

**MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY CALENDAR**



**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS COURT  
ST. JOAN OF ARC # 2471 IN UNITY AND CHARITY**

Catholic Daughters of the Americas puts faith into action through a spirit of love to promote justice, equality, human rights and dignity for all people. We support the following: Catholic Charities "Angel Tree", Victory Junction Camp, The White Ribbon Campaign, along with other non-profit ministries and our ministries within our Church. **Our Chapter meets the third Sunday of each Month.**

**HIJAS CATÓLICAS DE LAS AMÉRICAS TRIBUNAL  
ST. JUANA DE ARCO # 2471 EN UNIDAD Y CARIDAD**

Hijas Católicas de las Américas pone la fe en acción a través de un espíritu de amor para promover la justicia, la igualdad, los derechos humanos y la dignidad de todas las personas. Apoyamos lo siguiente: Caridades Católicas "Angel Tree", Victory Junction Camp, The White Ribbon Campaign, junto con otros ministerios sin fines de lucro y nuestros ministerios dentro de nuestra Iglesia. **Nuestro Capítulo se reúne el tercer domingo de cada mes.**

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The Try Crafting Ministry—Meetings are the first and third Tuesday of the month; beginning at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Questions: Please call Gail Israel at 828-231-4464.

El Ministerio Try Crafting: las reuniones son el primer y tercer martes del mes; A partir de las 10:00 horas en el Salón de Convenciones. Preguntas: llame a Gail Israel al 828-231-4464.

**St. Joan of Arc Library Corner**

**Book Suggestions for January 2025:**

- “A Hill of Beans: The Grace of Every Day Troubles”  
By: Valerie Schulz
- “Praise God and Thank Him”  
By: Jeff Calvins
- “Be Not Afraid”  
By: Pope John Paul II

**Join us for a Religious Reading Roundtable Discussion:**

Readers, come for sharing and discussion of readings in faith. Help us to learn more, reflect more deeply and have time to meditate on the Way and the Truth.

**Upcoming Book Discussions Dates:**

- Thursday, January 9
- Thursday, February 6
- Thursday, March 6

Stop by the Library (Conference Room) and choose a book from the January List or take one off the shelf and join in on the Book Discussions!

**SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2024**

**DECEMBER 7 & 8—RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT**

**DECEMBER 14 & 15—ST. JOAN OF ARC MORTGAGE / BUILDING FUND**

**DECEMBER 21 & 22—ABCCM & ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS, PLEASE SEND IN YOUR OFFERTORY AND DONATIONS FOR THE SECOND COLLECTIONS. YOU CAN ALSO SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING; PLEASE CONTACT PAM McRAE, BOOKKEEPER ON MONDAYS AT 828-670-0051, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00AM—1:00PM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY. **NOTE: PRIESTS' RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT FOR 2024: \$8,803; COLLECTED TO DATE: \$9,586. Thank you, we have exceeded our goal!**

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**SEGUNDA COLECCIONES PARA EL MES DE DICIEMBRE 2024**

**7 Y 8 DE DICIEMBRE—RETIRO RELIGIOSO**

**14 Y 15 DE DICIEMBRE—ST. HIPOTECA DE JUANA DE ARCO / FONDO DE CONSTRUCCIÓN**

**21 Y 22 DE DICIEMBRE: ABCCM Y ST. VICENTE DE PAULI**

NO PUEDE ASISTIR A LA MISA, ENVÍE SU OFERTORIO Y LAS DONACIONES PARA LAS SEGUNDAS COLECCIONES. TAMBIÉN PUEDES REGISTRARTE PARA DAR EN LÍNEA; COMUNÍQUESE CON PAM McRAE, CONTADOR DE LIBROS LOS LUNES AL 828-670-0051, ENTRE LAS HORAS DE 10:00 AM A 1:00 PM. GRACIAS POR SU CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD. **NOTA: CUOTA DE JUBILACIÓN DE LOS SACERDOTES PARA 2024: \$8,803; RECAUDADO HASTA LA FECHA: \$9,586; ¡Gracias, hemos superado nuestro objetivo!**

Stewardship Weekly Summary			
Month of December 2024 / 3rd Sunday of the Month			
5 Sundays in December 2024	Amount Collected	Amount Needed This Week	Difference For This Week's Needs
Offering for Operating Expenses	\$6,490.00	\$5,125.00	\$1,365.00
Mortgage / Building Fund	\$1,234.00	\$840.00	\$394.00
Stewardship Monthly Summary			
Month of December 2024 / 3rd Sunday of the Month			
5 Sundays in December 2024	Amount Collected	Amount Needed This Month	Difference For This Month's Needs
Offering for Operating Expenses	\$23,912.00	\$25,625.00	(-\$1,713.00)
Mortgage/Building Fund	\$16,299.00	\$4,197.00	\$12,102.00

**2024 DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL (DSA)**

Amount Paid	Pledge Balance	Paid & Pledge Balance	Goal	Over/Under	Donors	% of Goal Reached (Paid & Pledged)
\$25,966	\$926	\$26,892	\$28,346	(\$1,454)	57	95%

**Para la Comunidad Hispana**

El Ministerio para los enfermos estamos invitando a que nos informe si conoce a alguien o tiene un miembro de su familia enfermo o en el hospital que no puede asistir a la Santa Misa a si le gustaria que le lleven la Sagrado Comunión a su casa por favor comuníquese con Flor Zacarias a 828-337-7411 o a la Oficina Parroquial 828-670-0051.

**For the Hispanic Community**

The Ministry for the Sick is inviting you to inform us if you know someone or have a member of your family who is sick or in the hospital and cannot attend Holy Mass. If you would like Holy Communion to be brought to your home please Contact Flor Zacarias at 828-337-7411 or the Parish Office 828-670-0051.

**WANTED...VOLUNTEERS**

The following Commissions and Ministries are looking for volunteers 18 years and older:

**Parish Life Commission**—Contact Jo MacWilliam at (828) 777-6096 or email: [jomac1@mac.com](mailto:jomac1@mac.com) or contact Diane Clarke-Hawkins (828) 337-7714 or email: [dhawkins1@charter.net](mailto:dhawkins1@charter.net).

**Buildings & Grounds Commission**— Contact Mike Andreucci at (828) 778-1233 or email: [mijand436@att.net](mailto:mijand436@att.net).

**Liturgy & Spiritual Life** – Hospitality Ministers, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Rosary Leaders, Homebound Eucharistic Ministers and Praying Hearts – Contact Connie Cathey (828) 777-9748 or email: [ccathey@hotmail.com](mailto:ccathey@hotmail.com) or Tim Kelley (828) 777-1514 or email: [wodahstar2@yahoo.com](mailto:wodahstar2@yahoo.com).

You must be a registered parishioner at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. Before you volunteer you must complete full Background, Volunteer and Sexual Misconduct Forms and must have completed a Protecting God's Children workshop and received a Certificate. You can also contact the Parish Office with questions: Carol Wald, Parish Secretary (828) 670-0051 or email: [cawald@rcdoc.org](mailto:cawald@rcdoc.org).

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**BUSCADO...VOLUNTARIOS**

Las siguientes Comisiones y Ministerios buscan voluntarios mayores de 18 años:

**Comisión de Vida Parroquial** - Comuníquese con Jo MacWilliam al (828) 777-6096 o envíe un correo electrónico: [jomac1@mac.com](mailto:jomac1@mac.com) o comuníquese con Diane Clarke-Hawkins (828) 337-7714 o envíe un correo electrónico: [dhawkins1@charter.net](mailto:dhawkins1@charter.net).

**Comisión de Edificios y Terrenos** - Comuníquese con Mike Andreucci en (828) 778-1233 or email: [mijand436@att.net](mailto:mijand436@att.net).

**Liturgia y vida espiritual** – Ministros de hospitalidad, monaguillos, ministros eucarísticos, lectores, líderes del rosario, ministros eucarísticos confinados en sus hogares y corazones en oración – Contacto Connie Cathey (828) 777-9748 or email: [ccathey@hotmail.com](mailto:ccathey@hotmail.com) or Tim Kelley (828) 777-1514 or email: [wodahstar2@yahoo.com](mailto:wodahstar2@yahoo.com).

Debe ser un feligrés registrado en la Iglesia Católica Santa Juana de Arco. Antes de ofrecerse como voluntario, debe completar todos los formularios de antecedentes, voluntariado y conducta sexual inapropiada y debe haber completado un taller sobre Protección de los niños de Dios y haber recibido un certificado. También puede comunicarse con la Oficina Parroquial si tiene preguntas: Carol Wald, Parish Secretary (828) 670-0051 or email: [cawald@rcdoc.org](mailto:cawald@rcdoc.org).

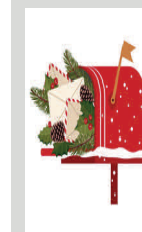
**Stewardship Corner / Rincón de mayordomía**

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

El Evangelio de hoy habla de la Virgen María, embarazada, que se apresuró a ayudar a su prima Isabel. Modelo de buena administración, ella que se había entregado para llevar al Salvador, dio también su tiempo y amor a los demás.

**YOU'VE GOT MAIL!**

The St Joan of Arc Christmas Card post office is officially open. Look for the red mail boxes in the narthex.



**¡TIENES UN NUEVO CORREO!**

La oficina de correos de la Tarjeta de Navidad de Santa Juana de Arco está oficialmente abierta. Busque los buzones de correo rojos en el nártex.

**Saturday, December 21**  
**2nd Collection for ABCCM & St. Vincent de Paul**  
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Meeting Room # 3)  
4:00pm Confession (Church)  
4:25pm Rosary (Church)  
5:00pm Mass Intention for Martha "Carol" Jones, by Fr. Dean Cesa  
6:30pm Posadas

**Sunday, December 22** **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**2nd Collection for ABCCM & St. Vincent de Paul**  
8:30am Spanish RCIA Class w/Teresa Lozada (Conference Room)  
9:00am Choir Rehearsal (Meeting Room # 3)  
9:25am Rosary  
10:00am Mass (English) Intention for Monica Matthews, by Fr. Dean Cesa  
10:30am Faith Formation Class w/Lizzie DeSantiago (Meeting Room # 4)  
11:25am Spanish Rosary  
12:00pm Mass (Spanish) Intention for the people, by Fr. Dean Cesa  
1:00pm-5:00pm Spanish Community breaking down decorations from Our Lady of Guadalupe (Narthex)  
6:30pm Posadas

**Monday, December 23**  
**DIOCESAN HOLIDAY / PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Meeting Room # 3)  
6:30pm Posadas

**Tuesday, December 24** **CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**DIOCESAN HOLIDAY / PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
4:30pm Christmas Carols  
5:00pm Mass (English) - For the People, by Fr. Dean Cesa


**Wednesday, December 25** **CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**DIOCESAN HOLIDAY / PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**ALL FAITH FORMATION CLASSES CANCELLED**  
10:00am (English) - For the People, by Fr. Dean Cesa  
12:00pm (Spanish) - For the People, by Fr. Dean Cesa

**Thursday, December 26**  
**DIOCESAN HOLIDAY / PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**CORO CANCELLED**  
12:00pm Mass Intention for Marie Daley, by Kathy & Pat Daley

**Friday, December 27**  
**DIOCESAN HOLIDAY / PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**SPANISH ROSARY AND ADORATION CANCELLED**  
12:00pm Mass Intention in memory of Dionisio Velez and Apolonia Otero ++ Lucy Mendez


**Saturday, December 28**  
11:00am Bautismo: Giovanni Santiago Castaneda  
12:30pm Graveside (at Green Hills Cemetery): Trudy Carmichael  
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Meeting Room # 3)  
4:00pm Confession (Church)  
4:25pm Rosary (Church)  
5:00pm Mass Intention for Ellie McCurdy, by Fr. Dean Cesa

**Sunday, December 29**  
8:30am Spanish RCIA Class w/Teresa Lozada (Conference Room)  
9:00am Choir Rehearsal (Meeting Room # 3)  
9:25am Rosary  
10:00am Mass (English) Intention in memory of Ernest Plistott + By Eleanor Plistott  
10:30am Faith Formation Class w/Lizzie DeSantiago (Meeting Room # 4)  
11:25am Spanish Rosary  
12:00pm Mass (Spanish) Intention in memory of Bruz Bastardo + By Vilma Villalobos



Let us pray for all those who serve our country in the Military, at home and abroad, and their families. We thank them for their service.

Oremos por todos aquellos que sirven a nuestro país en las Fuerzas Armadas, en casa y en el extranjero, y sus familias. Les agradecemos por su servicio.



**St. Joan of Arc Christmas Eve Concert**

*The St. Joan of Arc Choir will perform a 30 minute program of music immediately prior to the 5:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve. We invite you to come early, get a good seat for Mass, and enjoy the talents of this wonderful group of singers as they perform music that will inspire you do a deeper appreciation of the birth of Jesus Christ. The program will begin in the Church at 4:30pm on Tuesday, December 24.*

## FAITH FORMATION PAGE



### About the Gospel:

Elizabeth said to Mary, "Blessed are you among women...How does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" The Hail Mary contains some of these words. Elizabeth and the baby in her womb (John the Baptist) were the first to recognize Jesus as the Lord.

### In Church:

Find a statue or image of Mary in church and pray a Hail Mary there.

### Question of the Week:

In what ways can you imitate Mary and help bring Jesus to others?

### Family Prayer:

Jesus, teach us to love your mother, Mary, like you. Amen.

### Sobre el Evangelio:

Isabel le dijo a María: "Bendita tú entre las mujeres... ¿Cómo me sucede a mí que la madre de mi Señor venga a mí?" El Ave María contiene algunas de estas palabras. Isabel y el niño en su vientre (Juan el Bautista) fueron los primeros en reconocer a Jesús como el Caballero.

### En la iglesia:

Encuentra una estatua o imagen de María en la iglesia y reza allí un Ave María.

### Pregunta de la semana:

¿De qué manera puedes imitar a María y ayudar a llevar a Jesús a los demás?

### Oración familiar:

Jesús, enséñanos a amar a tu madre María, como tú. Amén.



**Holy Father's Prayer Intention of the Month For pilgrims of hope** – We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

**Intención de oración del mes del Santo Padre Para los peregrinos de la esperanza** – Oramos para que este Año Jubilar fortalezca nuestra fe, ayudándonos a reconocer a Cristo Resucitado en nuestra vida diaria, y que nos transforme en peregrinos de la esperanza cristiana.



### OCIA

Please pray for the following catechumens and candidates preparing for full entry into the Church at the Easter Vigil:

Por favor oren por los siguientes catecúmenos y candidatos que se preparan para el ingreso pleno a la Iglesia en la Vigilia Pascual:

Nena Castro  
Isabella Chavez  
Jose Chavez  
Veronica Cortez  
Guadalupe Gonzalez  
Rodney McCullough  
Molly Parker  
Kevin Quintero  
Alicia Ramos  
Ibeth Raya  
Daniel Vasquez



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## WEEKLY KNIGHT

December 21 & 22, 2024 / Diciembre 21 y 22 de 2024

### Merry Christmas

Knights of Columbus Council 15265 wishes you all a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We thank you for all your support during this past year as we attempt to follow our mission to bring Jesus to the people and places that need Him the most. Through your support of our Coats for Kids drive, our Baby Bottle Drive for pregnancy support, and Bob's Big Cookie sales for those with intellectual disabilities, we were able to serve many in need in our community.



### Feliz navidad

El Consejo Caballeros de Colón 15265 les desea a todos una muy feliz Navidad y próspero Nuevo Año. Le agradecemos todo su apoyo durante el año pasado mientras intentamos seguir nuestra misión de llevar a Jesús a las personas y lugares que más lo necesitan. Gracias a su apoyo a nuestra campaña de Abrigos para niños, nuestra campaña de biberones para apoyo al embarazo y las ventas de Bob's Big Cookie para personas con discapacidad intelectual, pudimos ayudar a muchos necesitados en nuestra comunidad.

### Rosaries

The State Council has started a weekly Rosary every Sunday night at 8:00 PM on Zoom. If you would be interested in participating, please reach out to Tim Kelley for the Zoom link.



### Rosarios

El Consejo de Estado ha iniciado un Rosario semanal todos los domingos por la noche a las 8:00 p. m. en Zoom. Si está interesado en participar, comuníquese con Tim Kelley para obtener el enlace de Zoom

### Perpetual Clothing Drive

We are supporting ABCCM with our perpetual clothing drive. Please bring your gifts of new or lightly worn clothing and place them in the area provided in the corner of the narthex. Thank you for your generosity all year long.



### Colecta perpetua de ropa

Apoyamos a ABCCM con nuestra colecta perpetua de ropa. Por favor traiga sus obsequios de ropa nueva o ligeramente gastada y colóquelos en el área provista en la esquina del nártex. Gracias por su generosidad durante todo el año.

December 21 & 22, 2024

Diciembre 21 y 22 de 2024

Fourth Sunday in Advent / Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Welcome to Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Church

Bienvenidos a la Iglesia Católica de Santa Juana de Arco

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF WEST ASHEVILLE, CANDLER, ENKA & BEYOND!

MOST REVEREND MICHAEL T. MARTIN, OFM  
BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE

Fr. Dean Cesa, Pastor

768 Asbury Road

Candler, NC 28715

Phone: (828) 670-0051

Email: Fr. Dean Cesa ([decesa@rcdoc.org](mailto:decesa@rcdoc.org)) or

Email: Parish Office ([cawald@rcdoc.org](mailto:cawald@rcdoc.org))

On the Web: [stjoanofarccandler.org](http://stjoanofarccandler.org)

Flocknote: [signup at saintjoanofarc1.flocknote.com](http://signup.at.saintjoanofarc1.flocknote.com) –OR–  
Text the word **SJA1** to 84576

"Valuing our Church as a community of faith that is welcoming and affirming, we strive to live and spread our Catholic faith so as to grow and unify the Saint Joan of Arc Parish through prayer, worship and service."

"Al valorar nuestra Iglesia como una comunidad de fe que es acogedora y afirmativa, nos esforzamos por vivir y difundir nuestra fe católica para hacer crecer y unificar la parroquia de Santa Juana de Arco a través de la oración, la adoración y el servicio".

Pastor	Fr. Dean Cesa	828-670-0051
In Case of Emergency	Fr. Dean Cesa	828-670-0053
Pastor's Secretary	Carol Wald	828-670-0051
Bookkeeper (Monday)	Pam McRae	828-670-0051
Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)	Parish Office	828-670-0051
Finance Council	Trisha Nicoll, Chairperson	504-919-3801
Buildings & Grounds Commission	Mike Andreucci, Chairperson	828-778-1233
Faith Formation Commission	Maria Eva Tabora, Commission Leader Tim Kelley, Faith Formation Coordinator Guillermo Miranda, Charlos por Bautismos Lupe Uriostegui, Spanish Adult Faith Formation Teresa Lozada, Spanish RCIA	828-329-4498 828-777-1514 828-367-8976 828-423-3996 828-665-0527
Liturgy & Spiritual Life Commission	Connie Cathey, Chairperson	828-777-9748
Children's Liturgy	Laura Lawrence	828-777-2140
Altar Society	Parish Office	828-670-0051
Praying Hearts Ministry	Elaine Lovelace	828-545-3251
Music Ministry	Parish Office	828-670-0051
Parish Life & Fellowship Commission	Jo MacWilliam, Chairperson	828-777-6096
Bereavement Ministry	Susan Hunter	828- 318-5168
Stewardship Committee	Parish Office	828-670-0051
Catholic Daughters of the Americas	Susan Hunter	828- 318-5168
Knights of Columbus	Mike Andreucci	828-778-1233
Ministerio Hispánico	Antonio Garcia	828-713-3210
St. Vincent de Paul	Pager Number	828-775-1933
Catholic Charities (ccdoc.org)	50 Orange Street, Asheville, NC 28801	828-255-0146



**MASS SCHEDULE**—Subject to change, please listen to announcements:

Wednesday, 11:00am—Adoration

Wednesday, 12:00pm—Mass

Thursday, 12:00pm—Mass

Friday, 12:00pm—Mass

Saturday, 5:00pm—Mass (English)

Sunday, 10:00am—Mass (English)

Sunday, 12:00pm—Mass (Spanish)

**CONFESSIONS**—Saturday, 4:00pm OR Contact Fr. Dean Cesa for appointment.

All other inquiries, please contact the Parish Office, Monday through Friday, 11:00am—3:00pm. Front Doors to the Church are locked at all times.

Para todas las demás consultas, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial, de lunes a viernes, de 11:00 am a 3:00 pm. Las puertas de entrada a la iglesia están cerradas en todo momento.

### SACRAMENTS

**Baptism**—Call Parish Office to arrange preparation class for Parents and Godparents.

**Bautismo**—La clase bautismal es el tercer jueves del mes a las 6:30 p. m. Cuando haya completado la clase, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial para fijar una fecha.

**Matrimony**—Couples planning marriage must contact parish priest at least six (6) months in advance of the marriage.

**Matrimonio**—Seis (6) meses de preparación. Deben ser miembros de la comunidad parroquial. Favor hablar con el padre después de la misa.

**Quinceaneras**—Please call the Parish Office and make an appointment with Fr. Dean Cesa at least four (4) months in advance for preparation information and forms.

Por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial por lo menos con cuatro (4) meses de anticipación. La preparación dura alrededor de un mes. En la Iglesia existen unos formularios que debes llenar; en ellos encontrarás más información.

**Communion Calls & Hospital Calls**—Please call Parish Office to request the Sacraments of Communion or Anointing at home or in the hospital.

**Sacramento de los enfermos**—llamar a oficina a cualquier hora.

**Registration**—New parishioners please register at the Parish Office. Notify the office of any changes to help keep our records up to date.

**Registro**—Los nuevos feligreses por favor regístrese en la Oficina Parroquial. Notifique a la oficina de cualquier cambio para ayudar a mantener nuestros registros actualizados.