



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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 7, 2018

Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3: 2-6; Matthew 2: 1-12

Those who adored Jesus at the time of His birth were composed of shepherds and the Magi. The shepherds offered the only gifts they had, love, tears of joy, and possibly woolen clothes and milk from their sheep. The Magi offered gold, in recognition of Jesus as the King of the Jews, frankincense, in acknowledgment that He was God, and myrrh as a symbol of His human nature. The Epiphany can be looked on as a symbol for our pilgrimage through life to Christ. The feast invites us to see ourselves as images of the Magi, a people on a journey to Christ. Today's gospel also tells us the story of the magi's encounter with the evil King Herod. This encounter symbolizes three reactions to Jesus' birth: hatred, indifference, and adoration. A group of people headed by Herod plans to destroy Jesus. Another group composed of priests and scribes ignores Jesus and members of a third group, shepherds and the magi, adore Jesus and offer themselves to Him.

Let us make sure we belong to the third group by worshiping Jesus at Mass with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility and the frankincense of our adoration. Let us offer our very selves, promising God we will use His blessings by doing good to our fellow men by choosing a better path for our lives. Just as the Magi chose another route to return to their home, let us choose a better way of life, abstaining from proud and impure thoughts, evil habits and selfish behavior and actively doing acts of charity.

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 8 – January 14

Monday, January 8
 The Baptism of the Lord
 Isaiah 55:1-11
 Mark 1:7-11

Tuesday, January 9
 1 Samuel 1:9-20
 Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 10
 1 Samuel 3:1-10,19-20
 Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 11
 1 Samuel 4:1-11
 Mark 1:40-45

Friday, January 12
 1 Samuel 8:4-7,10-22a
 Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, January 13
Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Blessed Virgin Mary
 1 Samuel 9:1-4,17-19,10:1
 Mark 2:13-17

Sunday, January 14
 THE SECOND SUNDAY IN
 ORDINARY TIME
 1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19
 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20
 John 1:35-42

PARISH GIFT - \$5,965.00
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 Father Peter Hung Van Le, C.M. at this time of transition

11:30 AM For the Well-Being of Marquita Hunter, 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 13 – January 14

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Musician
5:30 P.M.	Ralph Shaw	Thelma Hatchett	Pat King
8:30 AM	Augustus Reid	Brut K’ Briuh – Nhu Nguyen MaryJane Okafor – Chika Okafor	Carol Soter
11:00 AM	Cathy Dickerson	Catherine Shaw – Frances Crouch Quyen Cil – Y Ang Hmok	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 COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 9 from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM on the Parish Center.

R.S.V.P.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program meeting and luncheon will be on Wednesday, January 10 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 P.M. All parish seniors and friends are invited. A donation of \$2.00 is requested, if possible, to help defray the cost of lunch. Please come and bring a friend!

BINGO IN THE AFTERNOON

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus will have Afternoon Bingo on Friday, January 12 from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. in the Parish Center. The cost is \$5 for one card and \$15 for four cards. Snacks and soft drinks will be available for purchase. For more information, call Bernie McHale at 336.292.1118.

TRAINING FOR NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/LECTORS/ALTAR SERVERS

Training and practice sessions will be conducted on Saturday, January 13, beginning at 10:00AM in the Parish Center:

- 1) The training for new Eucharistic ministers will occur on that day from 10:00AM to 11:00AM.
- 2) The training for new lectors will occur on that day from 11:00AM to 12 noon.
- 3) The training for new altar servers will occur on that day from 12 noon to 1:00PM. Altar servers need to be 10 years of age or older, have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and have permission of their parent or guardian to participate in this ministry.

We look forward to working with you all for these training and practice sessions.

2018 DONATION ENVELOPES

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

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.

SNOW ALERT!

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

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 Ch

Features

FAITH BOOK

From today's Isaiah reading:

See, darkness covers the earth and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines and over you appears God's glory.

Reflection:

Isaiah reminds us that believers will experience God's "shining" through the darkness. Because of that light in believers, others will "walk by your light." He is speaking of the Gentiles. God is reaching out to non-believers through the light that shines from believers.

So we ask ourselves:

- 1) How and where do I experience the darkness in the world?
- 2) How can I let the light of God shine through others who are in darkness?

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The Magi brought the child Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What gifts do I place before Jesus? My time? My talent? My treasure?

SOCIAL MINISTRIES CORNER

Catholic Social Justice Teachings

Call to Family, Community and Participation

In a culture driven by excessive individualism, our tradition proclaims that the person is not only sacred but also social. Human dignity can only be realized and protected in the context of relationships with the wider society. "It is not good for man to be alone." (Gen 2:18) "Local individuals and groups can make a real difference. They are able to instill a greater sense of responsibility, a strong sense of community, a readiness to protect others, a spirit of creativity and a deep love for the land... Social problems must be addressed by community

networks and not simply by the sum of individual good deeds." (On Care for Our Common Home)

Current issue: If you see a problem within your local community, do you try to handle it alone, or do you network with others to come to a common consensus for a solution? How community minded are you and how likely are you to get involved in grassroots movements?

Community News

MARCH FOR LIFE

NC RIGHT TO LIFE invites you to attend their Annual Rally and March for Life on Saturday, January 13, 2018 in Raleigh, our state capital. The Rally will be held at Halifax Mall at 1:30 PM followed by the March at 2:30 PM. Please note that the procession will go past the Executive Mansion. For more information, please visit ncrtl.org/events or contact Elaine McHale at 336.292.1118.

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.

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