



# THE MESSENGER

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ROBERTSON COUNTY

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MARCH 16, 2014

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Website: [www.ollsm.org](http://www.ollsm.org)

### 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

### CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY – 9:00 AM-NOON,  
WEDNESDAY (LENT) – 5:00-6:00 PM  
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

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY – 6:30 PM

## ST. MICHAEL

### MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8 AM

### CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY – 7:00 PM

**OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9:15 AM TO 3 PM**  
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## MUSIC OF THE MASS

**OFFERTORY:** "What Wondrous Love" #828

**COMMUNION:** *Instrumental*

**RECESSIONAL:** *Instrumental*

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

## Pastor's Column

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

It has been just about a funeral a week for the last 3 weeks or so. To quote the old movie title, I hope *death takes a holiday*. There are the practical things to consider, but more importantly there are the emotional and the spiritual dimensions. Even after long illness, death of a loved-one still hits us hard. Memories come flooding in at odd moments of our lives. Some of you know that I served as a Hospice volunteer (in another state) for 4 years before I entered seminary.

I have served as a volunteer chaplain at a nursing home for several months while in seminary. I have been in ordained ministry for about 5 years. With that background in mind, I offer some reflections.

As Peter says in our Gospel this morning, "Lord, it is good that we are here." Life *is* good, but in "God's Time," our time on earth is but a blink of an eye when compared with the prospect of our eternal life.

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“Our lives are measured by time, in the course of which we change, grow old and as with all living beings on earth, death seems like the normal end of life. That aspect of death lends urgency to our lives: remembering our mortality helps us realize that we have only a limited time in which to bring our lives to fulfillment.” (CCC 1007)

In this time of Lent, I invite everyone to reflect that we truly do not know the time or the hour of our own death or the death of a loved one and that it is spiritually good to face our mortality and prepare.

“The Church encourages us to prepare ourselves for the hour of our death. In the ancient litany of the saints, for instance, she has us pray: “From a sudden and unforeseen death, deliver us, O Lord;” to ask the Mother of God to intercede for us “at the hour of our death” in the Hail Mary; and to entrust ourselves to St. Joseph, the patron of a happy death.” (CCC 1014)

Preparation is practical and spiritual. I asked Mike Morris, as part of his diaconal training to prepare a document on Catholic Funerals; on what is allowed and what is discouraged. I hope I can find the time to use that as the foundation and prepare an expanded booklet which contains the funeral scripture readings so that all of us may prepare for the liturgy that someday will be said on our behalf. That is the practical.

But the spiritual aspect is even more important. If it has been a while since confession, if we keep putting it off, the danger is to die in mortal sin. Yes, God is merciful, but we do what we can to make ourselves pleasing to God and we get to unburden ourselves of baggage we have been lugging around dragging us down.

For the remainder of this Lent, let us prayerfully consider our preparation for life in the world to come. As a hospice volunteer, I saw that people died as they lived. Prepare now to die well by living and walking in God’s grace.

adJesum per Mariam, (to Jesus through Mary)  
Fr. Dean

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

### **Sunday, March 16:**

No Religious Education for grades K-6  
10:30 AM – Mass

### **Tuesday, March 18:**

8:30 AM – Mass

### **Wednesday, March 19:**

10:00 AM to 6:15 PM – Adoration  
5:00 to 6:00 PM – Confession (In the West Sacristy, use the outside door to enter & leave.)  
6:30 PM – Mass  
No Confirmation or Inquirers’ Classes

### **Thursday, March 20:**

8:30 AM – Mass  
7:00 PM – 33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat

### **Friday, March 21:**

8:30 AM – Mass  
6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

### **Saturday, March 22:**

8:30 AM – Mass  
9:00 AM to Noon – Adoration and Confessions  
11:00 AM – Legion of Mary meeting in the Rectory  
5:00 PM – Vigil Mass

## ST. MICHAEL

### **Sunday, March 16:**

8:00 AM – Mass

### **Friday, March 21:**

7:00 PM – Stations of the Cross

**CONFIRMATION**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 30**

**2:30 PM**

**CATHEDRAL OF THE INCARNATION**  
**IN NASHVILLE**

## WAY OF THE CROSS: WEEP NOT FOR ME

In the Way of the Cross, Jesus meets the weeping women of Jerusalem and admonishes them *"Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children... For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"*

Why wasn't Jesus pleased with the women's response to his innocent suffering?

Weeping can be an instrument of God's grace, pouring out our emotions of deep loss, regret, petition and pain that may open the path for healing and renewal. But it may also be a sign of self-absorption and pity that blocks God's Grace.

Think of a hysterical child crying for a lost teddy bear, who is so caught up in emotions that he can't see you holding the teddy bear in front of him or hear your words, "stop crying I've found it."

The Lord is waiting with his love and mercy, but we may block that incredible gift with thoughts that we are unworthy to receive the forgiveness, we need to keep punishing ourselves. So we never become the disciple that Jesus calls us to be, like Matthew the tax collector and Mary Magdalene the prostitute who became instruments of Grace to others by accepting God's mercy and allowing it to transform them.

Or the opposite may be true, we weep with deep sincerity and regret, but it is a transitory emotion that does not open us to God's Grace. Once the crisis is over in our lives, we continue as we have in the past. We rationalize and justify our behavior. Instead of thinking we are

unworthy of forgiveness, we come to the conclusion that our sin isn't really a sin at all.

Then there is the weeping of despair and hopelessness. I have witnessed men and women weeping at the abortion clinic, but their tears did not stop them from killing their children. They felt so trapped and out of control of their circumstances that death appeared to them to be their only answer. Their conscience was screaming within them, but they had abandoned hope and let despair block the channels of Grace, the knowledge that nothing is impossible with God.

Each station in the Way of the Cross, provides opportunities for us to gain knowledge and understanding about ourselves and our pilgrimage toward eternal life.

Come walk with Jesus in his Passion each Friday with the Stations of the Cross. They are held at 6:30 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes and 7:00 PM at St. Michael.



### HEALING

- \*Joyce Traughber
- \*Wyatt Houston
- \*Don Cole
- \*Paul Traughber
- \*Tom Cuff
- \*Savina Hollman
- \*Sam Traughber
- \*Eva Davanport
- \*Bob Klimek
- \*Frank Monfette
- \*June Bell
- \*Sandra Armour
- \*Ann Marie Legate
- \*JoAnn Hunter
- \*Bea Heatherly
- \*Susie Bess
- \*Jack Roof
- \*Robert & Dorothy Bradley
- \*Cheryl & Jerry Bush
- \*Candy Aviles

### PETITIONS

- \*For the safety and peace of our armed forces and their families.
- \* For religious freedom.

\*For all people to respect life from conception to natural death.

### FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

\*For the repose of the soul of Charlie Heathman and all our family and friends who have died.

### HOMEBOUND OUR LADY OF LOURDES

- \*Lois Bush
- \*Charles Ray Cunningham
- \*Dorothy Crosslin
- \*Claudia Traughber
- \*Mary Ann Klimek
- \*R.C. Boyle
- \*Dorothy Johnson
- \*Tom Crumpler
- \*Patty Zawierucha

### ST. MICHAEL

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

## HELPING MOMS FIND HOPE

"I felt like I had hit rock bottom and had nowhere to turn," that was the thoughts of one of the clients helped by the Open Door Pregnancy Center in Springfield.

But once this unnamed client called Open Door, she felt hope. "I made an appointment and have not regretted it at all. They have helped me turn my



life around and I look forward to raising a healthy and happy baby. I am so glad Open Door is in this community and able to help mothers who have nowhere to go."

Fill your baby bottles this Lent and help other moms who fill alone and desperate through the Open Door Pregnancy Center.

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for their support, prayers, masses, cards and food this past week. We are sure we couldn't have got through this time without our church family. We are blessed to have each and every one of you in our lives. -- *Paula and Jim Weller*

### GOSPEL: 3/17-22/2014

**MONDAY:** *Luke 6:36-38, For St. Patrick*

**TUESDAY:** *Matthew 23:1-12, For St. Cyril*

**WEDNESDAY:** *Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24A, For St. Joseph*

**THURSDAY:** *Luke 16:19-31*

**FRIDAY:** *Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46*

**SATURDAY:** *Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

## OFFERING

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

3/8-9/2014

Parish: \$3,640.50

### ST. MICHAEL

3/9/2014

Parish: \$954.00

## ASSIGNMENTS

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

**SATURDAY – 3/22/2014**

*Lector:* Donna Kobza

*Extraordinary Ministers:*

John Schwarz & Harry Lee

*Ushers:* Sherry Martell &

Terry Kelch

*Altar Server:* Christian

Trujillo

**SUNDAY – 3/23/2014**

*Lector:* Don Owens

*Extraordinary Ministers:*

David Johnson & Nathan

Smith

*Ushers:* Gene Masoner &

Creed Owens

*Altar Servers:* Taw Creed,

Nathan Aviles, Jacob

Jarreau & Carson Rucker

*Collection Counters:* Paula

Moran & Buddy Curran

### ST. MICHAEL

**SUNDAY – 3/23/2014**

*Lector:* Billy Armour

*Extraordinary Ministers:*

Mike Ellis & Tony Cohea

*Usher/Greeter:* Anna Tinkle

*Altar Server:* Volunteer

*Collection Counters:* Sandy

Sawyer & Kim Schott

## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM  
SUNDAY MASS 8:00 AM  
SUNDAY MASS 10:30 AM  
TUESDAY MASS 8:30 AM  
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 Brenda Cotter by Terry & Brenda Kelch  
For the repose of the soul of Betty Shane by John & Sharon Shane  
For the people of God  
For the repose of the soul of Sandra Rizer by Terry & Brenda Kelch  
For a successful 40 days of life campaign  
For the intentions of Joan Johnson & family by Rita Erickson  
For the repose of the soul of Brenda Cotter by Hugh & Kay Braddock  
For the repose of the soul of Jean Hambrick by Terry & Brenda Kelch