

# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

December 21, 2025 | The Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas



The majority of years Advent and Christmas are within the same week; not unless Christmas falls on a Sunday or Saturday. In many ways we celebrate Christmas even during Advent as we know in our minds that Jesus has already come. We actually and fully celebrate Christmas starting on Christmas Eve. As Catholic Christians, we do not stop celebrating the holy Season until the Feast of the LORD's Baptism about two weeks later.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

9:00am

11:00am (Spanish)

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## OFFICE HOURS

### MONDAY-WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY

2:30pm – 5:30pm

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**“Open wide your door to the One Who comes. Open your soul, throw open the depths of your heart to see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the sweetness of grace. Open your heart & run to meet the Sun of eternal light that illuminates all men.”**

- St. Ambrose)

## OUR MISSION

Catholic Church of the Resurrection is a diverse Christian Community of faith that:

- is centered in the Eucharist and the Word of God
- proclaims the Good News of Jesus
- seeks, welcomes, and serves all in His name

## OUR CLERGY

**Pastor** – Rev. John M. Zimmerman

**Parochial Vicar** – Rev. Francis Bakongo Mfesao

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## OUR STAFF

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## ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

1. Light all four candles.
2. Read from Scripture: *"And the angel said to them, 'Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.'" (Luke 2:10-11)*
3. **Pray the Advent Wreath Prayer for Week 4:** "Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen."
4. Reflect: What concerns, joys, worries, and prayers do you want to bring to Jesus this Christmas?

## MASS INTENTIONS

### DECEMBER 21

09:00am + Mickey McQuilton

11:00am + Amador Lopez (*Spanish*)

### DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

07:00pm + Deceased Parish Members (*Spanish*)

### DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

09:00am + Theresa Allen

### DECEMBER 28

09:00am + John Jozwiak

11:00am + Pedro Esquivel (*Spanish*)

## MASS MUSIC

Processional: # 493 Come, O Long-Expected Jesus

Offertory: # 492 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Communion: #1025 Take and Eat

Recessional: # 499 My Soul in Stillness Waits

*blessed is the fruit  
of your womb*

LUKE 1:42

## PASTOR'S LETTER

### Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ -

I wish each and every one of you and your families a joyful Christmas Season with graces that stay with you into 2026! +

As we finalize our Christmas preparations and hasten towards the holy Season, we may travel to visit family and/or friends, or perhaps family and/or friends will visit us in our homes. As we do so, let us place ourselves in the mind set and spirituality of the Holy Family those hours leading up to the Birth of Jesus.

Let us also keep in mind that many will not have much to celebrate or with which to celebrate. They may scrimp and save throughout the year, saving up just to have a nicer meal on Christmas Eve or Day - similar to the family of Bob Cratchet in Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. The Ghost of Christmas Present showed Ebenezer the faces of the poor whom Scrooge considered among the "surplus population." We may encounter those in need whether poor, stranded, or somehow struggling due to some loss in their life.

While we have reason to rejoice in what comes with the Birth of Jesus, we also should keep in mind how many people, when He was born, thought nothing of the poor couple with an inconvenient but miraculous Birth. They were humble and did not seek special attention. The rich, except the Magi, did not seem to be invited by the angels; rather, it was shepherds who were invited. Let us prepare the way of the LORD in our hearts and our homes this last week of Advent! May all people find the face of Christ and the family of Christ within us this holy Season and throughout the new year! +

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas! +

Father John

PEACE

## CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

The Ladies Guild is sponsoring their annual **COOKIE SALE TODAY, December 21, between the Masses**. All proceeds go to the Ladies Guild's fundraising efforts in support of our church.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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| Lena Risser      | Victor Cocco    |
| Terry Savino     | Estelle Cashion |
| Jim Carroll      | Danielle Dargue |
| Rose Gizzarelli  | Joan Monaghan   |
| Mark Anderson    | Eugene Gransky  |
| Risser Family    | Ron Reimer      |
| Contreras Family | Jack Rafferty   |
| Fischer Family   | Adam Berkheimer |
| Maureen Harris   | Kim Ciasto      |
| Mark Anderson    | Fr. Mark Moore  |
| Bobby McQueen    | John Donohue    |
| David Nelson     | Peggy Bunn      |

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

### The Feast of the Holy Family

Next weekend celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family & the Gospel of Matthew depicts Magi from the East fulfilling Psalm 72 as the verses 10-11 predict: "May the kings of Tarshish and the islands bring tribute, the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts. May all kings bow before him, all nations serve him." The Gospel of Matthew focuses on how Jesus fulfills Scripture, being the Word of God Himself. How do we fulfill Scripture? Are we like the Magi who come to offer gifts as well as our homage? Our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure in whatever form, if done intentionally, can serve as a gift to our LORD.

## STEWARDSHIP

The Christmas Season is a wonderful time to demonstrate our joy & gratitude for what God gifted us in the Incarnation of Jesus! Charitable organizations experience the increased generosity of people during this time of year as people donate to causes. As St. Paul wrote to the Galatians (6: 10): "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith." We remember that the Church has ministries that reach to many, including ourselves when we are in need.

November 23 Offertory				
Mass	Offertory	Weekly Budget	Variance	Attendance
9:00 am	\$2,220.53	\$2,788.46	\$137.07	9am – 155
11:00 am	\$ 705.00			11am – 146

November 30 Offertory				
Mass	Offertory	Weekly Budget	Variance	Attendance
9:00 am	\$2,114.95	\$2,788.46	\$171.49	9am – 152
11:00 am	\$ 845.00			11am – 175

December 7 Offertory				
Mass	Offertory	Weekly Budget	Variance	Attendance
9:00 am	\$2,052.78	\$2,788.46	-\$49.68	9am – 165
11:00 am	\$ 686.00			11am – 192

YTD Offertory	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
\$ 62,824.02	\$ 64,134.58	-\$1,310.56

Second/Other Collections	Dec 7	Dec Total
Building Fund-9am	\$ 580.41	\$ 580.41
Building Fund-11am	\$ 348.00	\$ 348.00
Holy Trinity Catholic Sch -9am	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00

The **Bicentennial Capital Campaign (BCC) will close at the end of 2025**. Any BCC donations received by the parish must be received by the Stewardship Office for processing no later than Jan. 8, 2026. This includes all donations — no matter if it is by cash, check, credit card, or auto draft. The books close on Jan. 9.

If you have been processing online auto drafts, please discontinue after the Jan. 8 deadline.

THANK YOU for your support and collaboration with the Diocese to bring forth great fruit for South Carolina through the BCC! The gifts to the campaign are at work, bringing parish projects to life, providing services to neighbors in need, and strengthening various Catholic ministries across the state. Truly, God's kingdom is growing here! Please contact Ruthie Major in the Office of Stewardship & Mission Advancement with questions: (843) 261-0438, [ruthie@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:ruthie@charlestondiocese.org).