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SUNDAY MASSES

PARISH CENTER

Following CDC Guidelines
Max. 97 seats

English

5:30 PM *Saturday* –
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Vietnamese

9:15 AM & 2:00 PM

Spanish

4:00 PM & 6:15 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Parish Center

Following CDC Guidelines

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

Last Wednesday of the
month – Original Church

Max. 18 seats

8:00 AM-6:00 PM

Follow the guidelines posted at the
entrance of the Original Church.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By appointment. Contact
one of your Parish Priests
directly.

Or after the 6:15pm Spanish
Mass, except the last Friday of
the month.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 11, 2021- Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

Seeing a miracle at every Mass- *Good News Reflection*

"My Lord and my God!" This exclamation of Thomas in this Sunday's Gospel reading used to be our exclamation at the raising of the Eucharist during Mass. It would be good to renew this habit. It's an awe-filled, humble recognition of Christ's Lordship and of the reality of his presence in the form of bread and wine.

Saint John Paul II wrote in his encyclical on the Holy Eucharist, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*: "To contemplate Christ involves being able to recognize him wherever he manifests himself, in his many forms of presence, but above all in the living sacrament of his body and his blood." (You can get to know the entire amazing document by downloading my 5-Part Catholic Study Guide on it)

Notice how Jesus convinced the disciples that he had truly come back to life in the flesh. At first, they thought he was a ghost, or they didn't know what to think. They found the miracle of the resurrection too incredible to grasp.

Jesus opened their minds to the truth of the miracle by showing his wounds. He does the same for you and me in every Mass.

Through the use of our logic and our senses, it's difficult to grasp the truth that the bread and wine miraculously become the actual body and blood of Christ -- the same broken and bleeding body that died on the cross 2000+ years ago. It's even harder to see and understand that the resurrected Jesus is also there!

During Mass, we enter the timelessness of eternity to benefit from the living Christ. When we realize that we personally need the sacrifice he made on Good Friday, because we've sinned, we begin to look at his wounds from a crucial perspective. It is then that we begin to understand the truth about the Eucharist.

The first step toward believing in the miracle of the Eucharist is to want Christ's death to save us from our sins and to want his resurrection to take us to heaven. The final step occurs when our desire to unite to Jesus is so thorough that we yearn for him to consume our lives with his presence. We want the divine Jesus to come to us in the flesh, in whatever manner he chooses, to transform us into his likeness. It is this desire that makes us exclaim whenever we see the Eucharist, "My Lord and my God!"

Pray

Jesus, I want to learn to discover You in endless ways. Thank You for the faith You have given me, but please increase it so that I may grow closer to You every day! Amen.

Monday, April 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 13

Easter Weekday

[Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr]

Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 14

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

Friday, April 16

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, April 17

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

Sunday, April 18

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

PRAYER REQUESTS

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



Luis Carlos Castaño
Joseph Nguyen Anh Tuan
Ardelia Matthews
John Garrett
Mary Ann Coleman
Michael Cel Kmok
Sherry Ross
Y Blom Marcella
Tom Kerr

Joyce Penn
Sadie McConnell
Ann Abplanalp
Janet Garrett
Peggy Daye
Daniel Kramer
Mary Scotton
Gabrielle Parker
Roberta Stover
Dcn. Vince Shaw
Jan M. Antoniewicz
Ashley Moore
Claude Anderson
Gwen Drummer
Harry McNeill
Rose Simpson
Sharon Pauling
Brother William Stover,
C.M.

Catherine Shaw
Gus Reid
Marie Isley
Terry Bradshaw
Therese Hatch
Betty McKinney
Florine Stafford
Shalonda Williams

MASS INTENTIONS

	5:30 PM	CAMM
April 11	8:00 AM	For the Souls of Unborn Children.
	10:30 AM	CAMM
Monday, April 12	7:30 AM	For Thanksgiving, God's Guidance and Protection and our own intentions.
Tuesday, April 13	7:30 AM	For CAMM
Wednesday, April 14	7:30 AM	For Thanksgiving, God's Guidance and Protection and our own intentions.
Thursday, April 15	7:30 AM	For CAMM
Friday, April 16	7:30 AM	For Thanksgiving, God's Guidance and Protection and our own intentions.
Saturday, April 17	9:00 AM	CAMM

PARISH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



BAPTISMAL REQUIREMENTS You can also find the baptismal requirements at

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

(newborns-6 years of age)

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

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

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** 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!

FIND US ONLINE

www.stmarysgreensboro.org/
www.facebook.com/StMarysGreensboro/
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYAhxynzQNqSeKgrL7-qbgA>



The winning tickets are...

- 1st prize Ticket #6654339
- 2nd prize Ticket #6654247
- 3rd prize Angelica Ruiz

OUR FAITH COMMUNITIES

VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY



Sunday, April 11th, 2021
2:00 p.m. EUCHARISTIC YOUTH MASS

LATINO COMMUNITY

PRE-BAPTISMAL TALK Our pre-baptismal talk will take place on **Sunday, May 9, after the 6:15 p.m. Mass.** in the Parish Center. Reserve your seat by calling the office at 336-272-8650 Monday- Friday, 8:30a.m.-2:30p.m. Seats are limited!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Blessings!

We would like to acknowledge all birthdays for this coming week * April 11-17

Selvin Payez Garcia	Yoselin Garcia Garcia	Angela Nguyen	Dennis Rankin	Joyce Nicole Ojeda
Felipa Mata	Lizbeth Ortiz Alvara	Juan Ricardo Chinas Garcia	Thieu Phu	Antonio Gonzalez
Abigail Gonzalez	Jose Luis Toledo	Bryson K	Abraham Rene Ortiz Aragon	Felipe Ornelas
Freddy Fabian Lopez Ortega	Felicia Onochie	Gmma Aragon	Rosalima Le	Jose Sosa
Dylan Morales Perez	Tuyen Vu	Ann P. Graves	Fontaine Margarita Fuentes	Araceli Cristina Torrez
Sergio Alejandro Magallanes	Ruben Magallanes	YJie Nie	Pacheco	Martinez
Aranda	Salomon Caballero Flores	Luis Antonio Nolasco Ruiz	Ana Romero Solario	Salvador Cardoza
Dung Pham	Jesus Emaniel Baza Herrera	Ma Luisa Perez Hernandez	Angel Grimaldo-Rodriguez	Dalia Muños Lavalle
Sumaly Nia Mokthephathai	Jocelyn Cervantes-Chipuli	Vu Nguyen	Eli Rcomnie	Alehidy P. Tapia
Jeffy Tambou	Arlene Diaz Flores	Bryan Fuentes Saenz	Lucio Eric Sosa Santiago	Samantha Garcia Escudero
Jodan Tambou	Naomi N. Toledo Roa	Jasmine Hernandez	Valeria Villegas	Itandehui Ortiz Gonzalez
April Ornelas	Andy Nay	Aracely Perez Hernandez	Jerry Arguello Negrete	Brooke Aubree Allison Tovar
Diego Jesus Vallejo Serrano	Phuong Mai Hang	Scott Sosa-Sosa	Juan Gomez Sanchez	

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord,

When I last ended our conversation on the Ten Commandments or Rules of the Heart in Lent my hope would have been to cover each one by the time Easter came upon us. At the time I believed that the re-reading and reflection of the 10 Commandments were a good Lenten journey, but the spiritual journey does not end with the Lenten Season. Our Easter journey with the Risen Lord can very much include these Laws of the Heart. Let me continue with the **Fifth Commandment: "Thou Shalt Not Kill"** or what Sister Chittister would call, "The Law of Life." The Jewish Talmud teaches that to "save one life, is to save the world." We heard this in the last scene of the movie Schindler's List when we hear him say that he had hoped to save more people than he did. This teaching of the Jewish Talmud helps us understand that those who value life in the small ways create a culture of life around them that calls the rest of us to examine our own attitudes about life." "The fifth commandment stands in mute condemnation of those for whom life is cheap and death is life giving." pg. 63. What can seem to be a simple commandment, is rather highly complex and often confusing given our definitions. "Some Christian groups call abortion "murder," but Jewish groups do not. Some people call war "justified," but some Christian groups do not. Some people call capital punishment a "deterrent," but others call it barbarous." p.65. Why this confusion to the application of the Fifth Commandment? According to Sister Joan the confusion revolves around "what we really mean by the fifth commandment and how it depends on what we really think, as Christians, that Jesus was really all about." pg. 65. What we understand about the fifth Commandment has been an evolutionary process that changed considerably down through the centuries. What once were criminal charges calling for the death penalty such as sorcery, blasphemy, etc. came off the list. The Hebrew community grew in its "awareness of the moral responsibility to life and nonviolent forms of punishment." pg. 67. For us Christians the struggle became even more complex. "Jesus, the revolutionary, revolted against an entire worldview peacefully, lovingly, and non-violently." p. 67. With our shifting definitions of life and capital offenses what does the fifth commandment say to us today? "Maybe it says that life is worth struggling for, worth struggling over, worth struggling to define." Maybe, it is telling us that peace is our only real defense now. Maybe it is telling us that failing to support the families and children of our society with health care, housing, food, education, day care, and just wages - the things that constitute the essentials of the dignified human life - is at least as much a sin against life, euthanasia, and stem-cell

therapy will ever be." pg. 68. The Catholic Doctrine on pro-life issues should remind us the scope of the sacredness of the human person that is included within the fifth commandment and the underlying foundation to the approach in understanding the fifth commandment. A Chinese proverb says: "If murder is forgiven, heaven will find it hard to bear." The fifth commandment requires us to determine when, if ever, heaven will not weep over our own disregard for life." p.68.

Easter is a season of new life. With a newness of life comes an appreciation for all good works. Your priests on Monday - Wednesday of Holy Week offered the Sacrament of Reconciliation to over a hundred people. It was surely an offer of new beginnings and fresh starts of grace. Holy Thursday and Good Friday, beginning the Easter Triduum, saw many peoples gathering to participate, and were aided by members of the Vietnamese community who set up the electrical and sound equipment. At the Easter Vigil on Saturday in spite of the cold, the largest crowd we've had since the beginning of the pandemic came to experience the Light, Hope, and Love of the Risen Lord pushing back against the darkness of sin and death. Celebrated in our three primary languages it was a blessed time for all who participated, worked, and served. On Easter Sunday we were truly blessed with the weather and the many people who gathered for our six Masses. It is with heartfelt appreciation that I express my gratitude toward all who participated in this year's Easter.

I would also like to highlight two other events that brought a sense of joy and overall peace: **The Youth Group Easter Bag handoffs to the children.** The young people under the direction of Eze Ike, the new coordinator of youth ministry, were able to create and distribute 420 bags to the young people in place of the more traditional Easter egg hunt. The young people spent many hours preparing, shopping, and setting up for this event. On behalf of the children of the parish I thank you for the hard work, effort and obvious care for our younger brothers and sisters. The second occasion for joy was the month's long fundraiser sponsored by members of the Latino community under the direction of Paloma Segura and Deacon Enedino and heavily participated in by members in both the Latino and Vietnamese communities. Through their generous efforts and a strong commitment to their parish, **\$8,950 was raised for the Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA)** on behalf of St. Mary's parish. This money which will go directly to the DSA in addition to the monies collected during Lent greatly reduces the amount we had been assessed by the Diocese (\$43,970) in support of their outreach programs and agency sites.

This weekend, we will again have a second collection. This collection is called the **"2+2+2"** Second Collection + Second Sunday + \$2.00 and it is specific to our Social outreach Committee to assist the various needs of our parishioners and neighbors.

*The Lord's Blessings be with you,
Your priests: Frs. Bill, Joseph and Orlando.*

CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Stewardship 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.

MAIN \$13,152.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AT THIS TIME!

WEEKLY EXPENSES \$7,500.00

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



OTHER CHURCH NEWS

Free Food Boxes - *The Guilford CARES; Feeding the Community Food Drive*

Each box of food is designed to feed a family of four. The goal of **The Guilford CARES; Feeding the Community Food Drive** is to distribute 500 boxes of food bi-weekly for 10 weeks totaling 5000 boxes from different alternating locations throughout the county starting on February. Each box will include enough food for two weeks and include meat and fresh produce. The churches and nonprofit organizations participating as distribution locations include:

DATE	LOCATION	ADDRESS
April 17, 2021	Calvary Baptist Church	808 Hilltop Street, High Point, NC 27260
May 1, 2021	First Baptist Church	1000 Friendly Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27401
May 15, 2021	Lawndale Baptist Church	3505 Lawndale Drive, Greensboro, NC 27408
May 29, 2021	Open Door Ministries	400 N Centennial St, High Point, NC 27262
June 12, 2021	Second Harvest Food Bank site	2517 Phillips Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27405

RETREAT: THE HEART OF MARY. Spend a weekend deepening your understanding and devotion to the Blessed Mother. Find out why so many people today seek out Mary for peace, direction and hope, and how she might be able to give the same to you. From May 7-9, the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory NC is offering a weekend retreat – a perfect gift to share with your mother for Mother's Day. To dovetail with your particular Mother's Day plans, we have options for one night or two, plus some for-commuter sessions and even a separate Mother's Day Sunday brunch. In addition to powerful talks, you'll be able to enjoy our beautiful setting in full springtime bloom and delicious full-course meals prepared by our own Executive Chef.

Visit www.catholicconference.org/mary, email info@catholicconference.org, or call 828.327.7441 for more information.