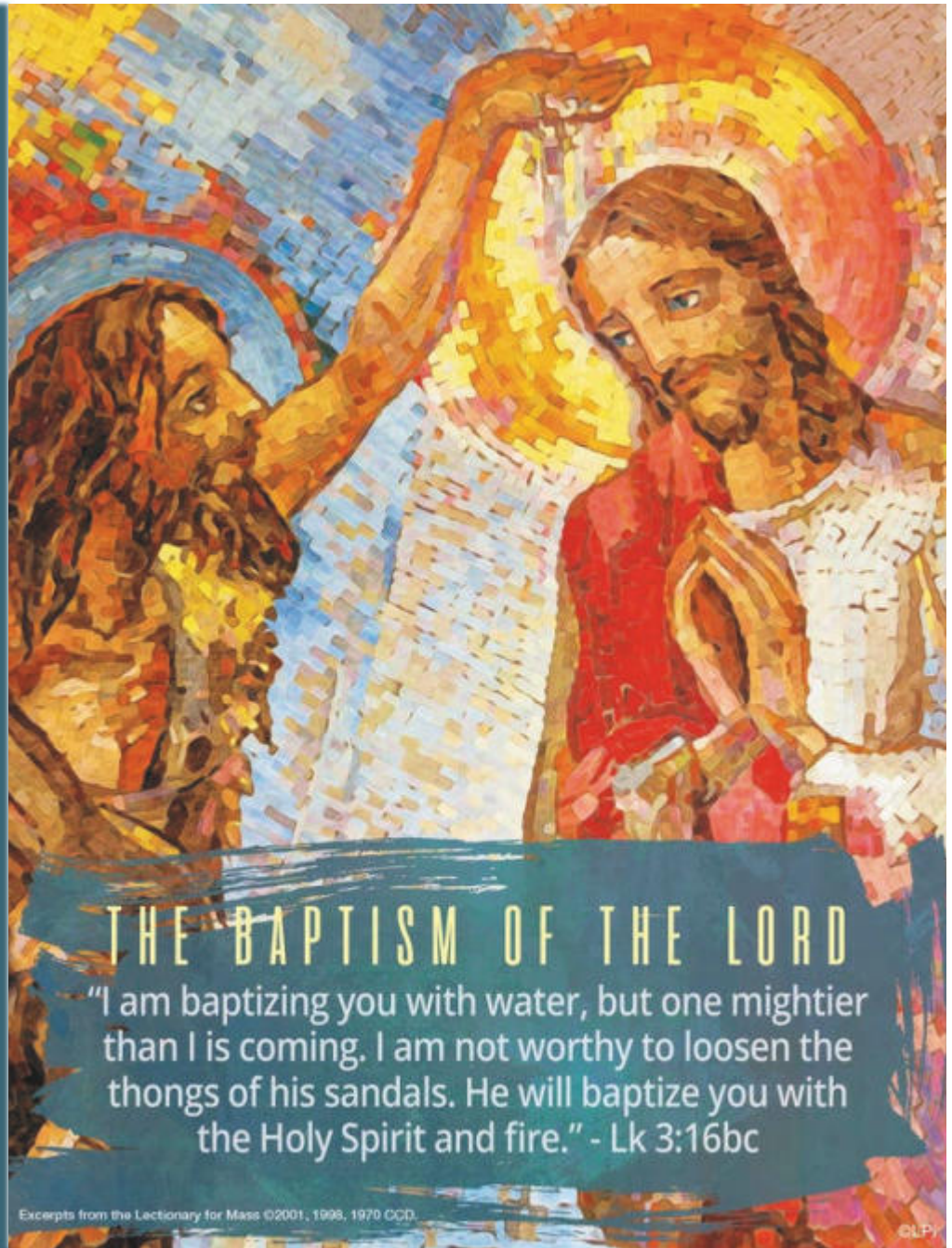


Sunday,  
January 9, 2022



**Saint Patrick  
Catholic Church**  
2844 Village Drive  
Fayetteville, NC 28304  
(910) 323-2410  
Parish office Hours  
Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM

**Saint Patrick  
Catholic School**  
1620 Marlborough Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28304  
(910) 323-1865  
School Office Hours  
Monday-Friday 8AM-3PM



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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# *Saint Patrick Catholic Church and School*

Oldest Catholic parish in NC, established Aug. 6, 1821, placed under protection of Saint Patrick on Feb 4, 1824, and the first consecrated Catholic Church in NC on Mar 17, 1829. Saint Patrick Catholic School is the oldest, continuously operating private school in Fayetteville, NC and was established Sept 12, 1937.



Our Immaculate Conception Sodality Gift Shop  
is located in the parish office's Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Room nearest the Columbarium.  
Open Saturdays from 3:30 PM to 4:45PM. ♦ Sundays from 9:00AM until 12:30PM.





Thank you for worshipping with us!  
Please come to the information table in the Gathering Space after Mass to speak with staff about making Saint Patrick your home.

¡Gracias por venir a celebrar la misa con nosotros!  
Venga a la mesa de información en el vestíbulo después de la misa para hablar con el personal sobre cómo hacer de San Patricio su hogar parroquial.

Become a Member of our Parish!  
Register Online



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**Saturday Vigil 5:00PM**  
**Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00AM (Nursery available) and 12:30PM in Spanish**  
 (Guardería de niños disponible)  
**First Saturday of the month 9:00AM & Rosary after Mass Monday - Friday 9:00AM**  
**Adoration, Exposition & Rosary** Every First Friday of the month after 9 AM Mass

**We are pleased to offer a variety of additional Mass times throughout the month which include:**

- Eastern Syriac Rite**, every First Sunday of the month at 4 PM and Rosary at 3:30PM
- French Mass**, every Second Sunday of the month at 4PM
- Vietnamese Mass**, every last Sunday of the month at 4PM and Confession and Rosary at 3PM.



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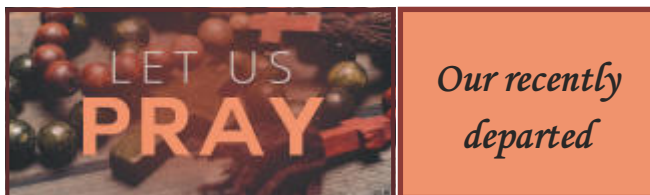
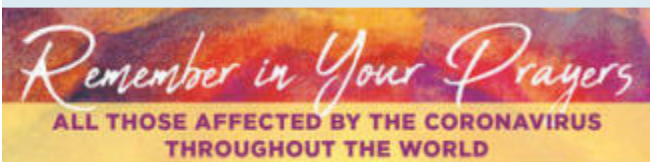
# PRAYER REQUESTS



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Brian Broadwell	Lori Lamm	Michael Romeu
Allen Buckhalt	James R. Leathers, Jr.	Edwin G. Rosales
Richard Chaney	Sonia Lewis	Jared Russell
Jonathan Craig	Brandon Loeder	Kris Salter
Carmichael P. Dumlao	Hunter Loeder	Brian Schrum
James Few	Lester Long	Christopher Shallop
Andrew Fonke	Caleb Lovett	Zack A. Small
Benjamin Fugaro-Thomson	Joshua Lovett	Tony Staut
Aidyn Fugaro-Fischer	Pat MacDonald	Kyle Stockwell
Margaret Galagher	Matthew Malone	Adam Storkamp
David J. Garcia	Zachary Martin	Patrick Sullivan
Kory Gray	Scott Monoher	Luke Thomas
Tanner Gunter	Kevin Nelson	Adam Thompson
Carter Hast	Louis Nelson	Brandon Tillman
Casey Helm	Frank Odum	Michael Vega
Isaiah Hernández	Peter Pacheco	Lindon Watkins
Alex Hicks	Edward Parry III	Christopher West
Michael Hicks	William "Bill" Peterson	John Wolf
Jodie Honeycutt	Carlos Ramos	
Taylor Johnson	Ernest M. Reed	

## Friends and Families who have asked for our Prayers

Melaine Adams	Ryan Donovan	Julia Mulvey
Rex Adams	Caleb Downey	Joe Nagel
Carol Anderson	Tom Durkin	Kylee Nelson
Ron Anderson	James Dwiggins	Rosie Newton
Tobenna Anoliefo	Kathy Doody	Willie Newton
Diana Antonellis	James Dwiggins	José Otero Morales
Placido Arjonillo	Rick Fortson	Catherine W. Parker
Angel Arrua	Rosalie Farnicque	Scott Paul
Rodolfo Arruabarrena	Monique Fultz	Carolina Pérez
Patricia Auman	Veronica Gailey	Ethel Phillips
Peggy Ball	Oscar Gómez	Mary Ellen Plummer
Tony Barreto	Angel González	Sandra Plummer
Fran Batten	Anthony González	Hernan J. Pometto
Andrea Bernabey	Pilar González	Tim Prunoske
Maria Blalock	Purificacion Guzmán	Arleen Reyes
Christopher Boeshore	Dao Hamdam	Héctor Reyes
Jerry Boeshore	Tristan Hartman	Jaxson Richardson
Pat Bowles	Kelly Hatcher	Gail Riddle
Linda Brennan	Catherine Hewitt	Joey Riddle
Aliyah Brewington	Chirstine D. Hill	Blanca Rivas
Luz Alejandra Bringas	Charles Holahan	Veronica Rodriguez
Tom Britton	Pat Holahan	Edwin M. Santiago
Claudine Brock	Pat Hurley	Rosa Santos
Lois Brock	Angela Hutchens	Lillian Savicki
Betsy Bromley	Michael Hutnan	Mary Schaefer
Dean Brown	Maura Jentz	Rose Mary Semenza
Trudy Brown	Mary Johnson	Maria Shirley
Ted Brutnell	Janet Fonke Joseph	Michael Shunk
Mary Buchanan	Brenda Kaminsky	Jonathan Simmons
Larry Bullard	Fr. Jack Kelly	Karen Skinner
William Bursey	Vera Knackstedt	Theresa Sparks
Fred Burns	Incha Knip	Drake Strong
Gustavo Cáceres	Joe Knip	Patricia Steiner
Hernan Cáceres	Mary C. Kosterman	Cindy Sullivan
Laura Cáceres	Eileen Landreth	Marcia Sullivan
Roberto Canales	Jennifer Levine	Joseph Surkin
Elaine Caras	Mannie Longoria	Robert Taffe
Veronica Chávez	Cecilia Marguglio	Haley Tuberville
Hideko Collins	Madonna Mayville	Eric Wagner
Ortilio Colón	Trujillo McCabe	Amber Wagner
Janet Connors	Donald McCarty	Maddox Walters
Wendy Cortés	Carol McKeithan	Richard "Dick" Washburn
Ana Damián	John McKenzie	Scott White
Marilyn Daniels	Luisa B. Meléndez	Nomie Whitmer
Cecelia David	Hideko Miller	Ed Williams
Phyllis Davis	Mark Miller	Steve Wolford
Jose Díaz	Maria Sol Montel	Rita Leona Zalewski
Margaret Donovan	Jerry Moon	Philomena Zito
Richard Donovan	Mimi Moon	Don Zalewski



Please pray for  
*Our beloved dead*  
And for their family and friends who mourn their death. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul rest in peace! Amen.



**Do you know our parish visit those that are home-bound parishioners and nursing home residents weekly? It takes many people to make this ministry the great gift that it is to so many. Is God calling you to visit the homebound or those in a care facility?**

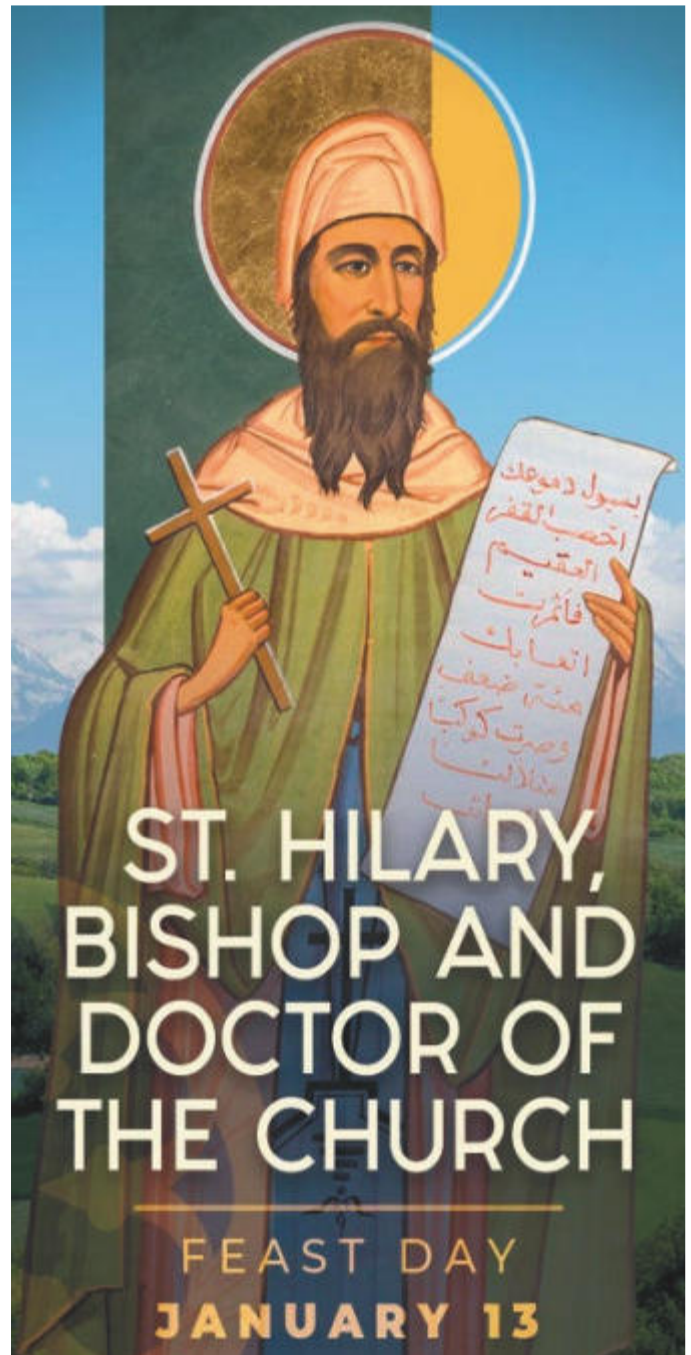
**You can be comfort to those who are unable to worship with us at Mass by becoming involved in the St. Camillus Ministry. Contact Beth O'Leary for more information at (910) 323-2410 x 133 or betho@stpatnc.org.**

**¿Sabe que nuestra parroquia visita semanalmente a aquellos feligreses que son confinados en sus hogares y residentes de hogares de ancianos? Se necesitan muchas personas para hacer de este ministerio el gran regalo que es para tantos. ¿Te está llamando Dios a visitar a los confinados en casa o a los que están en un centro de atención? Puede ser un consuelo para aquellos que no pueden adorar con nosotros en la Misa al participar en el Ministerio de San Camilo. Comuníquese con Beth O'Leary para obtener más información al (910) 323-2410 x 133 o**

**THE FAMILY DINNER PROJECT**

Food, fun and conversation about things that matter. Visit this website to help your family grow closer together. It's not just for the holidays, it's for a lifetime of memories and meaningful family life. Look at the 31 days of fun family activities for the holiday season listed on their home page at <https://thefamilydinnerproject.org>.

Comida, diversión y conversación sobre cosas importantes. Visite este sitio web para ayudar a su familia a acercarse más. No es solo para las vacaciones, es para toda una vida de recuerdos y una vida familiar significativa. Mire los 31 días de actividades familiares divertidas para la temporada navideña que figuran en su página de inicio en <https://thefamilydinnerproject.org>.



**200 Years of the Catholic Church in Fayetteville NC**

Saint Patrick celebrated its 200 Anniversary of being the first catholic church established in North Carolina on August 6, 2021.



Scan the QR code to watch the video of the Mass of Thanksgiving and Celebration of the Bicentennial of Saint Patrick Catholic Church for those that were unable to attend and for those that want to view it again.



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## High School Student Ministry

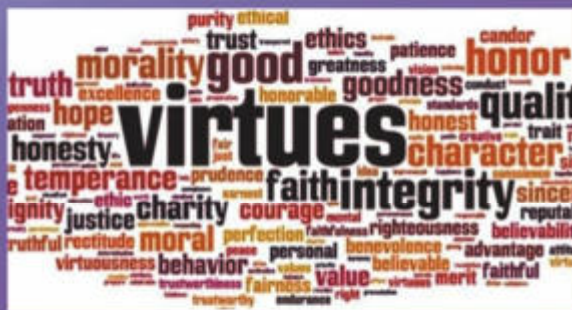
Planting the Seeds of Faith  
by Teaching the Gospel of Jesus

## Life Meeting Sunday January 9



What do you want most in your life?  
Life Meeting Sunday January 9

Faith and religion are completely  
compatible with what you want in life!  
They are the best path to what you want.



Plan to be with Jesus at Mass and in Prayer

January 9 – Sunday Mass and Life Meeting

January 14 & 15 – High School Retreat

REQUIRED for all Confirmation teens

January 16 – Sunday Mass but NO Life Meeting

January 23 – Sunday Mass and Life Meeting

January 23 – Sunday Mass and Life Meeting

## HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

January 14 and 15

Confirmation students REQUIRED

hsm@stpatnc.org

323-2410 x108

## Rosary after 10AM Mass

Lead by the Legion of Mary  
from Saint Patrick  
Please come and partake in  
more graces.  
To Jeus through Mary!



Dirigido por la Legión de María de San Patricio.  
Venga y participe de más gracias.  
Lleguemos a Jesús por medio de María!

## SACRAMENTS



### Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at (910) 323-2410 during business hours. In the event of LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCIES those needing the Anointing of the Sick after regular office hours or weekends, please call (910) 303-1948.

### Who may receive the Sacrament of Anointing?

Any baptized Catholic who is seriously ill due to sickness, injury or old age—even though there is no apparent danger of death. The elderly who are in a weakened condition are also encouraged by the Church to receive the Sacrament of Anointing. The sacrament should be received when the sick person is best able to profit from it, and not be delayed until the person is at the point of death. One should also received it before a serious operation. For questions and for more information, please contact Beth O'Leary at 910-323-2410 x133.

### Baptism

For children up to grade 7, contact Carlos Cortes x 106. For children in grades 8 and above and for adults who wish to be baptized, see the RCIA section below.

### First Holy Communion

For children up to grade 7, contact Carlos Cortes x 106. For children in grades 8 and above and for adults who wish to receive First Holy Communion, see the RCIA section below.

### First Reconciliation

For children up to grade 7, contact Carlos Cortes x 106. For children in grades 8 and above and adults, see RCIA sections below.

### Funerals

Contact Anne Rogers x 113 or a priest at the parish office at (910) 323-2410.

### Confirmation

Contact Dcn. Vince x108 for information for youth and adult Confirmation.

### Marriage

For marriages and validations for those married outside the Catholic Church, contact Beth O'Leary x133

### RCIA

Are you Catholic and Missing a Sacrament (Confirmation, Eucharist)? Or are you interested in becoming Catholic, but don't know where to start?

Contact, Dcn Vince Mescall x108 or Inés Benarroch x 111

### Reconciliation

Celebrated every Wednesday 5-6:30 PM & Saturday 3-4:30PM or by appointment by calling the parish office.

Hablamos español— puedes llamar a la oficina parroquial.

**Together We Can—Make a Difference**

We collected 261 items on January 2  
Thank you for helping! Keep up the good work.  
Visit [www.catholiccharitiesraleigh.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesraleigh.org) for more  
information about how to help

**Juntos Podemos—Hacer la diferencia**

Recolectamos 261 artículos el 2 de enero.  
¡Gracias! Sigamos con el buen trabajo.  
Visita la página [www.catholiccharities.org](http://www.catholiccharities.org) para más  
información en cómo ayudar.



Monthly Offertory	
Needed Monthly	November 2021 Actual
\$120,611.25	\$107,873.43

Fiscal Year to Date		
Needed for 5 Months	Actual for 5 Months	% Over (+) or Under (-)
\$603,056.25	\$549,744.99	-8.4%

Payment Method	October 2021
Cash and Checks	\$58,777.63
Electronic payments	\$49,095.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$107,873.43</b>

**Give Your Gifts Online.**  
**It's Safe. It's Simple. It's Convenient.**  
Go to [www.stpatnc.org](http://www.stpatnc.org), and scroll down to the "Giving Online" image to sign up today or scan the QR code.



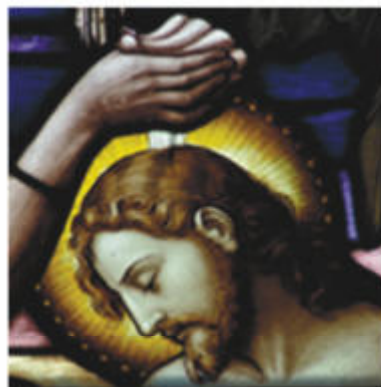
Are you interested in investing in the future of our Parish? A bequest in your will could provide for enhanced and expanded ministries for God's people. Please call the church office, if you would like more information on how to donate.

Our church is already paid! But that doesn't mean that it will not need regular maintenance and repairs. You will now be receiving an envelope designated for maintenance and repairs in your monthly envelopes.

**Thank you for supporting  
Saint Patrick Church!**

**Baptism: We See Jesus in Our Lives of Stewardship**

**We allow Christ to share his love with us.  
Then we reflect that love out to others.**



As we celebrate this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we can study His actions at the Jordan River as an example of servant leadership. We see in Jesus a type of leadership that is

characterized by humility and leading by example.

Our sinless Savior did not need a baptism of repentance! But Jesus humbly made Himself one with his people to draw us to Him and to create a relationship with us so that we would be open to His teachings and influence.

As a servant leader, we also see that Jesus leads by example. He doesn't just tell the people they need to be baptized. He shows us, and does it Himself to teach us. To lead like Jesus, we must walk the walk and not just talk the talk.

If we want all people to be generous and hard working, then we must show them how to do this by demonstrating generosity and hard work ourselves.

Immediately after the Baptism of Jesus, we hear the powerful affirmation of the Father who opens the heavens, sends the Holy Spirit upon Jesus and says audibly, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."

Let us be filled with gratitude for our amazing God. Let us remember that when we are grateful followers of Jesus and servant leaders in imitation of Him, the Father will also be well pleased with us.

**Rejoice in the Lord Always**

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love become part of our life when we prepare the way for Jesus to enter our hearts every day and we thrive on His presence.







In response to Holy Father Pope Francis' call, Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama has opened a diocesan listening process during the week leading up to Christmas. The steps taken by Bishop Luis follow Holy Father Pope Francis' recent announcement of a two-year process of preparation for the 2023 XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, under the guiding title, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission."

En respuesta al llamado del Santo Padre Papa Francisco, el obispo Luis Rafael Zarama ha abierto un proceso de escucha diocesana durante la semana previa a la Navidad. Los pasos dados por el obispo Luis siguen el reciente anuncio del Santo Padre Papa Francisco de un proceso de preparación de dos años para la XVI Asamblea General Ordinaria del Sínodo de los Obispos de 2023, bajo el título rector, "Por una Iglesia sinodal: comunión, participación y Misión."

### The Advent Giving Tree



Thank you to all who so generously donated gifts for the Advent Giving Tree. With your generosity, 30 local families were able to enjoy the holiday season with 579 gifts being donated.

In addition, approximately 800 toys were sent to Louisiana to help the people effected by the hurricane.

Thanks also to the 50+ J.O.Y. Ministry for organizing this event.

### Sodality Gift Shop is now online!

Check out our website at [st-pat-gifts.square.site](http://st-pat-gifts.square.site)

You can now relax and shop from home and pick up in store. Scan the QR code with your phone to go to our new website. We will begin taking orders January 1.



## Brick Paver Program

**Put your Name or Message in STONE!**  
 Inscribe a 4 x 8 brick with your message and it will become a part of the plaza area of the Church. Bricks are \$100.00 each.

SUBMIT A FORM FOR EACH BRICK YOU PURCHASE. You can place this form and your donation in an envelope marked "Brick Paver" and place it in the offertory basket. More forms are available in the church office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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We are placing an order at the end of February 2021!  
 Do not miss out on this order!

**Media Deadline:** Submit information for the bulletin, TVs in the gathering space, projector screens in the Church , Twitter, myParish App, chair announcements by the priests, and website all to one email address: [media@stpatnc.org](mailto:media@stpatnc.org)

*Regular deadline of 8 days prior to weekend publication.*

**Schedule subject to change. Visit our website for updates. Email coordinator for more information.**

				Readings for this week
Sunday	8:00 AM	Mass For the People of Saint Patrick	Church Sanctuary	IS42:1-4,6-7 PS29:1-4,9-10 ACTS10:34-38 LK3:15-16,21-22
	10:00 AM	Mass ( † David Brinley)	Church Sanctuary <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMMT2JTZG08">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMMT2JTZG08</a>	
	10:45 AM	RICA Preparación Sacramental en Español	Gym Conference Room	
	11:00 AM	Seekers Inquiry	Holy Family Room	
	12:30 PM	Mass	Church Sanctuary	
	2:00 PM	HSM Life Meeting	Kennedy Social Hall	
Monday	9:00 AM	Daily Mass ( ♥ Mande Monchick)	All Saints Chapel	1SM1:1-8 PS116:12-13,14,17,18-19 MK1:14-20
	6:00 PM	Pack 787 Cub Scouts	Kennedy Social Hall	
	7:00 PM	Charismatic Prayer Group	Saint Brigid Hall	
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Daily Mass ( † Think Hick)	All Saints Chapel	1SM1:9-20 1SM2:1,4-5,6-7,8abcd MK1:21-28
	10:00 AM	Bible Study	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Room	
	5:00 PM	Youth Music/Choristers	Church	
	7:00 PM	Adult Education Class	Family Life Room—Gym	
	7:00 PM	Boys Scouts Troop 787	Holy Family Room	
	7:00 PM	Parish Choir Rehearsal	Gym Family Room	
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Mass ( ♥ Luis & Carol Pascual)	All Saints Chapel	1SM3:1-10,19-20 PS40:2&5,7-8a,8b-10 MK1:29:39
	5:00 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	All Saints Chapel	
	5:00 PM	Reconciliation	Holy Family Room	
	6:00 PM	Middle School Youth Ministry	Gymnasium	
	7:00 PM	Spanish Choir Rehearsal	Church Sanctuary	
Thursday	9:00 AM	Daily Mass ( ♥ Kim Thanh & Alex's Family)	Church Nave and Sanctuary	1SM4:1-11 PS44:10-11,14-15,24-25 MK1:40-45
	3:30 PM	Bell Rehearsals	Church Sanctuary	
	5:30 PM	Legion of Mary	Gym Conference Room	
	7:00 PM	Village Group AA Meeting	Holy Family Room	
Friday	9:00 AM	Daily Mass ( † Dominic Scotto)	All Saints Chapel	1SM8:4-7,10-22a PS89:16-17,18-19 MK2:1-12
	4:30 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	All Saints Chapel	
	5:00 PM	Junior Legion of Mary	Gym Conference Room	
	6:30 PM	High School Retreat	Saint Brigid Hall	
Saturday	8:00 AM	High School Retreat	Saint Brigid Hall	1SM9:1-4,17-19;10:1 PS21:2-7 MK2:13-17
	3:00 PM	Reconciliation	Church Nave and Sanctuary	
	5:00 PM	Mass ( ♥ Pascual & Poindexter Family)	Church Nave and Sanctuary	
Sunday	8:00 AM	Mass ( † Art Ingalls)	Church Nave and Sanctuary	IS62:1-5 PS96:1-2,2-3,7-8,9-10 1COR12:4-11 JN21-11
	10:00 AM	Mass ( † Margarita Dostall)	Church Sanctuary <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMMT2JTZG08">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMMT2JTZG08</a>	
	10:45 AM	RICA Preparación Sacramental en Español	Gym Conference Room	
	11:00 AM	Seekers Inquiry	Holy Family Room	
	12:30 PM	Mass	Church Sanctuary	





## The Baptism of the Lord

*"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."*  
-Pope Francis



What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

Missed the monthly session  
on January 5?  
¿Se perdió la sesión  
mensual del 5 de enero?



Contact Carlos Cortés at the office  
Contacte a Carlos Cortés en la oficina

## 6 & 7 Grade Students

We meet in Fr. Kelly's Gym,  
6:00 to 7:30 PM

Wednesdays that we do not  
meet as a family.



Happy New Year 2022!

Next session is January 12  
Topic: What does it mean to be human?  
Parents are welcome to stay.



Next Baptism Preparation Class  
Sunday January 23 at 2:00 PM  
in the Holy Family Room.  
\*\*By appointment only

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a las 2:00 PM  
en el salón Santa Brigida.  
\*\*Sólo por cita

## One Minute Catechism

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J.M.J.

### Why was Jesus baptized?

Jesus did not have any sin to be cleansed or to repent from, but he did it to renounce for the sins of all mankind. *By blessing the waters that surrounded Him, Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Baptism to wash away our sins, including original sin.*

At Jesus' baptism, we experience The Most Holy Trinity: God's voice, the Holy Spirit as a dove, and Jesus, son of God.

We celebrate The Baptism of the Lord on the Sunday after Epiphany; this year is on January 9.

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# What a difference you made in 2021!

Many times, it is easy to focus on the troubles and hardships we are dealing with and forget about the great blessings we are receiving amid the challenges. During this bicentennial year Saint Patrick Parish has helped many that have faced some very difficult challenges this past year, thus being the hands and feet of Christ. We wanted to share some of the great blessings here that Saint Patrick, you, by your generosity, kindness, and your yes to Jesus have blessed the Parish and parishioners, the Fayetteville Community, and beyond.

- **Bicentennial Celebration.** We celebrated the beginning of our bicentennial year with Bishop Luis Zarama, Bishop Robert Guglielmone, and Bishop Ned Shlesinger III.
- **Together We Can** pantry items to Catholic Charities we delivered 28,410 items, this is more than we have ever donated in the past 5 years of this project. The closest year to this amount was in 2018 with 20,063 items.
- **Mortgage.** We paid off the 15-year mortgage in just 7 1/2 years.
- **Christmas in July tree.** \$2,345 to Room at the Inn, Meals on Wheels \$2,470, 145 items for Connections of Cumberland County, 248 items for Urban Ministry, 170 items for Operation Inasmuch, and 336 items for Catholic Charities.
- **Advent Angel Tree.** With our Advent Angel Tree, we sent over 800 gifts to Holy Savior Church in Lockport, LA and \$8, 675.00. There were 73 gifts for our parishioners in need, and 506 gifts for Catholic Charities.
- **Outreach Ministry.** This past summer the youth of the parish that participated in HomeWorks repaired 3 homes. We continue to serve the homeless breakfast through Operation Inasmuch, provide weekly meals for the Care Clinic health care providers and clean up the streets in downtown Fayetteville with Adopt-a-Street.
- **Sacraments.** We helped 31 couples entered into a sacramental marriage, 32 people were confirmed, 37 people made their First Communion and we celebrated 52 baptisms. We also celebrated Virgin of the Americas.
- **Hispanic Ministry.** We have celebrated this year our regular annual events like the Three Wise Men at the Epiphany of the Lord, Virgin of the Americas in October, and Our Lady of Guadalupe in December. Also, our Adult Faith Formation programs have been available on Zoom and in presence this past year, ending the las in-person class with a pilgrimage to the Basilica of Mari in Wilmington. The Charismatic Prayer Group was able to come back in-person every Monday evening, and participated in a healing convention in Raleigh back in November.

It is because of YOU, and how you are a living example of the Gospel, the Good News, that we can be part of the living Church and bring the light of Christ to others.

*"I am the Vine, You are the Branches"*

*John 15:5*