

The Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2021

Date	Intentions	Requested by
1/03 11:00	Edward Molloy +	Lori McCarley
1/06 12::00	Scott Peek, Sr. +	Ted & Nancy McGowan
1/07 12:00	Scott Peek, Sr. +	Ted & Nancy McGowan
1/08 9:00	Scott Peek, Sr. +	Ted & Nancy McGowan
1/10 11:00	Scott Peek, Sr. +	Ted & Nancy McGowan



15th Annual MARCH FOR LIFE Charlotte! Jan. 8, 2020

The day will begin with a *Mass for the Unborn* at 9:00 am at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church at [6828 Old Reid Road, Charlotte, NC 28210](#). At 11:00 am we will start to gather at the parking lot across the street from the Catholic Diocese at [1123 S. Church St. Charlotte, NC](#). There may be some parking available at the lot but please expect to find parking on your own uptown if necessary.

At 12:00 pm we will march to Trade and Tryon where Fr. Noah Carter, Pastor of Holy Cross Catholic Church will preach. After the prolife testimonies we will pray the Most Holy Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. **Please join others to march and pray for an end to abortion and save babies lives!** See *schedule details at www.marchforlifecharlotte.org*

Saint of the Week

To holy people the very name of Jesus is the name to feel upon, a name to transport. His name can raise the dead, and transfigure and beautify the living.

~ St. John Neumann (1811—1860), Patron of Catholic Education, Feast Day January 5.

In this time of Covid-19 please consider making your offertory donations on-line. Visit our website: www.olmhighlands.com

Our Lady of the Mountains

Guidelines and Precautions during the Covid-19 Pandemic

We are taking the following precautions to keep everyone safe at Mass.

1. The obligation to attend Mass is still lifted.
2. Social distance of 6ft is observed at all times.
3. Seating is limited to every other pew to facilitate social distancing.
4. Sanitizing hands is encouraged upon entering and leaving. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrances.
5. The wearing of masks is highly encouraged. Masks are available at the entrances.
6. Reusable items in the pews have been removed, such as hymnals and missals.
7. Congregational singing is suspended.
8. All physical contact between congregants is suspended such as hand-holding at the Our Father and the Sign of Peace.
9. The priest sanitizes his hand between households during the distribution of Holy Communion.
10. Distribution of the Precious Blood is suspended.
11. All high-contact surfaces are disinfected after Mass.

Father's Column

A sermon of St. Quodvultdeus

Even before they learn to speak

A tiny child is born, who is a great king. Wise men are led to him from afar. They come to adore one who lies in a manger and yet reigns in heaven and on earth. When they tell of one who is born a king, Herod is disturbed. To save his kingdom he resolves to kill him, though if he would have faith in the child, he himself would reign in peace in this life and for ever in the life to come.

Why are you afraid, Herod, when you hear of the birth of a king? He does not come to drive you out, but to conquer the devil. But because you do not understand this you are disturbed and in a rage, and to destroy one child whom you seek, you show your cruelty in the death of so many children.

You are not restrained by the love of weeping mothers or fathers mourning the deaths of their sons, nor by the cries and sobs of the children. You destroy those who are tiny in body because fear is destroying your heart. You imagine that if you accomplish your desire you can prolong your own life, though you are seeking to kill Life himself.

Yet your throne is threatened by the source of grace, so small, yet so great, who is lying in the manger. He is using you, all unaware of it, to work out his own purposes freeing souls from captivity to the devil. He has taken up the sons of the enemy into the ranks of God's adopted children.

The children die for Christ, though they do not know it. The parents mourn for the death of martyrs. The child makes of those as yet unable to speak fit witnesses to himself. See the kind of kingdom that is his, coming as he did in order to be this kind of king. See how the deliverer is already working deliverance, the saviour already working salvation.

But you, Herod, do not know this and are disturbed and furious. While you vent your fury against the child, you are already paying him homage, and do not know it.

How great a gift of grace is here! To want merits of their own do the children owe this kind of victory? They cannot speak, yet they bear witness to Christ. They cannot use their limbs to engage in battle, yet already they bear off the palm of victory.

PACE

- What is PACE?
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- How can PACE help you today?
- What is the cost?

Hosted by Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte, PACE stands for Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. PACE is a Medicare not for profit, Medicaid State option program. PACE serves participants 55 and older, by providing preventive and long-term care services for those requiring nursing home level of care. PACE provides flexibility in meeting a person's health care needs while they continue to live safely in their home and or community. The number one goal of PACE is to empower their participants with the choice to live safely in the home they love.

Thursday, January 7th / 10:00 am - 11:00 a.m.
Join us to learn all about PACE and how it can help you.

Register in advance for this webinar:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sED3x2LCSCySux_27bFMGA

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

For additional informational, please contact Sandra Breakfield, Program Director Elder Ministry
704-370-3220 or sabreakfield@charlottediocese.org

Please pray for our parishioners and their relatives and friends:

Alsia Sutton & Family, Christine Walker, Pat Pittari, Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga, Laura Sanders, Mary Catherine Cann, James Urbanski, Sandy Powers, Griffin Harper, Shawn Webster

Also for those in our book of prayer intentions, and those for whom there is no one to pray.
Please pray for all the men and women serving the United States in the military.

Please pray for the souls of our beloved deceased.
Scott Peek, Sr., Stewart Austin, Nick Klingler, John Powers, Earl Goodrow and Ron Simmons,
Harry Vaughn