

# **Ambo Announcements**

## **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **March 2, 2025**

- Our charitable tithes this Sunday will go to the [Saint Clare Home](#), which is a maternity home for unwed mothers right here in our own diocese. We're very happy to support this important outreach.
- The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in honor of the newly Confirmed members of our parish.
- Our new digital sign along the highway is now complete! I hope everyone enjoys seeing our new sign along Waxhaw Highway.
- What a joy and blessing it was to have our Bishop with us this past Saturday! Thank you to everyone who came to the Mass! Congratulations to our 29 young people who were Confirmed by the Bishop!
- This Sunday in the narthex, we have sign-ups for our Nocturnal Adoration this coming Friday-Saturday, March 7-8. All of our regular First Weekend observances are in place this Friday evening and Saturday morning.
- Everyone is welcome to come and join us for our Mardi Gras Fellowship this Sunday, March 2, at 12:30 PM. Come and get your piece of King Cake!

- The penitential season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Our Masses for the holy day are at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, and 11:00 AM. *Ashes will only be distributed during Mass.* Confessions will be heard after the 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM Masses. After the 11:00 AM Mass, we'll have Adoration and Confessions until 4:00 PM. Solemn Vespers will be prayed at 4:00 PM.

- As a reminder, Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and meat abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of meat abstinence. Good Friday is a day of fasting and meat abstinence. [Here is a full explanation](#) of the Church's practices of fasting and abstinence.
- In observance of Ash Wednesday, there are no morning, afternoon, or evening formation programs from March 4 - 6. Parents, please note, we do not have faith formation on Wednesday, March 5.
- Our Noon Mass on Thursday, March 6, is an outdoor Mass at the Holy Angels Columbarium. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on. The holy Rosary before Mass and the Divine Mercy Chaplet and our weekly Fellowship after Mass will also be outside at the columbarium.

- The parish is pleased to host two Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy from the convent of Saint Faustina in Poland. The Sisters are hosting a Mercy Retreat on Saturday, March 8, from 1:15 PM – 5:00 PM. The retreat will focus on God's message of mercy and compassion. The event is free. No registration is needed. *Everyone is invited!*