



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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 11, 2018

Psalm: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget You!

II Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

We need to love the Cross, the symbol of God's forgiving and merciful love. The Crucifix, the symbol of the "lifted up" Jesus, holds a central place in our churches because it is a forceful reminder not only of God's love and mercy, but also of the price of our salvation. No Christian home should be without this symbol of God's love. It invites us to more than generosity and compassion, it inspires us to remove the suffering of other peoples' misery. It encourages us not only to feel deep sorrow for another's suffering, but also to try our best to remove that suffering. Our rebirth by water and the Spirit must be an ongoing process. We must lead a life of repentance and conversion, bringing us to renewal of life with the help of the Holy Spirit living within us. The renewal of the Spirit comes when we work with him to be liberated from the bondage of evil habits by using the divine strength we receive through prayer and frequent reception the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. Let us be bearers of Jesus' light and carry it to other people. When we allow the light of God's forgiveness to shine in our lives, it brightens every corner, forgives every sin, restores our relationship with God and renews our lives. The light we give to others can dispel the darkness of their lives and may bring them a completely new outlook on life. Let's not underestimate what the light of Christ can do through us. As Jesus said: "You are the light of the world, your light must shine before people so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven"

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.

March 12 – March 18

Monday, March 12

Isaiah 65:17-21
John 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 13

Ezekiel 47:1-9,12
John 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 14

Isaiah 49:8-15
John 5:17-30

Thursday, March 15

Exodus 32:7-14
John 5:31-47

Friday, March 16

Wisdom 2:1a,12-22
John 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday, March 17

Saint Patrick, Bishop
Jeremiah 11:18-20
John 7:40-53

Sunday, March 18

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33

**PARISH GIFT - \$7,269.00
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, Therese Hatch, Ashley Henry, 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, Rosetta Smith, Thomas Scott, Florine Stafford, Ana Swauger, Michael Taylor, Sandra Tinnely, Helen Walson, the family of Samantha Wright and Deborah Zargham.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

8:30 AM - For the Repose of the Soul of Tran Duy Cuong, requested by Christy Siu Beltran

11:30 AM - 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 - March 17 – March 18

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Musician
5:30 P.M.	Ralph Shaw	Vivian Teachey	Pat King
8:30 AM	Justin Akonful	Brut K’ Briuh – Nhu Nguyen MaryJane Okafor – Chika Okafor	Carol Soter
11:00 AM	Cathy Dickerson	Trin Krajan – Edith Walson Joseph Kakhu – Mercy Kakhu	Carol Soter

Parish Calendar

MONTAGNARD MASS

Hát totol Tý 136, 1 - 2.3.4 - 5.6
Mà ropiêť duh klêp to po-ok, tống nhộng uh ko nlok bắt ko e.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 13 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, March 14 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!

BLACK CATHOLICS MEETING

The Black Catholics Group of St. Mary's will have their monthly meeting on Friday, March 16 at 11:00 AM – 12:00 noon in the Parish Center, Classroom 7. Black Catholics interested in attending or joining this group are invited to come.

LENTEN FISH FRY

The next date for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry will be Friday, March 23. It will take place in the Parish Center from 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM. The eat-in or carry-out price for adults is \$7.00 and \$4.00 for children. The menu will include Fried Pacific White Fish with Tartar or Cocktail sauce, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Hush Puppies, and Ice Tea as well as assorted Soft Drinks.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Please note that St. Mary's Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the Easter Egg Hunt this year. The hunt will take place following each Mass on Easter Sunday. Parishioners are invited to donate money and/or candy for this event.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please be aware that the Stations of the Cross in English take place in the small church at 5:30 PM each Friday of Lent through March 23.

TRIDUUM CHOIR FOR HOLY WEEK

This year, as in the past, we are in need of your voice to praise God during Holy Week! Once again, our Multilingual Holy Week Choir, under the direction of Dom Tran, will lead us in song for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Practices will take place on Sundays from 3:00 PM to 4:15 PM in the Parish Center on March 11, March 18 & March 25.

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 29 – 8:00 PM
Friday, March 30 – 8:00 PM
Saturday, March 31 – 8:00 PM

TRIDUUM PARKING

For all Triduum services, please enter the parking lot on Duke Street and enter onto Gorrell Street. Please turn left, not right, when you exit onto Gorrell Street.

EASTER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

On Easter Sunday (April 1), all Masses will take place at their regularly scheduled times.

Parish News

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2018

We are now six weeks into the Diocesan Support Appeal campaign, and as of March 5, thirty-nine of our parishioners have contributed. We need each of you to help us reach our goal of \$ 40,979.00.

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL (DSA) REPORT

Target amount - \$40,979.00
Amount collected - \$6,685.15
Pledge balance - \$ 5,342.20
Total balance - \$28,951.65

PARISH NURSE

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.

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. Please note that both the Diocesan Support Appeal video is on the parish website in English and in Spanish.

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-stmarysrcgbo@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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

If we give our time, talent and treasure according to God's principles, God will not disappoint us. The young man, who gave his loaves and fishes to help feed the multitude, didn't have to go without dinner.

FAITH BOOK

From today's Gospel reading:

(Jesus said to Nicodemus) "But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that their works may be clearly seen as done in God."

Reflection:

When John speaks of the truth, it is not about abstract doctrine, or book knowledge. It is not enough to speak and

know doctrine and laws - we have to be doers of the truth.

We have to live the truth of the gospel and witness to it in all aspects of our lives.

So we ask ourselves:

- 1) How does the truth of Jesus' gospel show in my words and actions?
- 2) What must I do this Lent to make that truth more obvious to others?

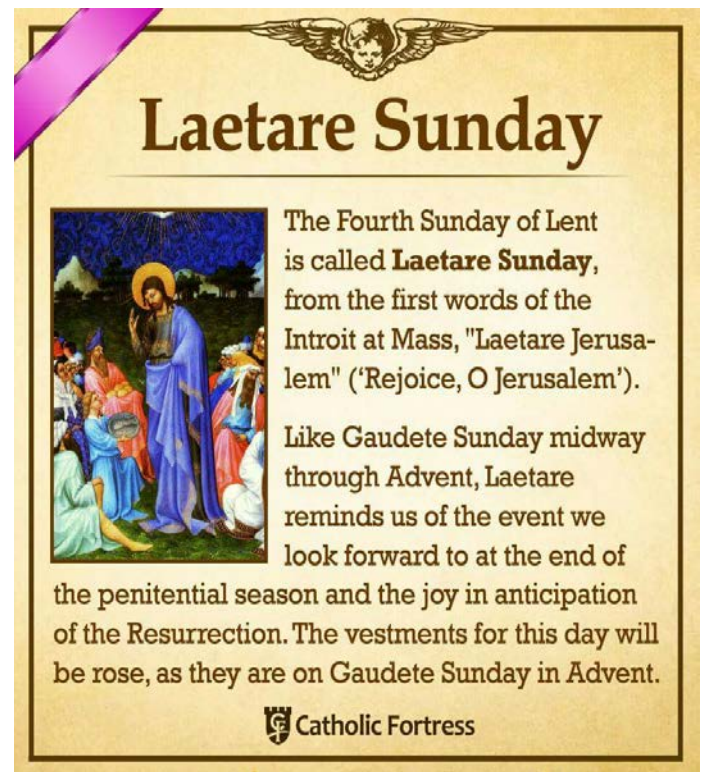
SOCIAL MINISTRIES CORNER

Catholic Social Justice Teachings

The Dignity of Work: Work has a place of honor because it is a source of riches, or at least of the conditions for a decent life, and is, in principle, an effective instrument against poverty (cf. Pr 10:4). But one must not succumb to the temptation of making an idol of work, for the ultimate and definitive meaning of life is not to be found in work. Work is essential, but it is God — and not work — who is the origin of life and the final goal of man.

The Lord blesses our work so that we may share its fruits with others. (Deut. 14:28-29) "Man must work out of regard for others, especially his own family, but also for the society he belongs to, the country of which he is a child, and the whole human family of which he is a member, since he is the heir to the work of generations and at the same time a sharer in building the future of those who will come after him." (Pope John Paul II, On Human Work)


Current issue: How does the work you do, whether that is in paid employment or as a volunteer, contribute to the overall welfare, not just economically, of your family, your community?



Laetare Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called **Laetare Sunday**, from the first words of the Introit at Mass, "Laetare Jerusalem" ("Rejoice, O Jerusalem").

Like Gaudete Sunday midway through Advent, Laetare reminds us of the event we look forward to at the end of the penitential season and the joy in anticipation of the Resurrection. The vestments for this day will be rose, as they are on Gaudete Sunday in Advent.

 Catholic Fortress