



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 19, 2021 - Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

The joy of recognizing Jesus - Good News Reflection

The Fourth Sunday of Advent shows Elizabeth and her unborn son, John, reacting to the nearness of the unborn Christ. We know that Elizabeth immediately understood that Mary was pregnant with the Lord, because the Gospel says she was filled with the Holy Spirit. But how could the fetal John understand? How could he leap for joy while still in the womb?

If it's true that an unborn baby is not a person with a soul until it takes its first breath, as is claimed by many who believe that abortion is okay, how could the unborn John recognize the presence of the unborn Savior?

The faith to recognize the presence of Christ -- in the womb of people's lives, in the Eucharist, in the humanity of unborn children, etc. -- comes from being fully alive in the Holy Spirit, who was given to us fully during our baptisms. However, it takes a humble willingness to let God change our minds about what we think is true in order to be open to God's Spirit teaching us what is indeed true.

John as a fetus was incapable of understanding anything, especially when it happened outside the womb, yet he leapt for joy. This teaches us that we don't need to see God working in the world or solving our personal problems before we can leap for joy. We don't have to understand what God is doing, and we don't even have to know his plans.

The Holy Spirit enlivened the faith of Elizabeth and John through an act of grace that depended on Christ's future activity. For us, our faith is enlivened by the grace God provides in the Sacraments.

The joy that comes from recognizing the presence of Christ is God's Christmas gift to us. It's a joy that's meant to last all year. It's a lifestyle, not a holiday. It comes from a faith that appreciates God for working mercifully in ways that we can see and ways that we cannot see, because we trust in his goodness. Even when we suffer or feel sorrow, we can learn to recognize the presence of Christ.

And then what? Like John, we are called to be heralds of Christ's presence. How? First by sharing our joy with others.

Pray

Placing my life in Your hands, Lord, I will travel through paths I have never imagined. Amen.

Monday, December 20

Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 21

[Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church]

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday, December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday, December 23

[Saint John of Kanty, Priest]

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

Friday, December 24

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday, December 25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Solemnity [Holyday of Obligation]

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Sunday, December 26

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, Feast

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or, in Year C, 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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

	5:30 PM	For the Parishioners of St. Mary's.
	8:00 AM	For the Repose of the Soul of Ju (Judy) Nie, requested by Thomas Iban.
December 19	10:30 AM	For the Parishioners of St. Mary's.
	4:00 PM	For the Repose of the Soul of Leonsa Bonilla, requested by Maria de Argueta.
	6:15 PM	For The Gutierrez Family.
Monday, December 20	7:30 AM	For Thanksgiving, God's Guidance and Protection, and our own intentions.
Tuesday, December 21	7:30 AM	For the Repose of the Soul of Samuel Garcia. Requested by Carlos Mendoza Nieto.
Wednesday, December 22	7:30 AM	For Thanksgiving, God's Guidance and Protection, and our own intentions.
Thursday, December 23	7:30 AM	In Thanksgiving to God for favors (blessings) received.
Friday, December 24	7:30 AM	For Thanksgiving, God's Guidance and Protection, and our own intentions.
	5:00 PM	For the Parishioners of St. Mary's.
Saturday, December 25	9:00 AM	For the repose of the Soul of Dominic Khiu.

PARISH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24th & Saturday, December 25th

	7:30 AM	English	Original Church
Christmas Eve	5:00 PM	English	Parish Center
	6:30 PM	Spanish	Parish Center
	8:30 PM	Vietnamese	Parish Center
MIDNIGHT MASS	12:00 AM	English	Original Church
	9:00 AM	English	Parish Center
Christmas Day	10:30 AM	Spanish	Parish Center
	Noon	Montagnard	Parish Center
	5:30 PM		NO MASS

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.



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

*Offices will be closed on December 22-24, 27 & 31

*Bathrooms will be unavailable on Dec 28th and 29th.

the ministries and local communities of our provinces. It also provides resources on discernment and other related matters.



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!



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 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.

4. **DOCUMENTS.** Bring COPIES of:

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Sponsor's Sacramental Certificates
 - Baptism, First Communion & Confirmation (or Marriage in case he/she is living with a significant other)



"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, January 9, 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Blessings!*We would like to acknowledge all birthdays for this coming week December 19-25*

Alejandro Martinez Cortes
 Alejandro Meza Reyes
 Amanda Garcia-Mosqueda
 Ana Haydee Reyes Jimenez
 Ana Maria Vazquez Garcia
 Ana Rosa Morales Guevara
 Angel de Jesus Perez Perez
 Angelica Rodriguez
 Anthony Walson
 Ashley Fuentes Saenz
 Augustine K. Amponsah
 Baltazar Salazar Lara
 Berenice Popoca
 Betty Watson
 Bru Mook
 Bryan Lopez-Serafin
 Cang Nguyen
 Cesar A. Lopez
 Cesar Amaury Orozco-Rodriguez
 Cladie{{Gladie} Blowe
 Cristina Luis-Gonzalez
 Cynthia Yaneli Villa-Adame
 Dalia Flores Caballero
 Daniel McMillan
 David Huynh
 Dulce Maria Mar Mayorga
 Efrain Rodriguez
 Elisa Martin
 Esmeralda Osornio-Flores
 Esteban Popoca Betancourt
 Eugenia Lopez
 Felicia Preudhomme
 Fernanda Lizeth Orozco Sanchez

Fernanda Orozco
 Gerardo Gonzalez
 Gloria Bahena Hernandez
 Guadalupe Perez
 Gwendolyn Jones
 Hector Sandoval-Diaz
 Hoang Kim
 Ignacio Guerrero
 Israel Lara
 Jason Salazar Juarez
 Jenifer Yolán
 Jesus Juarez Padilla
 Jesus Romero Guatelama
 Jiren Sarahi Garcia Avila
 Jonathan Aguilera
 Jose Fredy Romero
 Joselyn Cuellar Rodriguez
 Juan Pablo Martinez Salazar
 Ka Euh
 Kaylee Sanchez
 Keyla Mondragon
 Larry Hernandez-Arenas
 Leonardo Mendez Diaz
 Leoncio Saldana-Delgado
 Liliana Velazquez Guerrero
 Louis Le
 Luis Alberto Ortiz Torres
 Luis Joan Medel Vargas
 Manuel Angel Sosa-Peralta
 Manuela Jarquin Rios
 Maria Aguilar Ramirez
 Maria de Jesus Miramontes Flores
 Maria del Rocio Arredondo

Maria del Rozario Juarez
 Maria Sandra Lopez Romero
 Maria Suarez
 Maribel Barron
 Marisol Beltran-Hernandez
 Marlin Diaz
 Mary Uzochukwu
 Mass Rcom
 Michael Kmok
 Miguel Angel Mateos Velasquez
 Miguel Martinez
 Miriam Mailen Padilla-Rodriguez
 Nayeli Sophia Gonzalez Vargas
 Nhu Nguyen
 Nollei Villanueva Castro
 Oswin Gomez
 Paula G. Sanchez
 Phong Luu
 Preston Lane
 Rosalba Arguello
 Rosalie Chinh
 Sahir Cardoza
 Salvador Rivas-Santacruz
 Sandra Lopez Romero
 Tong Rcom
 Vi Tran
 Violeta Hernandez
 Viridiana Chavez
 Yandel Saldaña
 Yazayra Rodriguez
 Yngo Mdrang
 Yuridia Diaz Cardoza

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 \$10,035.00****Thank you for your generosity at this time!****WEEKLY EXPENSES****\$7,500.00 / For utilities, programing, salaries, Diocesan Assessments, and supplies.**