



St. Mary's Catholic Church

Established 1928



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SUNDAY MASSES

PARISH CENTER

[Online](#)

English

8:00 AM

Vietnamese

9:30 AM

Spanish

11:00 AM

Communion will be distributed to you in your cars from

9:00 am – 10:00 am

10:30 am – 11:30 am

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Parish Center

[Starting on January 18th](#)

7:30 AM Monday

7:30 AM Tuesday**In Spanish*

7:30 AM Wed-Fri

9:00 AM Saturdays

8:30 PM *Thursdays* **In Viet*

6:15 PM *Fridays* **In Spanish*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

No Eucharistic Adoration this month.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By appointment only.

Contact one of your Parish Priests directly.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 10, 2021- *Isaiah 55:1-11; 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11*

Celebrating Baptism- *Good News Reflection*

Why was Jesus baptized? He wasn't in need of repentance. Why, for that matter, did Jesus do anything at all? Not just to save us from our sins by dying on the cross! There is so much more to Jesus than that.

Jesus united himself to sinners. First, he humbled himself to become one of us, a human living with the same needs we have every day. Then he surrendered himself to the baptismal water so that when we are baptized, he is there in the water with us, raising us up to a new life, the holy life, everlasting life.

Everything that Jesus did shows us by example who we are: what the Father created us to be like and how we are to live as children of God. When Jesus was baptized and the Holy Spirit descended upon him and the Father said, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased," he showed us by example what happens at every person's baptism.

The Holy Spirit descended upon YOU and the Father said about YOU: "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased!"

Baptismal water is the womb of God from which we are reborn into his family and his ministry. When we bless ourselves with drops from holy water fonts, making the sign of the cross, we renew our baptisms.

In the Jordan River, Jesus was reborn from ordinary life to a life of ministry. Baptism does that for us, too. Is there some repentance you need to do so that you can be reborn more fully into what the Father created you to do - your divine purpose, the ministry he has called you to do?

Let us begin the Church Season of Ordinary Time with a renewal of our baptismal purification and commitment, so that we may be renewed as followers of Christ in holiness and in ministry:

Do you reject Satan?

And all his works?

And all his empty promises?

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now

seated at the right hand of the Father?

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Next, use the following prayer (or one of your own):

"Dear God, I am a sinner. I sometimes fail to put You first in my life. Forgive me. Change me. Renew me. To demonstrate that I mean it, that I truly want You to be Lord of my life completely, I will do a special act, just as Jesus put his life fully into the Father's hands by surrendering to John's baptism and allowing his own rebirth. The act that I choose to do is _____. Amen!"

Pour, Lord, the anointing of Your Spirit upon me so Your plans will be fulfilled and I will be an instrument of Your love for my brothers and sisters. Amen.

Pray

Monday, January 11
Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time) green
 Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 12
Weekday green
 Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 13
Weekday green/white
[Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church]
 Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 14
Weekday green
 Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 15
Weekday green
 Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 16
Weekday green/white
[BVM]
 Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 17
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green
 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

PRAYER REQUESTS



We ask the charity of your prayers for the following members and friends of our parish who are ill

Luis Carlos Castaño, Joyce Penn, Dcn. Vince Shaw, Catherine Shaw, Joseph Nguyen Anh Tuan, Sadie McConnell, Jan M. Antoniewicz, Gus Reid, Ardelia Matthews, Ann Abplanalp, Ashley Moore, Marie Isley, John Garrett, Janet Garrett, Claude Anderson, Terry Bradshaw, Mary Ann Coleman, Peggy Daye, Gwen Drummer, Therese Hatch, Michael Cel Kmok, Daniel Kramer, C.M., Harry McNeill, Betty McKinney, Sherry Ross, Mary Scotton, Rose Simpson, Florine Stafford, Y Blom Marcella, Gabrielle Parker, Sharon Pauling, Shalonda Williams, Tom Kerr, Roberta Stover and Brother William Stover, C.M.

MASS INTENTIONS

January 10	8:00 AM	For All Souls in Purgatory.
Monday, January 11	7:30 AM	For Thanksgiving, God's Guidance and Protection and our own intentions.
Tuesday, January 12	7:30 AM	For Thanksgiving, God's Guidance and Protection and our own intentions.
Wednesday, January 13	7:30 AM	For Thanksgiving, God's Guidance and Protection and our own intentions.
Thursday, January 14	7:30 AM	For Thanksgiving, God's Guidance and Protection and our own intentions.
Friday, January 15	7:30 AM	For Thanksgiving, God's Guidance and Protection and our own intentions.
Saturday, January 16	9:00 AM	For Thanksgiving, God's Guidance and Protection and our own intentions.

PARISH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Amount Paid	\$40,463.91
Pledge Balance	\$0.00
Goal	\$42,541.00
Under	(\$2,077.09)

MASS WITH ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Mass can be celebrated with Spiritual Communion. You can employ the option of viewing Mass on EWTN's tv network or any of the following live-stream sites.

- <https://www.youtube.com/user/DioceseOfCharlotte>
- <https://www.stmarknc.org/livestream>
- <http://www.catholicv.org/masses/national-shrine-mass>
- <https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live>
- <http://www.catholicv.org/masses>
- <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live>

FIND US ONLINE

- www.stmarysgreensboro.org/
- www.facebook.com/StMarysGreensboro/
- [27www.youtube.com/channel/UCYAhxynzQNqSeKgrL7-qbgA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYAhxynzQNqSeKgrL7-qbgA)

St. Mary's Social Outreach Committee,



composed of all the cultural groups under the direction of Mr. Chris Fombin, is committed to *helping with rent,*

utilities (electricity, heat, and water), and prescription medicines. If you or someone you know needs assistance in these areas please call Ana, our Office Manager at 336-272-8650 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. to set up a **confidential appointment** with a Committee member to meet on a Sunday.

If you wish to make a donation to this program, please write a check to: "The Congregation of the Mission of St. Vincent de Paul in Germantown" Donations are always needed!



BAPTISMAL REQUIREMENTS You can also find the baptismal requirements at

<https://stmarysgreensboro.org/sacraments/>

(newborns-6 years of age)

1. **REGISTRATION.** The family must be registered **-form on file-** in St. Mary's **for no less than 2 months** before the Baptism takes place.
 - If parents are registered somewhere else, they must present a Letter of Permission from their parish priest in order for the child to be baptized here.

2. **PRE-BAPTISMAL TALK.** The Parents and godparents (sponsors) must have attended the pre-baptismal talk before the date of baptism.
3. **SPONSORS.** Sponsors must be registered at a Parish, be practicing Catholics, and must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. If any of the Sponsors are married, he/she must have been married in the Roman Catholic Church.
4. **DOCUMENTS.** Bring COPIES of:
 - Child's Birth Certificate
 - Sponsor's Sacramental Certificates

- o Baptism / First Communion / Confirmation (& Marriage in case he/she is married)



NATIONAL VINCENTIAN VOCATION WEBSITE
 Please go to menonamission.net to get information about our news and activities. This project was undertaken as a collaborative effort of the Eastern and Western Provinces. "Men on a Mission" presents a contemporary picture of our young men in formation, along with information on the ministries and local communities of our provinces. It also provides resources on discernment and other related matters.

OUR FAITH COMMUNITIES

LATINO COMMUNITY

PRE-BAPTISMAL TALK Our pre-baptismal talk will take place on **Sunday, January 10, after the 6:15 p.m. Mass.** in the Parish Center.
Reserve your seat by calling the office at 336-272-8650 Monday-Friday, 8:00a.m.-3:00p.m. Seats are limited!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Blessings!

*We would like to acknowledge all birthdays for this coming week * January 10- 16*

Alba Martinez Cortez	Elena Santiago Torres	Jose Juan Ramirez	Maria Imelda Cortes Lara	Romeo Germaine Ibarra
Alfredo Garcia Altamirano	Emily Le	Jose Rodriguez	Maria Nguyen	Gonzalez
Alicia Ortega Sandoval	Erik Mendoza	Josefina Dominguez Urieta	Maria Silvia Martinez	Ryan Nguyen
Alondra Martinez Jimenez	Everardo Jaramillio	Juan Ojeda	Mendoza	Salvador Arguello
Alyssa Medina	Fanta Wood	Juana Garcia Gonzalez	Mario Razo Amezcuita	Salvador Garcia Garcia
Angel Valencia	Francisco Alexander Dehuma	Kailyn Nguyen	Megan Siu	Santiago Sanchez Nery
Bastida Ramos	Goyazmin Villalva Quintero	Kairin Shaw-Eban Niebrit	Melissa Ka	Sebastian Rojas
Blanca Godinez	Hilda Medrano Torres	Laura Aboytes	Miranda Ramirez	Sofia Elizabeth Perez Osorio
Caroly Niekreing	Idolina Dominguez	Leandro Rodriguez Reyes	Neida Diaz	Thiago Khail Baramki Zepeda
Charles Darkwah	Ivan Perez Hernandez	Litzy Yaeli Lucero Parada	Nhu MoLom	Tiffany Bui
Colin Newmann	Jacqueline Ruiz	Lorraine Handschuh	Norma Jimenez	Yaletzi Flores
Daniel Flores	Javier Vaca	Ma. Elvira Cardoza	Odilon Peristegui	Yamileth Garcia-Parada
Daniel Guerrero	Jelani Yahir Alcala Macias	Marcela Hernandez Jaramillo	Rafael Rodriguez	Yoemi Guerrero
Dylan Alcantar De la Luz	Jenaro Jimenez	Marco Antonio Zamudio	Raul Aguilar Robles	
Edith Walson	Jesus Israel Resendiz Vazquez	Quintana	Raul Saucedo	

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters a blessed New Year to you and yours!

As we enter into a New Year may we look forward to a time when the pandemic and its deadly effects will lessen its hold upon us. May this New Year heal the soul and heart of the United States reminding all peoples that they have more in common than what divides them. May the New Year fill people with the hope to reform systems that are unjust along racial, gender, and economic lines. As parishioners in St. Mary's may the New Year bring the Lord's blessings upon all the plans and works, we do in his name. May our faith, hope, and love in the Lord be renewed in sharing it with one another and those around us. May our faith be increased and our prayers be multiplied. May our service be generous and compassionate offering it with our hearts and hands. May our time of worship, faith formation and meetings be Spirit-filled, enlightened and reliant upon the Lord's wisdom and guidance.

This New Year we will see some significant change at St. Mary's. In March, 2019 I approached the Diocese of Charlotte with the idea of establishing a **'Mission' Church** for some members of the Vietnamese community. The diocese at the time declined permission. I

approached the diocese again in September, 2020 with the hope to establish a 'Mission' Church or in canonical language (Church Law) a 'Chapel' community. A tentative agreement with the diocese to move ahead was offered. The initial agreement was based upon two essential pieces; first, a Vietnamese priest be provided for the community from the Vincentian Community; and second, that the Chapel community be located within St. Mary's territorial boundaries. Fr. Joseph had agreed to lead the Vietnamese community. Given the demographic information from the diocese a majority of Vietnamese families live west of the parish and well beyond the parish boundaries. We are now in a process of re-negotiation with the diocese as we seek to establish the community outside of St. Mary's boundaries. Members of the Vietnamese community wish to retain their ties with St. Mary's given their long-term commitment to the parish. As we work this arrangement out please keep your Vietnamese brothers and sisters in your prayers as they seek to establish their own faith community - a life-long hope and dream for many of the people. What this may mean for the future of the parish community is this: Not all members of the Vietnamese community will physically leave St. Mary's and St. Mary's will continue to embrace those who remain with a continuation of Mass in Vietnamese and all services and activities that have been at the parish these past three decades. You will be provided updates as we move forward with the development of this establishment of another Catholic Community in the Triad area.

Another change will begin with celebrating the **Tuesday daily Mass at 7:30 a.m. in Spanish** starting on Tuesday, January 19. This is in response to the ever-growing Latino community at St. Mary's. Additional changes will include a Center security system and bacterial protective equipment to be installed within our heating and air-conditioning units that will substantially reduce the risk of airborne pathogens.

With the Lord's help and yours St. Mary's will continue to expand and develop. The parish does need its own church structure and a separate classroom/Center building even as some members from the Vietnamese community leave. In order to plan for the future of the parish, *fundraising is essential*. The start of the fundraising activity is support for the **New Memorial Wall and Shrine area**. The Wall will hold 300 bricks with names. To date we have a little over forty. You can find information about the wall on our website or come in person to the office. The second phase of fundraising will include several fundraising types of activities. The final phase will be a direct contribution request to each family. My hope is that you will consider assisting in planning for the future of your Parish.

Some other odds and ends as we begin the New Year. Please stop over to the Center and pick up either a Today's Breaking Bread Music Issue in either English or Spanish as well as the red Lead Me Guide Book hymnals. **These will be yours to keep and then bring with you when Masses begin in Church again.** Keeping your own books helps the parish to cut down on cleaning them individually between Masses. In addition, please pick up your box of envelopes in Ana's office. And finally, while they last, the poinsettia plants we purchased for the Christmas Season are ready for a new home, feel free to pick one up.

A New Year only begins with a renewed commitment to follow Christ and his way. May all that will bring change to the parish be avenues to renew our commitment to follow Christ and live his gospel way. The Vincentian Fathers gratefully continue the commitment of service and celebration to you and St. Mary's parish so that we will all be renewed in the love of Christ. *The Lord's Blessings! Frs. Bill, Joseph and Orlando.*

COMING TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

remember **IN YOUR** prayers



St. Mary's wish to extend to family and friends their prayers and condolences on the death of **Mr. Luis Omar Castaño**, who passed away on January 4th, 2021. *May they know the fullness of the Lord's peace and love.*

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.

December 29th \$8,005.00
January 5th \$6,054.00



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AT THIS TIME!
WEEKLY EXPENSES \$7,500.

For utilities, programing, salaries, Diocesan Assessments, and supplies.