



# St. Mary's Catholic Church

## Established 1928



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### Sunday Schedule

*All take place in the Parish Center*

**8:00 AM** Eucharist (Eng.)  
**9:00 AM** Faith Formation (Eng.)  
**10:30 AM** Eucharist (Eng.)  
**11:45AM** 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 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Sunday of the month. (Small  
Church)

### BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

**January 13, 2019**

**Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

Many Fathers of the Church explain that sinless Jesus received a baptism of repentance to identify himself with his people. Jesus might have been waiting for this most opportune moment to begin his public ministry. The Fathers point out the voice from the heavenly Father is referring to the "suffering servant" "with whom I am well pleased. This meant Jesus' baptism by John was the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God's Suffering Servant to atone for the sins of mankind.

His baptism by John was a very important in the life of Jesus. It was a moment of decision to begin public ministry, a moment of identification with us sinners, a moment of approval when God the Father approved Jesus as his "beloved Son", and a moment of human conviction that his mission was to preach the good news of God's love and salvation and to atone for our sins by becoming the "suffering servant." Finally, it was a moment of validation when the Holy Spirit descended on him in the form of dove, giving him the power of preaching and healing.

The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity. It reminds us of who we are and whose we are. By baptism we become sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of heaven and temples of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' baptism also reminds us of our mission to experience the presence of God within us, to acknowledge our own dignity as God's children, and to appreciate the divine presence in others by honoring, loving and serving them in all humility.

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

"Grow, Jesus, grow in me. In my spirit, in my imagination, in my senses. Grow in me in your gentleness, in your purity, in your humility, your zeal, your love. Grow in me with your grace, your light, and your peace. Grow in me for the glorification of your Father, for the greater honor of God. Amen" by Pierre Olivaint

**January 14- January 20**

**Monday, January 14**

*Weekday*

*First Week in Ordinary Time*

Hebrews 1:1-6

Mark 1:14-20

**Tuesday, January 15**

*Weekday*

Hebrews 2:5-12

Mark 1:21-28

**Wednesday, January 16**

*Weekday*

Hebrews 2:14-18

Mark 1:29-39

**Thursday, January 17**

*Saint Anthony, Abbot*

Hebrews 3:7-14

Mark 1:40-45

**Friday, January 18**

*Weekday*

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11

Mark 2:1-12

**Saturday, January 19**

*Weekday*

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 2:13-17

**Sunday, January 20**

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 62:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11

**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, Greg and Mary, and for Jan M. Antoniewicz.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

5:30 PM – Fr. Robert J. Prior C.M and John Gallagher, requested by The Knights of Columbus.

8:00 AM – For the Repose of the Soul of Wanda Hobbs, requested by Dianne Donerlson.

10:30 AM - For the Repose of the Soul of Anthony Akoto, requested by Helen Inedu.

**St. Anthony the Abbot**

Abbot, Patriarch of Monks

St. Anthony is generally considered to be the founder and father of organized Christian monasticism, although he himself preferred to live the life of a true hermit, apart from any community, in the deserts of Egypt. Most of the known facts about this famous "Desert Father" are derived from the biography by St. Athanasius (ca. 296-373), the "Father of Orthodoxy."

***Parish Weekly Events***

**\*NOTICES FOR ALL LANGUAGE COMMUNITIES**

**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**

Envelopes will be available in the parish center kitchen.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**

We wish to Thank all for purchasing Christmas Cards. To date we have been able to donate \$657.80 to our "Needy Fund". We still have some available for purchase. Please contact Gloria Bauman at 336-621-7968 or Paloma at 336-303-2578.

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

**YOUTH GROUP GET-TOGETHER**

If you are 14 years of age and older, you are invited to a youth Group Get-Together on Friday, January 18, 2019, at 6 pm in classrooms 3 and 4 of the parish center. This is a recruitment session and you will hear about the Youth Group's mission and future projects. To learn more about the Youth Group, please join us on January 18 for an informative evening with food, music and fun!

**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.

### **BLACK CATHOLICS MEETING**

The Black Catholics Group of St. Mary's will have their monthly meeting on Friday, January 18 at 11:00 AM in the Parish Center, Classroom 7. Black Catholics interested in attending or joining this group are invited to come.

### **RSVP MEETING**

Our RSVP Meeting will meet on January 16 from 10:30AM to 12:00PM in classroom 7.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Knights of Columbus, Officers' Meeting, will meet on January 17 from 7:00PM to 9:00PM in classrooms 3 & 4.

### **IGBO MASS**

The next Igbo Catholic Mass in the Diocese of Charlotte will take place on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in the Small Church. All are welcome. For information call 336-707-3625

### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION**

Will take place at the 10:30AM Mass with talks and refreshments following on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

#### **FAITH FORMATION**

Beginning on January 6, 2019, Vietnamese-Language Faith Formation will have new hours from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

#### **VIETNAMESE LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION**

On February 10<sup>th</sup> from 2PM-6PM we'll have our Vietnamese Lunar New Year Celebration in the Parish Center. All are welcome to come.

#### **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.

#### **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.

### **SPANISH-LANGUAGE BAPTISMS**

The next Spanish-language baptisms will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center.

### **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 PM Spanish language RCIA is held in the Parish Center.

### **SPANISH-LANGUAGE ROSARY**

To honor our Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Rosary is recited in Spanish each Sunday at 5:15 PM in the small church.

### **SPANISH-LANGUAGE BIBLE STUDY**

Spanish-language Bible Study is held each Thursday night in the classroom 2 of the Parish Center. It begins at 7:00 PM.

### **CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE**

The Spanish-language children's and youth choir practices are both held each Friday night at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center.

### **ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE**

The Spanish-language adult choir practices meet each Friday night at 7:00 PM 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 (336) 303-2578.

## *Parish Doings*

### **WHO WE ARE AT ST. MARY'S**

In last week's bulletin I approached the idea in being a "Shared Parish" and what this means for us as at St. Mary's. I admit that I have given thought to the possibility that this may be my pre-occupation when faced with the uncertainty in how I can best serve in a multi-cultural and lingual parish that requires many learning curves. Perhaps, it has surfaced because of my

Euro-centric experience in how a parish needs to live out the mission of Christ first by focusing on an intangible concept of unity guided by some homogeneous learned approach from the past. All of this may be true, but I also approach the language and strategies of a Shared Parish, not simply from pure observation, but the comments that express a longing that we capture the richness of the diversity here, plan and present a shared vision, staunch the drifting apart either within the parish between our cultural groups and those who are leaving for a wide variety of reasons and provide a stability in parish leadership that can and will address the need for healing within the larger Church due to the sex offenses by clergy and the failures of accountability that have surfaced, not to mention the divisions that exist within our own communities.

Our challenges as a Shared Parish are complex in our interactions, understanding and living out our faith in Christ remains even though the transition of St. Mary's into a multi-cultural and lingual group took place over two decades ago. Some challenges have been worked on long before I came on the scene, and some still persist with new twists and turns. Here are some thoughts I share with you, as we enter the new year. First, our Parish Strategy must rely on God's mercy and kindness, wisdom and grace. We first admit, that no one is all they can yet be. With this in mind it is good to acknowledge that we all fall short in our plans, understanding, ideals, and good intentions. No one group encapsulates the fullness of Christ's truth. No one group is more important than another, nor are the resources given to one group solely on the basis that they can offer more or that they are larger and therefore more deserving. Nor can one group expect to have a monopoly on its clergy. Second, our Parish strategy must allow for the development of a sense of wonder at our diversity drawn together in one place, in one time, by the one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God the Father of us all. In short, how will we want to learn to know and understand each other's faith traditions that goes beyond a simple awareness of other's existence? Third, the Shared Parish strategies need cultivate truth and humility and that all are present to the Lord and one another for the sake of his glory and the kingdom. We all share Christ's identity, and that in our diversity we show unity in the bonds we form, that comes from participation in the Mass, the sacraments, and our prayers and acts of service and support. Fourth, our Shared Parish strategies need allow God to touch the fears that exist within us, around us and between us. Strategies that name these fears in the light and voice them out loud can begin to lose their hold on us, namely that one group, or clergy member will attempt to erase one's cultural identity or decry one's native language, or that one group is being forgotten or ignored, and legitimate spiritual and physical needs are being purposefully neglected. Finally, our Parish Plans need explore ways to celebrate our common bonds together, while showing gratitude for the richness of a culture's specific activities and accomplishments that becomes an essential building block and bridge. Next week, I will begin to unfold some of the preliminary strategies and plans as we enter the New Year with your parish leadership groups and clergy. With their assistance I will also begin to present concrete goals for the Strategies offered for consideration, reflection and prayer. Blessings upon you and our parish, Fr. Bill

**PLEASE NOTE...**

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

**NEW TRAFFIC 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**

Stewardship is an important concept for our spiritual growth as Catholics. It is a way of thanking God for all His blessings by returning to Him a portion of the time, talent and treasure we have received.

#### **PARISH GIFT**

Solemnity of Mary \$4,200.00

Main Collection \$5,627.000

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



## *Community News*

### **ANNUAL POT LUCK LUNCHEON BY GCCW**

The Greensboro Area Council of Catholic Women will hold its Annual Pot Luck Luncheon Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. at Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. Please bring your favorite dish to share. There is no charge for this event, but a **HEAD COUNT** is needed. There will be a raffle at the luncheon to benefit our charitable causes. Also, please remember to bring non-perishable food items for the needy. Please RSVP to: Carol Cook at 336-852-9345 or e-mail: ccook54@triad.rr.com by Friday, January 25, 2019.

### **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](http://www.rcgreatercharlotte.com).