



St. Mary's Catholic Church

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SUNDAY MASSES

English 5:30 PM (Saturday) Small 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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

January 27, 2019

Nehemiah 8: 2-4, 5-6, 8-10; I Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

Today's scriptures focus our attention on the importance and power of the Word of God and its challenge for us today. The Word of God is called sacramental – in the sense that when it is spoken, read or heard, God becomes present in our midst. For that to happen, we must listen to the Word, accept it into our hearts, and then put it into practice in our lives. Today's first reading from Nehemiah describes the public reading of Sacred Scripture which challenged the hearers to make a "fresh beginning" with a new outlook. After rebuilding the Temple and restoring the city, Ezra was leading the people in a 'Covenant renewal' ceremony. The Second Reading from Corinthians reminds us that "Together we are Christ's body, but each of us is a different part of it," suggesting that, as different parts of Christ's body, we have a share, as his instruments, in bringing the freeing and saving mission of Christ to our world in our times. Today's gospel describes how, on a Sabbath, Jesus stood before the people in the synagogue of his hometown, Nazareth, reading and interpreting what Isaiah had prophesied about the liberating mission and ministry of the Messiah. To the great amazement and disbelief of his own townspeople, Jesus declared that Isaiah's prophecy was being fulfilled in him at that very moment and his mission would be to give liberation to everyone who would listen to his "good news," and accept it. To this very day the Holy Spirit is available to all believers who sincerely ask him to dwell in their hearts. If we fail to receive, and then to use his power and gifts, we will be left with nothing but our natural abilities, and will be unable to be used as instruments in his freeing miracles. Let us be ready to become Spirit-filled instruments of Christ's saving freedom.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Stephen Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1228.

"Come Holy Spirit, send forth the heavenly radiance of your light. Come, father of the poor, come giver of gifts, come, light of the heart. Greatest comforter, sweet guest of the soul, sweet consolation. In labor, rest, in heat, temperance, in tears, solace. O most blessed light, fill the inmost heart of your faithful. Without your grace, there is nothing in us, nothing that is not harmful. Cleanse that which is unclean, water that which is dry, heal that which is wounded. Bend that which is inflexible, fire that which is chilled, correct what goes astray. Give to your faithful, those who trust in you, the sevenfold gifts. Grant the reward of virtue, grant the deliverance of salvation, grant eternal joy."

January 28- February 3

Monday, January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Hebrews 9:15, 24-28
Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 29

Weekday
Hebrews 10:1-10
Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 30

Weekday
Hebrews 10:11-18
Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, January 31

Saint John Bosco, Priest
Hebrews 10:19-25
Mark 4:21-25

Friday, February 1

Weekday
Hebrews 10:32-39
Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord
Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Sunday, February 3

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13
Luke 4:21-30

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 – For the Souls of Unborn Children and all Souls in Purgatory.

8:00 AM – For the Repose of the Soul of Wanda Faye Hobbs, sister of Sharon Pauling,
requested by Darryl and Gloria Bauman.

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

Saint John Bosco & Saint Thomas Aquinas

Saint John Bosco, (1815 – January 31, 1888) Italian priest who helped children during the Industrial Revolution. He founded The Salesian Society, a Roman Catholic Latin Rite religious institute founded in the late nineteenth century.

St. Thomas Aquinas, (1225 – 7 March, 1274) was a Catholic Dominican priest from Italy, and is considered one of the principal Catholic saints. He was born in Roccasecca. He studied philosophy and theology. Aquinas is considered to be the best teacher for one who wants to become a priest.

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.

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.

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 week and will then be discarded.

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

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

On Saturday, February 3, we will have a training for Altar Servers at 9 AM. Spots are still available for our young people who are interested. All are welcome.

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.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Please be advised we won't have choir practice this coming Tuesday. Parish Center will be closed.

IGBO MASS

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

BINGO BY ST. MARY'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus will have an afternoon Bingo on Friday, February 8, at 2:00 PM in the parish center. The cost is \$5 for one card and \$15 for four cards. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. For more information, call Bernie McHale at 336-292-1118.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

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

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

VIETNAMESE LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

On February 10th 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 schedule to babysit the foster children on Saturday, February 16 from 5:30 PM to 9 PM for the foster parents to have a night out.

TNTT is scheduled to come to Ashton Nursing Home in McLeansville on Saturday, March 9 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 Parish Center will be closed for this event.

WEEKLY YOUTH GROUP MEETING

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

***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 26th, February 2nd and 16th, 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

Just for this coming Monday January 28, Spanish-language RCIA will meet in the Small Church at 7 PM.

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

Please be advised we won't have Spanish-Language Bible Study this coming Thursday. Parish Center will be closed.

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 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 the last two bulletin issues, I've invited us to look at St. Mary's as a Shared Parish. In looking at "Best Practices for Shared Parishes" as outlined by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to discern pastoral planning strategies based on integration, inclusion and intercultural sensitivity leading us to higher level of stewardship I will share those approaches that have already been taken and our reflective of our current situation.

St. Mary's, is not unique in that it is a Shared Parish. Over 45% of all parishes in the United States are now named as such. A Shared Parish again describes parish communities in which two or more languages or cultural contexts are present in the ministerial life of a parish.

St. Mary's has always welcomed the "stranger" in our midst. St. Mary's long history stands as a part of the Church which, while not always equal or just in its applications, would highlight how people wounded by rejection, segregation and racism would rise with the Gospel as the Body of Christ and gain the moral high ground which attracted many others.

Having been offered much guidance from the pastoral strategies that have been implemented over our 90 years we stand to continue building pastoral strategies that reflect our challenges and joys today. What has been implemented are the following areas to prepare us for long terms pastoral planning?

First, transparency in our communications with one another, means the ability to know each community plans, the events organized, the needs for resources, time and space, and the gifts, and offerings contributed becomes essential. The pastor with his associates are be transparent and responsible in their communications, aware always of the larger picture of the parish. To that end, the bulletin along with the website becomes the tools for promoting this transparency.

Second, faith formation is essential for all age groupings of parishioners. A common resource will be used to teach our children in faith formation. Once common spiritual resource is offered for mediation and reflection upon the Scriptures in the "Word Among Us". Bible studies are encouraged among the various linguistic groups. More prayer services, and special Masses that highlight our common Catholic and Vincentian Heritage in various languages have been added with opportunities to gather. Important religious symbols will be permanently display during all of our Masses.

Third, sound fiscal budget planning will begin to include the cost estimates that each group will present, for various faith formation programs and projects along with a host of other activities. The funding may still be done by the respective communities. A reposting on the financial picture will be posted.

Fourth, looking at a common project that all parishioners can focus on. (More on this later).

Fifth, identifying the personnel necessary for ongoing strategic pastoral planning and good stewardship.

Sixth, identifying and celebrating the gifts of individual and groups within the parish who have stood out due to their service, and activity within the parish the Greensboro community.

What are we yet hoping to become, so that we may all be one as the Body of Christ?

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

Main \$7,742.00

Combined Mission \$2,338.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



Community News

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

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 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. Contact Gregg at hello@greensborocatholic.com with any questions.

SAINT PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Saint Pius X Catholic School invites you to join us in celebrating Catholic Schools Week during our Open House for prospective pre-kindergarten through 8th grade parents on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 from 9:30-11:00 am.

PLEASE NOTE....

PARISH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED

The Parish Center will be closed from Monday 28 to Thursday 31 to strip and wax the floors.