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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.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 26, 2021 - *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52*

Trusting the truths we don't understand- *Good News Reflection*

"Joy mixed with drama marks the fifth [joyful] mystery," wrote Saint John Paul II in his encyclical on the Rosary, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* (paragraph #20), as he reflected on today's Gospel story about Mary and Joseph losing the boy Jesus and finding him in the Temple. "Here he appears in his divine wisdom as he listens and raises questions, already in effect one who 'teaches'."

This scripture, he pointed out, reveals that Jesus was already wholly dedicated to his Father's affairs. That's the first part of the mystery: How early did he feel inspired to serve as the Son of God?

The second part of the mystery, John Paul II explained, is "the radical nature of the Gospel, in which even the closest of human relationships are challenged by the absolute demands of the Kingdom." Which relationships? Family relationships! In this scripture, Mary and Joseph faced the challenge that every parent experiences. They were "fearful and anxious," because they did not understand what was happening to their child.

Today, we are like Mary and Joseph in their moment of failing to understand the words of Jesus. His teachings challenge us to accept a more difficult life, a life of doing good to our enemies, taking a stand against injustices, standing up for Christian values, getting persecuted for it, turning the cheek and going the extra mile, a life of courageously adhering to the ways of God.

Our preference, when it's inconvenient or unpleasant to be so holy, is to rationalize and make excuses for any behavior that the world says is good and right but which contradicts the Church's scripture-based teachings. However, if we are sincere about following Christ, we are willing to do what is difficult. And it's usually in the doing that we begin to understand the benefits of becoming more like Christ.

Without this understanding, however, we have to trust that the words of Jesus are truth. Like Mary and Joseph, we need to ponder in our hearts what we do not understand and at the same time move forward in holy living. Then we discover the joy that comes from a life that's lived wholly in Christ.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us pray that Mary and Joseph will help us hear Jesus whenever our troubles or temptations get so distracting that we lose sight of him. Let us learn to recognize that Jesus is always present with us in his Holy Spirit, helping us, guiding us, and mercifully loving us, especially in the challenges we face.

Beloved Jesus: Give me the grace of being aware of the ways I stray from You and renewing a firm decision to resume the path which leads me to re-encounter You. Amen. © 2021 Terry Modica, Catholic Digital Resources, www.catholiccdr.com. Printed by permission.

Pray

Monday, December 27
Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
 Feast 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday, December 28
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
 Feast
 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday, December 29
Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
 [Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr]
 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday, December 30
Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Friday, December 31
Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
 [Saint Sylvester I, Pope]
 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday, January 1
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity [not a Holyday of Obligation this year]
 Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Sunday, January 2
USA: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, Solemnity
 Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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	Edward Butler

MASS INTENTIONS

	5:30 PM	-NO MASS-
	8:00 AM	For the Repose of the Soul of Ju (Judy) Nie, requested by Thomas Iban.
December 26	10:30 AM	For the Repose of the Soul of Medline Ejimakor.
	4:00 PM	For the Repose of the Souls of Aurelio Mendoza, Andrea Hernandez, and Melecio Pinacho Soto.
	6:15 PM	For The Perez Soria Family and The Perez Ortega Family.
Monday, December 27	7:30 AM	For World Peace
Tuesday, December 28	7:30 AM	For The Perez Vargas Family, The Aragon Perez Family, and for the Repose of the Soul of Mrs. Elvira Perez Ortega.
Wednesday, December 29	7:30 AM	For the end of violence, especially gun violence in our society.
Thursday, December 30	7:30 AM	For the poor and the marginalized.
Friday, December 31	7:30 AM	For the protection of life from the point of conception to the point of natural death.
	6:15 PM	For the Repose of the Soul of Rosa Maria Medina Toledo, requested by The Mosqueda Family.
Saturday, January 1	9:00 AM	For the Souls in Purgatory.

PARISH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Year's Mass Schedule

Friday, December 31st & Saturday, January 1st

New Year's Eve (Friday)	7:30 AM	English	Original Church
	6:15 PM	Spanish	Original Church
	8:30 PM	Vietnamese	Parish Center
New Year's Day (Saturday)	9:00 AM	English	Original Church
	10:30 AM	Spanish	Parish Center
	Noon	Vietnamese	Parish Center
	5:30 PM	English	Original Church

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.

*Offices will be closed on December 27 & 31

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



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.



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)

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.

VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY

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

SUNDAYS	Faith Formation & TNTT , 12:00 PM, Parish Center.
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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. <i>Second Monday of the month.</i>
WEDNESDAYS	Faith Formation , 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, Parish Center. Rosa Mística , 6:00 – 7:45pm, Original Church, <i>Second Wednesday of the month.</i>
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 26 – January 1

Alexa Garcia-Mosqueda	Diego Alonso Arredondo	J Saul Briones	Ly Dao	Salvador Salas
Alexa Lucero	Dionisio Velazquez	Jaquelin Guadalupe	Mai Thi Nguyen	Santiagoh Martinez Cortes
Alexander Bryan	Martinez	Gomez Osorio	Manuel Chombo-Magos	Santos Diaz Dominguez
Hernandez Reyes	Domingo Martinez	Je Pangting	Manuel Mosqueda	Santos Lucia Lopez
Alexander Huerta Garcia	Dueh Rocom	Jesus Daniel Ramirez	Maria Cardoza Zapata	Hernandez
Allison Toledo-Cruz	Dylan Waite	Jesus Domingo	Maria de los Angeles	Saul Briones
Alonso Herrada	Elvia Peralta Hernandez	Valenzuela-Inzunza	Sanchez Gonzalez	Sebastian Martinez Cortes
Alva Martinez	Emely Arias	Jesus Lopez Gonzalez	Maria Duk	Set Ka
Andrea Henriquez Morales	Emily Naria Kim	Jose Carmen Garcia	Maria Jimenez	Silvia Lopez Rios
Angel Carmona	Eneida Vargas Gomez	Vazquez	Maria Le	Susana Razo Ramirez
Angel F. Chipol Cagal	Erich Crouch	Jose E. Luviano	Marino Banda	Thay Le
Angel Maldonado Sanchez	Ernie Griffin	Mondragon	Melanie De Paz Sanchez	Thi Huong Nguyen
Angellique Mondragon	Estephany Yudith Ortiz	Jose Emanuel Serrano	Melanie S.M. Beltran	Thomas Hluanh Kpuih
Arias	Aragon	Estrada	Melanny Guadalupe	Thong Bui
Anthony Roman	Fatima Berenice Pacheco	Jose Rodriguez	Garcia Medina	Thong Luu
Ap Apa	Munoz	Juan Domingo	Miel Dagout Dagout	Thu Nguyen
Armando J. Prieto Baltazar	Gabriel Garcia	K Kou	Ngam Ka	Thu Thi Anh Vu
Ashley Cardoza-Lopez	Geobani Martinez	Kately Ponce Martinez	Nghia Ho	Thung Thug
Bivian Ejimakor	Gerardo Parada-Garnica	Kevin N K'Briuh	NHin K	Tracy Youk
Bom Ka	Griselle J. Ramos	Khanh Kichi K'Briuh	Nick Nando Rcom	Trang Huynh
Bon Y	Gwendolyn Stanfield	Khanh Pham	Parks-Ksor Shayla	Trung Hieu Cil
Brong K	Hanh Nguyen	Kieu Ka	Paul Duk	Tu Y
Casey Cao	H'Bi Ktul	Kim Gioa	Paul Kizumina	Vanessa Morales Urrutia
Catherine Mukarubayiza	H-Ju Nie	Kluih Kluih	Pdom Ka	Vanessa Siu
Cesar Mendiola	H'Lun Hmok	Kodjo Michel Hiheglo	Phero Bui	Vi Brubaker
Christine Lubamba	H'Minh Rahlan	Krem Ka	Phuong Le Cong	Vinh K
Cindy Moray Y-Khnyen	H'Ni Buon Ya	Landon Nguyen	Roi Ka	Y Linh Fnu
Daleyza Rodriguez	Iem A	Leslie E. Lopez Dominguez	Ron Krajan	Yaneth Maldonado
Daniel A. Ordaz Peralta	Inocencia Balcazar Castro	Lindsey Cil	Ronny Mookk	Yessica Lizbeth Sanchez
Daniela Guerrero	Inocente Hernandez Mayo	Long Nguyen	Roy K DeHaro-Octavo	Hernandez
Deng Ka	Isaac Parada-Lucero	Lus Y	Ryan Villafane	YThi Nie

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

As you can see, our Parish Center, the Original Church, and our Parish Grounds have been beautifully decorated for Christmas. Thank you to our brothers and sisters in the Vietnamese Community for decorating our parish center so beautifully. Thank you to our Youth Group for decorating the Original Church and for providing a wonderful time for the children of our parish at the Children's Christmas party on December 18th. Thank you to one of our Parish Families for providing us with such a beautiful Manager Scene in front of our parish center.

God bless you all for you hard work! Fr. Jack

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.



Thank you for your generosity at this time!
WEEKLY EXPENSES

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

MAIN \$10,231.00