



THE MESSENGER

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ROBERTSON COUNTY

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2014

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY – 8:30 AM
WEDNESDAY – 6:30 PM
THURSDAY – 8:30 AM
FRIDAY – 8:30 AM
SATURDAY – 8:30 AM
VIGIL – 5:00 PM
SUNDAY – 10:30 AM
IN SPANISH – 1:00 PM
HOLY DAY – 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY – 9:00 AM - Noon
BEFORE VIGIL MASS - 4:15 PM

ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

ADORATION

WEDNESDAY – 10:00 AM - 6:15 PM
SATURDAY – 9:00 AM - Noon

BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAY – 6:15 PM

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8 AM
HOLY DAY – NOON

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" #489

OFFERTORY: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #657 (Verses 5 & 6)

COMMUNION: *Instrumental*

MASS PARTS: *Siena Mass Chant, St. Michael Hymnal #149*

Pastor's Column

To the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Michael:

Msgr. Pope explained that the color purple used in advent is akin to its use in Lent, in that both liturgical seasons are considered penitential seasons. We are to give special attention to our sins and our need for salvation. "Traditionally we would also take part in penitential practices of fasting and abstinence. Of course, in recent decades Advent has almost wholly lost any real penitential practices. There is no fasting or abstinence required. Confession is encouraged and the readings still

retain a kind of focus on repentance. But long gone are the days of a forty day fast beginning on Nov 12. The observances were every bit as strict as Lent. St. Martin's Feast Day was a day of carnival (which means literally "farewell to meat" (*carnis + vale*)). In those days the rose vestments of Gaudete Sunday (which is today) were really something to rejoice about, since the fast was relaxed for a day. Back then one fasted until Christmas. And the fast and

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abstinence were far more than the token observances we have today. In most places, all animal products were strictly forbidden during Advent and Lent. There were many regional differences about the rest of the details. While most areas permitted fish, others permitted fish *and* fowl. Some prohibited fruit and eggs, and some places like monasteries ate little more than bread. In some places, on Fridays of Lent and Advent, believers abstained from food for an entire day; others took only one meal. In most places, however, the practice was to abstain from eating until the evening, when a small meal without vegetables or alcohol was eaten.

“Our little token fast on only two days really isn’t much of a fast: two small meals + one regular meal; is that really a fast at all? And we abstain from meat only on the Fridays of Lent, instead of all forty days. What is most remarkable to me is that such fasts of old were undertaken by men, women and children who had a lot less to eat than we do. Not only was there less food, but it was far more seasonal and its supply less predictable. Further, famines and food shortages were more a fact of life than today. Yet despite all this they were able to fast, and twice a year at that, for eighty days total. There were also ember days sporadically through the year when a day long fast was enjoined. Can you imagine if the Church called us to follow the strict norms of even 200 years ago? We would hear that such demands were unrealistic, even unhealthy.

“Perhaps it is a good illustration of how our abundance enslaves us. The more we get the more we want. And the more we want the more we think we can’t live without. To some degree or another we are so easily owned by what we claim to own, we are enslaved by our abundance and we experience little freedom to go without. I look back to the Catholics of 100 years and before and think of them like giants compared to us. They had so little compared to me, but they seem to have been so much freer. They could fast. Though poor, they built grand Churches and had large families. They crowded into homes and lived and worked in conditions few of us would be able to tolerate today. And sacrifice seemed more “normal” to them. I have not read of any huge outcries that the mean nasty Church imposed fasting and abstinence in Advent and Lent. Nor have I read of outcries of the fasting from midnight before receiving Communion. Somehow they accepted these sacrifices and were largely able to undertake them. They had a freedom that I think many of us lack. And then too, imagine the joy when, for a moment the fast lifted in these times: Immaculate Conception, Gaudete, Annunciation, St. Joseph’s Feast day, Laetare Sunday. Imagine the joy. For us it’s just a pink candle and a pondering, “Rejoice? Over what?” For them these were actual and literal “feast days.””

ad Jesum per Mariam
 (to Jesus through Mary)
 Fr. Dean

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday, December 14:

SECOND COLLECTION - RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT
 9:00 AM - 10:20 AM - Religious Education Class
 10:30 AM –Mass
 11:30 AM - Women's Club cookie by the pound sale
 3:00 PM - Card Party

Tuesday, December 16:

8:30 AM - Mass

Wednesday, December 17:

10:00 AM - 6:15 PM - Adoration
 6:30 PM - Mass, Confirmation and Dead Theologians Society Classes (Last Class this semester)
 7:00 PM - St. Catherine of Siena Class (Last class of 2014)

Thursday, December 18:

8:30 AM - Mass
 7:00 PM - RCIA/Inquirers' Class (Last class this semester)

Friday, December 19:

8:30 AM - Mass

Saturday, December 20:

8:30 AM - Mass
 9:00 - Noon - Adoration & Confessions
 9:10 - 11:00 AM - Jr. Legion of Mary meeting in the Rectory
 11:00 AM – Legion of Mary meeting in the Rectory
 5:00 PM – Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 21:

9:00 AM - 10:20 AM - Pageant Practice/Class
 10:30 AM –Mass
 2:00 PM - Decorate Church for Christmas

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday, December 14:

SECOND COLLECTION - RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT
 8:00 AM - Mass
 9:00 AM - Father Baron DVD

Sunday, December 21:

8:00 AM - Mass
 9:00 AM - Decorate Church for Christmas

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Lord, from You every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. Father, You are Love and Life.

Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, born of woman, and through the Holy Spirit, the fountain of divine charity, grant that every family on earth may become for each successive generation a true shrine of life and love.

Grant that Your grace may guide the thoughts and actions of husbands and wives for the good of their families and of all the families of the world.

Grant that the young may find in the family solid support for their human dignity and for their growth in truth and love.

Grant that love, strengthened by the grace of the sacrament of Marriage, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass.

Through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that the Church may fruitfully carry out her worldwide mission in the family and through the family.

We ask this of You, who are Life, Truth, and Love with the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

-- *Prayer of Saint Pope John Paul II*

**ADORATION
AND
CONFESSION
9 AM TO NOON
SATURDAYS**



Legion of Mary members (from left) Paula Weller, Cathy Priest and Gloria Snow take their Legion Promise, while Fr. Dean looks on and offers his blessing. The Legion of Mary meets from 11 AM to 12:30 PM on Saturday mornings, in the rectory beside the church. A new Junior Legion of Mary has formed for youths ages 8 to 18. The Junior Legion also meets on Saturdays from 9:10 to 11 AM in the rectory.

HEALING

- *Annette Thomas
- *Nora Rabie
- *Kim Schott
- *Macky Hunter
- *Mike Ellis
- *Joyce Traugher
- *Shannon Bell
- *Don Cole
- *Eva Davanport
- *June Bell
- *Sandra Armour
- *Ann Marie Legate
- *Bea Heatherly
- *Susie Bess
- *Tom Cuff
- *Cheryl & Jerry Bush
- *Robert & Dorothy Bradley
- *Gloria Snow
- *Ernie Axley Sr.
- *Thelma Lee

DEPARTED AND

THOSE WHO MOURN

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charles Monsorno.

**Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord: and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

PETITIONS

- *For the respect of human life from natural conception to natural death.
- *May we be ever mindful of our many blessings and may we give thanks to Almighty God, the author of all good.

HOMEBOUND

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

- *Dorothy Crosslin
- *Claudia Traugher
- *Mary Ann Klimek
- *R.C. Boyle
- *Dorothy Johnson
- *Tom Crumpler
- *Patty Zawierucha

ST. MICHAEL

- *John Baker
- *Elizabeth Jenkins
- *Robert & Regina Head

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- DECEMBER 21: Deadline for Christmas Flower contributions
9:30 AM Decorating of St. Michael
2:00 PM Decorating of Our Lady of Lourdes
- DECEMBER 24: No Adoration
5:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes
7:30 PM Christmas Mass at St. Michael
11:30 PM Christmas music followed by
Midnight Christmas Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes
- DECEMBER 25: 10:00 AM Christmas Day Mass at Our
Lady of Lourdes
- DECEMBER 26-27: Office Closed. No Friday Mass. No Saturday
morning Mass, Confession or Adoration.
There will be a Saturday Evening Vigil Mass

*Volunteers Needed: Please sign up in the back of the
parishes to serve at the Christmas Eve Masses,
Midnight Mass and Christmas Day Mass.*

GOSPEL: 12/15-20/2014

MONDAY: *Matthew 21:23-27*

TUESDAY: *Matthew 21:28-32*

WEDNESDAY: *Matthew 1:1-17*

THURSDAY: *Matthew 1:18-25*

FRIDAY: *Luke 1:5-25*

SATURDAY: *Luke 1:26-38*

OFFERING

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

12/7

Parish: \$8,248.36

Haiti: \$339.00

ST. MICHAEL

12/7

Parish: \$1,406.00

Haiti: \$172.00

ASSIGNMENTS

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SATURDAY – 12/20/2014

Lector: Kay Braddock

Extraordinary Ministers:

Connie Mitchell & Pam
Burton

Ushers: Claude Burton &
John Schwarz

Altar Server: Josh Hostettler

SUNDAY – 12/21/2014

Lector: Jill Rucker

Extraordinary Ministers:

Robyn Masoner & Paul
Nutting

Ushers: Gene Masoner &
Volunteer

Altar Servers: Carson Rucker
& Chris Hardy

Collection Counters: Mel
Warnecke & Buddy Curran

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 12/21/2014

Lector: John Restey

Extraordinary Ministers:

Tony Cohea & Kaye Sharp

Usher/Greeter: Debbie
Traugher

Collection Counters: Mary
Jackson & Joe Grady

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of Van Perdue by Brenda & Terry Kelch
SUNDAY MASS	8:00 AM	For healing of Tracy Restey by John & Betty Restey
SUNDAY MASS	10:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Van Perdue by Brenda & Terry Kelch
TUESDAY	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Ricky Heatherly by Brenda & Terry Kelch
WEDNESDAY	6:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of Ricky Heatherly by Wayne & Bea Heatherly
THURSDAY	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Dawn Martin by Terry & Patricia Avril
FRIDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Ricky Heatherly by Hugh & Kay Braddock
SATURDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the intentions of Jenny & Herry Gonyea by Brenda & Terry Kelch

The flowers at Our Lady of Lourdes are in memory of Louis, Georgia & Richard Sabo