



St. Mary's Catholic Church Established 1928



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SUNDAY MASSES

PARISH CENTER

English

5:30 PM Sat. Original Church

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Vietnamese

9:15 AM & 2:00 PM

Spanish

4:00 PM & 6:15 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Original Church

7:30 AM Monday

7:30 AM Tuesday- SPANISH

7:30 AM Wed-Fri

9:00 AM Saturdays

8:30 PM *Thursdays*-VIETNAMESE

6:15 PM *Fridays*- SPANISH

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Last Wednesday of the month – Original Church

8:00 AM-6:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fridays After the 6:15pm

Spanish Mass

Saturdays 4:30 PM - ENGLISH

& by appointment. Contact your priest directly.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021 - Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Faith that gives hope and victory - Good News Reflection

Today's world needs Christians who truly understand that faith gives us hope and victory in the midst of any and all difficulties.

Taking this even further, today's world needs Catholics who truly understand that going to Mass means having faith in miracles -- especially the miraculous transformation of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. Are you changed by the presence of Christ in the Eucharist? If so, then after you exit the church, others see evidence of this faith -- right?

There's a difference between "knowing" the truths of our faith and authentically living these truths.

What prayer requests have you made in which you're still waiting for God to provide his help? When you offer them to Jesus during the prayers of Mass, do you feel the hopefulness that comes from faith?

During the consecration of the Eucharist, if we do not have faith in God's ability to change bread and wine into Christ -- an ability that does not rely on the how holy the priest is -- we won't have faith to recognize that Jesus is ministering to us in the Eucharist.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus speaks of his Second Coming, but we can also relate it to our daily lives today. We all have new tribulations looming in the future, unknown and unpredictable. That's life on earth! And Jesus wants to help us through them. Faith in this gives us hope and victory.

However, when our focus is on our troubles instead of on Christ, we are not living in faith. Jesus warned us about our hearts becoming spiritually drowsy. This is when we lose faith. We forget to remain centered in Christ. We neglect to listen for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. But when we ask Jesus to restore us to a life of faith, we become vigilant, expectant, and aware that we can rely on God to help us in whatever comes our way.

Our tribulations make us fearful. Faith gives us reasons to hope in Jesus and to live in joy instead of fear. It's not easy! It takes conscious effort. But spiritual drowsiness is a miserable way to live.

Keep, Lord, my life from those things that drive me apart from You. Give me the wisdom and boldness to let go of everything that stops me from following You.

Amen.

Pray

Monday, November 29

Advent Weekday
Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, November 30

Saint Andrew, Apostle Feast
Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday, December 1

Advent Weekday
Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 2

Advent Weekday
Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 3

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest Memorial
Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 4

Advent Weekday
[Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church]4
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 5

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

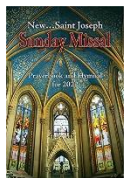


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| Ann Abplanalp | Florine Stafford | Luis Carlos Castaño | Sadie McConnell |
| Ardelia Matthews | Gabrielle Parker | Marie Isley | Shalonda Williams |
| Ashley Moore | Gus Reid | Mary Ann Coleman | Sharon Pauling |
| Betty McKinney | Gwen Drummer | Mary Scotton | Sherry Ross |
| Br. William Stover, C.M. | Harry McNeill | Mary Stephen English | Terry Bradshaw |
| Catherine Shaw | Jan M. Antoniewicz | Michael Cel Kmok | Therese Hatch |
| Claude Anderson | John Garrett | Roberta Stover | Y Blom Marcella |
| Daniel Kramer | Joseph Nguyen Anh Tuan | Rose Simpson | Susana Lopez |
| Dcn. Vince Shaw | Joyce Penn | Ruth White | Adelina Castro |
| Oscar Lopez | Stephanie Alcazar | Niko Castro | Jeronimo Lopez |
| Oscar David Lopez | Isabel Castro | Ana Lopez | Jane Dionne |

MASS INTENTIONS

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| | 5:30 PM | For the Repose of the Soul of H'Ju Nie. Requested by the Y-Tran Nie Family. |
| | 8:00 AM | For the Repose of the Soul of Vincent Allan Tran. |
| November 28 | 10:30 AM | For the Parishioners of St. Mary's |
| | 4:00 PM | For the Repose of the Soul of Jose Refugio Tapia. Requested by Carmen Tapia. |
| | 6:15 PM | For the Repose of the Soul Francisco Cortez Mosqueda. Requested by Marcela Cortes. |
| Monday, November 29 | 7:30 AM | In Thanksgiving for the Santiago Family. Requested by The Santiago Family. |
| Tuesday, November 30 | 7:30 AM | For the repose of the Soul of Ramon Santiago. Requested by The Santiago Family. |
| Wednesday, December 1 | 7:30 AM | For All Souls in Purgatory. |
| Thursday, December 2 | 7:30 AM | Vocations to the Priesthood. |
| Friday, December 3 | 7:30 AM | For Thanksgiving, God's Guidance and Protection, and our own intentions. |
| Saturday, December 4 | 9:00 AM | For the Repose of the Soul of Margarita Thoa Nguyen. Requested by Thay k Le. |

PARISH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Saint Joseph's Sunday Missals are in the front of the Original Church and the Parish Center. You are welcome to take one. Please take only one per adult or one per household as we have a limited number. If you can help us defray the costs of the missal, please put three dollars (\$3.00) in the Sunday collection. *Thank you. Fr. Jack*

IMPORTANT.... DOCUMENT REQUESTS TO ST. MARY'S

Do you need a Sponsor Certificate/letter for either Baptism or Confirmation, a letter for Immigration, Membership, any type of Recommendation letter, or document? We must have your registration/census ON FILE for at least 2 months prior to your request.

MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS

We have an Advocate for the Diocese of Charlotte Marriage Tribunal Office, and he is a Parishioner. For help with **MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS**, please contact Huy (Kevin) Le at (336) 848-5433 or HQL@rcdoc.org.

The Immaculate Conception

Mass Schedule, Wednesday, December 8, 2021

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| English | 7:30 AM | Original Church |
| Spanish | 7:00 PM | Parish Center |
| Vietnamese | 8:30 PM | Parish Center |

Parish Office will be closed on December 8th.



BAPTISMAL REQUIREMENTS You can find the baptismal requirements at

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



St. Mary's Social Outreach is committed to *help with rent, utilities (electricity, heat, and water), and prescription* areas. This committee is composed of all St. Mary's cultural groups under the direction of Mr. Chris Fombin, please call Ana, our Office Manager at 336-272-8650 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. to set up a **confidential appointment**. 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!



"Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior, and for you I wait all the day."
(Psalm 27, First Sunday of Advent)

You are invited to join us for an Advent Prayer Service in the Parish Center, with the opportunity for Confession, on **Monday, December 20th at 7:00 P.M.**

In the midst of all the activity preparing for Christmas, take some time in quiet and prayer to welcome Jesus Christ ever more deeply into your life.

OUR FAITH COMMUNITIES

ENGLISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITY

**Schedule subject to change, please contact your coordinator directly*

MONDAYS Youth Group, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM, Parish Center, classroom 6.
R.C.I.A, 7:00 PM-8:00 PM, Classroom 3.

TUESDAYS Faith Formation – English Program, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM, Parish Center.

THURSDAYS Youth Group-Homework Night, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM, Parish Center, classroom 6.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

We need Altar Servers for the 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. Sunday Masses. To become an Altar Server, you must have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist (Holy Communion). If you are interested in serving our Parish Church in this way, please see Fr. Jack after 8:00 A.M. Mass or Mr. Chris Walson after 10:30 A.M. Mass on Sunday.

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please contact Mrs. Marie Castillo to be placed on the **READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS'** schedule by calling 336 -404-7709 or emailing her at mecastillo47@gmail.com

VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY

**Schedule subject to change, please contact your coordinator directly*

SUNDAYS Faith Formation & TNTT, 12:00 PM, Parish Center.

READERS & ALTAR SERVERS – Children

Parents who would like to have their children become:

- Readers, please contact Hai Tran
- Altar Servers, please contact Tien Pham

You may also contact the catechists, or youth leaders to sign up for training.

LATINO COMMUNITY

**Schedule subject to change, please contact your coordinator directly*

MONDAYS Altar Servers, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Parish Center, classroom 7 & 8. *Second Monday of the month.*

WEDNESDAYS Faith Formation, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, Parish Center.

Rosa Mística, 6:00 – 7:45pm, Original Church, *Second Wednesday of the month.*

THURSDAYS Bible Study, 7:00-9:00PM, Parish Center, Cry Room.

RICA, 7:00-9:00PM, Parish Center, classroom 7.

FRIDAYS

6:15pm Mass Children Choir Practice, 6:00 – 7:15pm, Parish Center, Classroom 1&2.

6:15pm Mass Adult Choir Practice, 7:30 – 9:00pm, Parish Center, Classroom 4

Charismatic Group, 7:15 – 9:00pm, Original Church.

SATURDAYS

Faith Formation, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM, Parish Center.

PRE-BAPTISMAL TALK Our pre-baptismal talk will take place on **Sunday, December 5, after the 6:15 p.m. Mass.** in the Parish Center. Arrive early. first come first served.

BAPTISMS

Do you want to baptize here at St. Mary's? Pick up a packet at the end of any Pre-Baptismal Talk with all the information requested to celebrate the sacrament.



Let's Celebrate together as family the day of

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE,

Empress of the Americas

December, Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th.

Program: December, Saturday 11th

10:00 p.m. Rosary to Our Lady of Guadalupe

11:00 p.m. Mass

Program: December, Sunday 12th

12:00 a.m. Mañanitas with Mariachi Hnos. Ortega

1:00 a.m. Farewell

5:00 a.m. Rosary (5:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.)

2:00 p.m. Dances

2:45 p.m. Guadalupan Apparitions

3:45 p.m. Mass Preparation

4:00 p.m. Sunday Mass

6:15 p.m. Sunday Mass



For more information please contact:

María Sánchez (336) 912-6316

Antonio González (336) 554-0981

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Blessings!

We would like to acknowledge all birthdays for this coming week November 28 – December 4

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| Alexander Ortiz | Carolina Sanchez | Juan Carlos Galo | Nelcy Alvarez-Altamirano |
| Alexander Trejo Sanchez | Daleyza Lopez | Juan Carlos Zambrano Calderon | Ngo K |
| Amy Camila Loayza Caldas | Daniel Garcia Hernandez | Juan Diego Rodriguez Aguilar | Nhan Le |
| Andrea Mota | Diana Fernandez | Juan Garcia Perez | Raul Jesus Valdez-Rangel |
| Andrea Sanchez Esquivel | Dulce Maria Lopez Alvarez | Kip Poubry | Ricardo Dominguez |
| Andrew Bradshaw | Ethan Valenzuela | Leandro Gonzalez | Rigoberto Rodriguez Reyes |
| Angela Malaika Wanza | Felipe Ornelas Rodriguez | Lia Jessabelle Salazar | Roberta Sarmiento |
| Anna K Touneh | Feliza Toledo | Lilyana Lopez | Sahory Guiselle Minjagos Teran |
| Anna Tran | Gabriela Medina | Lisany Cardoza Vazquez | Samuel Castro-Sanchez |
| Aracely Espitia Perez | Henry Thamh-Vinh Nguyen | Lizbeth Aquino Grijalva | Sonia Sanchez Marquez |
| Aracely Rodriguez Lopez | Irina Campos | Lucas Aguilera | Sui Za Len |
| Ariadna Sosa | Jahaira Reyes | Luisa Itzel Caballero Trujano | Tuan Anh Luu |
| Aytana Muñoz Ortiz | Jairo Lopez | Marco Antonio Luna-Villagran | Tyson Ka |
| Bao Son Bui | Jaqueline Aguilar Soto | Maria B. Herrera | Walson Natasha |
| Bianca Hernandez | Jasmin Hernandez | Maria Bui | Wendy Romero |
| Brandon Santos | Jorge M. Prieto Baltazar | Maria Guadalupe Tello-Banda | Yeshun Salvador Tolentino |
| Bryan Daniel Pacheco Espitia | Jose Enrique Garcia Sosa | Melito Sanchez-Garnica | Hernandez |
| Can Thanh Nguyen | Joselin Aburto Mondragon | Miguel Angel Prieto Aguilera | Yostin Diaz Aguilar |
| Candelaria Garcia | Joseph Le | Moses Poston | Zamuel Colmillo |
| Carlos Luis-Ojeda | Jowith Thomas | Nancy Azucena Mejia | |

November - Black Catholic History Month

Saint Josephine Margaret Bakhita, F.D.C.C

Submitted by Bernadette Tuitt



Bakhita was born around February 8th 1869 in Sudan. She grew up surrounded by a loving family of three brothers and three sisters and lived a happy and carefree life. When she was about 8 years old, she was abducted by Arab slave traders, and was sold about five times in several markets. Bakhita was not her birth name. She had such a horrific experience as a slave, that she forgot the name her parents had given her. The name Bakhita was given to her by a slaver, which is Arabic for "fortunate".

While in Sudan, an Italian consul purchased Bakhita to work for his family. Unlike her previous owners and kidnappers, the family respected Bakhita and treated her well. A few years later the family had to return to Italy, so Bakhita went to work for one of the family friends, whom also respected Bakhita as their worker. Eventually, they also had to move. Bakhita then moved in with the Canossian Sisters of the Institute of the Catechumens in Venice.

Bakhita received religious education while living with the sisters. The family she had previously worked for returned for her, but Bakhita did not want to go. She took her case to court and found out that Sudan had outlawed slavery before she was born, meaning that her enslavement had always been illegal. Therefore, the Italian law ensured Bakhita's right to stay with the sisters.

On January 9th 1890 Bakhita was baptized with the names of 'Josephine Margaret' and 'Fortunata'. On the same day she was also confirmed and received Holy Communion from Archbishop Giuseppe Sarto, the Cardinal Patriarch of Venice. On December 7th 1893, Josephine Bakhita entered the Novitiate of the Canossian Sisters and on December 8th 1896, she took her vows, welcomed by cardinal Sarto. In 1902 she was assigned to the Canossian convent at Schio, in the northern province of Vivenza, where she spent the rest of her life.

On October 1st 2000, she was canonized as Saint Josephine Bakhita when she was named the Patron Saint of Sudan by Pope John Paul II. She is venerated as a modern African Saint, and as a statement against the brutal history of slavery.

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. Please remember to help your parish by continuing your offerings with your envelopes or by mailing in a check.



MAIN \$8,800.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AT THIS TIME!
WEEKLY EXPENSES

\$7,500.00 / For utilities, programming, salaries, Diocesan Assessments, and supplies.