



# St. Mary's Catholic Church

## Established 1928



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SERVING ST. MARY'S SINCE 1939

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### Directors of Faith Formation

Genevieve Weech - *English*  
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### SUNDAY MASSES

*English* 5:30 PM (Saturday) Church  
 8:00 AM Parish Center  
 9:00 AM Faith Formation  
 10:30 AM Parish Center

*Vietnamese*  
 12:00 NOON Faith Formation  
 1:30 PM Parish Center

*Spanish* 4:30 PM Faith Formation  
 6:15 PM Parish Center

### WEEKDAY MASSES

*English* 7:30 AM *Daily (Mon – Fri)*  
 (Small Church). Coffee and  
 Morning Prayer follows (Parish  
 Center).

*Vietnamese*  
 8:00 PM *Thursdays* Eucharistic  
 Adoration and Mass (Small  
 Church)

*Spanish* 6:15 PM *Fridays (Small Church)*

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Small Church*

*English* 9:00AM-10:00AM. On 1st.  
 Sunday of the month.

*Vietnamese*  
 8PM-9:30 PM Weekly on  
 Thursdays, Eucharist follows.

*Spanish* 8:00AM-6:00PM On the last  
 Wednesday of the month.

### SATURDAY NOVENA

9:00 AM *English* Novena in honor  
 of Our Lady of the Miraculous  
 Medal. Eucharist follows (Church)

### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION *English*

7:15 AM - Small Church  
 12:00 NOON – Small Church

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursdays Before 8 PM *Vietnamese* Mass  
 Fridays After 6:15 PM *Spanish* Mass  
 Saturdays Before 5:30 PM *English* Mass  
 Sundays 5:00 PM *Spanish/English*

& by appointment

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

January 20, 2019

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11, John 2: 1-11

Today's Gospel describes a wedding feast at Cana where Jesus reveals his divine power by his first miracle of transforming water into wine. Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the Covenant relationship between God and his chosen people. God is the faithful groom and humanity is his beloved bride. Where Isaiah uses the metaphor of spousal love to describe God's love for Israel, God's fidelity to his people is compared to a husband's fidelity to his wife. By our baptism, each of us has been betrothed to Christ. In today's gospel St. John describes the first of the seven "signs" by which Jesus revealed his divinity. When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother told him about it. At first Jesus seemed to refuse to do anything, but later told the servants to fill six large stone jars with water and take some to the headwaiter. When they did, the water had become wine, better wine than that which had run out. There are several messages in today's Gospel. We are invited to welcome Jesus and Mary into our homes and remain with us. "Do whatever he tells you." This is the only advice given by Mary recorded in the New Testament, and it is a prerequisite for miracles in our families. The Bible tells us how to do the will of God and teaches us how to change our daily lives. Just as Jesus filled the empty water jars with wine, let us fill the empty hearts around us with love. If our families have lost the savor of mutual love, let us renew them at the altar with the invigorating power of the Holy Spirit. By the miracle of Cana, Jesus challenges us also to enrich the empty lives of those around us with the new wine of love, mercy, concern and care.

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*Saint Jean-Marie Vianney, The Curé of Ars*

I love you, my God, and my only wish is to love you until the last moment of my life. I love you, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die in your love than live even for a single moment longer without it. Love you, Lord, and the only grace I ask of you is to be permitted to love you eternally. My God, if my lips cannot tell you every moment that I love you, then I desire that my heart may repeat it with every beat.

Amen.

**January 21- January 27**

**Monday, January 22**

*Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr*  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 2:18-22

**Tuesday, January 22**

*Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*

**Wednesday, January 23**

*Weekday*  
*Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;*  
*Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin*  
Hebrews 7:1-3  
Mark 3:1-6

**Thursday, January 24**

*Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
Hebrews 7:25 – 8:6  
Mark 3:7-12

**Friday, January 25**

*The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle*  
Acts 22:3-16  
Mark 16:15-18

**Saturday, January 26**

*Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops*  
2 Timothy 1:1-8  
Mark 3:20-21

**Sunday, January 27**

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10  
1 Corinthians 12:12-30  
Luke 1:1-4:4, 14-21

**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 Souls of Unborn Children and all Souls in Purgatory.

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

**Saints for the week**

There are many saints listed in the Roman Calendar for this week. Perhaps then, we reflect upon a particular saint that comes to mind like how an instant can define the rest of your life, such as Saint Paul meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus, or how Saint Francis de Sales was destined by his father to be a lawyer but left his well-balanced life for the priesthood. This week, walk with your saint, and know the prayers they say on your behalf.

***Parish Weekly Events***

**\*NOTICES FOR ALL LANGUAGE COMMUNITIES**

**BECOME AN ADVOCATE**

Vincent and Catherine Shaw have been advocates at St. Mary's for many years. Due health concerns, they are no longer able to continue this ministry. Please consider becoming an advocate and help Catholics return to the sacraments and non-Catholics to receive them for the first time. The Diocesan Tribunal needs volunteer advocates to assist divorced people to be able to receive the sacraments and be free to marry in the Church. Advocates must be Catholic and, if married, in a valid marriage. Training is done by email at no cost to you. (We are looking for English, Spanish and Vietnamese speakers as Advocates for St. Mary's). For more information, please contact Joy Barnes at 704-370-3343 (diocese) or 828-754-5695 (home) or email: jmbarnes@charlottediocese.org

**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.

**LOST AND FOUND**

Please check the lost and found if you or your child is missing one of the following items. Here is our inventory: 6 children's jackets, pair of gloves, scarf, 2 shirts, 7 hats, sweater, watch, cell phone, Bible, Sam's club card, 7 umbrellas, 3 backpacks, 5 pair glasses and numerous toys. These items will be held for another 2 weeks and will then be discarded.

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

### **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.

### **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**

### **VIETNAMESE FAITH FORMATION**

Starts at 12noon instead of 11:45am.

### **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 CHOIR PRACTICE**

Meets after every Sunday Mass, from 2:45pm-4pm.

**TNTT VOLUNTEER WORK SCHEDULE IN FEBRUARY.** TNTT is scheduled to come to Ashton Nursing Home in McLeansville on Saturday, 2/23/19 from 11:30am to 2:30pm to visit the residents, to help them play bingo and to paint their nails as they have requested.

### **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.

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

### **PRE-BAPTISMAL TALK**

The next pre-baptismal talk will take place on Sunday, February 17 in the Parish Center following Spanish Mass.

### **SPANISH-LANGUAGE BAPTISMS**

The next Spanish-language baptisms will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>; February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center.

### **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.

### **ACTIVITIES TO HELP 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**

A couple of weeks ago 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 deny 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

## *Community News*

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

The Greensboro Area Council of Catholic Women will hold its Annual Pot Luck Luncheon on 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.

### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Many husbands and wives seem to be "married" to their career, computer, TV, sports or their children. Re-examine your married lifestyle and priorities by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. It is a positive, simple common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Mar 1-3, 2019 in Hickory, NC and Feb 1-3, 2019 in COLUMBIA, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at [applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or 704-315-2144.

### **COLLEGE SERVICE WEEKEND**

Give Your Heart Away is a weekend of service for college students in the Diocese of Charlotte Feb. 15-17. Sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministry, home base will be the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory. Prayer, theological reflection, feasting and fellowship will accompany the service. Wherever you serve, you will have the opportunity to be Christ's hands, feet, eyes, ears and merciful heart in the world today. Please register by February 6 at [greensborocatholic.com](http://greensborocatholic.com). Contact Gregg at [hello@greensborocatholic.com](mailto:hello@greensborocatholic.com) with any questions.

### **HEALTH FAIR MEETING**

The next St. Mary's Health Fair meeting will be Friday 25th from 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm held in the Cry room. We are still planning to hold a Health Fair in July for the young-adult members at St. Mary's and also one more in September for the Senior members. Hope to see you all there! Light refreshments we be provided. If you have any question place contact: [ibokafor1227@email.campbell.edu](mailto:ibokafor1227@email.campbell.edu)

## *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  
\$2,390.00

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