



THE MESSENGER

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ROBERTSON COUNTY

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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 - NOON
BEFORE VIGIL MASS - 4:15 PM

ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

ADORATION

WEDNESDAY - 3 - 6:15 PM
SATURDAY – 9 - NOON

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: "People Look East" #712

OFFERTORY: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #652 Verses 3 & 4

COMMUNION: *Instrumental*

Pastor's Column

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

The Year of Mercy will officially start on December 8, the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of Our Holy Mother the Virgin Mary. Mary, unlike any other creature after Adam and Eve, was conceived without the stain of original sin. She was not born with that internal battle we all face to do what is good and just, in the face of our passing "feelings." Just think of how many relationships could be repaired if we choose what is good and just for our relationship with God and for the "other person" by conquering our hurt feelings, our anger, our envy, our ambition, our selfishness – that is the path of mercy. And how do we get on that path of mercy? It begins with examining ourselves.

We have to honestly look at all the things we have failed to do. Have I made God the center of my life? Do I pray about every important decision? Could someone tell that I am a Christian by looking at my calendar, examining my checkbook, reading my Facebook page or reviewing my Netflix queue? When is the last time I have done something for a person who is not a family member or friend? What we do with our time and money is often a reflection of where our heart is. If we are truly faithful, it will be reflected in our lives. There will be concrete behavioral signs of how God's grace is working within us. In some cases, we are very good at outward signs, volunteering

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and reaching out to others, but very poor at having a loving relationship within our own families. Is there someone you avoid talking to? Is there someone or something you are always complaining about? We cannot repair what we fail to acknowledge is broken. So let us use this season of preparation to dig deep and route out the sins that plague us through the merciful gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Based on the 10 Commandments, here are some questions to ponder that were adapted from material published by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:

- 1) Have I treated people, events or things as more important than God?
- 2) Have my words, actively or passively put down God, the Church or people?
- 3) Do I go to Mass every Sunday and on Holy days of obligation (Dec. 8, Dec. 25, Jan. 1, Aug. 15 and Nov. 1)? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?
- 4) Do I show my parents or others in authority in my life due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communications with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?
- 5) Have I harmed another through physical, verbal or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?
- 6) Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?
- 7) Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?
- 8) Have I gossiped, told lies or embellished stories at the expense of another?
- 9) Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?
- 10) Am I content with my own means and needs or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

The Lord is merciful. He is waiting for each one of us to acknowledge where we need his forgiveness and help. Confession is available every Saturday morning from 9 until noon at Our Lady of Lourdes as well as from 4:15-4:45 PM before the vigil Mass and 7:15-7:45 AM on Sundays at St. Michael.

ad Jesum per Mariam,
Fr Dean

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 6

- 8 am - Mass at St. Michael
- 9 - 10:15 - Religious Education Classes
- 10:30 am - Mass
- 1 pm - Spanish Mass
- 2:30 pm Spanish Choir Practice

Monday, December 7

- 7 pm - Knights of Columbus
Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, December 8

- 8:30 am - Mass

Wednesday, December 9

- 3 - 6:15 pm Adoration
- 6:30 pm - Mass
- 7:00 pm - Dead Theologians Society

Thursday, December 10

- 8:30 am - Mass

Friday, December 11

- 8:30 am - Mass

Saturday, December 12

- 8:30 am - Mass
- 9-Noon Adoration & Confession
- 9-11 am - Jr. Legion
- 11 am - Legion of Mary
- 1:00 - Spanish Choir Practice
- 5 pm - Vigil Mass
- 7 pm - Charismatic Group

Sunday, December 13

- 8 am - Mass at St. Michael
- 9 - 10:15 - Religious Education Classes
- 10:30 am - Mass & Cookies Sale
- 1 pm - Spanish Mass
- 2:30 pm Spanish Choir Practice

OUTREACH TO HAITI AIDS REPAIRS; ELECTRICAL SERVICE



Our ministry to Haiti continues with support for St. Ann Parish in Anse-a-Foleur. Recently, the contributions from St. Michael and Our Lady of Lourdes were able to help repair the altar of the parish (pictured left) and help purchase new solar panels for the electrical system of the parish, which were installed by Fr. Gregory (pictured right). A second collection in both parishes is taken to support St. Ann in Haiti, which also operates three chapels in Meance, Dity and Cote de Fer.

2016 ENVELOPES & CALENDARS

The 2016 collection envelopes and calendars are located in the back of the church, your envelope number may have changed. If you do not have envelopes and would like a box please contact the office, 615-384-6200. Children's envelopes are available upon request.

COOKIES BY THE POUND

The Women's Ministry will have their annual cookies by the pound sale December 13.

The cookies sale will take place after the 10:30 am Mass.



SECOND COLLECTION HAITI

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will have their monthly meeting Monday, December 7 at 7pm.

FEAST DAY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

December 8 is the feast day of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of obligation. There will be noon Mass at St. Michael and 7:00pm Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes.



CHRISTMAS / NEW YEARS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 20

8 am Mass at St. Michael

9 - 10:15 - Religious Education

10:30 am Mass

1 pm Spanish Mass

2:30 pm - Decorate the Church for Christmas

Tuesday, December 22

8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, December 23

6:30 pm Mass - No Adoration or Dead Theologians Class

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve - Office Closed

5 pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes

7:30 pm Mass at St. Michael

Midnight Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes

Friday December 25

Christmas Day, Office Closed - 10 am Mass

Saturday, December 26

No 8:30 am Mass, Adoration or Confessions

5 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 27

8 am Mass at St. Michael

No Religious Education

10:30 am Mass

1 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, December 28

Office Closed

Tuesday, December 29

8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, December 30

8:30 am Mass

No Adoration or Dead Theologians Class

Thursday, December 31

New Year's Eve, Office Closed- 7 pm Mass at St. Michael

Friday, January 1

New Year's Day, Office Closed - 10 am Mass

Saturday, January 2

No 8:30 am Mass, Adoration or Confessions

5 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 3

8 am Mass at St. Michael

No Religious Education

10:30 am Mass

1:00 Spanish Mass

PRAYER LIST

HEALING

*Sandra Armour
*June Bell
*Susie Bess
*Dorothy Bradley
*Robert Bradley
*Cheryl Bush
*Jerry Bush
*Helen Byrne
*Tim Carney
*Don Cole
*Tom Cuff
*Jim Curry
*Eva Davanport
*Bea Heatherly
*Macky Hunter
*Joe Langford
*Thelma Lee
*Ann Marie Legate
*Maurice Limoges
*Rosa Priest
*Nora Rabie
*Mary Senecal
*Robert Senecal
*Dee Smoker
*Gloria Snow
*Mary Stout
*Joyce Traughber

PETITIONS

*For the respect and protection of human life.

DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN

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

HOMEBOUND

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

*Helen Byrne
*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

ASSIGNMENTS

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SATURDAY - 12/12/2015

Lector: Kay Braddock

Extraordinary Ministers:

Savina Hollman & Carol

Huddleston

Ushers: John Schwarz &

Volunteer

Altar Server: Volunteer

SUNDAY - 12/13/2015

Lector: Colleen Felts

Extraordinary Ministers:

Colleen Felts & Nathan Smith

Ushers: Don Owens &

Volunteer

Altar Servers:

Carson Rucker & Chris Hardy

Collection Counters: Paul

Nutting & Jessie Johnson

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY - 12/13/2015

Lector: Mike Ellis

Extraordinary Ministers:

Anna & James Conaghan

Usher/Greeter:

Anna Tinkle

Collection Counters:

Sandy Sawyer & Denise Haley

GOSPEL: December 7-12

MONDAY: *Luke 5:17-26*

St. Ambrose

TUESDAY: *Luke 1:26-38*

WEDNESDAY: *Matthew 11:28-30*

THURSDAY: *Matthew 11:11-15*

FRIDAY: *Matthew 11:16-19*

SATURDAY: *Luke 1:39-47*

OFFERING

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

11/29

Parish: \$6,886.12

United Ministries: \$486.63

ST. MICHAEL

11/29

Parish: \$1,540.58

United Ministries: \$304.00

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM

SUNDAY MASS 8:00 AM

SUNDAY MASS 10:30 AM

TUESDAY MASS Noon

7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY MASS 6:30 PM

THURSDAY MASS 8:30 AM

FRIDAY MASS 8:30 AM

SATURDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For the repose of the soul of Richard Goetz by Berta Goetz

For the intentions of Shelli Robinson

For the repose of the soul of Don Axley

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For the repose of the soul of Joseph Tramuta by Harry & Thelma Lee

For the repose of the soul of Annette Thomas by Honore Billy

For the repose of the soul of Rosemary Zito by Pat Grandon

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