



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)

Holy Days of Obligation (English Mass)

7:15 AM - Small Church
12:00 noon – 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. (Small Church)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

December 23, 2018

Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

Christmas is the ideal time for us to be filled with the spirit of Christ, allowing his rebirth within us. He enables us to share his love with all whom we encounter by offering them humble and committed service, unconditional forgiveness and compassionate caring. Sharing Jesus with others is the best Christmas gift we can give. God wants each of us, like Mary, to carry to those around us the Lord of Life. It is easy to send flowers, Christmas cards or gifts. To give the gift of oneself, however, is the greatest gift of all. Let us take the time to visit others this Christmas, to bring some inspiration into their lives, and hopefully to bring them closer to God. Let us share with them the Spirit of God, the Spirit of consolation, of courage, of peace and joy, just as Mary did. During the Christmas Season, God calls us into action as he did Mary. Is there anyone we know who is lonely, in a nursing home, ill or bedridden? Can we help him or her with a brief visit? Is there extra food in our pantry that a poor family could use?

As we journey with Mary let us continue to contemplate our own life's journey -- its joys and sorrows, its triumphs and its tragedies. Our Christian journey began in Christ at the baptismal font and continues as he nourishes us along the way with the food of his Word and the food of his flesh. It will end with Christ as we await our blessed end and join him and all his saints in heavenly splendor. It is up to us to prepare for that great day by spending our lives glorifying God in serving others with love and commitment.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

From the Liturgy of Hours for Christmas

“God of love, Father of all, the darkness that covered the earth has given way to the bright dawn of your Word made flesh. Make us a people of this light. Make us faithful to your Word, that we may bring your life to the waiting world. Grant this through Christ our Lord.” Amen.

December 24- December 30

Monday, December 24

Late Advent Weekday

Morning

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 16

Luke 1:67-79 (200)

Tuesday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

Vigil: Isaiah 62:1-5 / Acts of the

Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25

Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Isaiah 9:1-6/Titus2:11-14/

Luke 2:1-14

Dawn: Isaiah 62:11-12/Titus 3:4-7/

Luke 2:15-20

Day: Isaiah52:7-10/Hebrews 1:1-6/

John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Wednesday, December 26

Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10;

7:54-59 / Matthew 10:17-22

Thursday, December 27

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 John 1:1-4 / John 20:1a, 2-8

Friday, December 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 John 1:5-2:2 / Matthew 2:13-18

Saturday, December 29

Fifth Day within the Octave of the

Nativity of the Lord

1 John 2:3-11 / Luke 2:22-35

Sunday, December 30

The Holly Family of Jesus, Mary

and Joseph

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 / 1 John

3:1-2, 21-24 / Luke 2:41-52

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), Janet Cella, 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, Christine C. Jones (mother of Vivian Porter), Craig Jones, Loretta Jones, Ellen Kerr, Tom Kerr, Michael Cel Kmok, Daniel Kramer, C.M., Essie Laughlin, Brenda MacDonald, Carol McFarland, Betty McKinney, Daniel McMillan, Harry McNeill, Ashley Moore, Kinsley Nellis, H' Ju Nie, Charles Norman, Gabrielle Parker, Cheryl, Billy, Kim, Neal, and Paris Patillo, Sharon Pauling, John Poe, Marianne Polickoski, Halo Rankin, Victor Rice, Pat Roberts, Sherry Ross, Melinda Ruffin, Mary Scotton, Catherine Shaw, Rose Simpson, Rosetta Smith (mother of Laura Scales), Father Robert Stone, C.M., Thomas Scott, Stu Shaw, Joey Shaw, Florine Stafford, Yvonne Stewart, Ana Swauger, Michael Taylor, Sandra Tinnely, Helen Walson, Mandy Weaver, Shalonda Williams, Theresa Womack, the family of Samantha Wright, Deborah Zargham and Jan M. Antoniewicz.

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30 PM – For the Repose of the Souls of Dorothy Jackson, requested by her sister Karla McLucas.

8:30 AM – For the Repose of the Soul of Margaret Bauman, requested by Dennis and Maxine Howard

11:00 AM - For the Repose of the Soul of Anthony Akoto, requested by Helen Inedu

ST. JOHN KANTY, PRIEST

John was born at Kanty in the diocese of Cracow in 1390. After his ordination to the priesthood, he taught for many years at the academy in Cracow and then became pastor of the parish at Olkusz. He distinguished himself as an orthodox teacher of the faith and by his piety and love of neighbor gave Christian example to his colleagues and students. He died in 1473.

Parish Weekly Events

***NOTICES FOR ALL LANGUAGE COMMUNITIES**

CHRISTMAS EVE and CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

December 24th 7:30 AM Daily Mass, Small Church
5:00 PM English Mass, Parish Center
6:30 PM Spanish Mass, Parish Center
9:00 PM Vietnamese Mass, Parish Center
MIDNIGHT English Mass, Small Church

December 25th 10:00 AM English Mass, Parish Center
12:00 PM Vietnamese/Montagnard Mass,
Parish Center

NEW YEAR'S EVE and NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

December 31th 7:30 AM Daily Mass, Small Church
5:00 PM English Mass, Parish Center
6:30 PM Spanish Mass, Parish Center
9:30 PM Vietnamese Mass and New Year's
Celebration Party, Parish Center

January 1st 10:00 AM English Mass, Parish Center
1:30 PM Vietnamese Mass, Parish Center

HOMEBOUND/SICK?

If you know of anyone who is homebound, ailing, hospitalized and in need of a pastoral care, please advise one of our priests.

2019 DONATION ENVELOPES

Your 2019 donation envelopes will be available for pickup in the parish center the weekends of December 22 and 23 and December 29 and 30. The envelopes for surnames A – M will be in classroom 3 and the envelopes for surnames N – Z will be in Classroom 4.

***EVENTS IN THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITY**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE FAITH FORMATION TIME CHANGE

The English language faith formation will not be in session the following Sundays December 23 and 30. Beginning January 6, 2019, English language faith formation will resume at 9 am following the 8 am Mass. Our catechists pray that you have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice for the 11:00 AM Mass is held each Tuesday night at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center.

ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHARISMATIC GROUP

Please be advised that the English-language Charismatic Group meets each Saturday from 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon in the small church.

***EVENTS IN THE VIETNAMESE-SPEAKING COMMUNITY**

TNTT VOLUNTEER WORK SCHEDULE

TNTT is scheduled to come to The Urban Ministry on Friday, 1/18/19 from 5pm-8pm to prepare food & serve dinner to the homeless.

WEEKLY YOUTH GROUP MEETING

The Vietnamese Youth Group meets every Friday night at 8:30 PM in the Parish Center.

WEEKLY VIETNAMESE SENIORS' LUNCHEON AND MASS

Please be advised that each Tuesday from 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon, there is a Vietnamese-language luncheon in the Parish Center followed by Mass in the small church. All are welcome to come.

WEEKLY VIETNAMESE-LANGUAGE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND MASS

Is held each Thursday at 8:00 PM at the small Church. All are welcome to come.

***EVENTS IN THE SPANISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITY**

PRE-BAPTISMAL TALK

The next pre-baptismal talk will take place on Sunday, January 13 in the Parish Center following Spanish Mass.

BAPTISM REQUIREMENTS

1. Children (newborns-6 years of age) can be baptized and do not need to attend Catechism classes.
2. The family must live in Greensboro. If they do not attend St. Mary's, they must present permission from their own parish priest in order for the child to be baptized at St. Mary's
3. Parents and godparents (sponsors) must have attended the pre-baptismal talk before the date of baptism.
4. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics and must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Bring copies of certificates.
5. If the Sponsors are married, they must be married in the Roman Catholic Church
6. Sponsors must attend mass regularly.

SPANISH-LANGUAGE CHARISMATIC GROUP

The Spanish-language Charismatic Group meets each Friday evening from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM in the small church.

SPANISH-LANUGUAGE RCIA

Please note that each Monday at 7:00 p.m. Spanish language RCIA is held in the Parish Center.

ACTIVITIES TO HELP AND COOPERATE FOR OUR PARISH.

We are trying to organize food sales every Sunday after mass to raise funds for our upcoming kermesses, we invite everyone to support these activities. If interested, please contact Deacon Enedino Aquino (336) 963-3704 or Paloma Segura (336) 303-2578. Thank you!

Parish Doings

WHO WE ARE AT ST. MARY'S

The last weeks before Christmas has seen a flurry of activities and celebrations by many parishioners. Some of our children have been preparing with singing and dancing rehearsals. Some children are preparing for the annual Vietnamese Christmas Eve play with the dance and song. The adult choirs have been rehearsing for our Christmas liturgies. The staff and leadership groups have been preparing for the physical, security, social and outreach activities that are highlighted by the season. Our youth group has decorated the small church and our Council members have been preparing for the upcoming New Year with planning, and financial oversight and budgeting. In short so many men, and women of all ages at St. Mary's have come to make room for the Christ child to be born anew and to offer gifts that come from their hands, hearts, and souls. If you know of anyone who is making a contribution here or within the community please do not hesitate to contact St. Mary's office. God Bless you!

PLEASE NOTE...

The Parish Office has new office hours: Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Beginning on January 6th, the *Sunday English Mass* times will change. The 8:30 a.m. Mass will become the 8:00 a.m.; and the 11:00 a.m. will become the 10:30 a.m. The English-Speaking Faith Formation program will begin at 9:00 a.m.

BEGINNING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23rd NEW TRAFFICE PATTERNS

As we look to further insure your safety and security please note that we will be putting in a new pattern for the traffic flow into and out of the Church parking areas.

ENTRANCE (ONLY) off DUKE STREET and EXIT (ONLY) off GORRELL STREET.

Please be mindful that we have traffic monitors to direct you. Thank you for your cooperation.

Invitations to Celebrate Our Faith

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

As we enter the Advent Season and the Church’s New Year may we take a moment to consider how God has moved to bless us as we prepare for his Son’s coming among us and being with us as Emmanuel.

PARISH GIFT
\$12,050.00
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT
\$2,418.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



Community News

GOING BEYOND DATE NIGHT – A 25 HOUR MARRIAGE GETAWAY February 9-10 in Hickory, NC

Leave your kids and all the household chores behind and take off on a 25-hour marriage retreat with your spouse, February 9-10 in the beautiful mountains of Hickory, North Carolina. Whether you are newlyweds or have been married for decades, take some time to relax and renew your connection with each other. Marriage is a lifelong adventure of growing together through every age and stage of life. The happiest couples are those who commit to learning skills that help them weather difficult seasons and deal confidently with relationship challenges. The 25-hour marriage retreat will include reflections on marriage by Catholic couples with opportunities for reconciliation, spiritual dialogue, Mass, and adoration with a Legion of Christ priest. The retreat has been designed to be a quiet and reflective time for couples to focus on God and each other. The cost is \$315/per couple. Accommodations, meals &

materials are provided. For more information and to register, go to www.rcgreatercharlotte.com.

2019 MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC

Please Join pro-life America at the 2019 March for Life to be a voice for the voiceless! The trip will be a 24 hour trip picking up on Thursday night January 17th, 2019 and returning Friday night January 18th, 2019. There will be a stop at the Basilica of the National Shrine for visitation and Mass before heading to the March on the National Mall. Please contact Chris Ray at 336-602-0199 or christopher.ray29@aim.com if interested and for more information.

Also go to <http://marchforlife.org/mfl2019/>.

DSA ANNOUNCEMENT

As the end of the year approaches, we ask you to remember to complete your DSA pledge by December 31. Our diocesan ministries and our parish are counting on you, and thank you for your support. If you have not yet contributed, you can make a one-time donation online at www.charlottediocese.org/dsa. Remember, any amount over our goal will be returned to the parish for our own use.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Brothers and sisters in Christ. This is my, Fr. Joseph’s and Fr. Tom’s first Christmas with you and we are privileged to celebrate this Christ’s birth and the story of our salvation at St. Mary’s. We pray that you and yours will find the joy and peace of the season. May it bring you closer to the God who is with us, so that you will always know the love that said yes to you and the world. I would like to share with you a Christmas Homily from Saint Leo the Great, a pope from 440 till 461 for your reflection upon the season.

“Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness. No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness. Let the pagan take courage as he is summoned to life. In the fullness of time, chosen the unfathomable depths of God’s wisdom, the Son of God took for himself our common humanity in order to reconcile it with its creator. He came to overthrow the devil, the origin of death, in that very nature by which he had overthrown mankind. And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy” Glory to God in the highest, and they proclaim peace to his people on earth as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvelous work of God’s goodness, what joy should it no bring to the lowly hearts of men?”

PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 24 THROUGH DECEMBER 26.