes</b>	<b>1 Jn 5: 5-13 / Lk 5: 12-16</b>
<b>Saturday / Sábado</b>	<b>1 Jn 5: 14-21 / Jn 3: 22-30</b>
<b>Sunday / Domingo</b>	<b>Is 42: 1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10: 34-38 / Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22</b>

**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).

**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).*

**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*  
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*Iglesia Católica San Jose*

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 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 através de la educación, fe, acción, compañerismo através 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**

<b>Saturday/Sábado</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. Mass</b>
<b>Sunday/Domingo</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Mass</b> <b>11:45 a.m. Misa en Español</b>

**Weekdays/Días de Semana**

<b>Monday-Wednesday-Friday</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
<b>Lunes-Miércoles-Viernes</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday-Thursday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Martes-Jueves</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>

**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 - January 5  
9:00 AM - Mass / Misa  
11:45 AM - Misa en Español

Monday / Lunes - January 6  
12:10 PM - Mass / Misa

Tuesday / Martes - January 7  
8:30 AM - Mass / Misa

Wednesday / Miércoles - January 8  
12:10 PM - Mass / Misa

Thursday / Jueves - January 9  
8:30 AM - Mass / Misa

Friday / Viernes - January 10  
12:10 PM - Mass / Misa

Saturday / Sábado - January 11  
5:00 PM - Mass / Misa

Sunday / Domingo - January 12  
9:00 AM - Mass / Misa  
11:45 AM - Misa en Español

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

Saturday / Sábado - January 4  
5:00 PM - † Margaret Gatterdam

Sunday / Domingo - January 5  
9:00 AM - People of the Parish  
11:45 AM - Wedding Anniv. Delfina & Catarino

Monday / Lunes - January 6  
12:10 PM - Phil Robison

Tuesday / Martes - January 7  
8:30 AM - † Purgatory Society

Wednesday / Miércoles - January 8  
12:10 PM - † Mary Het Nguyen

Thursday / Jueves - January 9  
8:30 AM - Jessica Carpio & Pedro Terhon

Friday / Viernes - January 10  
12:10 PM - † Jose Crecencio Martinez  
† Francisco Martinez  
† Guadalupe Zarate Martinez  
† Saul Acevedo Zarate

Saturday / Sábado - January 11  
5:00 PM - Guadalupe Acevedo Martinez

Sunday / Domingo - January 12  
9:00 AM - † Karen Miller  
11:45 AM - People of the Parish

**FEAST DAYS / DIAS de FIESTA**

Sunday, January 5 / Domingo, 5 de Enero  
The Epiphany of the Lord / La Epifanía del Señor

Monday, January 6 / Lunes, 6 de Enero  
St. André Bessette / San Andrés Bessette

Tuesday, January 7 / Martes, 7 de Enero  
St. Raymond of Penyafort / San Raimundo de Peñafort

Sunday, January 12 / Domingo, 12 de Enero  
The Baptism of the Lord / La Bautismo del Señor

**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 Harzcuk, Nancy Paulos, 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  
12/29/2024 \$4,813.31

2024 DSA Report as of 12/31/2024  
Families/Households Contributing  
102 of 264 = 38%

Goal	Pledged	Over/Under
\$30,996	\$34,462	\$3,466.00
On Goal	Total Paid	On Pledges
100%	\$31,222	90%

*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.pchickory.com](http://www.pchickory.com)  
**SERVICIOS DE ASISTENCIA DE EMBARAZO:**  
Centro de Cuidado de Embarazo del Condado Catawba  
322-4272 Sitio Web: [www.pchickory.com](http://www.pchickory.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](http://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](http://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](mailto:matcat01@hotmail.com), or Esther Kelly at (919)302-4798, [emarielkelly@yahoo.com](mailto:emarielkelly@yahoo.com), or Xiomara Palma at (828) 461-3755.



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**The Epiphany of the Lord / La Epifanía del Señor**

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:**

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

**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 Avalos Family
- The Azamar Family
- The Baggett Family
- The Barnica Family
- The Barrios Family

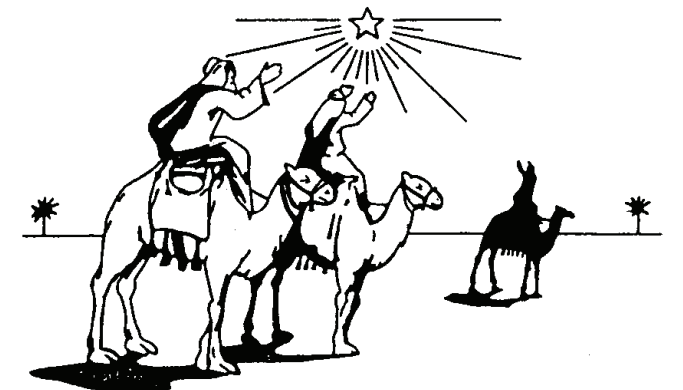
**Second Collection:** This weekend will be our monthly collection for our Sister Parish, Church of the Epiphany in Blowing Rock, NC. Thank you for your generosity!

**Life & Family Conference:** "Cultural Challenges & Catholic Faith" When: Saturday, Jan. 18; 10 am – 3 pm Where: Diocesan Pastoral Center, 1123 South Church Street, Charlotte, N.C. 28203 The Charlotte Diocese Family Life Office invites you to a day of formation and education focused on marriage, family and pro-life work. Attendees will experience dynamic, nationally known speakers and a panel discussion: "The Way of the Lord: Speaking Moral Truth with Love" with Father Jeff Kirby, STD "From Suffering to Healing in Family Life" with Christine Wisdom, MS. LMHC "Faith in the Public Square: Catholic Engagement in Politics and Policy" with Adamo Manfra, Major USMCR, S.T.B. Lunch and refreshments are included. Tickets are \$30 adult, \$20 student. Please register online at the link below. Walk-ins are also welcome to attend. Childcare is available. Information and Registration: [familylife@rcdoc.org](mailto:familylife@rcdoc.org) and <https://charlottediocese.org/faith-life/family-life/life-family-conference>

**PENSAMIENTO DE CO-RESPONSABILIDAD:**

Los tres reyes magos del Evangelio de hoy viajaron una gran distancia a un costo considerable para ofrecer sus más ricos obsequios al Niño Jesús. ¿Hasta dónde llegaré y qué ofreceré para rendir homenaje a este recién nacido Rey y Salvador?

**Segunda Colecta:** Este fin de semana será nuestra colecta mensual para nuestra Parroquia Hermana, Iglesia de la Epifanía en Blowing Rock, Carolina del Norte. ¡Gracias por tu generosidad!



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**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



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**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



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

