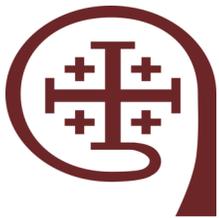


Please help us keep this updated.

THE PRAYER LIST: Please pray for the physical and spiritual well-being of parishioners and friends: Jane McDonough, Doug Soles, Hannah Dugan, Carol Freely, Gloria Hansberger, Lola Plungis, Caitlin Czeh, Noreen Dixon and John Dixon, Teresa Powers, Jim Then, Rose Kepler, Pam Bosselait, Sean Hayes, Bob Rivers, June Berube, Thomas Todaro, Frank and Donna Kamienski, Ronald Derrickson, Sue Hanson, Mark Hanson, Mark and Cheryl Lauer, Susan Rogers, Salvatore Martorano, Denise Discuillo, Nicole Cadavid, Kevin Monahan, Laura Marshall, Carol Lagemann, Bill Lagemann, Priscilla Sibley, Briana Evens DiScuillo, Mark Urban, Roger Mason, Carmen Sherry, Gary Neverick, Charles Hayes, Kathy Linde, James Molenda, William "Bill" Fox, Don Samsel, Heather Shivo, Jean Mauger, Peter Stanich, Elaina Roche, Chelsea Avitable, Daniel Aiden Richardson, Irene, Kelsy Palmer, Bridie Healy, James Dixon, Sam and Debbie Coccia, Kennedy James Kraft, Jimmy Wigal, Loretta Voghel, Ronald Solomon, Beth Miller, Morie and Angie Pollard, Bernard Swann, Thomas Martorano, Katie Molenda, Tim Vance, Kevin Hamilton, Marie D'Andrea, Ronald Blank, Dennis Allen Main, Charles Wokutch, Fran Garrity, Gertrude Delitta, Bob Arias, Terry Youman, Travis Schrift, Phyllis Schaffer, Suzie Gordon, Rebecca Trustee, Joyce Sgro, Guy Aliotta, Daniel Bireley, Kathy Walsh, Brendan Horstman, Lynn Clark, Marion Fallone, Richard Greff, Janette Polon-Ramirez, Ray Kilpatrick, Maggie Heverly, Maureen Florio, Christi Rippy, Susan McGuffin, Devin Rinaldi, Christina Powell, Anna Schwartz, Sandy Lagasse, Joe Hughes, Maria Soto, Marcella Fahey, David Bartlewski, Cheryl Scerba, Andrew Zepada, David Larkins, Joshua Thomas, Bob Gagne, Karen Catania, Arlene Forman, Rachel Wesselius, Rita Williams, Barbara Geschlecht, and Joe Abate.

WHEN YOU OR A LOVED ONE IS IN THE HOSPITAL: Would you like an Extraordinary Minister to bring communion? Would you like a priest to administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick? Please call the office and let us know.



St. James New Mission/Vision Statement

Go and make disciples/Vayan y hagan discipulos

A community of joyful disciples/Una comunidad de discipulos alegres

Pastoral Staff

Pastor.....Father Oscar Borda, ext. 222
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Medical Emergency Number—when you need a priest:
.....**843-457-4012**
Deacon.....Tim Papa
Executive Assistant.....Paula Loehr, ext. 221
Director of Evangelization/Religious Education Director
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Director of Evangelization.....Felipe Castillo, ext. 229
Youth Minister.....Taylor Lilly, ext. 235
Secretary.....Kathy Caughey, ext. 224
Maintenance Director.....Earl Videan, ext. 232
Director of Music.....Gene Borkes
Organists.....Bradley Hardee, Laura Candler-White
RCIA.....Sunday, 10:00AM-12:00 Noon
Blood Pressure Screening.....postponed until further notice
Eucharistic Adoration.....Daily in the Chapel
.....Check the schedules for an open hour
Pro-Life.....Lori Videan, 843-503-3607
Ladies Guild.....3rd Monday, 10:00am (Sept.-June)
Knights of Columbus 4th Degree.....4th Monday, 7:00pm
Knights of Columbus.....2nd Wednesday, 7:00pm
Catholic Charities.....1-855-377-1357
Catholic Charities Immigration Attorney.....803-327-7144
524 Charlotte Ave, Rock Hill, SC 29730
Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services.843-853-2130 ext. 209
Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister.....800-921-8122
Safe Environment Coordinator.....Taylor Lilly, ext. 235

To email staff members, use
first initial, last name@stjamesconway.org

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:30AM - 3:30PM

Religious Education/Catecismo: Call office

Infant Baptism: The Sacrament is normally celebrated during a weekend Liturgy. Please call the office to register for the preparation process. Suzanne McDonough, ext. 234.

Marriage: By arrangement at least six months before the proposed wedding. Paula Loehr, ext. 221.

Ministry to the Sick: Call to request visitation. Please let us know when loved ones are in the hospital.

Bulletin Articles: Items of communal interest must be at parish office no later than 9:00am Monday. Kathy Caughey, ext. 224.

New Parishioners: Welcome! There are several ways you can register, on our website, or by stopping by the church office during office hours.

Altar Flowers \$150: Call the office to arrange donations in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a special occasion.

Religious Articles are available for purchase Monday-Friday, 9:30am-3:30pm. Special orders are always welcome. Contact the church office at 843-347-5168.

Columbarium: Available to all registered Catholics of the Diocese. Call the church office for more information.

Tree of Life: This is a great way to remember your loved ones or honor a special occasion. Donations start at \$250. Contact the parish office for details.

Prayer Chain Request: If you have a special need we would like to help you pray. Simply call Shirley at 843-397-2318.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12

LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 12 DE DICIEMBRE

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

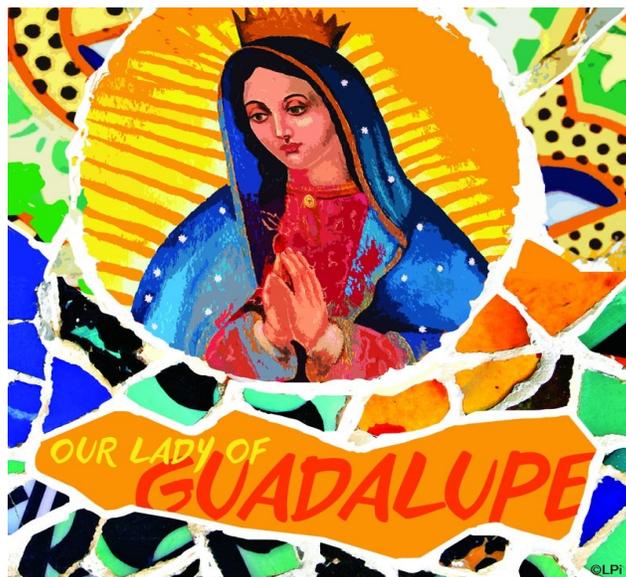
December 12, 2021

3rd Sunday of Advent

"From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" St. Teresa of Avila

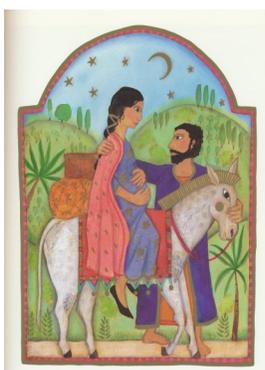
We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters. St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price. We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina) ©LPi

*Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.*



VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

¡Gritar de júbilo! ¿Cuándo fue la última vez que tuviste ganas de hacer eso? El miedo, la incertidumbre, la presión, la negatividad, la decepción y una miríada de otras experiencias humanas pueden robarnos el gozo. Nunca podemos predecir lo que traerá la vida. Por muy inquietante que pueda parecer a menudo, la imprevisibilidad de la vida es también lo que le permite ser emocionante y aventurera. Sabemos que la vida puede ser difícil y no es realista esperar que sea de otra manera. Dios nunca prometió un camino fácil. Pero, cuando una persona se enamora verdaderamente de Dios y descubre la tranquilidad y la seguridad de la presencia de Dios, entonces se le brindará un entendimiento profundo a todo lo que haga y experimente. ¡Nada podrá robarles el gozo! Cuando nos damos cuenta de que Dios, el Rey de Israel, está entre nosotros y con nosotros, no hay más desgracias que temer. Celebramos la belleza y la maravilla del don del gozo de Dios hoy mientras nos preparamos, aún más emocionados, para la venida de nuestro Salvador. No temas y no te desanimas. Hay un poder y una presencia dentro de nosotros, nuestro Dios, que nos hizo, que nos ama y que nos guardará. ¿Que más necesitamos? ¡Regocijémonos! ©LPi



Las Posadas

Thursday, December 16,
at 7:30PM

A special Christmas tradition,
Las Posadas

Jueves 16 de diciembre
a las 7:30PM

Una tradición navideña
especial, Las Posadas

This will be for the whole parish and will begin in the church with a program on the traditions of our Christmas decorations, and then move outside for a liturgical procession based on the tradition, Las Posadas. We pray you will join us for this community evening of blended cultures!

Esto será para toda la parroquia y comenzará en la iglesia con un programa sobre las tradiciones de nuestras decoraciones navideñas, y luego saldrá para una procesión litúrgica basada en la tradición, Las Posadas. ¡Oremos para que se una a nosotros en esta noche comunitaria de culturas mezcladas!