



THE MESSENGER

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ROBERTSON COUNTY

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THE HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER 28, 2014

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Website: www.ollsm.org

MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY – 8:30 AM
WEDNESDAY – None
THURSDAY – 10:00 AM - 1/1/15
FRIDAY – None - 1/2/15
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 – None 1/3/15
SATURDAY – 9:00 AM - Noon

BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAY – 6:15 PM

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Website: www.ollsm.org

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8 AM
HOLY DAY – 12/31/14 - 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: "Angels We Have Heard on High" #434

OFFERTORY: "Once in Royal David's City" #702

COMMUNION: Instrumental

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

Pastor's Column

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

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, this last Sunday before the New Year, I encourage everyone, young and old alike, to say the devotion (below) in front of the Christmas crib (crèche) either in your home or the one in each sanctuary of our parishes. It is a wonderful way to pray for a holy and faith-filled New Year. May everyone have a Blessed New Year and may the peace of Christ fill our hearts and homes this coming year.

In the Name + of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen

OUR FATHER. HAIL, MARY. GLORY BE.

V. The Word was made Flesh.
R. And dwelt among us.

O Divine Redeemer Jesus Christ, kneeling before thy crib, I believe that thou art the God of infinite majesty, even though I see thee here as a helpless babe. Humbly I adore and thank thee for having so humbled thyself for my salvation as to will to be born in a stable. I thank thee for all thou didst wish to suffer for me in Bethlehem, for thy poverty and humility, for thy nakedness, tears, cold and sufferings.

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Would that I could show thee that tenderness which thy Virgin Mother had toward thee, and love thee as she loved thee. Would that I could praise thee with the joy of the angels; that I could kneel before thee with the faith of Saint Joseph; the simplicity of the shepherds. Uniting myself with these first worshippers at the crib, I offer thee the homage of my heart, and I beg that thou wouldest be born spiritually in my soul. Give me, I pray thee, the virtues of thy blessed Nativity.

Fill me with that spirit of renunciation, of poverty, of humility, which prompted thee to assume the weakness of our nature, and to be born amid destitution and suffering. Grant that from this day forward I may in all things seek thy greater glory, and may enjoy that peace promised to men of good will.

Sweet Babe of Bethlehem, I praise thee, I bless thee, I thank thee. I love thee with all my heart. I desire to worship thee, and to be like thee in all thy holy and blessed ways.

O Holy Mary, as I here adore thy Divine Son, pray for all little children, that they may be protected from all harm and danger, and that they may grow in grace and in favor with God and man.

We pray thee, O Father, that the holy joy of Christmas may fill our minds with thoughts of peace, and our hearts with a sense of thy great love: hasten the time when war being done away, we may love as brethren, and bring in the reign of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Name + of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday, December 28:

10:30 AM –Mass

Tuesday, December 30:

8:30 AM - Mass

Wednesday, December 31:

No Adoration

8:00 PM - New Years Eve Party in St. Luke's Hall

Thursday, January 1:

10:00 AM - Mass, Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, January 2:

No Mass, Office Closed

Saturday, January 3:

8:30 AM - Mass

9:00 - Noon - Adoration & Confessions

9:10 - 11:00 AM - Jr. Legion meeting in the Rectory

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

5:00 PM – Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 4:

10:30 AM –Mass

January 7

Confirmation Class resumes

January 11

Religious Education Class resumes

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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.

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS: BREAKING THE CODE

Have you ever wondered about the strange lyrics of one of the old Christmas Carols – The Twelve Days of Christmas?

The song has two important messages for us as Catholic Christians. First, the song is a reminder that Christ Mass is not a one day event, but a joyous season. The Christmas season begins with the first Mass at Christmas Eve, and doesn't end until the Baptism of the Lord on January 11th this year. In between we have the Nativity of Lord, the Solemnity of Mary on Jan. 1 (a Holy day of obligation) and the Epiphany, when the wise men came to see the Christ child, celebrated on January 4th.

The second important message of this English Carol is that our faith has been and will be constantly under attack, sometimes within the Christian community and sometimes from outside. The lyrics of this song were written in England during the time when it was illegal to practice (1558 until 1829) the Catholic faith as a catechism tool for Catholic children.

The true love of the song is Jesus Christ, and the meaning of the other elements of the code in the song are:

1 Partridge in a Pear Tree = Jesus Christ, Son of God.

2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments.

3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues.

4 Calling Birds = The Four Gospels.

5 Golden Rings = The first five books of the Old Testament known as the Pentateuch, which describe man's fall from grace.

6 Geese a-laying = The six days of creation.

7 Swans A-swimming = The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

8 Maids A-Milking = The eight beatitudes.

9 Ladies Dancing = The Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit.



10 Lords A-leaping = The ten commandments.

11 Pipers Piping = The eleven faithful apostles.

12 Drummers Drumming = The twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed.

So continue to wear your

Christmas sweaters, don't put away the lights and pass onto the next generation the Christmas Season.

Source: Eternal Word Television Network

HEALING

- *Annette Thomas
- *Nora Rabie
- *Kim Schott
- *Macky Hunter
- *Mike Ellis
- *Joyce Traughber
- *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.
- *For the safety of persecuted Christians.

HOMEBOUND

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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

ST. MICHAEL

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



Members of the Blessed Virgin Mary Junior Legion of Mary helped decorate Our Lady of Lourdes Parish for Christmas. Pictured from left are Christopher Hardy, Evelyn Stephan, Clara Monfette and Savanah Traugher. The Blessed Virgin Mary Junior of Legion meets on Saturday mornings from 9:10 to 11 AM in the church rectory. The Junior Legion is under the direction of the Our Lady of Lourdes Legion of Mary, which meets on Saturdays at 11 AM. The Junior Legion is open to all youths age 8 to 18.

ASSIGNMENTS

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SATURDAY - 1/3/2015

Lector: Shelby Hostettler

Extraordinary Ministers: Pam Burton & Alice Cole

Ushers: John Schwarz & Claude Burton

Altar Server: Volunteer

SUNDAY - 1/4/2015

Lector: Lynn Wiemelt

Extraordinary Ministers: Nathan Smith & Carol Kuropatwinski

Ushers: Dick Joyce & Don Owens

Altar Servers: Holly & Brianna Wiemelt

Collection Counters: Claude Burton & Paul Nutting

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY - 1/4/2015

Lector: Linda Harbert

Extraordinary Ministers: Anna & David Tinkle

Usher/Greeter: Mary Jackson

Collection Counters: Denise Haley & Mary Jackson

GOSPEL: 12/29/14-1/3/15

MONDAY: *Luke 2:22-35*

TUESDAY: *Luke 2:36-40*

WEDNESDAY: *John 1:1-18*

THURSDAY: *Luke 2:16-21*

FRIDAY: *John 1:19-28*

SATURDAY: *John 1:29-34*

OFFERING

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

12/21

Parish: \$3250.00

United Ministries: \$579.00

ST. MICHAEL

12/21

Parish: \$1,865.00

United Ministries: \$435.00

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM

SUNDAY MASS 8:00 AM

SUNDAY MASS 10:30 AM

TUESDAY 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM

THURSDAY 8:30 AM

FRIDAY MASS 8:30 AM

SATURDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For the repose of the soul of Ewell Thomas Truelove by Hugh & Kay Braddock

For the repose of the soul of Dawn Martin by Terry & Patricia Avril

For the healing of Thelma Lee by The Women's Group

For the intentions of Sister Mary Ruth by The Rampino Family

For the intentions of Sister Maria Teresity by The Rampino Family

For the intentions of Sister Matthew Marie by The Rampino Family

For the repose of the soul of Van Perdue by The Women's Group

For the repose of the soul of Lois Traugher by Terry & Patricia Avril

The Flowers at Our Lady of Lourdes are donated by Ann & Wayne Stout