

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 27, 2020

Date	Intentions	Requested by
12/27 11:00	Horvath & La Poma Anniversaries	Joanne La Poma
12/30 9::00	No Mass	
12/31 12:00	No Mass	
1/01 10:00	Scott Peek, Sr. +	Ted & Nancy McGowan
1/03 11:00	Edward Molloy +	Lori McCarley



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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.

Change in Weekly Mass Schedule and Office Hours the Week of December 28th

There will be no weekly Mass and the church office will be closed the week of December 28th. Mass will be held on New Year's Day at 10:00 am. Please remember to check our website for last minute changes due to inclement weather.

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Saint of the Week

Who shall resist Anti-Christ when he comes if we show such patience towards the vices and crimes of his precursors? By such leniency, we encourage kings to become tyrants and tempt them to withdraw every privilege and all jurisdiction from the Churches.

~Thomas Becket (1118-1170), Martyr, Bishop, Feast Day December 29

Father's Column

From a sermon of Saint Leo the Great, pope

Christian, remember your dignity

Dearly beloved, today our Saviour is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness.

No one is shut out from this joy all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness. Let the pagan take courage as he is summoned to life.

In the fullness of time, chosen in the unfathomable depths of God's wisdom, the Son of God took for himself our common humanity in order to reconcile it with its creator. He came to overthrow the devil, the origin of death, in that very nature by which he had overthrown mankind.

And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy: *Glory to God in the highest, and they proclaim peace to men of good will* as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvelous work of God's goodness, what joy should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men?

Beloved, let us give thanks to God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit, because in his great love for us he took pity on us, and *when we were dead in our sins he brought us to life with Christ*, so that in him we might be a new creation. Let us throw off our old

nature and all its ways and, as we have come to birth in Christ, let us renounce the works of the flesh.

Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom.

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*

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