



# 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sunday of the month.

## **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**March 25, 2018**

**Psalm: My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?**

**Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14: 1—15:47**

*“Heaven rejoices over a repentant sinner and sheds tears over a non-repentant, hardhearted one.” Let us get ready to imitate the prodigal son and return to God, our loving Father, through the sacrament of reconciliation during this last week of Lent and participate fully in the joy of Christ’s resurrection. Our Church is the Church for all seasons. God expects us to produce fruits of holiness, purity, justice, humility, obedience, charity, and forgiveness. Let us discover whether we are fruit-bearing fig trees, barren trees or useless trees producing bitter fruits of impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, jealousy and selfishness. Are we ready to surrender our lives to Jesus during this Holy Week and welcome him, singing our “hosanna,” into all areas of our lives as our Lord and Savior? Today, we receive palm branches at the Divine Liturgy. Let us take them to our homes and put them some place where we can always see them. The palms are meant to remind us that Christ is the king of our families, Christ is the king of our hearts and Christ is the only true answer to our quest for happiness and meaning in our lives. And if we do proclaim Christ as our king, let us try to make time for him in our daily life; let us be reminded that he is the one with whom we will be spending eternity. Let us be reminded further that our careers, education, finances, homes, and all of the basic material needs in our lives only pertain to our life in time and will vanish, for us, with our death. Let us prioritize and place Christ the king as the primary concern in our lives. It is only when we have done so that we will find true peace and happiness in our confused and complex world.*

**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 26 – April 1**

**Monday, March 26**

Isaiah 42:1-7  
John 12:1-11

**Tuesday, March 27**

Isaiah 49:1-6  
John 13:21-33,36-38

**Wednesday, March 28**

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Matthew 26:14-25

**Thursday, March 29**

Exodus 12:1-8,11-14  
I Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-15

**Friday, March 30**

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)  
Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12  
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
John 18:1 – 19:42

**Saturday, March 31**

Holy Saturday  
Genesis 1:1 – 2:2  
Exodus 14:15 – 15:1  
Mark 16:1-7

**Sunday, April 1**

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD  
Acts 10:34a,37-43  
I Corinthians 5:6b-8  
John 20:1-9

***PARISH GIFT - \$6,686.00  
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, Deacon Vincent Shaw, Rose Simpson, Rosetta Smith (mother of Laura Scales), Thomas Scott, Florine Stafford, Ana Swauger, Michael Taylor, Sandra Tinnely, Helen Walson, Mandy Weaver, 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 Joseph Hnhnam, 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 31 – April 1**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Musician</b>
5:30 P.M.	Thelma Hatchett	TBA	Pat King
8:30 AM	Chris Fombin	MaryJane Okafor – Chika Okafor Bem K – Bom Ka	Carol Soter
11:00 AM	Mercy Kakhu	Ezenwa Ike – Jan Chapman-Braxton Chris Walson – Edith Walson	Carol Soter

## Parish Calendar

### SEMINARIANS AND PRIESTS' CONTINUING EDUCATION – SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

We ask for your generous response to the second collection which will be taken in all churches of our diocese on Easter weekend. This collection will help meet the growing needs of our Seminarian program. We currently have 27 young men studying for the priesthood at St. Joseph Seminary here in Charlotte, the Pontifical College Josephinum Seminary in Ohio and at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. We look forward to the time when they will be able to begin their service as priests in the Diocese of Charlotte. This collection will also fund continuing education opportunities for priests currently serving in our diocese.

### ENGLISH-LANGUAGE FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

English-language faith formation will not meet on Palm Sunday (March 25) or on Easter Sunday (April 1.) We will be back in session on Sunday, April 8. Have a Blessed Easter!

### 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. The final practice will take place today, March 25, from 3:00 PM to 4:15 PM in the Parish Center.

### EASTER VIGIL REHEARSAL

Easter Vigil Rehearsal will take place on Monday, March 26 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. All who are involved in the Easter Vigil are to attend this practice.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

\***Palm Sunday, March 25** - regular Mass Schedule

\***Holy Thursday, March 29** - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8:00 P.M.

(There will be no Mass at 7:30 A.M.)

\***Good Friday, March 30** - Stations of the Cross at 12:00 Noon in the Small Church

Live Stations of the of the Cross at 1:00 P.M. on the Parish Grounds (Spanish)

*Celebration of the Passion of the Lord* - 8:00 P.M.

\***Holy Saturday, March 31** - Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 P.M.

\***Easter Sunday, April 1** - regular Mass schedule

### PARISH OFFICE AND PARISH CENTER CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF EASTER

Both the Parish Office and Parish Center will close on Thursday, March 29 at 12:00 noon and will remain closed through Monday, April 2. There will be no activities apart from Triduum/Easter Masses in the Parish Center during this time. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, April 3.

### MASS ON MONDAY, APRIL 2

Please note that the daily Mass on Monday, April 2 will be at 9:00 AM, not 7:30 AM.

### 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 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.

### SOCIAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE MEETING

The Social Ministries Committee will meet at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 3 in the Parish Center.

### BIBLE STUDY

Beginning on Wednesday, April 11 and continuing for 5 more weeks, English-language Bible Study will once again begin. We will be studying the *Parables of the Kingdom*. The sessions will be held in the morning (10:00AM - 12:00 noon) and again at night (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.) For more information or to register, please contact Susan Fullam at (336) 681.2376 or susan\_fullam@yahoo.com.

## Parish News

### SHARE AND CARE – PLEASE READ

Parish secretary's office: I wish to remind everybody that the parish secretary's office is also the parish reception area. As a result, there are many people and many papers in the same area at the same time around the same desk and the same cabinet. Please respect and leave in place anything that belongs only in the parish secretary's office, because materials have gotten displaced and misplaced that are exclusively for the parish secretary's use.

The parish secretary's office is also used for meetings with parishioners. Please respect their privacy and keep all traffic in this area to a minimum.

In addition, the area outside the sacristy is used for vesting for the priests, deacons and altar servers. Please keep this area clear so they can prepare for Mass.

*Father Charlie*

### NEED FOR A PIANIST

St. Mary's is looking for a pianist to play for the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass. If interested, please contact Al Baxter at 240.274.0345.

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

Target amount - \$40,979.00

Amount collected - \$9,868.15

Pledge balance - \$ 6,728.28

Total balance - \$24,382.57

### 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](http://cmeast.org). St. Mary's website address is [stmarysgreensboro.org](http://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 400<sup>th</sup> 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 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary as St. Mary's Parish as a culturally diverse faith community standing under the influence of St. Vincent de Paul.

#### 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-stmarvsrcgbo@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.

#### 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

#### CULTURE OF LIFE – A PRO-LIFE CORNER

Today I was conceived in my mother's womb. I am very tiny, because my body has only one cell, which is smaller than the period at the end of this sentence. As tiny as I am, my one-celled body contains a molecule, called DNA, one meter in length, but very tightly coiled in spiral shapes, which form 46 human chromosomes. In conceiving a child, parents pass on matter and energy, but they reproduce information, which pass on in their genes to their children, generation after generation. These genes will tell what I will look like, and tell my body to grow, atom by atom, molecule by molecule, cell by cell, step by step for the rest of my life. My single-celled body is more specialized than any other known cell in the universe. While my body has just one cell, scientists call me a "zygote."

#### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Stewardship reminds us to count our blessings, acknowledge God's gifts to us and express thanks to Him by a proportionate giving of our time, talent and treasure.

#### FAITH BOOK

**From today's Gospel reading:**

Those preceding Jesus as well as those following kept crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

**Reflection:**

Humans fight to gain power over others. Disciples are not exempt from these ambitions. However, Jesus knew that God's rule would come by His patient suffering and death. How different that is!

While the crowd in Jesus' day and we today look for displays of power, Jesus offers us the cross.

**So we ask ourselves:**

- 1) Does God's power appear as weakness to the world?
- 2) If so, what could this mean?

#### SOCIAL MINISTRIES CORNER

*Catholic Social Justice Teachings*

##### The Dignity of Work

By his work and industriousness, man — who has a share in the divine art and wisdom — makes creation, the cosmos already ordered by the Father, more beautiful. He summons the social and community energies that increase the common good above all to the benefit of those who are neediest. Human work, directed to charity as its final goal, becomes an occasion for contemplation, it becomes devout prayer, vigilantly rising towards and in anxious hope of the day that will not end. "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" (John 6:29) "Jesus Christ gives an eloquent example to the place of work in the Christian life, as a man of work, a craftsman, and member of the working world. He appreciated and respected human work. Sweat and toil presents the Christian, and everyone called to follow Christ, with the possibility of sharing in the work that Christ came to do." (Pope John Paul II, *On Human Work*)

**Current issue:** The corporal works of mercy, while not paid work, are vital to living out our Christian vocation of love for one another. How aware are you of opportunities to act on one of the works of mercy?

## Community News

#### STAGE PRODUCTION OF DRIVING MISS DAISY

The 40+ Stage Company cordially invites you to the stage production of *Driving Miss Daisy*. The play will be held at 2:00 PM on March 23 – March 29 and March 31 at 2:00 PM; it will take place at 7:30 PM on March 23 and March 28 – March 31. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$12 for students. The production will be in the Milton Rhodes Center for the Arts, 251 N. Spruce St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101. For additional information, please call 336.725.8916 or visit [rhodesartscenter.org](http://rhodesartscenter.org).

#### PRO-LIFE EVENT ON GOOD FRIDAY

You are invited to join fellow pro-lifers to offer an ecumenical "Way of the Cross for Victims of Abortion."

**Date and time:** Good Friday, March 30, 2018 at 12:00 noon

**Location:** Planned Parenthood, 3000 Maplewood Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC 27103

**Details:** Please park at 2909 Maplewood Avenue (Triad ObGyn) or legal street spots

**Local contact:** Samantha Hogan, (757) 777.4205 or [smhogan18@gmail.com](mailto:smhogan18@gmail.com).

#### PALM SUNDAY



## **DID YOU KNOW?**

The Catholic Church has had three African Popes. These three Popes came from the region of North Africa. All of them are saints.

The first: **Pope Saint Victor I** was the 14<sup>th</sup> Pope and ruled from 189AD – 199AD. He was born in the Roman Province of Africa and held the office for 10 years, 2 months and 10 days. Pope Victor changed the Mass from Greek to Latin. He was said to have decided when to celebrate Easter. Reportedly, after his death, he was buried near the body of the St. Peter, the first acknowledged Pope in the Vatican. Pope Saint Victor I's feast day is July 28.

The second: **Pope Saint Miltiades** was a Roman of African descent. He was the 32<sup>nd</sup> Pope and held the office from 311AD – 314AD. He reigned for 4 years, 7 months and 8 days (until his death.) Pope Saint Miltiades wrote many Catholic hymns and settled issues about fasting. He was buried in the Catacomb of St. Callistus on the famous Appian Way. Pope Saint Miltiades was the last pope buried there. His feast day is January 10, the date of his death.

The third: **Pope Saint Gelasius I** was born in Rome and was of African descent. He was the 49<sup>th</sup> Pope; he reigned from 492AD – 496AD. Of the three African Popes, he seems to have been the busiest and the fairest. He was known for his liberality to the poor. He also declared February 14<sup>th</sup> as “Valentine’s Day” to honor Bishop Valentine, who had been executed. The feast day for Saint Gelasius is November 21<sup>st</sup>.

All of these Popes accomplished many noble tasks during their tenure and made significant contributions to the Catholic Church.

