



St. Mary's Catholic Church Established 1928



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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021- Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48

The redemptive power of Christ - *Good News Reflection*

Now that we're a renewed people -- an Easter people -- the scriptures at Mass remind us of the stark difference between living a redeemed life and living in sin. The first reading for this Sunday says: "Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away." The second reading says: "Those who say, 'I know him', but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them."

And the Gospel reading says: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name...."

We are all liars in some way every day, professing our faith with our lips but not always in our behaviors. Our actions often say that we don't truly believe what we say about Christ's love. Our worries might be saying that we don't truly believe that God cares about each and every situation.

Our decisions say that we don't truly believe that Jesus knew what he was talking about when he commanded us to love our enemies and do good to those who hurt us. Our moral relativism says that we don't truly believe he was smarter than us when he gave us his commandments.

How loudly do your actions preach the truth about Jesus?

Many of us undervalue what Jesus has done for us, thinking that his death and resurrection is enough to get us into heaven; we neglect the need to humble ourselves under the reality of the need for daily redemption.

God's not expecting perfection from us on this side of heaven's gate. What he does want, however, is our desire to become more and more like Christ every day. As long as we're continually examining our lives and educating ourselves about how we can improve, and as long as we follow through by doing what is necessary to produce changes, God is very pleased with us.

Pray

Thank you for your patience, Jesus! Thank you for kindly explaining things to me a thousand times! Thank you for giving me the strength to get up again and again and again! Amen.

Monday, April 19
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 21
Easter Weekday
[Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church]
Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51

Friday, April 23
Easter Weekday
[Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr]
Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, April 24
Easter Weekday
[Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr]
Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

Sunday, April 25
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

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	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	Brother William Stover, C.M.	

MASS INTENTIONS

	5:30 PM	CAMM
April 18	8:00 AM	For the Repose of the Soul of Genevieve Weech
	10:30 AM	CAMM
Monday, April 19	7:30 AM	For CAMM
Tuesday, April 20	7:30 AM	For Thanksgiving, God's Guidance and Protection and our own intentions.
Wednesday, April 21	7:30 AM	For CAMM
Thursday, April 22	7:30 AM	For Thanksgiving, God's Guidance and Protection and our own intentions.
Friday, April 23	7:30 AM	CAMM
Saturday, April 24	9:00 AM	For Thanksgiving, God's Guidance and Protection and our own intentions.

PARISH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



The **Diocesan Support Appeal** funds over 50 different programs and ministries throughout western North Carolina – important works of love and service that no individual parish can do on its own. If you have already contributed toward our parish DSA goal of \$43,916.00, thank you very much. If you have not, you can donate online at: www.charlottediocese.org/dsa.



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>



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)

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

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 18-24*

Adrian Magallanes	Catalina Garnica	Jahir Quentez Garcia	Kobe-Louis I Byungura	Paul Nando
Adriana Vazquez	Catalina Sanchez Gonzalez	Smith	Leticia Calixto Rodriguez	Rachel Vuong
Ahide Martinez	Claudia Arana Mata	Jessica Reyes	Lillian Michelle Vizzueth	Ramiro Ojeda Sosa
Alan A.H. Tran	Damian O Landin	Jesus A. Abarca Campos	Luis Daniel Martinez	Rodrigo Perez
Alejandro Jose Garcia-Ruiz	Daniela Garcia Garcia	Jhon Mendoza Flores	Arguello	Ryan Shields
Alvaro Ezequiel Ramirez	Drai Ksor	Joanna Cortez	Maleny Chiu Gonzalez	Salvador Tolentino
Castañeda	Elisa Hernandez	Joanna Reyes	Manuel Rodriguez	Sophia Molina
Anna Nguyen	Elvira Alvara Gonzalez	Jorge Alejandro Parada	Maria de los Angeles	Thinh Lathur Huynh
Araceli Felix	Ernest Blowe	Noyola	Vergara	Valentina Rodriguez Ortiz
Ava Parks-Ksor	Erycka Aburto-Mendez	Jorge Guerrero	Maria Josefa Lozano	Vocctor Tellez-Mendoza
Baldimir Reyes	Gabriela Gonzalez	Jose Manuel Arredondo	Martinez	Willy Jaziel Ortiz-Parada
Bawi Lian Thang	Gabriela Palacio	José Miguel Ordaz-Lucero	Maria Victoria Alvarez	Yadira Rivas-Garcia
Benito Estrada Hernandez	Haile Yaretzi Espin	Jose Razo	Velasquez	Yiseth Ortiz Ortiz
Betsy T. Valladeres	Hoang Huuq Nguyen	Jose Rodriguez Reyes	Marisol Sanchez	
Brianna Fernandez	Isavel Cruz-Garcia	Julio Mayora	Marquita Hunter	
Bryson K	J. Horacio Garcia Vasquez	Kevin Carmona-Salinas	Nem K	

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

"You shall not commit adultery," as we hear in the Ten Commandments, and yet the Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament) accounts are filled with many passages that would make you wonder if anyone was observing the commandment. In fact, it would seem that people were not only not following the commandment, they even legitimized several types of adulterous relationships with an acceptance of polygamy (no more than four wives from the Jewish Talmud) and a levirate relationship whereby the brother of the dead husband would need to sleep with the man's wife in order to continue the purity of the line of succession and maintain the property acquisitions from the wife's dowry. "In the Bible, adultery does not have to do with the violation of intimacy or trust or relationship or love. It has to do with property law and inheritance. In the Talmud it has to do with family order and harmony." p. 75 despite all the many different ways in which was practiced and defined in the Hebrew Scriptures - all of

them different from ours, all of them considered immoral by us," pp.75-76. "Marriage still had some constants based on clear and outlined conditions: Man and wife had responsibilities for one another and they were expected to keep them." p. 76. If love was not the definition in a Hebrew marriage, then what clearly outlined what marriage was about? Marriage was duty, obligation and responsibility that measured its morality, its depth and its worth." p.76. If marriage and the goals of marriage differ from those of today, so too did the idea of adultery. First, adultery is different for men than for women. For men, adultery had nothing to do with monogamy or having sexual relations with multiple wives or unmarried women. It had everything to do with having sexual relations with another man's wife. Another man's property as women and children were looked upon and the measures of a man's wealth. Wives were owned and were there to assure to keep the purity of bloodlines and the property of the clan

intact. Adulterous women were married who had sexual relations with any man, married or single, not her husband, and would be punished, divorced or even stoned to death. So, what does the sixth commandment mean for us in our age and in a culture where more than one out of every two marriages end in divorce? What does this commandment have to say to us about the fabric of our society? According to Sister Chittister, O.S.B., the word implied by the sixth commandment is, **Commitment**. The Law of Commitment helps us to approach marriage as "one of the few institutions based on perpetuity; on singleness of heart and mutual trust." p.78. In a time when everything is less stable, and tends to be more moveable people can feel less and less responsible beyond the present, then the sixth commandment "You shall not commit adultery" brings us back to the notion of permanence, of what it means to be a family, of the spiritual meaning for the constancy of relationships." p.78. When people marry, they marry for intimacy, for being significant to another, to hopefully have children that will look like them and sound like them, but become a hope for anyone's family line to continue, and to more importantly provide the emotional, psychological, physical and spiritual stability necessary to each partner so that they realize how significant they are in the mind of God and who they are truly meant to be. "Adultery is seldom what destroys a relationship. It is often what signals that the relationship has already deteriorated". p.79. Marital relationships like all relationships take time, patience, trust, honesty, forgiveness, reconciliation, emotional stability and surrender to the process of growth for yourself and your partner. Sister Joan says that to violate that process has a significant impact not only on the couple but the entire community they are a part of. "It disturbs relationships everywhere and it barter the security and identity of the children and makes any relationship in the future a risk." p. 79. We all seek relationships because no one of us is self-sufficient and it is only when we give ourselves into the care of another person for the sake of the other, can we be ever fully known, fully challenged, and fully human. To do anything less such as exploitation, narcissistic victimization of another for the sake of the self is a violation of the sixth commandment. "It is sexual abuse of the worse kind." p.79. "You shall not commit adultery," is the word that calls us to truly care about people we say we love. Not to use them. Not to exploit them. Not to ignore them. Not to patronize them. Not to manipulate them for the sake of our own satisfaction...The people we love are those whom we commit our lives, entrust our futures, and

share ourselves so that both we and they...can grow into fully loving people. In this relationship, two equals are meant to become more together than they ever could be along and this intimacy cannot be compromised nor abused." pp.80-81 We cannot treat adultery as if it is simply sexual misbehavior, because the sixth commandment is about the integrity of one's heart, it's about loving people more spiritually than we insist on loving them physically. Adultery is the state of using people for personal physical satisfaction without the intention of a commitment, without the strings attached." without the promises to be made, or obligations assumed. In short there is no real bonding just a reflex action that is much outside of us as inside of us." p. 82. The Sixth commandment if it truly is the Law of Commitment is about loving rightly, loving with the soul as with the body. We have a lot of body love but it's not clear how much of that love started in the heart, rests in the soul, and is simply expressed by the body. This commandment says: When you love, love rightly; love truly, love without feigning it; love when it hurts; love with both body and soul; love so that it sees your partner into heaven's embrace. Substituting another body for it never works." p.83.

We are always invited to care for our neighbor who can be a parishioner or those who have fallen on hard times in the city. On behalf of the **Social Outreach Committee**, I would like to thank you for your generous response to the Second Collection on the Second Sunday of the month with two dollars. We received \$3,110.00 that is put forward to the many needs that surround us. Blessings upon all the people and hearts you have expressed your concern for their well-being. God indeed hears the cry of the poor especially when one of those cries are one of those for another. *Your priests, fathers Bill, Orlando and Joseph.*

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 \$6,850.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AT THIS TIME!

WEEKLY EXPENSES \$7,500.00

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

OTHER CHURCH NEWS

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.