



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY at CAROLINA FOREST

1300 Carolina Forest Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 31, 2021

Administrator: Father David Nerbun

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 7:45 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

Thursday: 7:00 pm

“Happy and Holy” Thursdays (Eucharistic Adoration) 6:00 pm

Safety: Please wear your mask and stay six feet apart. Due to social distancing, please do not move the chairs in the worship space and exit promptly after Mass.

Registration: Cards are available as you exit the building.

Mass Intentions: We are taking requests for Sundays and Thursdays. The offering set by the Diocese is \$10 per Mass, \$15 with a Mass card. Please email us at ccatcf@gmail.com.

Sacraments & Funerals: If your child needs Baptism, First Confession, Holy Communion, Confirmation, we can make it happen. If you're looking to get married before God and His Church, we can provide the preparation (including assist in the annulment process) and arrange to do it at a local Catholic Church. If you are struggling physically, psychologically, or spiritually or have an upcoming surgery, we can listen, pray over, and anoint you sacramentally. If you want us to do a funeral for you or a loved one in the area, just let us know and we will work out the details to do so at the Coptic Church (next door) or a local/previous parish.

Online Giving: If you prefer to utilize your bank's online payment feature to mail your weekly tithe, send it to:

Catholics at Carolina Forest, 1300 Carolina Forest Blvd, Myrtle Beach SC 29579

Confessions

Sunday: after Mass or 30 minutes before

Thursday: 6:00 pm



The Catholic Community at Carolina Forest has a community subscription to **FORMED**. We will be using several of their Bible studies and programs for our faith formation going forward as a community. Sign up for FREE at formed.org/signup and select “Catholic Community at Carolina Forest”. If you need help signing up, send an email to CCatCF@gmail.com



Text **JOINCCCF** to **84576** & become part of our CCCF Flocknotes communication system.

2020 Tax Letters have been mailed. Any questions, email us at CCatCF@gmail.com.



Tuesday, February 2nd is Candlemas, AKA The Presentation of the Lord. We will have a 7:00 pm Mass at Seton School where we will bless ANY candles that you bring. Additionally, we will bless special Holy Family candles that will be distributed to each CCCF family/household and each student at Seton School. We encourage you to light this candle, bless your food, and pray the Holy Family consecration prayer at a daily family meal.

Communal Blessing of the Throats for St. Blaise Day will be at the end of all Masses on Sunday, February 7th



NEW Vigil Mass on Saturdays: Starting on February 13th there will be a 4:00 pm Vigil Mass



Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule: February 17th, 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm. *Note: due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Cardinal Sarah, Prefect for the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has declared that the following should be done:* “The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: “Repent, and believe in the Gospel”, or “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”. The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and *sprinkles them on the head* of each one without saying anything.” Hence, Father David and Deacon Jim will sprinkle ashes on the crown of your head instead of making contact with your forehead this year.

Reminder: Our Monthly Second Collection will be on February 7th to offset our rent expense for Seton.



Happy Hour/Dinner at Michael's Pizza and Pasta, Wednesday, February 10th 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Come socialize with friends and new members of our growing Community. Special dinner menu and 10% off appetizers.



Kneelers - There are now two custom built kneelers in the chapel. They may be used in prayer or during the sacrament of confession.

Prayer Chain Ministry - Anyone interested in joining or helping with this prayer ministry should contact Fern Daniels at (843) 397-2728 or kefed@aol.com. If you email, please put “prayers for the Catholic Community” as the subject.

“For I was hungry and you gave me food” (Mt 25:35). We collect food each Sunday for Catholic Charities of the Pee Dee. They are especially in need of canned fruit and vegetables. Please check the dates on the donated food.

“Going Apostolic Mission” – Now that Father David is no longer assisting at St. Andrew’s Church, he will have more time to serve our community. For those that participated in our Advent workshop, you will recall that he spoke of the need to re-think how we think, how we are Church, *and* how we creatively and effectively engage our culture which is no longer Christian. This requires us—as Pope Francis has repeatedly called for—to “*go out* to the peripheries,” to our neighbors, our co-workers, our friends, the homeless, etc. In this missionary spirit and in light of our limited ability to utilize Seton School during the academic year, he is beginning to schedule weekday Masses (Mon, Wed, or Fri) in your home or neighborhood area (indoor and/or outdoor, pending weather and COVID-19 safety). If you would like to host or facilitate a Mass and or social afterwards for your neighborhood, please determine the 4 W’s (what, who, when, & where) before submitting a request. Opening begin the 2nd week of February.

Becoming Catholic & Confirmation Prep for Adults – Our community has an ongoing and open-ended inquiry period for those discerning whether to become Catholic and complete the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (commonly known as RCIA) by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please contact Jeff Vehige at (972) 461-2797 or jeffvehige09@gmail.com for more information.

Father David’s Latest Article for The Catholic Miscellany – *Every professed atheist knows the philosophical adage by heart, “religion is the opium of the masses.” It was opined by German philosopher Karl Marx, author of “The Communist Manifesto,” whose hostility toward religion has been the subject of debate for more than a century. But it is clear from his writings that he believed it had historically been utilized for economic control of the poor—perhaps most “successfully” by the Catholic Church. What I find striking, though, is that in our country where pluralism is touted as the law of the land, and religious disaffiliation is at all-time high, religion is no longer the drug of choice.*

One of the consequences of the growing absence of God from society today has been mass boredom and depression, as people struggle to find meaning in the temporal life, since the eternal is questioned. Coupled with unprecedented levels of physical isolation—often mandated—due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are witnessing in our country the exasperation of a literal opioid crisis and all time high rates of suicide. Although many will likely disagree, I find that another consequence of the growing absence of God in American culture, is the resorting to senseless violence and rhetoric toward our elected officials in many of the protests and rallies of the past year (whether Black Lives Matter or assault on the Capitol on Jan. 6). It is as if these rioters subconsciously know that if God is dead and not the bestower of our inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, then they will take up their grievances with the “gods” at hand. It is indisputable that there have been “religious” leaders and persons who have spoken in favor of or promoted these movements, but none are fundamentally rooted in religion. Why? Because both have been obsessed with whom Caesar and his cabinet would or would not be for the next four years, rather than who God was, is, and ever shall be for all eternity.

My hope in this new year is that we will begin to see an authentic resurgence to true religion, which for St. Thomas Aquinas was the highest of all virtues. We need greater concern and trust that God is not sadistic, as atheists would have us believe, but the Redeemer who can save us from self-destruction and the Master who regularly brings good from ill.

“As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” 1 Peter 4:10 As a faith community, we have many needs and we know each of you have many gifts. Please share your time, talent, and treasure. Some of current needs are:

- We have officially branded as a community and have several logos, but we need someone to create and/or donate “swag” (t-shirts, car magnets, grocery bags, coffee cups, pens, etc.) to distribute and/or sell to the community.
- “All Weather” Stations of the Cross are on order for outside Seton School. Hopefully they will arrive before Lent so we can make use of them for Fridays during Lent. You can sponsor a station for \$200. Four have already been claimed.
- We are in need of someone to launder the altar linens (corporals, purificators, towels). Email us to help.
- Website! We’re working on a website, but need help. Want to help set it up or maintain it?

Previous week Collection: \$2,254

Expenses: \$2,712.25



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“Jesus, I believe in you, trust in you, and I place my hope in you. But at all times I have doubts, I get anxious and worry, I think I have to take care of everything myself, and I can get discouraged and even depressed. Liberate me from my arrogance and fill me with humility, so I can live confidently in your love and your light. AMEN” — Matthew Kelly