



## Transfiguration of Jesus Catholic Church

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



First Sunday of Advent  
November 30, 2025

### On the HORIZON

December 7	9:30 AM	First Sunday Breakfast
December 8	9:00 AM	Immaculate Conception ( <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> )
December 9	9:00 – 11:30 AM	Mass/Advent Retreat Fr. Brian, Legionnaire of Christ
December 16	11:30 AM	WOTC Advent Prayer Service Christmas tea
December 12	6 PM	Christmas Concert
	7 PM	Christmas Dinner

### Background of the Gospel

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know *that* our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

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## Our Mission

*To love and know more profoundly our Catholic faith, worship the Lord, minister to our members and to further spread our faith in the community.*

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### Greeting's Ministry

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### New Office Hours

Mon. 9-6 PM (Wallace)

Tue. Day-off

Wed. 9-12 NN (Wallace)

Wed. 2-6 PM (Magnolia)

Thur. 9-12 NN (Wallace)

3-6 PM (Wallace)

Fri. 9-12 PM (Wallace)

Call to make an appointment

### Adoration

Mon. 6:00 – 7:00 PM (Wallace)

Wed. 6:00 – 7:00 PM (Magnolia)

Thurs. 9:30-10:30 AM (Wallace)

### Reconciliation

Thur. during Holy Hour

Sat. 4:30 PM or by appointment

### Weekend Mass Schedule

#### Transfiguration of Jesus

Saturday 5:00 PM English

Sunday 8:30 AM English

10:30 AM Spanish

#### Santa Clara Mission

Sunday 1:00 PM Spanish

### Weekday Masses

Mon, Thurs-Fri 9:00 AM (Eng.)

Mon 7:00 PM (Esp.)

Wed (Santa Clara) 7:00 PM (Esp.)

### The Pope's Monthly Intention (November):

#### For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

### Pastoral Care of the Sick

Prayer Tree Requests should be sent to all three committee members. This is to ensure that no prayer request goes unanswered. Also, please make sure that permission is given by the person or family needing prayer, to send out the request.

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Dear Jesus, we turn to You in the time of illness. O dearest Comforter alleviate our worry with your gentle love. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge whatsoever you do, you do for the love of us.

### Hospitality

## First Sunday Breakfast December 7, 2025

### FIRST CANDLE SIGNIFIES HOPE

#### "PROPHETIC CANDLE"

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

### SECOND CANDLE SIGNIFIES PEACE

#### "BETHLEHEM CANDLE"

The second candle, also purple, represents peace. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The third candle is rose and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy.

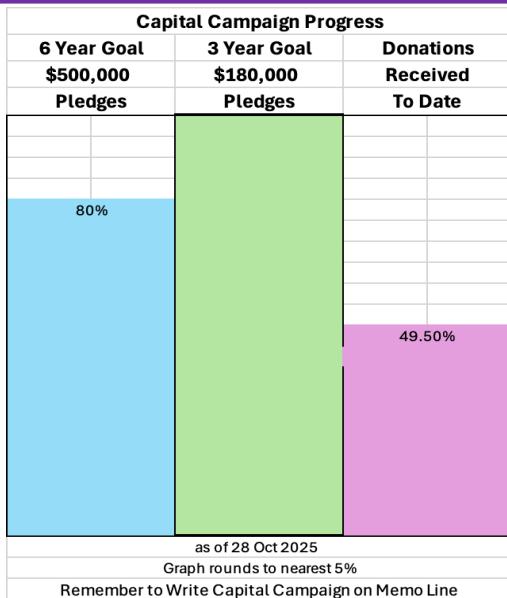
#### "SHEPHERD'S CANDLE"

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle that symbolizes love. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle".

#### "ANGEL'S CANDLE"

## Parish Ministries & Committees

### Capital Campaign Progress Report



### Finance Committee (Monthly Financials)

	Oct Budget	Oct Actuals	Oct Expense
<b>Offertory</b>	\$14,675	\$15,672	
<b>Maintenance</b>	\$2,485	\$4,224	
<b>Others</b>		\$	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,160</b>	<b>\$19,896</b>	<b>\$26,503</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>			<b>(\$6,607)</b>

\*Includes the Rectory Loan Payment of \$333.00

### Liturgy Committee



### Knights of Columbus



Whole month of November

#### Drop Areas:

Founder's Hall

River Landing Fitness Center

### Parish Advent Penance Service December 5, 2025, at 6:30 PM

### Knights of Columbus

Join us on **Friday, December 12 at 6:00 PM** for our **Christmas Concert**, followed immediately by a warm and festive **Parish Christmas Dinner** in the hall organized by the Knights of Columbus.

This isn't just a meal—it's an opportunity to be **together**: to share stories, laughter, and faith with brothers and sisters who walk with us all year long. In a season when many feel rushed or even lonely, our parish table becomes a place of **welcome, belonging, and gratitude**. By coming to the Christmas dinner, you're not just filling a plate—you're helping to fill hearts with hope, friendship, and the peace of Christ.

Bring your family, invite a friend, and come as you are, and **BYOB**!

Let's rejoice, sing, and share a beautiful evening as one parish family preparing our hearts for the birth of the Lord.



Coming!!  
December 10, 2025  
5:30-9PM



Johnson Nursery and Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries are partnering for a SPECIAL 'Southern Lights Night'! A portion of the proceeds from this special evening will support DCOM's mission to serve and uplift our community.

Please join us in a night of **HOLIDAY MAGIC** that gives back to our community.

#### NEW THIS YEAR!!

- ❖ New Whimsical Wagon Ride
- ❖ New Interactive Elf Story
- ❖ Hot Chocolate & S'mores
- ❖ Seasonal Cocktails
- ❖ 12 Days of Christmas Art Tour



Where: 985 Johnson Nursey Road  
Willard, NC Phone 910-285-1944  
Tickets \$12 on line; \$15 at the door  
[www.johnson-nursery.com/events](http://www.johnson-nursery.com/events)



**Weekly Schedule (November 29 – December 6)**

Saturday 1:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Wedding Convalidation Confessions Vigil Mass (Eng) +Brenda Reed requested by Frank and Cheryl Partyka +Kathie Davis requested by Donna and Ed Schulz	Greeters: Transporter: Lectors: EMC: Altar Servers:	Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36  R Ciuccoli M Francis J Peterson, L Schembri M Hopkins, B Keeney, J Ciuccoli M McCarthy
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Sunday 8:00 AM 8:30 AM	Recitation of the Holy Rosary Mass +Helen Flatley requested by Jack Flatley Yelena Cooley, mass of Thanksgiving	Greeters: Transporter: Lectors: EMC: Altar Servers:	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> violet Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44  M Russell, C Russell B Harran J Paquette, G Stracuzza R Hirshkind, P Harran, Deacon Mike Neil, Leah, Isaac
9:00AM 10:30 AM	No Faith Formation Class Sunday Mass (Spanish)	Greeters: Transporter: Lectors: EMC: Altar Servers	Jorge, Tino, Jorge, Elias, Valentin, Alberto Jorge, Tino, Jorge Melvin, Luis Marina, Olga P, Vivian Dorian, Sofia, Jairo
1:00 PM	Sunday Mass (Santa Clara)		

Monday 9:00 AM 9:45 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 6:30 PM	Mass Bible Study Adoration Online Rosary: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3836517593">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3836517593</a> <i>Fr. Randy at Deaney Penance Services – Saint Ann</i>	Is 4:2-6 (second choice)/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday 6:30 PM	<i>Fr. Randy at Deaney Penance Services – Saint Mary</i>	Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	<i>Fr. Randy is attending the Dean's Meeting</i> Adoration No Mass (Santa Clara)	Saint Francis Xavier Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday 10:30 AM 9:00 AM 6:30 PM	<i>Fr. Randy is attending the Dean's/Priest's Council</i> Communion Service/Adoration/Morning Prayer <i>Fr. Randy is at Deaney Penance Services - Saint Mary of the Angels</i>	Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday 9:00 AM 6:30 PM	Mass Parish Advent Confession	Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Confession Vigil Mass	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8