



Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time February 7, 2021

1300 Carolina Forest Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

Administrator: Father David Nerbun

Mass Schedule

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

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm Thursday: 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday: 6:00 pm

Confessions

Saturday: 2:30 pm

Thursday: 6:00 pm

30 min. before & after Sunday Masses

<u>Safety</u>: 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.

<u>Mass Intentions</u>: We are taking requests for Saturdays, 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.

<u>Sacraments & Funerals</u>: If your child needs Baptism, First Confession, Holy Communion, Confirmation, we can make it happen. If you are 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

The Catholic Community at Carolina Forest has a community subscription to **FORMED**. We will be using several of their movies, Bible studies, & programs for our faith formation going forward as a community.

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Would you like to learn how to make rosaries? Do you already know how to make rosaries and would like supplies? We would like to start a rosary making group here at the Catholic Community at Carolina Forest. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Rose Schaetzl at 845–541–8124 or roseschaetzl@gmail.com.



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. Location: 2132 Oakheart Road, Myrtle Beach (Ollie's Shopping Center)



Kneelers - There are now two custom built kneelers in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel – the room behind the altar. They may be used in prayer or during the sacrament of Confession.



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.

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. Catholic Charities also needs laundry detergent (unscented), dryer sheets, shower cleaner w/bleach, disinfecting wipes, white vinegar, bleach, deodorant, soap, shampoo/conditioner, disposable razors, baby powder, foot powder, new socks and underwear (men/woman) for the Clean of Heart location.

"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, Father David 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 ieffvehige09@gmail.com for more information.

"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.
- Website! We're working on a website, but need help. Want to help set it up or maintain it?

<u>Previous week Collection</u>: \$2,441 <u>Expenses</u>: \$1,747.48 (incl. Seton Rent)





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"When one has nothing more to lose, the heart is inaccessible to fear." — St. Théodore Guérin

Father Ruben Perez and Gabriel

MADRID (<u>ChurchMilitant.com</u>) - Debate in Spain over the incidence of abortion for babies diagnosed with Down syndrome came into focus following a devastating explosion that left four dead at a Catholic parish in Madrid. On Jan. 20, Fr. Rubén Pérez died after a gas leak detonated at the Virgen de la Paloma parish in the Spanish capital. Fr. Pérez was 36 years old and had been ordained to the priesthood in June 2020, after attending Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Madrid. But it was a letter the young priest wrote shortly before his death that has become fodder in the debate over Down syndrome in Spain, where nearly all babies diagnosed with the condition are believed to be killed before birth. <u>Father Pérez</u> wrote about a mystical experience at Mass when he was assisted by an altar boy with Down syndrome.

A complete translation of Fr. Pérez's letter is reproduced below:

Six months after being ordained, my bishop sent me to lead a parish. I replaced a parish priest who had been there for more than 30 years, so I initially found that I was not accepted by the residents of that place. The task was arduous but fruitful, and I would not have had so much fruitfulness without the help of a little boy named Gabriel — the protagonist of this story.

On the second week after arriving there, a young couple presented their very special little son (he has Down syndrome). They asked me to accept him as an acolyte. I thought about rejecting him, and not because he was a differently-abled child, but because of all the difficulties as I began my ministry there. I couldn't say no because when I asked him if he wanted to be an altar boy, he didn't audibly answer but hugged me around the waist. I was convinced.

I made an appointment with him for the following Sunday, 15 minutes before the Eucharist; he was punctual and dressed in his red cassock and rochet that his grandmother had made for him for the occasion.

I must add that his presence there attracted more parishioners because his relatives wanted to see his debut. I had to prepare everything necessary by myself for the Eucharist. I did not have a sacristan or a bell ringer, so I had to run from one place to another, and it was not until before Mass began that I realized that Gabriel knew nothing about how to help. Due to the rush, it occurred to me to tell him: "Gabriel, just do everything I do, okay?"

It should go without saying that the child-like Gabriel is the most obedient boy in the world. So, when we started the Liturgy and kissed the altar, the little guy attached himself to it. During the homily, I saw that the parishioners were smiling when I spoke, which overjoyed my young priestly heart. But then I realized that they weren't watching me but Gabriel, who kept trying to imitate my movements. In any event, this was one of the details of that first Mass with my new altar boy.

When I finished, I told him what to do and what not to do and, among other things, told him that only I should kiss the altar. I explained how the priest joins Christ with this kiss. He looked at me with his big questioning eyes without fully understanding my explanation. And, without concealing his thoughts, he told me: "Well, I want to kiss Him too." I explained again why he should not. In the end, I told him that I would do it for the both of us. He appeared to be satisfied.

But the following Sunday, when starting the Liturgy and kissing the altar, I saw how Gabriel placed his cheek on it and, with a big smile on his little face, did not part from the altar. I told him to stop it. At the end of the Mass, I reminded him, "Gabriel, I told you that I would kiss Him for both of us." Gabriel replied, "Father, I did not kiss Him. He kissed me." Crossly, I said: "Gabriel, don't play with me." He replied: "Really, He showered me with kisses!" The way he said this filled me with holy envy.

When closing the church and saying goodbye to my parishioners, I approached the altar and put my cheek on it, asking: "Lord, kiss me like You kissed Gabriel." That child reminded me that the work was not mine; winning the hearts of those people could only stem from sweet intimacy with the only true priest: Jesus Christ.

Since then, my kiss at the altar is always double, because after kissing Him, I put my cheek there to receive His kiss. Thank you, Gabriel. Bringing others closer to the mystery of salvation calls us to live our own encounter with Him. Like me, with my dear altar boy teacher Gabriel, I learned that before I kiss the altar of Christ, I must be kissed by Him!

Lord Jesus Christ, make us feel your kisses every day so that our hearts may never need any more love because You fill everything.



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