

From the Classics

"If Moses, by the force of his prayer, stayed the anger of God against the Israelites in a manner so powerful that the most high and infinitely merciful Lord, being unable to resist him, what must we not, with much greater reason think of the prayer of the humble Mary, the worthy Mother of God, which is more powerful with His Majesty than the prayers and intercessions of all the angels and saints in heaven and on earth."

From *True Devotion to Mary*
By Saint Louis de Montfort

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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CALENDAR ~ January 1-9, 2022

Sat 1	5:00pm	Mass for Sharon Date, Happy Birthday by Terry Date
Sun 2	9:00am 11:30am 7:30pm	Mass for the Parish Mass for ROS Jean Ebel by Theresa Fitch AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information
Mon 3	9:00am 7:00am	Communion Service Men's Prayer Group
Wed 5	7:00pm 10:30am	Mass for ROS of Beverly Axline by Don Axline Prayer Group, Parish Hall
Thurs 6	12:10pm 1:00pm 7:00pm	Mass for ROS Matthew Schultz by Nicholas DeLauter Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel Rosary and Benediction, Chapel
Fri 7	12:10pm 7:00am	Mass for the Newly Professed Carmelites Men's Prayer Group
Sat 8	5:00pm	Mass for ROS Dianna Copenhaver by the Krantz Family
Sun 9	9:00am 11:30am 7:30pm	Mass for ROS Rev. Dale Roach by Terry & Sharon Date Mass for the Parish AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information

Wisdom of the Saints

"Is there anything that a generous heart would not willingly suffer on contemplating Jesus crucified?"



Saint Raphaela Mary (1850-1925)
Feast January 6

For Annulment Information Contact:

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January 8: Patricia Talbot has traveled from Cuenca, Ecuador to share with us her private apparitions of Mary. She comes with absolute obedience to her Archbishop in Cuenca, with prudence and service to the Holy Catholic Church. I have heard her speak before and I encourage you to come listen to her speak at our church Saturday night January 8 at 6:30 . Thanks *Father Bunke*

COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS

Parishioners have the option of making their contributions online through the following link:
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/immaculateconceforestcity>

Contributions from December 25-26, 2021

Regular Offering \$6,967.00
Christmas Offering \$5,323.00



January 9th: The Knights of Columbus will meet **next Sunday, 7:00pm.** Adoration in the Chapel at 6:30pm.

January 9: Next Sunday is Hospice Sunday. Our item to donate is Ensure, any flavor.



Carmelite Profession Ceremony

January 7, 2022 at the 12:10 Mass



Araceli Daigle,
Michael Daigle,
Mary Long and
Frances Strang-Wolf
will make their Profession
as full members of the Carmelite Order.
A friendly reception will be held in the
Parish Hall after Mass.

Join us!

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50th ANNIVERSARY 1972-2022

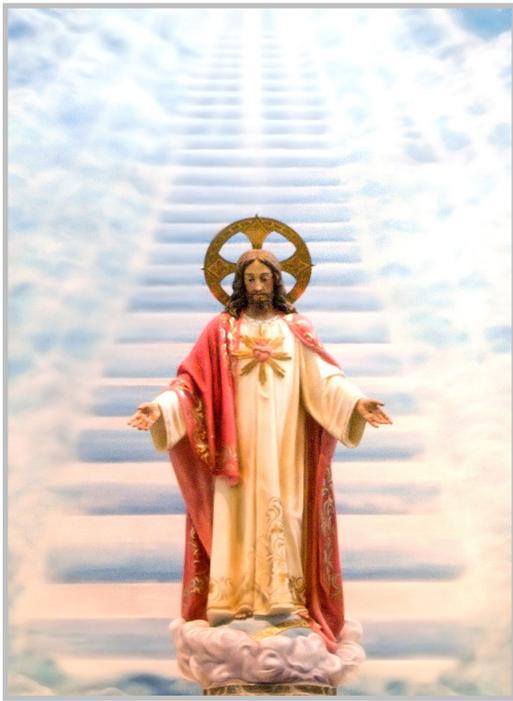
FAITH

More Precious Than Gold

1Peter 1:7

Our opening celebration commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Diocese of Charlotte.
Wednesday, January 12
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 6:00 pm
Mass at 7:00 pm.

Submit information for the bulletin to Penny Watkins, at pjwlmg@gmail.com; Deadline: 12:30pm, Wednesday before the bulletin comes out.



The Alphabet Stairway to Heaven

Although things are not perfect,
Because of trial or pain,
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame.
Even when times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow,
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know.
Imagine life without His love
Joy would cease to be.
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee.
Move out of "Camp Complaining"
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Prayer and praise can do alone.
Quit looking at the future
Redeem the time at hand.
Start every day with worship
To "thank" is a command.
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
Xalting God most high.
Yes, there'll be good times and
 yes some will be bad, but...
Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

(Submitted by a parishioner from a
2003 bulletin from a previous parish)

"I declare and proclaim that throughout the diocese, a special anniversary year is to be celebrated from January 12, 2022, the 50th anniversary of the Diocese of Charlotte, through January 12, 2023. During this year, which in recognition of our golden anniversary will be themed "Faith More Precious Than Gold," (1 Peter 1:7), we will celebrate in the present with joy and devotion; we will have the opportunity to recall our past and celebrate our diocese's history; and we will resolve to strengthen our diocesan family and look for even greater ways to glorify God." *Bishop Peter J. Jugis*

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"...that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ." 1Peter 1:7

This is going to be another amazing year for celebrating our Catholic Faith in the Diocese of Charlotte. Here are just a few of the events we have to look forward to.

To start the year off, we will be joining Bishop Jugis and all the parishes in the Diocese on January 12, the actual anniversary date, by having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 6:00pm through 7:00pm. At 7:00pm, we will have Holy Mass to officially open the Anniversary Year. But that's only the beginning.

We don't have the schedule yet, but we will also host to the Pilgrim Image of Mary Mother of God, a year-long event intended to unite all parishes, missions, schools and other Catholic institutions in common prayer through the intercession of our Patron, Mary, Mother of God. Movement of the Pilgrim Image from one parish to another will be accomplished by relay volunteers across the Diocese in an Olympic torch-style relay. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish to venerate Our Lady in a special way here in our parish dedicated to her Immaculate Conception. Once the statue has arrived within our parish, parishioners may join in the procession as we bring the Pilgrim Image to either the Chapel or the Church. Ceremonies will include at least the praying of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, the Litany of Loreto, singing Immaculate Mary and the Salve Regina, and more. Hopefully we will have the Pilgrim Image for a 24-hour period.

We will also celebrate a special version "Fifty Hours Devotion" of Eucharistic Adoration, but more information on that in the future weeks.

Each month we are asked to pray for the Bishop's special intention. The intention for January is for peace. The **Prayer for the January Intention** is: "May the merciful Father bring an end to all discord between peoples of good will, and grant His peace among all members of our local church." We are also asked to pray daily the:

Prayer for the 50th Anniversary

Heavenly Father, accept our humble prayer of praise and gratitude as we joyfully celebrate fifty years as the Diocese of Charlotte. Throughout our history the faithful of Western North Carolina, under the watchful care of esteemed bishops and abbots, have been nurtured by Your providential hand. Confident that you invite Your children to implore Your countless blessings, we pray that You continue to pour forth your heavenly grace upon us. With filial affection and devotion, we further ask that You look kindly upon the prayers we seek through the intercession of our venerable patroness, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, who with motherly attention tends to the needs and concerns of the Church. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.