



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)

THE HOLY FAMILY (C)

December 30, 2018

1Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; 1John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52

On the last Sunday of the calendar year, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. On this feast day we are offer our families and all its members on the altar for God's blessing. In the second reading, John reminds us that, as children of God the Father, we are members of God's own family, and as such we are expected to obey the greatest commandment of God: "love one another" so that we may remain united to God in the Holy Spirit.

The Church encourages all Christian families to look to the Holy Family for inspiration, example and encouragement. It was a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other as God's gifts, and raised their child in human and divine wisdom. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds parents that they have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children as the Holy family did, by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and service are the rule (2223). On the Feast of the only perfect family that ever lived on this earth, all parents might examine themselves and see how well they are fulfilling the grave responsibility which God has placed on them. As they heard during their marriage ceremony: "children are a gift from God to you." Children serve as the joy of their parents' young years and the help and comfort of their old age, but above and beyond that, they are a gift for which their parents are accountable before God, as they must, in the end, return these, His children, to Him. Let us pray for the grace of caring for one another in our own families, for each member of the parish family, and for all families of the universal Church.

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

From the Liturgy of Hours, Office of readings for January 1st

"Father, source of light in every age, the virgin conceived and bore your Son who is called Wonderful God, Prince of Peace. May her prayer, the gift of a mother's love, be your people's joy through all ages. May her response, born of a humble heart, draw your Spirit to rest on your people. Grant this through Christ our Lord." Amen.

December 31- January 6

Monday, December 31

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 John 2:18-21
John 1:1-18 (204)

Tuesday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, The Holly Mother of God; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

Numbers 6:22-27
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21 (18)

Wednesday, January 2

Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 John 2:22-28
John 1:19-28 (205)

Thursday, January 3

*Christmas Weekday
The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

1 John 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34 (206)

Friday, January 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 John 3:7-10
John 1:35-42 (207)

Saturday, January 5

Saint John Neumann, Bishop

1 John 3:11-21
John 1:43-51 (208)

Sunday, January 6

The Epiphany of The Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12 (20)

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 – Fr. Robert J. Prior C.M and John Gallagher, requested by Bernie M. Hale

8:30 AM – For the Repose of the Soul of Pansy Marie Fire Thunder, requested by The Paul Family

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

ST. SYLVESTER¹, POPE

Sylvester was ordained bishop of Rome in 314. He served the Church during the reign of Constantine the Great when the Arian heresy and the Donatist schism had caused great rifts in the early Church. Sylvester called the Council of Nicea in 325 to address these serious concerns out of which the Creed we say at Mass. He died in 335 and is buried in the cemetery on the Salarian Way.

Parish Weekly Events

***NOTICES FOR ALL LANGUAGE COMMUNITIES**

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**

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation will resume on January 6th with new hours, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

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 in 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 kermess, 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 Psalmist prays in psalm 116: "What return to the Lord shall I make for all the good he has done for me?" In the New Year may we remember those within our parish community who have answered this invitation to offer our gifts of time, talents and even treasures to respond to our brothers and sisters in the same measure the Lord has given to us. May we celebrate those who, while seeking neither honor or distinction stand out as models of God's grace and goodness, faithfulness and compassion. Please, send in the names of those parishioners who humbly stand before us. Think also about your own sons and daughters and grandchildren achieving scholastic awards, or those in military service. I would ask that you thank Ikenna Okafor for his work in organizing the flu shot clinic December 2 and 16. Ikenna is a Pharmacy Doctoral Candidate at Campbell University and a Pharmacy Intern for Cone Health. Ikenna is 23 and is the son Rafael and Mary Jane.

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.

NEW TRAFFICE PATTERNS

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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AT THIS
TIME OF THE YEAR!**



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.

New Year's Message

As the Church we are to enter the New Year with the Mother of God and frame our hearts, choices and relationships along her lines of a loving and obedient yes to God and so bear the gift of Christ into our world. Through Mary, Jesus, the Word would take our nature to be offered for our sake. In a homily on the Incarnation from Saint Athanasius, 296 – 373, bishop of Alexandria, he wrote, "Mary, provided him (Christ) with a body of his own, to be offered for our sake. Scripture records her giving birth, and says: She wrapped him in swaddling clothes. Her breasts, which fed him were called blessed. Sacrifice was offered because the child was her firstborn. Gabriel used careful and prudent language when he announced his birth. He did not speak of "what will be born in you" to avoid the impression that a body would be introduced into her womb from outside; he spoke of "what will be born from you," so that we might know by faith that her child originated within her and from her." May you and yours have a Blessed New Year filled with the Faith of Mary, the Hope of Christ's redemption and Salvation, and the Love that fulfills every heart and life by the overshadowing of the Spirit as Christ is born like us in all things but sin.

PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 31 THROUGH JANUARY 2.