



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY at CAROLINA FOREST

1300 Carolina Forest Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 14, 2021

Administrator: Father David Nerbun

Mass Schedule	Eucharistic Adoration	Confessions
Saturday: 4:00 pm		Saturday: 2:30 pm
Sunday: 7:45 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm		30 min. before & after Sunday Masses
Thursday: 7:00pm	Thursday: 6:00 pm	Thursday: 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 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.

Sacraments & Funerals: We can administer the Sacraments of Baptism, First Confession, Holy Communion, Confirmation, & Marriage. If you or someone you know are struggling physically, psychologically, or spiritually or have an upcoming surgery, we can listen, pray over, and give the Anointing of the Sick. We can do funerals at St. Mark's Coptic Church (next door), local parishes, and funeral homes. For more details, go to www.catholicsatcarolinaforest.com.

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

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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. They also have free faith-based audiobooks and electronic books. 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.



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 Schaeztl at 845-541-8124 or roseschaeztl@gmail.com.



Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule: February 17th, 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm. *Note: due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Father David and Deacon Jim will sprinkle ashes on the crown of your head instead of contacting your forehead this year.* Our offertory collection will go to a local food bank. We ask that you also bring canned fruit or vegetables for Catholic Charities of the Pee Dee to one of those Masses.



“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.

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.

“Going Apostolic Mission” – As Father David mentioned in his homily this past Sunday, a healthy Church is on mission “ad extra” and “ad intra”. It goes out to bring others into the sacramental life of the Church to invite people into a rich and intimate relationship with Jesus and His family, the Christian community. If it is only “going out” it can get burned out and quickly devolves into social services. If it is only “going in” it can become insular, stuffy, and exclusive. As part of Father David’s initiative to “go out” to your homes or neighborhoods, we are beginning to seek “neighborhood representatives” that will coordinate “neighborhood” Masses, rosaries, Bible studies, fellowship/meals, service, etc. and communicate pertinent information. In the meantime, if you would like for Father David to come to your home or neighborhood (Mon, Wed, Fri) to say a Mass (or lead some other form of prayer) and share in fellowship, please determine the 4 W’s (what, who, when, & where) before submitting a request. Send requests to CCatCF@gmail.com.

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.

“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. *Eight have already been claimed.*

Previous week Collection: \$3,802
Second Collection (Seton Rent): \$922
Candlemas Collection \$88

Expenses: \$1,367.86



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“The right question to ask in a time of trial, the one that really helps us go forward, is: “What act of faith am I being called to make, what attitude of trust am I being called to adopt, what conversion to love am I being called to undertake.” – Fr. Jacques Philippe

This August marks 20 years since I began my freshman year at the Catholic University of America (CUA) in Washington, D.C. One of my fondest memories of my time there was what we called “the Rhode Island Challenge.” My college friends and I would attempt to hang in the air from the Metro car ceiling rail for the three minutes it took to go from the Brookland-CUA to the Rhode Island Metro Station. The challenge was particularly brutal towards the end of the ride when the metro car began to slow down and prepare to stop. In those few agonizing seconds, a greater force was added to one’s already strained hands and fingers. It was at this point that most of the “macho guys” dropped to the floor of the Metro car in pain and began bending their fingers and hands to increase the circulation. Occasionally, I and a few others would triumph and make it until the doors of the car opened up at Rhode Island Avenue. I began to think about this college experience when reflecting upon this morning’s (Jan. 29) Mass reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (10:32-39) – *“Remember the days past when, after you had been enlightened, you endured a great contest of suffering...”*

Over the past several weeks, I’ve heard various conservative networks and thinkers warn their adherents that the public policy changes in Washington over the next four years will prompt the Church and her faithful children to experience the greatest restrictions to the free exercise of their religion they have ever endured in this country. Whether these commentators are prophetic or not, we have seen over the past month an uncanny rise in censorship from Big Tech companies of social media platforms and accounts (e.g., Parler and former President Trump) that have decided to play “big brother” and become the “thought police.”

More recently, this past Sunday, Jan. 24, Catholic World Report’s Twitter account was temporarily locked. Twitter accused the free online magazine of violating its “rules against hateful conduct” when it tweeted, “Biden plans to nominate Dr. Rachel Levine, a biological man identifying as a transgender woman who has served as Pennsylvania’s health secretary since 2017, to be HHS Assistant Secretary for Health. Levine is also a supporter of the contraceptive mandate.” CWR believes—but has been unable to confirm—that the “trigger” line was providing a detailed description of Levine as “a biological man identifying as a transgender woman.” Regardless of how anyone might interpret our constitution’s right to free speech, I don’t object to censorship in principle, by and large, because one of the greatest pandemics our country faces today is pornography. And I pray that Big Tech cuts off and buries the multibillion dollar industry that supplies pedophiles with their “drug,” is directly linked to sex trafficking, and has led to the destruction of many marriages and families.

However, what I take issue with is—as the Lebanese-Canadian evolutionary psychologist Gad Saad has noted—that self-censorship has become a pronounced and spreading effect of “woke culture.” Wokeism or woke ideology, as it is sometimes called, includes matters such as identity politics, political correctness, cancel culture, queer theory and critical race theory. Because of the movement’s hostility toward even those who simply and respectfully disagree, people are avoiding the usage of pronouns and other identifying words because they want to be true to their principles and don’t want to suffer being cancelled, fired and ostracized or to have to deal with trolls and hecklers on social media.

Whether or not the “Metro car” is slowing down and it becomes a more strenuous feat to authentically live the Catholic faith, due to draconian governmental policies or greater censorship of classic Judeo-Christian principles, each has been called to publicly take up his cross and follow Jesus. Moreover, as Saint Paul modelled for the early Church and said to the Hebrews, you should learn to “joyfully accept” it and “not throw away your confidence” in doing so. That’s a noble, yet extremely difficult contest and challenge that I accept and invite you to join. Sometimes, we will succeed by the grace of God and spiritual endurance. Other times, we will fall and have to help each other get back up as Simon of Cyrene did for Jesus.

- Father David