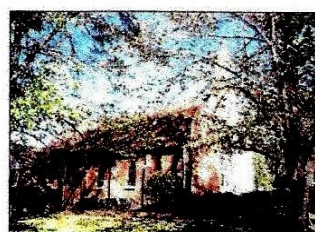




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Worship Times

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p

Sunday Mass, 11:15a, En español, 1:30p

Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult Bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass, 9:00a

Holy Days 7:00p

Communion Service Consult bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

Take a Risk
to be Generous

Be
honest.

Be fair &
compassionate

A New Year of Grace ~ Advent, 2019

There's no shortage of free advice these days blowing up families and relationships. Seems everyone knows what everyone else ought to be doing. All this free advice, often cruelly judgmental, is intensified by social media's far-reaching, unforgiving talons.

Granted, as we journey in faith, it is important to know what to do and how to do it for God's sake. Left to our own devices, without the gospel standard of the Word, we'd all be in the ditch of demise.

Like the crowd, tax collectors, and soldiers of today's gospel, we want to follow Christ's Way. The "crowd" in us wants to take the risk be generous. The "tax collector" in us want to be honest. The "soldier" in us wants to treat others with fairness and compassion. Taking risks to be generous and honest, and treating others with fairness and compassion, is The Way, Christ's Way.

Today, with Gaudete Joy, we welcome Lukas, Wendy, and Jason McClamrock. They stand before us to share their desire to continue their RCIA journey. Signed by The Cross, they proclaim in their presence, a personal desire to follow Christ and shared faith with us. Like John the Baptist, they exhort us to preach the Good News with our lives, as they strive to do the same.

We sing: *Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.*

We pray *We wait in joyful hope for the daily comings
of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

LIFE. FAMILY. PARISH. **MAKE THEM BETTER.**

God's blessings,

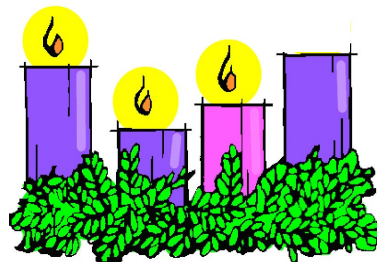
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Sunday Scriptures

Zephaniah 3:14-18a	Philippians 4:4-7
Isaiah 12:2--6	Luke 3:10-18

Reflecting & Acting on the Word

*How are you
the **presence of joy**
amid family and world conflict?*



Mass Intentions _____

Dec 16 +Marion Doyle; +Catherine Wollack

23 +Gloria Garcia 1st Anniv. (12/27)



Dec 23



Acolyte	Lucas, Abril
Reader	Daniel, Marcus
Altar Linens	Sarah C
EM	ROB, MARK; Judy S, Beth
Usher	Bob, Jerry
Children's Liturgy	Jackie, Maggie

Dec 24 ~ 4:00p

Acolyte	Gabby, Maddox
Reader	Emma, Shayla
Altar Linens	Sarah C
EM	DEBBIE, PHILLIP; Gayle, Sam A.
Usher	✕ (Tom), Landon ✕ switched

Dec 25 ~ 9:00a

Acolyte	Bob
Reader	Peggy, Kathy
Altar Linens	Sarah C
EM	CARMEN K, BRAD; Linda, Peggy
Usher	✕ (Ron), Bob ✕ switched

DECEMBER



- 16 **3rd Sun Advent** CLOW; FFF, YG ☆ Giving Tree Due
RCIA Rite of Welcome
 Handel's Messiah, Yadkin Community Chorus, 3p
JINGLE JAM FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
 1st Baptist Church, 110 Gwyn Ave., 6:00-7:30p



- 17 **Ladies' Guild**, 5:30p Host: Aileen

- 18 Communion Service, 12:15p



- 19 SSJ Associate *Come & See* Gathering, 6:45p
 Host: Diane & Skip (RSVP S. Janis)



Choir, 7p



- 22 Wedding: Hilda & Joel Lopez, 2p

- 23 **4th Sun Advent**

- 24 **Christmas Eve** Mass, 4p

- 25 **Christmas Day** Mass, 9a

- 30 **Feast of the Holy Family** Mass, 9a



Messiah Performance Yadkin Community Chorus

Willingham Theater for Performing Arts
 December 16, 3p

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Come prepared for Sunday
 Reflect with #FaithFriday



Inclement Weather Notices

NBC Ch 1203 or Ch 11
 or
 FOX Ch 1206 or Ch 10



Pope Francis Walking the Word

Advent



A Christian brings peace to others.
 Not only *peace*, but also
Love, Kindness, Faithfulness, and Joy.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

12 Rebekah Palmer

15 Carolyn Blackburn

15 Melia Orta

17 Juan Rodriguez

18 Gracie Spicer
 Owen Wagoner

18 Jackie & Bryan Wagoner

19 Roselyn Castellanos
 Fran Smitherman

20 Tom Cirone

21 Zander Pebler

26 Judy Simon

27 Becky Dursee

Diana Rodriguez

22 Erika & Luis Castellanos



DEC Tri-C Donations

Will your household please make a donation this month?
TYVM!!

Ackerman ~ Cahill
 Cirone ~ Harper
 Hernandez ~ Whitman

Instant pudding/jello
 Dish soap small size
 Crisco sticks or cooking oil

CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

If you wish to donate towards our Christmas flowers in honor or memory of family member and/or parishioner, please use the blue poinsettia envelopes in the lobby basket.

Print the names clearly on the envelope's back. *TYVM!*



New Address:

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Kathryn & Bill have moved to KS to be closer to their son, Matthew, his wife and their grandson, stationed at Ft. Leavenworth; daughter, Jennifer, still lives in NYC.

Did you know....

...Pope Francis will make an historic visit Abu Dhabi in U.A.E. in February to attend an interfaith meeting...

...N. Korea, who doesn't allow priests to be permanently stationed there, extended an invitation to Pope Francis...

...In November meeting, Italian bishop approve a new translation for Our Father and the Gloria...

...also crafting two proposals regarding safeguarding children and vulnerable adults...

...On the night Mar. 26-27, seven monks of the Trappist order from the Atlas Abbey of Tibhirine (Algeria) were kidnaped during their Civil War. They were held for two months, and found dead in late May 1996.

As of Dec 9, these martyred monks in Algeria are the church's newest "blessed." Pray for us!