



THE MESSENGER

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ROBERTSON COUNTY

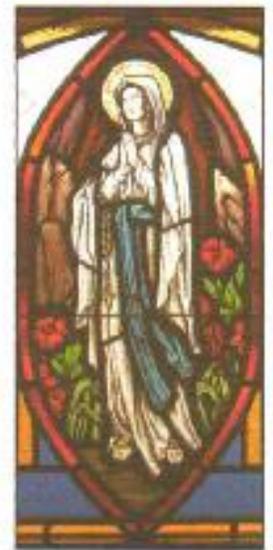
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2014

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Website: www.ollsm.org

MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY – 8:30 AM
WEDNESDAY – 12/24/14
5:00 PM & Midnight Mass
THURSDAY – 10:00 AM - 12/25/14
FRIDAY – None - 12/26/14
SATURDAY – No Morning Mass 12/27/14
VIGIL – 5:00 PM
SUNDAY – 10:30 AM
IN SPANISH – 1:00 PM
HOLY DAY – 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY – None 12/27/14
BEFORE VIGIL MASS - 4:15 PM

ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

ADORATION

WEDNESDAY – None 12/24/14
SATURDAY – None 12/27/14

BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAY – 6:15 PM

ST. MICHAEL

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MASS SCHEDULE

12/24/14 - 7:30 PM
SUNDAY – 8 AM
HOLY DAY – NOON

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" #618

OFFERTORY: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #652 (Verse 7)

COMMUNION: Instrumental

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

Pastor's Column

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

Take note of those to whom the revelation of the coming Lord was given. It was to those who waited for redemption... who knew the promises of God and it made them attentive and hopeful.

It requires a trained ear to catch the more delicate tones of an orchestra. There are notes in nature the vibrations of which are so rapid that only a few have a sense of hearing keen enough to perceive them. So with the voices with which God speaks to us. We must train our ears to hearken, or the highest messages from God will be lost.

"No room for them in the inn." Room for everything else but the Savior of the world. There is time and place for business, for pleasure, family reunions...but no room for Jesus. He knocked at the door but there was no room. Consider the inn as the picture of my heart. Shall I make room for Jesus there?

No room in the inn, no room in the hearts of men, but there were the messengers of God who heralded the divine birth...the midnight sky all full of shining forms.

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But alas for the sin of man! Even the most faithful, the holy chosen ones are made afraid of God through sin. The blameless Zacharias at the temple altar, the holy Virgin at Nazareth, the shepherds of Bethlehem – they were sore afraid. No room in the hearts of sinners and fear in the hearts of the holy ones. This is what the God of love finds when He would come to save His people. When again He comes, will my heart shrink back in fear? When again He comes, will my heart leap up in love?

The last shining form sinks out of sight behind the stars; again the silent night. The shepherds look one upon another. Fear yields to a long to look upon the Blessed One Who has come to redeem and save. The energy of Love conquers fear. “Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass.”

The spirit of the coming Kingdom had entered into their hearts... “*Let us...*” see the unity of action based on love; no rivalry for the honor of greeting the Savior. “*Now...*” see that there is no delay. “Now is the accepted time, now is the day of Salvation.” “*Go...*” see love inciting action – doing something for God. “*Even unto Bethlehem...*” – see them go to the little obscure city, to seek for a King, not in a royal palace, but in a manger; to find God in the humble things of life.

In the lowly place, which they sought in obedience to the heavenly vision, they found God and the blessed Saints. Let us kneel today before the crib; here shall we find the type of the highest glory and happiness the Kingdom can offer us, a foretaste of Heaven – participation in the worship of the Incarnate God in the Communion of the Saints. [adapted from *The Infant King*, Shirley C. Hughson, O.H.C. 1946]

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

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday, December 21:

SECOND COLLECTION - UNITED MINISTRIES

9:00 AM - 10:20 AM - Pageant Practice

10:30 AM –Mass

2:00 PM - Decorate Church for Christmas

Tuesday, December 23:

8:30 AM - Mass

Wednesday, December 24:

No Adoration

5:00 PM - Mass

11:30 PM - Music begins for Midnight Mass

Thursday, December 25:

10:00 AM - Mass

Friday, December 26:

No Mass

Saturday, December 27:

No Mass

No Adoration & Confessions

No Jr. Legion of Mary

11:00 AM – Legion of Mary meeting in the Rectory

5:00 PM – Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 28:

9:00 AM - 10:20 AM - No Classes

10:30 AM –Mass

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday, December 21:

SECOND COLLECTION - UNITED MINISTRIES

8:00 AM - Mass

9:00 AM - Decorate Church for Christmas

Sunday, December 24:

7:30 PM - Mass

Sunday, December 28:

8:00 AM - Mass

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

The Over 50 group will sponsor a New Year's Eve Party in St. Luke Hall on Dec. 31 from 8 PM to Midnight for parishioners from both parishes.

We will have card games and other games available, along with music. Everyone is asked to bring a snack to share and we will toast in the New Year.

THE MESSAGE OF THE CHRISTMAS CRECHE

Catholics have been gathering around figures present at the birth of Jesus since Saint Francis made the Christmas manger or crèche on Christmas Eve 1223.

However, the custom of representing the events of our Lord's birth started much earlier. From the 300s we have pictures that illustrate the narrative of the birth of Jesus as well as the prophetic words of the prophets Isaiah and Habakkuk who foretold that the Messiah would be born in the midst of animals in a manger.

As Pope Benedict XVI pointed out, the focus on the Christ child gives our faith a new dimension. Easter focuses "attention on the power of God who triumphs over death, inaugurates new life and teaches us to hope in the world to come. St. Francis with his crib highlighted the defenseless love of God, his humanity and his kindness; God manifested himself to humanity in the Incarnation of the Word to teach people a new way of living and loving."

As we draw near to the end of the time of preparation for the celebration of the coming of Our Lord, let us stop in the midst of all our busyness



and take stock. Are we letting God give us a new way of living and loving? As Pope Benedict asked, are we letting him into our lives in a trusting relationship of deep affection just as we do with any

newborn baby?

"God comes without weapons, without force, because he does not want to conquer, so to speak, from the outside, but rather wants to be freely received by the human being. God makes himself a defenseless Child to overcome pride, violence and the human desire to possess," Benedict said.

Humility is the key to acquiring all virtues, and our Lord has shown us the way by coming to us as a Child. In 2015, truly welcome Christ into your hearts with the love and trust of a newborn babe.

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

**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

JANUARY 1

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

(A Holy Day of Obligation)

MASS AT 10 AM

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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

ASSIGNMENTS OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Wednesday -12/24/2014

5:00 PM Mass

Lector: Don Owens
Extraordinary Ministers: Carol Hostettler &
Volunteer
Ushers: Don & Creed Owens
Altar Server: Cuinn & Taw Owens

Midnight Mass

Lector: Rose Mary Reed
Extraordinary Ministers: Gene Masoner &
Nathan Smith
Ushers: Carol Huddleston & Volunteer
Altar Server: Nick Haynes & Volunteer

Thursday - 12/25/2014 10:00 AM

Lector: Taryon Carney
Extraordinary Ministers: Connie Mitchell &
Volunteer
Ushers: Volunteer
Altar Server: Chris Hardy

SATURDAY -12/27/2014

Lector: Belle Holmes
Extraordinary Ministers: Carol Huddleston
& Jenny Gonyea
Ushers: Harry Lee & Claude Burton
Altar Server: Josh Hostettler

SUNDAY - 12/28/2014

Lector: Rose Mary Reed
Extraordinary Ministers: Gloria Snow &
Dick Joyce
Ushers: Don Owens & Volunteer
Altar Servers: Nick Haynes & Jake Rucker
Collection Counters: Vince Moran & Carol
Kuropatwinski

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY - 12/28/2014

Lector: David Tinkle
Extraordinary Ministers: Annecia & James
Connaghan
Usher/Greeter: Anna Tinkle
Collection Counters: Kaye Sharp & Bob
Cyprus

GOSPEL: 12/22-27/14

MONDAY: Luke 1:46-56

TUESDAY: Luke 1:57-66

WEDNESDAY: Luke 1:67-79

THURSDAY: John 1:1-18

FRIDAY: Matthew 10:17-22

St. Stephen

SATURDAY: John 20:1a,2-8

St. John

OFFERING

OUR LADY OF LOURDES 12/14

Parish: \$4,440.56

Religious Retirement: \$1,644.64

ST. MICHAEL 12/14

Parish: \$1,434.76

Religious Retirement: \$306.00

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of Van Perdue by Hugh & Kay Braddock
SUNDAY MASS	8:00 AM	For healing of Elizabeth Restey by John & Betty Restey
SUNDAY MASS	10:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Sam Traugher by Terry & Patricia Avril
TUESDAY	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Van Perdue by the Women's Club
WEDNESDAY	5:00 PM	For the intentions of Sister Marie Vianney by the Rampino Family
	7:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of Sam Traugher by Terry & Patricia Avril
	Midnight Mass	For the intentions of Sister Henry Suso by the Rampino Family
THURSDAY	10:00 AM	For the intentions of Sister Marie Karol by the Rampino Family
FRIDAY MASS	NO MASS	
SATURDAY MASS	NO MASS	