



St. Mary's Catholic Church



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Sunday Schedule

All take place in the Parish Center

8:30 AM Eucharist (Eng.)

9:30 AM Faith Formation (Eng.)

11:00 AM Eucharist (Eng.)

12 Noon Faith Formation (Viet.)

1:30 PM Eucharist (Viet.)

4:30 PM Faith Formation (Spa.)

5:00-5:30 PM Sac. Of Recon.

6:15 PM Eucharist (Spa.)

Saturdays

9:00 AM Novena in honor of

Our Lady of the Miraculous

Medal (Small Church)

Eucharist follows

10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon English

Charismatic Group (Small

Church)

4:30 PM Sac. of Recon.

5:30 PM Eucharist (Small

Church)

Daily Eucharist (Mon – Fri)

7:30 AM (Small Church).

Coffee and Morning Prayer

follows (Parish Center).

Eucharistic Adoration

10 A.M.–11: 00 A.M. On 1st.

Sunday of the month.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

January 14, 2018

Psalm: Here I am Lord; I come to do Your will.

1 Samuel 3: 3-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6: 13-20; John 1: 35-42

Our Christian call is to live and die like the Lamb of God. We live like a lamb by leading pure, innocent, humble, selfless lives, obeying Christ's commandment of love by appreciating his loving care and protection. By receiving of the body and blood of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and deriving spiritual strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and sacrament, we die like a sacrificial lamb. Through baptism into the Body of Christ, we are empowered and enabled by the Holy Spirit to free the oppressed. Through the love of the Lamb of God, we are called to comfort and improve the broken spirits of the least fortunate of our community. In other words, through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the glorified Lamb, we are called to empower the human spirit with a sense of identity and purpose. Our call is to bear witness to the Lamb of God. Today's Gospel reminds us that being a disciple of Jesus means we are to grow in faith and become witnesses for him. Bearing witness to Christ is an active rather than a passive enterprise. Knowing Jesus is a matter of experience. One could know the Catechism of the Catholic Church, all 700 pages of it, by heart, and still not know Jesus. Bearing witness to Christ demands we should have personal and first-hand experience of Jesus. We get this personal experience of Jesus in our daily lives through the meditative reading and study of the Bible, through personal and family prayers and through the sacraments, especially by participation in the Eucharistic celebration. Once we have experienced the personal presence of Jesus in our daily lives, we will start sharing with others the Good News of love, peace, justice, tolerance, mercy and forgiveness preached and lived by Jesus.

We, the parishioners of Saint Mary's Catholic Church, are uniquely diverse, both ethnically and culturally, with varied economic, social and spiritual experiences. This uniqueness of diversity strengthens our unified spiritual bond - a common baptism in Jesus Christ. As worshippers seeking to be more Christ-like, we capitalize on the talents and strengths of all to fortify our efforts while serving each other's needs and those of our larger community. To accomplish this goal, we are dedicated to: serving the poor, the forgotten and the unloved; evangelizing ourselves and our neighbors; showing a loving concern for each other; and strengthening our solidarity with the larger community.

January 15 – January 21

Monday, January 15

1 Samuel 15:16-23
Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 16

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 17

Saint Anthony, Abbot
1 Samuel 17:32-33,37,40-51
Mark 3:1-6

Thursday, January 18

1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7
Mark 3:7-12

Friday, January 19

1 Samuel 24:3-21
Mark 3:13-19

Saturday, January 20

Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr
Saint Sebastian, Martyr
Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Samuel 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27
Mark 3:20-21

Sunday, January 21

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
Jonah 3:1-5,10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

PARISH GIFT - \$4,880.72
THANK YOU!

PRAYER REQUESTS

We ask the charity of your prayers for the following members and friends of our parish who are ill:

Y'Blim Adrong, Paul Adup, Claude Anderson, Carl and Barbara Brady, Terry Bradshaw, Mickey Burchfield, Maria Castillo (mother of Victor Castillo), Mary Ann Coleman, Anita Davis, Peggy Daye, Celeste Donohue, Chuck Dupuis, Gwen Drummer, Heather Emper, John Garrett, John Harris, Emily and Joan Harrison, Ashley Henry, Marquita Hunter, Marie Isley, Craig Jones, Loretta Jones, Ellen Kerr, Tom Kerr, Fr. Daniel Kramer, C.M., Essie Laughlin, Brenda MacDonald, Carol McFarland, Betty McKinney, Harry McNeill, Ashley Moore, Kinsley Nellis, H' Ju Nie, Charles Norman, Gabrielle Parker, Cheryl, Billy, Kim, Neal, and Paris Patillo, Marianne Polickoski, Fr. Robert J. Prior, C.M., Halo Rankin, Pat Roberts, Sherry Ross, Melinda Ruffin, Mary Scotton, Rose Simpson, Thomas Scott, Florine Stafford, Ana Swauger, Michael Taylor, Sandra Tinnely, Helen Walson, and Deborah Zargham.

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 P.M. For the Intentions of Maria Nguyen Thi Hong

8:30 AM For National and International Justice

11:30 AM For the Repose of the Soul of Ron Coleman, requested by Sadie McConnell

For the Repose of the Soul of Anthony Akoto, requested by Helen Inedu

PRAYER TO CARE FOR CREATION (OUR COMMON HOME)

Father of all, Creator and ruler of the universe, you entrusted your world to us as a gift. Help us to care for it and all people, that we may live in right relationship-- with You, with ourselves, with one another, and with creation. Christ our Lord, both divine and human, you lived among us and died for our sins. Help us to imitate your love for the human family by recognizing that we are all connected—to our brothers and sisters around the world, to those in poverty impacted by environmental devastation, and to future generations. Holy Spirit, giver of wisdom and love, you breathe life in us and guide us. Help us to live according to your vision, stirring to action the hearts of all— individuals and families, communities of faith, and civil and political leaders. Triune God, help us to hear the cry of those in poverty, and the cry of the earth, so that we may together care for our common home. Amen.

Liturgical Ministers - January 20 – January 21

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Musician
5:30 P.M.	Vivian Teachey	Ardelia Matthews	Pat King
8:30 AM	Catherine Shaw	Anthony Walson – Sheila Magee Tu Dagout – Chris Fombin	Carol Soter
11:00 AM	Ralph Shaw	Trin Krajan – Edith Walson Joseph Kakhu – Mercy Kakhu	Carol Soter

Parish Calendar

PARISH WEBSITE

Please be sure to visit the Parish Website and its new section on Vincentian Family news and the new link, cmeast.org. St. Mary's website address is stmarysgreensboro.org.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 15.

FATHER CHARLIE AWAY

Father Charlie will be away from Wednesday, January 17 through Thursday, January 25.

COMBINED MISSION COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

As part of the diocesan combined collections program, the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Church in Africa, Catholic Home Missions, and the United States Mission Collection have been combined into one second collection. That collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Your contribution to the good work of these organizations will give you an opportunity to participate in the missionary activity of the Church on both a local and world level. This week you should receive a letter from our Chancellor and Vicar General, Msgr. Mauricio West with an informative brochure. Please take the time to read through the brochure and become more familiar with the good work done by each of these organizations. The envelope for this collection is part of your parish envelope packet.

2018 DONATION ENVELOPES

Your 2018 Donation Envelopes are available for pickup in the vestibule of the Parish Center until Monday, January 29.

FATHER JOSEPH ANH LINH NGUYEN, C.M.

Although there is sadness among us that Father Peter is being recalled to his province to be the Provincial Treasurer, we are happy to announce that Father Joseph Anh Linh Nguyen, C.M., has been assigned to St. Mary's Parish by the Vincentian Provincial, Father Stephen Grozio, C.M. pending the approval of Bishop Jugis. Father Joseph will arrive on February 12.

Parish News

ST. MARY'S PASTORAL PLAN

JANUARY 1, 2018 – JANUARY 6, 2019

INTRODUCTION: We as a culturally diverse faith community stand under the influence of the life and the teachings of St. Vincent de Paul in his charism of "Sharing God's Good News with the Poor". We join with other members of the worldwide Vincentian Family in celebration of the 400th anniversary of the birth of this Vincentian charism in "Welcoming the Neighbor". We are asking ourselves: Who are our neighbors among us? How are we welcoming each other? Our vision is to move forward together **TO IDENTIFY** who are our neighbors among us **AND TO WELCOME** our neighbors among us ---so that **WE ARE NEIGHBORS TO EACH OTHER.**

GOAL: To celebrate **WHO WE ARE** and **WHOSE WE ARE** on the occasion of our 90th anniversary as St. Mary's Parish as a culturally diverse faith community standing under the influence of St. Vincent de Paul.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT – PLEASE READ Care of Chairs in Main Room of Parish Center

1. Sit only on single chairs (not on stacked chairs.)
2. Do not put your feet on the chairs – we have step stools and ladders in the storage room and in the shed for your use.
3. Do not kick the seat cushions or the back cushions.
4. Stacks chairs 6 high.
5. When stacking and unstacking chairs, touch only the metal frame and not the cushions because you will rip the screws out of the cushions.
6. Place all screws on the ledge outside the metal kitchen window.

PARISH NURSE

Havy McIntosh has resigned as St. Mary's parish nurse because she will be moving. If anyone has recommendations for parish nurse or is willing and able to be a parish nurse in the Congregational Nursing Program, please contact Father Charlie.

SNOW ALERT!

Please check the parish website (stmarysgreensboro.org) for any cancellations/delays caused by snow or other inclement weather.

2017 DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL – FINAL REPORT

Thank you for all your generosity in supporting the 2017 Diocesan Support Appeal. The final numbers for St. Mary's are as follows:

Total amount collected: \$60,003.31

Pledge balance: \$590.00

Goal: \$45,268.00

Amount collected over goal: \$15,325.31

SCHEDULING ACTIVITIES AT THE PARISH CENTER

ALL ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS in the Parish Center must be scheduled with Anita Lane, the parish secretary. She will put these activities (including the recurring ones!) on the Google Calendar in the Parish Secretary's Office. Please call or email Anita directly. Her phone number and email are on the front page of the parish bulletin. Her office hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send all announcements for weekend bulletins to Anita Lane (anitalane-stmarysrccgbo@outlook.com) by no later than Wednesday afternoon at 4:00PM. This will enable us to place your announcement in that particular weekend's bulletin.

SHARE AND CARE!

Please keep all areas of the parish in a clean and orderly condition; namely, the Parish Center and its storage rooms and sacristy, the grounds, the Small Church (church and basement), the shed, the garage, and the rectory storage rooms. Thank you.

LET'S USE THE WINDSOR CENTER PARKING LOT

To cut down on the overcrowding in the parish parking lot, Windsor Center has given us 52 parking spaces EVERY SUNDAY. We ask you to use Windsor Center Parking Lot. Thank you.

DRIVING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Refugee Ministry at St. Mary's Parish needs volunteers (with reliable vehicles) who will help to transport refugees to Mass every Sunday. Most of the families live about 2 miles from St. Mary's Church, at "Legacy Crossing" off Franklyn Boulevard in Greensboro. For details contact Chris Walson at (336) 383.0795, or Chris Fombin at (336) 339.7251. If you are willing and able to drive parishioners to Mass on Sundays, please see Father Charlie.

Features

FAITH BOOK

From today's Gospel reading:

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him "We have found the Messiah."

Reflection:

The results of being with Jesus are immediate: new followers go out and call others. They become witnesses to what they have experienced. This brings up the possibility of not being so shy in talking about our faith around others.

So we ask ourselves:

- 1) Do I ever share my faith with others? How?
- 2) What are the ways I can witness to my faith in Jesus? Do I?

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

It is important to measure our generosity not by what we give, but by what we have left.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES CORNER

Catholic Social Justice Teachings

Call to Family, Community and Participation

Marriage and the family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. The family has a decisive role as the domestic church to proclaim, celebrate and serve the gospel of life.

"Rouse one another to love and good works." (Hebrews 10:25)

"The family is thus an agent of pastoral activity through its explicit proclamation of the Gospel and its legacy of varied forms of witness, namely solidarity with the poor, openness to a diversity of people, the protection of creation, commitment to the promotion of the common good and the transformation of unjust social structures, beginning where the family lives, through the practice of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy." (On Love in the Family)

Current issues: Do you see your family as a "domestic church?" If so, how? If not, how can you change that?

Community News

MARCH FOR LIFE SPONSORED BY ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

St. Paul the Apostle is sponsoring a one-day trip to Washington for the 2018 National March for Life on Friday, January 19. Cost: \$65 round-trip. For additional information, please either send an e-mail to sueperez1@gmail.com or call 336.643.6199.