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SACRAMENTS

Eucharist:	Daily Mass Weekend Mass	Wednesday ~ Friday Saturday Sunday	NOON 5:00pm; 6:30pm 7:30am(Spanish) 11:30pm(Spanish) 9:30am;(English)
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Reconciliation:	Saturday	3:30pm – 4:30pm
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Marriage:	Please call the parish office six (6) months before your wedding date.	Communicarse con la oficina seis (6) meses antes de la fecha de matrimonio.
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Anointing of the sick:	Please call the parish office	Communicarse con la oficina.
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José
ST FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC PARISH OF
LUMBERTON



Saturday (December 28) 5:00 PM: (Deceased family members of David Mendoza)

Sunday (December 29) Misa 7:30 am (Deceased family members of Antonia Perez)

Mass 9:30 am (Deceased family members of Jane Luther)

Misa 11:30 AM (Deceased family members of Ernesto Retana C.)

1st 1 Sm 1:20, 22, 24-28 **Ps** 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 **2nd** 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 ****Lk** 2:41-52

Monday (December 30) Sixth day in the Octave of Nativity of the Lord

1st 1 Jn 2:12-17 **Ps** 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 ****Lk** 2:36-40

Tuesday (December 31) Seventh day in the Octave of Nativity of the Lord

1st 1 Jn 2:18-21 **Ps** 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 ****Jn** 1:1-18

Wednesday (January 1) Holy Day of Obligation Mary, Holy Mother of God - The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is celebrated every year on January 1 – New Year's Day, to honor Mary's role as the mother of Jesus Christ. The day is set aside to reflect on the role of Mary as a model of faith and obedience to God's will. It also emphasizes the importance of Jesus' birth and his nature as both divine and human

9:30 am (+Lidia Capote)

11:30 am (+Lidia Capote)

1st Num 6:22-27 **Ps** 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 **2nd** Gal 4:4-7 ****Lk** 2:16-21

Thursday (January 2) St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen (bishops & doctors of the Church)

Noon Mass (+Antonio Lorenzo)

1st 1 Jn 2:22-28 **Ps** 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 ****Jn** 1:19-28

Friday (January 3) The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Noon Mass (+Robert Barnhill)

1st 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 **Ps** 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 ****Jn** 1:29-34

Saturday (January 4) St Elizabeth Ann Seton(religious) – Patron Saint of Catholic schools, teachers, widows, orphans, people who have been persecuted for their faith

1st 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 **Ps** 124:2-5, 7b-8 ****Mt** 2:13-18

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The parish office will reopen Thursday, January 2nd

MASS TIMES (HORARIOS DE MISA)

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 12 Noon

Saturday 5:00 PM [English]

Sunday 9:30 AM [English]

7:30 AM y 11:30 AM [Español]

Please call the office for Sacraments & Social Hall Rentals, as they are by appointment ONLY.

Llame a la oficina de Sacramentos & Social Hall Rentals, ya que son SOLO con cita previa.



Confession

Confession is every **Saturday** from **3:00 PM – 4:30 PM**, or by appointment with the Priest.

La confesión es todos

los **sábados** de **3:00 PM a 4:30 PM**, o con cita previa con el sacerdote

Office Hours (horarios del oficina)

Tuesday (Martes) – Friday (Viernes)
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Closed from noon – 1:00 pm

Bilingual Help available Thursdays and Fridays
Ayuda Bilingüe disponible Jueves y Viernes

PARISH FINANCIAL RECORD:

Fourth Sunday in Advent

(December 21 / 22, 2024)

1st \$ 4908.00

2nd 512.00

Total: \$ 5420.00

[Last Year: \$ 6259.00]

We thank you all for your contributions. Please, remember to send your offertory envelope weekly or monthly or give online. Les agradecemos a todos por sus contribuciones. Por favor, recuerde enviar su sobre de ofertorio semanal o mensualmente o dar en línea

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For the month of December, we collected **75 lbs** of nonperishable food items for the Christian Care Center of Lumberton, helping those less fortunate in our local area. There are boxes at the main entrance of the Church and by the gift shop for any items you wish to donate. They accept sanitary items,

canned foods, and items for daily hygiene. Your support and donations are greatly appreciated, especially in these winter months. Durante el mes de Diciembre, recolectamos **75 libras** de alimentos no perecederos para el Centro de Atención Cristiana de Lumberton, ayudando a los menos afortunados de nuestra zona. Hay cajas en la entrada principal de la Iglesia y junto a la tienda de regalos para cualquier artículo que desee donar. Aceptan artículos sanitarios, alimentos enlatados y artículos para la higiene diaria. Su apoyo y sus donaciones son muy apreciados, especialmente en estos meses de invierno

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



First Friday Adoration – Friday, January 3rd, please join us for the Exposition of the Holy Eucharist starting after the noon Mass, with Benediction beginning at 7:00 pm. Start the 2025 off right and come spend some time with Jesus. He's waiting for you! ↔ El viernes 3 de enero, únase a nosotros para la Exposición de la Sagrada Eucaristía que comenzará después de la Misa del mediodía y la Bendición a partir de las 7:00 p. m. Empiece el año 2025 con el pie derecho y venga a pasar un tiempo con Jesús. ¡Él lo está esperando!

Sunday's Reflection

Today's Gospel focuses our attention on the Holy Family, as members of a wider family, the family of God. The Father has bestowed His great love on us in calling us His children, brothers and sisters of Jesus who has shared His very life with us. Our Father's final gift to His children will be seeing our God as He is – full union with our God forever. The Spirit has been given to us as the pledge of God's everlasting love.

As God's children, we are asked to reflect on a strange incident in the life of the Holy Family. What might we learn? When Mary and Joseph discovered that the boy Jesus was missing, they didn't waste their time arguing about who was to blame. Together, they went to search for Jesus. When they find Him in the Temple among the scholars, they expressed their anguish about missing Him. Jesus focused them by reminding them that they should expect to find Him in His Father's house.

Jesus was asking them to trust Him, even if they didn't fully understand.

In our experience in the family of God here at Childs, there are often enough misunderstandings and anguish of one kind or another. We can lose sight of Jesus in these difficult moments. Jesus instructs us, as He did Mary and Joseph: "Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?"

Each day we come here to find Jesus in our Father's house. Like Mary and Joseph, we can tell Jesus about our misunderstandings and anguish. Jesus always invites us to put them in His hands, then hear our brother's comforting words to us and join Him in offering our sufferings with His to the Father. And He feeds us with His own Body and Blood and gives us His peace. Healed and nourished, we can go forth to grow in wisdom, knowledge and grace as a more united family of God.

May our Eucharist on the feast of the Holy Family encourage us to live more fully as children of our Father, as brothers and sisters of Jesus.

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Reflexión Semanal

El saludo del ángel Gabriel a María contenía dos mensajes discretos, pero relacionados: (1) María sería la madre El Evangelio de hoy centra nuestra atención en la Sagrada Familia, como miembros de una familia más amplia, la familia de Dios. El Padre nos ha otorgado su gran amor al llamarnos sus hijos, hermanos y hermanas de Jesús, que ha compartido su vida con nosotros. El regalo final de nuestro Padre a sus hijos será ver a nuestro Dios tal como es: la unión plena con nuestro Dios para siempre. El Espíritu nos ha sido dado como la garantía del amor eterno de Dios.

Como hijos de Dios, se nos pide que reflexionemos sobre un extraño incidente en la vida de la Sagrada Familia. ¿Qué podemos aprender? Cuando María y José descubrieron que el niño Jesús había desaparecido, no perdieron el tiempo discutiendo sobre quién era el culpable. Juntos, fueron a buscar a Jesús. Cuando lo encontraron en el Templo entre los eruditos, expresaron su angustia por no haberlo encontrado. Jesús los centró en ellos recordándoles que debían esperar encontrarlo en la casa de su Padre.

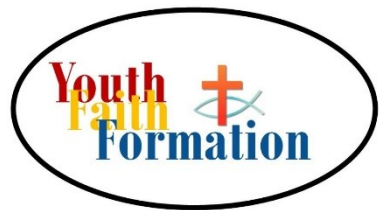
Jesús les estaba pidiendo que confiaran en Él, incluso si no entendían del todo.

En nuestra experiencia en la familia de Dios aquí en Childs, a menudo hay bastantes malentendidos y angustias de un tipo u otro. Podemos perder de vista a Jesús en estos momentos difíciles. Jesús nos instruye, como lo hizo con María y José: “¿No sabíais que yo debo estar en la casa de mi Padre?”

Cada día venimos aquí para encontrar a Jesús en la casa de nuestro Padre. Como María y José, podemos contarle a Jesús nuestros malentendidos y angustias. Jesús siempre nos invita a ponerlos en sus manos, luego escuchar las palabras reconfortantes de nuestro hermano y unirnos a Él para ofrecer nuestros sufrimientos junto con los suyos al Padre. Y Él nos alimenta con su propio Cuerpo y Sangre y nos da su paz. Sanados y nutridos, podemos avanzar para crecer en sabiduría, conocimiento y gracia como una familia de Dios más unida.

Que nuestra Eucaristía en la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia nos anime a vivir más plenamente como hijos de nuestro Padre, como hermanos y hermanas de Jesús.

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**Youth Faith Formation resumes Sunday, January 5th.
We hope everyone has had a peaceful and safe
Christmas break.**

**La formación en la fe para jóvenes se reanuda el
domingo 5 de enero. Esperamos que todos hayan
tenido unas vacaciones de Navidad tranquilas y
seguras.**

Wedding Anniversary Mass

February 8, 2025, 10:00am
Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral
715 Nazareth St., Raleigh, NC 27606

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday, February 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, with special recognition to couples with 25, 50, or 60 years of marriage. Register to attend the Mass and receive a Commemorative Certificate: <https://raldioc.configio.com/pd/924?diid=925#Detail> or call 984-900-3184.

La Misa de aniversario de bodas será el 8 de febrero de este año 2025, a las 10:00 a.m. en la Catedral del Santo Nombre de Jesús, con un reconocimiento especial para las parejas que celebran 25, 50 y 60 años de casados. Puede registrarse para asistir a la misa o para recibir un certificado conmemorativo: <https://raldioc.configio.com/pd/924?diid=926#Detail>



Save the date for the 15th Annual Catholic Men's Conference of the Carolinas on **February 8, 2025!** Join men from across the Carolinas and across the country to come together for a day of faith, fellowship, and prayer! For the first year ever we will offer a limited number of VIP tickets for an after-conference Meet and Greet with our speakers! Location: St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Charlotte, NC.

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities for vendors and organizations available now at www.catholicmenofthecarolinas.org !

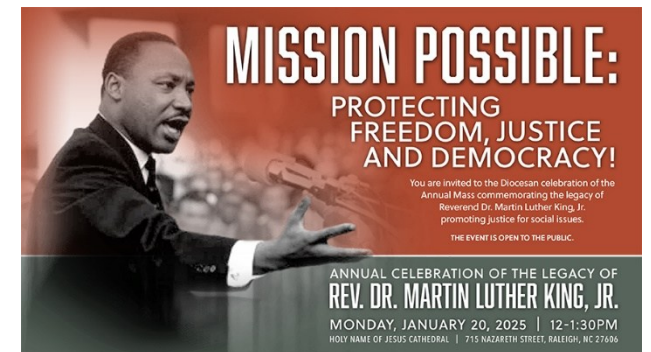
**Monday, January 20, 2025 - 12:00 PM
- 01:30 PM**

You are invited to the diocesan celebration of the annual Mass commemorating the legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., promoting justice for social issues. The event is open to the public.

**“MISSION POSSIBLE: Protecting
Freedom, Justice and Democracy!”**

Celebrant: Most Reverend Luis Rafael Zarama

Homilist: Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D., Archbishop Emeritus of Louisville
Archbishop Kurtz has served on many boards including as President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). For more information, visit www.dioceseofraleigh.org.





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Project Rachel was something I didn't truly think I needed.

I had confessed my sin and received forgiveness. I had spent years of personal work and therapy to deal with the pain and depression I felt. In my heart I felt truly forgiven, but I still carried the shame and isolation of my burden—my secret. *I was still condemning myself in that still quiet part of my spirit.*

A retreat announcement was in our bulletin—and on a leap of faith I signed up—not knowing at all what to expect or even to pray for.

That retreat was a turning point in my life in so many ways... As a lifelong Catholic I never dreamed there were people just like me who had suffered the pain of abortion and were willing to share their journey to healing—to use their experience (with God's Grace) to transform the pain of others. The very secret that threatened to turn me from God and the church became transformed—reminding me that I am beloved by God—and that I belong to a church that is not only pro-life, but also pro-love and forgiveness.

Project Rachel cares for us post-abortive women the way Christ Himself would. It is a true expression of the unconditional and undeserved love of God; empowered by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.”

If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at Project Rachael weekend retreat:

January 10-12, 2025

The weekend retreat is strictly *confidential* for both women and men and includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion.

For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachael:
project.rachel@raldioc.org or
call (919) 852-1021

The cost is **\$200** for lodging, meals, and all retreat materials.
If you have a financial burden, assistance is available.

Mission of the Family video series from K of C - FREE – Men and women, young and old, strengthen and grow in your faith for your families with five short videos produced by the Knights of Columbus called the “Mission of The Family.” The videos can be found on the Knights of Columbus website for free: <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html> . The five videos are less than 14 minutes in length.

You can also find the original “Into The Breach” video series on the same page under Categories. This series is also free of charge and is sure to help you grow in your faith.



to everyone celebrating their birthday this week! (¡Feliz cumpleaños a todos ustedes que celebran sus cumpleaños esta semana!)

December 22, 2024 – January 2, 2025

Anadelay Alegria, Layna Bass, Karla Daniela Badillo-Torres, Allan Casarrubias Contre, Maria Rocio Gabriel Regino, Juan Carlos Ataxia-Regino, Reynaldo Bragais Jr., Natalie Lewis, Marieruz Mendez, Juan Carlos Silverio Gomez Mendoza, Maria Lidia Mauricio Baltazar



Prayer Requests

Patricia Hunt, Debbie Norris

Sick and Homebound: Lydia Yarborough, Howard & Nellie Canady, Josette Terry, Gladys Ortiz, Peggy Malinsky, Lorraine Sinclair, Tom Jacoby, Jan Henderson, Glenn Rogers

Nursing Homes: Mary Hammonds and Therese Morel at Wesley Pines (Lumberton), Elisabeth Oxendine at Carrolton Nursing Home (Fayetteville)

*Solemnity of
Mary, Mother of God*

Holy Day of Obligation

**Wednesday
January 1, 2025**

MASS TIMES:

**9:30 am (English)
11:30 am (Spanish)**

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FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

January 3, 2025



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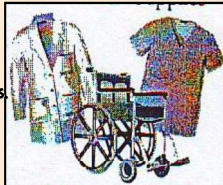
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