



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Catholic Church

A Stewardship Community served by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales



A People Not a Place  
*Learning to Live Jesus*

## OUR VISION

Our parish is the vibrant expression of the presence of the Risen Christ through sacred worship and loving service.

## OUR MISSION

We live Jesus Christ by proclaiming the Gospel, by celebrating the Eucharist, by nourishing our Faith and by loving and serving all God's people.

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### Parish Pastoral Council

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### Liturgies and Devotions

**Weekend** - Saturday: 5:00 pm  
 Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 am  
**Weekday** - See "This Week at Immaculate Conception" - Page 3  
**Devotions** - Rosary for World Peace/  
 Novena to Our Lady, Monday - 9:30 am  
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy to end human trafficking, Thursday - 9:30 am  
 Rosary, Devotion to the Sacred Heart, First Friday  
**Eucharistic Adoration** -  
 First Friday, 9:45 am - 11:00 am *and*  
 Tuesdays, 9:30 am - 10:30 am

### Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin requests must be emailed to the Bulletin Editor: tkruger@iccwilm.org, by 12:00 noon on Wednesdays, ten days in advance of the weekend of publication. All articles will run for three weeks, space allowing, and must have name, phone # of contact person, and dates requested to be in the bulletin. Articles must be limited to 100-150 words and include the *who, what, why, where and when*. A summary/result article with facts and figures should be submitted within a week of the event's completion.

### New Parishioners

If you are new to Wilmington or to Immaculate Conception, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you. We are an active and vibrant parish and ask, if you have decided to join us, that you will seriously consider giving of your time, talent, and treasure for the Lord's work. Completion of an Interest Card, Parish Registration Form and

attendance to a Welcome/Orientation/Registration Event is part of active membership and provides you with parish mailings. Please find an Interest Card located in the pamphlet rack in the Gathering Area of the church.

### Sacramental Life

**Infant Baptism:** Celebrated monthly. Registered (minimum 3 months) and participating parishioners may schedule infant baptism after completion of a baptism preparation workshop and reception of godparent documents. Contact Gina Drost, Director of Faith Formation, at 910-791-1003, ext 112, preferably prior to the child's arrival. \*Children over 7 are not baptized as "infants." Instead they are prepared to receive all 3 sacraments of initiation at a later date.

**To Be a Godparent/Sponsor:** for Baptism or Confirmation; you must be a registered, participating member for at least 6 months prior to requesting letter.

**1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist:** Second grade is our Sacramental year for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. First grade faith formation is a prerequisite for the second grade Sacramental year. We require four meetings for the parents/guardians of youth receiving these Sacraments.

**Confirmation:** Confirmation in our Diocese is celebrated in the high school years, and is a two year process. Candidates may enroll in Level I as a freshman with immediate preparation and celebration of the sacrament in Level II the sophomore year. Stewardship opportunities and attendance to a Confirmation retreat are mandatory.

**Reconciliation:** We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation/confession, normally, Saturdays from 3:30-4:30 pm in the Church's Reconciliation Room. In addition, the sacrament is available by appointment. Please call the Parish Office to speak to the pastor.

**RCIA:** Adults seeking Initiation into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church are invited to contact Gina Drost, gdrost@iccwilm.org or 791-1003, ext.112

**Matrimony:** Only parishioners registered at ICC for at least 6 months may request to be married here. The couple must meet with a priest before setting a date and at least 6 months in advance of an anticipated wedding in order to complete the preparation process. All aspects of marriage planning requires the participation and approval of trained personnel. Contact: Claudia Sing, csing@iccwilm.org., 791-1003, ext. 100.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Anyone who is seriously ill or who is anticipating surgery or an extended hospital stay or who is weakened because of a prolonged illness or advanced age is encouraged to call the Parish Office to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

**Funerals:** After a funeral director has been contacted but before any arrangements have been made public, the funeral director will contact the Parish Office in order to arrange for funeral time and/or vigil service. All aspects of parish funeral liturgy planning requires the participation and approval of trained parish personnel.

**Vocations to Priesthood or Religious Life:** Religious vocation as a priest, brother or sister, Fr. Michael Newman, OSFS, mnewman@oblates.us or 419-531-1421, x231. Vocation to diocesan priesthood, please visit the Diocese of Raleigh's Vocations website at dioceseofraleighvocations.org.

## This Week at Immaculate Conception



The Altar Flowers are courtesy of all parishioners who donate via their Easter Flower Donation Envelope or Online

### Sunday, April 19—3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Liturgy, Living & Deceased of Immaculate Conception  
 10:30 am Liturgy, Matthew Bazez  
 12:00-2:30 Youth Faith Formation, DFFC

### Monday, April 20, 2026

9:30 am Rosary/Novena

### Tuesday, April 21, 2026

9:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

### Wednesday, April 22, 2026

9:00 am Funeral Liturgy, Marie Ranalli

### Thursday, April 23, 2026

9:00 am Liturgy, Robert Cameron

### Friday, April 24, 2026

9:00 am Liturgy, Rita Pierce

### Saturday, April 25, 2026

3:30 pm Reconciliation, Church  
 5:00 pm Liturgy, Larry & Loretta McManus

### Sunday, April 26—4th Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Liturgy, Carol Dubin  
 10:30 am Liturgy, John Piraino & Family  
 11:45-12:45 First Eucharist Rehearsal, Church  
 12:00-2:30 Children's Faith Formation, DFFC  
 2:30-3:30 EverTide Event, Church  
 2:30-3:30 The Athanasius Center, DFFC

*Liturgical Color for April 25 & 26 is White*



### Sanctuary Candle

A 14-day Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of **Mary Ann Walsh**, and was donated by **the Kruger Family**.

### Stewardship - A Way of Life Following "God's Plan for Giving"

#### Stewardship of Treasure Report

Due to early submission to the bulletin company in observance of holiday deadlines, the offertory for the weekends of March 28 & 29 through April 11 & 12 will be in the bulletin for the weekend of April 25 & 26.

*Sorry for any inconvenience.*

**Hearing Devices Available  
for the Hearing Impaired  
Please see an Usher for Assistance**

*All are reminded to dress with  
reverence and respect as they come  
to the liturgy all year long.*

## Diocesan Second Collection

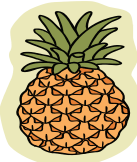
### Second Collection for Catholic Home Missions

Nearly 40% of all dioceses in the United States and its territories are "home mission territory," where small Catholic populations face isolation due to geographic challenges and economic hardship. These dioceses serve communities, many in rural areas, that cannot sustain their core ministries without outside assistance. That assistance comes through contributions to the annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal, taking place next weekend, April 25 & 26.

We thank you very much in advance for your generosity in this collection. For more information, or to donate online, please visit [www.givecatholic.org/story/USCCB-CHM](http://www.givecatholic.org/story/USCCB-CHM).

## Welcome Events

### Welcome/Orientation/Registration Events



New to the area? Want to join ICC? Pick up an Interest Card in the pamphlet rack in the Gathering Area, fill it out and return to the church office, then attend one of the listed Welcome / Orientation / Registration Events. The events are on Saturday mornings, 9:00 am-10:45 am (refreshments and fellowship begin at 8:30 am).

#### The Next Welcome Events

June 6, 2026

## The Help Center Needs

### The Help Center Food Donations

The following items are needed in **April 2026**:

- April 5** Canned meats (chicken, SPAM, hash)
- April 12** Canned peas
- April 20** Toothpaste
- April 27** Jelly



Any other packaged or canned food items or toiletries are gratefully accepted. **Thank you so much for your continued generosity.**



Colors of the Easter Season

#### WHITE

Easter Sunday - Ascension of the Lord  
April 5 - May 16 & 17

#### RED

Pentecost  
May 23 & 24

#### WHITE

The Most Holy Trinity -  
The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ  
May 30 & 31 - June 6 & 7

## Stewardship Reflection

*“Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?”  
(Luke 24:32)*

How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with you life? Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that’s a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today.

## Born to Eternal Life

Please remember in your prayers the following people:



**Tom Hoepfner**, parishioner. Condolences may be sent to Tom’s family via his son, Mike Hoepfner, at 106 Gray Ln, Yorktown, VA 23692-3250.

## K of C Pancake Breakfast

### Pancake Breakfast

Sponsored by: Council 1074  
Hosted by: The Athanasius Center

**Where:** Riverview Restaurant at Blakeslee AF Rec. Center

**Address:** 118 Riverfront Rd. Kure Beach, NC 28449

(Seating available inside or outside overlooking the Cape Fear)

**From:** 9am-1pm

**When:** Sunday, April 19, 2026

**Cost:** \$12 Adults  
\$6 Children 10 & under  
Free Under 3

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Thank you for your support!



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 2:14, 22-33 / 1 Peter 1:17-21 / Luke 24:13-35



The two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

LUKE 24:35



## Three Basic Rules

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

**T**he Emmaus story is about two disciples walking seven miles from Jerusalem to a village called Emmaus and their encounter with Jesus, whom they did not recognize. The story is rich in both symbolism and meaning. In a nutshell, it teaches us three basic rules for the formation of Christian community: *Welcome the stranger. Break open the word. Celebrate the Eucharist.* When we are faithful to these practices, we are faithful to the promise of the kingdom in our midst. If we choose to ignore these basic rules, we should not be surprised that we seem to be struggling.

Three out of three rules set the baseline. We cannot congratulate ourselves if we follow one or two of them

well enough and ignore the third. We cannot pick and choose. It is the Lord who sets the parameters; our mission is only to respond positively in faith to what he directs us to do.

How are we doing? An honest appraisal probably suggests that improvement is needed. Each of our local communities, and indeed even the wider Church, sometimes struggles to form an Emmaus community of faith. We know we can do better. The good news is that we are not uninformed, and we know where we need to place the most effort. The Holy Spirit of God will show us how we need to apply this renewed effort. ●

### Reflect

**Where does my family and parish need improvement to form a genuinely faithful Emmaus community?**

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| Monday         | Tuesday        | Wednesday      | Thursday       | Friday         | Saturday             | Sunday                  |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| April 20       | April 21       | April 22       | April 23       | April 24       | April 25             | April 26                |
| Easter Weekday | Easter Weekday | Easter Weekday | Easter Weekday | Easter Weekday | St. Mark, Evangelist | Fourth Sunday of Easter |
| Acts 6:8-15    | Acts 7:51-8:1a | Acts 8:1b-8    | Acts 8:26-40   | Acts 9:1-20    | 1 Pt 5:5b-14         | Acts 2:14a, 36-41       |
| Jn 6:22-29     | Jn 6:30-35     | Jn 6:35-40     | Jn 6:44-51     | Jn 6:52-59     | Mk 16:15-20          | 1 Pt 2:20b-25           |
|                |                |                |                |                |                      | Jn 10:1-10              |



### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

**The Church is brokenhearted at the cry of pain rising from places devastated by war.... We must never get used to war!... For this reason, in the name of human dignity and international law, I reiterate to those in positions of responsibility the frequent warning of...Pope Pius XII: "Nothing is lost with peace. Everything may be lost with war."**

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 18, 2025



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## The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptized on Saturday, April 18, 2026:

**Vivienne Rose Cherry** and **Merrick Oliver Cherry**, children of Kate & Quin Cherry.

Through Baptism, **Vivienne** and **Merrick** were given new birth in the Holy Spirit and welcomed into the Body of Christ.



## Ways to Give at ICC

### Donating at ICC

Donations may be made via check or debit/credit card. Please make checks payable to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and write the collection on the memo line. For debit/credit cards, scan the QR code on the front cover of the Breaking Bread book, or visit the parish website at [www.iccwilm.org](http://www.iccwilm.org). You can also set up regular electronic giving by going to the parish website, or by contacting Business Manager Charlie DaVolio at 910-791-1003, ext. 105 or [cdavolio@iccwilm.org](mailto:cdavolio@iccwilm.org).

## Catholic High School Information

Fr. Thomas F. Price Catholic High School—  
Now Enrolling!

Wilmington's new Catholic high school opens this fall for the 2026-2027 school year. Fr. Thomas F. Price Catholic High School (FTPCHS) will welcome its inaugural ninth grade class at 412 Ann St in the historic Tileston Building on the campus of the Basilica of St. Mary.

Tuition: \$10,000 (all inclusive—no extra fees for books, materials, or technology). NC Opportunity Scholarships of \$3,000-\$7,000 may be available based on household income.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis with no entrance exams.

For more information, or to apply, please visit <https://www.ftpch.org> or contact founding principal Mr. Fleck at [dfleck@ftpch.org](mailto:dfleck@ftpch.org)

## Marriage Encounter



Make a good marriage a great one by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience :

May 1-3 in Raleigh, NC, May 29-31 in Hickory, NC, and November 6-8 in Emerald Isle, NC.

Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at:

<https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at [applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or 919-740-7435.

**2026 COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIP**  
sponsored by  
Cape Fear Deanery  
and  
Knights of Columbus  
[KofC2017.org/scholarship](http://KofC2017.org/scholarship)

The **Cape Fear Deanery Parishes and Knights of Columbus** are excited to offer the **2026 Collegiate Scholarship** for graduating high school students! If you are a **registered parishioner** in the Cape Fear Deanery, this is your chance to earn up to **\$4,000** to support your college journey. Submit your application, including a biography, essay, and high school transcript, by **Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 11:59 PM**. Don't miss this opportunity—visit [KofC2017.org/scholarship](http://KofC2017.org/scholarship) or email [scholarship@KofC2017.org](mailto:scholarship@KofC2017.org) to apply today!

### EverTide Event

#### EverTide Presents “I AM”

EverTide offers a worship experience of prayer and reflection, combining scripture and music in a sacred setting. In this hour-long event, EverTide leaders weave contemplative Christian music with readings from God’s Word, creating time for stillness, listening, and renewal.

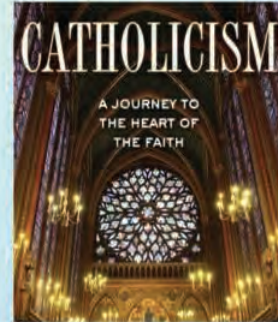
The event will be led by John and Andrea Reynolds, and will take place from 2:30—3:30 PM on Sunday, April 26, here at ICC. For more information, please contact John at [EvertideEvents@gmail.com](mailto:EvertideEvents@gmail.com).

**EVERTIDE**  
Scripture. Prayer. Music.

**“I AM”** | Sunday,  
April 26th  
2:30 PM

### Adult Faith Formation

#### Catholicism & Community: MONTHLY LUNCH AND LEARNING



De Sales Faith Formation Center 12-2

- |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| January 14  | July 8       |
| February 11 | August 12    |
| March 18    | September 16 |
| April 22    | October 14   |
| May 13      | November 11  |
| June 17     | December 9   |

Join fellow parishioners as we explore our Catholic faith through the award-winning Catholicism Series by Bishop Robert Barron. Each month we’ll watch an episode and enjoy a guided community discussion. Bring your lunch or sign up for a Firehouse Subs Box Lunch.

Register online at [ICCWilm.Org](http://ICCWilm.Org) or contact Gina Drost, Director of Faith Formation for more information

WILMINGTON CHORAL SOCIETY PRESENTS  
**Sunday, April 26, 2026**  
CFCC Wilson Center  
4 pm

**Lights, Camera, Music!**  
*songs from the*  
**STAGE & SCREEN**

Jennifer Mueske, Director  
Sheryl Tjon, Collaborative Pianist

## The Athanasius Center



Did you know that we have a Catholic ministry that welcomes people of all religious denominations to gather and discuss theological topics impacting personal and global

life? We are *The Athanasius Center*, and we welcome you to join us to share and explore ideas. All men and women, ages 18 and up, are welcome. We meet on Sundays from 2:30—3:30 pm in the DeSales Faith Formation Center, located on the campus of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

For more information, please email or text us:

- **Oliver Galbraith:** [olivergalbraith@gmail.com](mailto:olivergalbraith@gmail.com) or text 910-619-3933
- **Julianna Breit:** [julianna.breit@gmail.com](mailto:julianna.breit@gmail.com) or text at 910-338-8802

You can also find us on social media:

- **Instagram Name:** [athanasius\\_center](https://www.instagram.com/athanasius_center)
- **Whatsapp QR code:**



Besides our Sunday meetings, the Athanasius Center also offers the following activities, which are hosted at the homes of participating members:

- **Book Club: Christianity Through the Centuries - 1st Friday of the Month at 7:00PM**
- **Bible Study: 3rd Friday of the Month at 7:00PM**

## Ancient Order of Hibernians

### Lookin' For A Little Luck O' the Irish?



The Ancient Order of Hibernians of Brunswick County are selling raffle tickets for a 7 day/6 night vacation for TWO to Ireland! The trip includes:

- Round trip airfare from Wilmington
  - Vehicle rental
  - B&B lodging
- \$250 per person (total of \$500)

You must travel before June 1, 2027. Cash option of \$5,500 available in lieu of the trip.

Drawing will be held September 16, 2026, and tickets are \$100 each (only 150 tickets will be sold). If by August 31, 2026, a threshold of 100 tickets has not been sold, the drawing will revert to a 50/50. Final date for ticket sales is September 14, 2026. Additional information and online payment can be found at [www.brunswickncaoh.com](http://www.brunswickncaoh.com).

To purchase a ticket, please send your check for \$100, made payable to AOH, to:

Jim O'Reilly  
304 Kitts Way  
Winnabow, NC 28479

(Tickets will be mailed upon receipt of checks.)

**Please include your phone number and email with your check. A ticket will be mailed to the purchaser as soon as a check is received.**

For more information, please visit [www.brunswick.ncaoh.com](http://www.brunswick.ncaoh.com), or call Jim O'Reilly at 910-409-7025, email [joreilly@ec.rr.com](mailto:joreilly@ec.rr.com)



## Prayer Matters

*Please remember the following people in your prayers:*

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Herbert Aiken            | Dianne Lusk             |
| Margaret Ager            | Nicholas Lusk           |
| Kelly Avgerinos          | John Lyons              |
| Frank Ballard            | Julia Macdougall        |
| Denise Barnes            | The Maney Family        |
| Marley Basurto           | Petar Manolev           |
| Mike & Loretta Baumann   | Frankie Marcinkiewicz   |
| Iliana & Maria Bouneva   | Sonia Martin            |
| Ginny Bovelsky           | Teri Massey             |
| Lee Bowling              | CJ Miley                |
| Barry & Teresa Brighten  | Diane Miller            |
| Julie & John Bussi       | Chris Moore             |
| The Casiere Family       | Irene & Kyle Muccia     |
| John Clavin              | Barbara McCann          |
| Christine Coco           | Ed McCann               |
| Eva Congleton            | Paul McCauley           |
| Joe Craig                | Leah McDaniel           |
| Margaret Deaton          | Maura McGoldrick        |
| Marion DeCoursey         | Joan McKillop           |
| Bertha Dennard           | Loretta McManus         |
| Leslie Dixon             | Maureen & Vince McNally |
| Kathy Driscoll           | Anne Obermeyer          |
| Skip & Charlotte Fairall | Edward O'Neill          |
| Robert Flavin            | Joanne Owens            |
| Jennifer Freeman         | John Paulhus            |
| Joan Fry                 | Debra Paulson           |
| Mary Gable               | Camden Peterson         |
| Jim Gallagher            | Natalina Pittari        |
| Keira Gibson             | Martin Plage, Jr.       |
| Donna Glisson            | Jo Anna Püllela         |
| Brenda Grainger & Family | Lexie Queen             |
| Lisa Plarre Griffith     | Alice Radewicz          |
| Lenora Guy               | Susan Reynolds          |
| Jerry Haggard            | Ken Rowe                |
| Maureen Hayes            | Tom Russell             |
| Sandra Hobbs             | Patti Schacht           |
| Linda Hogan              | Beatrice Schultz        |
| Ruth Hohmann             | Misty Moore Seals       |
| Marcia Horvath           | Rita & Ralph Seidl      |
| Pam Hulst                | Bob Smith               |
| Dan Janusek              | Suzann Smitko           |
| Theresa Jeffers          | Cynthia Spencer         |
| Dwayne Jessup            | Fr. Greg Spencer        |
| Denise Kassem            | Cynthia & Paul Streb    |
| Loretta Kelly            | Luanne Styron           |
| Tom Lakas                | Christopher Swan        |
| Tracy Langone            | Ginny Tascone           |
| Gene Laskowski           | Mike Temple             |
| Eileen Lavelle           | Marieange Tribie        |
| Riley Liberati           | Jack Walsh              |
| Emily & Lauren Limbach   | John Weisenreider       |
| Darryl Lindner           | Suzanne Westlake        |
| Margaret Lupton          | Diane Wiegand           |

*Names will remain on the list for one month from time of request. Please call the office if you wish to renew.*

## Summer Blood Drive

### Summer Blood Drive - June 26, 20256



Immaculate Conception Church will sponsor our Summer Blood Drive on Friday, June 26, from 10:00 am - 3:30 pm, in Brisson Hall in the DeSales Faith Formation Center. Please help us maintain

sufficient supplies for the busy summer season. Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood and/or platelets, and the average blood transfusion requires three units. To give blood, you must be at least 17 years of age, over 110 lbs., and in reasonably good health. There is no upper age limit. When you arrive, Red Cross staff will take a brief medical history and conduct a mini-exam to determine your eligibility. If you are a regular donor, you are eligible to donate if you have not given blood since on or before May 1, 2026. Whole blood donations can only be made every 56 days, and Power Red donations can be made every 112 days.

Volunteers will help with sign-ups before and after all Liturgies on the weekends of June 13 & 14 and June 20 & 21. Appointments are also available by phone or email, and by direct sign-up on the Red Cross website ([www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)). The website has an option to complete your Rapid Pass medical history, along with required reading, online prior to your appointment. It is highly recommended that you download the American Red Cross Blood Donor app on your phone, as it will save you time and improve your donation experience. Please contact Mike Apicella at [beachblooddrive@gmail.com](mailto:beachblooddrive@gmail.com) to request an appointment or for further information. Please support this special stewardship and give the gift of life! Thank you for your support.



# ALTAR FLOWERS

## January to June 2026

**Our weekly Altar Flowers depend solely on donations from you, our parishioners. We need your help to ensure that we have flowers at all the weekend liturgies.**

Fill out this form with the date (s) you would like to donate the Altar Flowers in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event.

The size of the flower arrangement is determined by the number of households that contribute on a given weekend. We accept up to 4 households per weekend. Memorial contributions are **\$65.00**. Make your check payable to **Immaculate Conception Church** with *"Altar Flowers"* written on the memo line.

Place your form and check in an envelope marked **"Flowers - Tracey Kruger"** and put in the collection basket or drop off during office hours, Mon-Fri, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

**"The flowers appear on the earth, the time of pruning the vines has come, and the song of the turtledove is heard in our land."**

Song of Songs 2:12

**Choose from the following weekends:**

- Jan 3 & 4, 2026 - Epiphany of the Lord
- Jan 10 & 11, 2026 - Baptism of the Lord
- Jan 17 & 18, 2026
- Jan 24 & 25, 2026
- Jan 31 & Feb 1, 2026

- Feb 7 & 8, 2026
- Feb 14 & 15, 2026 - World Marriage Weekend

**No Flowers during Lent**

- Apr 18 & 19, 2026
- Apr 25 & 26, 2026
- May 2 & 3, 2026 - 1st Eucharist
- May 9 & 10, 2026 - Mother's Day
- May 16 & 17, 2026 - The Ascension of the Lord
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