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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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 2, 2022 - *Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12*

Celebrating the epiphany of discovery- *Good News Reflection*

The Season of Christmas includes the celebration of the arrival of the magi from the East.

The Greek word "magi" meant oriental scientists. Despite sometimes being translated as "astrologers", their appearance at the manger does not validate astrology. Matthew included the magi in his Gospel account to show that Jesus was born to bring salvation to all: Gentiles as well as Jews.

The Church celebrates Epiphany to tell the world that no one who humbles himself before Jesus, paying homage to his divine-and-human presence, is excluded from the kingdom of God. Christ is the way, the truth and the life. No one can have eternal life without him, but all are welcome.

Contrary to popular legends, the magi were not kings, even though post-biblical writings often referred to them as kings because of the royal gifts they brought. It's not their kingship that the gifts represent; it's the Messianic kingship of Jesus. The magi prophetically testified with these gifts that Jesus was a divine king who would die.

Gold honored Jesus as king, incense honored his divinity, and myrrh, which was used in preparing the dead for burial, honored his death. Eventually, the gifts also came to symbolize our Christian response: gold represents our righteousness, incense our prayers, and myrrh our sufferings for Christ.

The word "epiphany" means a moment of discovery, a revelation that changes our lives. Did the magi recognize the baby Jesus as the world's savior? It was a common belief at the time that all kings were divine -- they were gods living among us until they died. Did the magi have an epiphany about the permanent kingship of Jesus?

Surely after this pilgrimage they never forgot about him and they kept their ears open for news from Jerusalem about him. Surely they learned about the King of the Jews who was crucified. We know this, because at some point, they became very saintly Christians; their relics still exist and have been venerated since very early times.

Without a doubt, the magi worshiped Jesus, even if they didn't fully understand why until later.

Pray

Thank You, Lord Jesus, because You have shown me my heavenly Father's face, and You guide me towards Him in Your light. Amen.

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Monday, January 3

Christmas Weekday [The Most Holy Name of Jesus]
1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 4

USA: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious Memorial
1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 5

USA: Saint John Neumann, Bishop Memorial
1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 6

Christmas Weekday [USA: Saint André Bessette, Religious]
1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday, January 7

Christmas Weekday [Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest] 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 8

Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

Sunday, January 9

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Feast
Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, in Year C, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

PRAYER REQUESTS



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

Ann Ablanap	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	For the Parishioners of St. Mary's.
	8:00 AM	For the Repose of the Soul of Ju (Judy) Nie, requested by Thomas Iban.
January 2	10:30 AM	For the Repose of the Soul of Thelma Hatchett, requested by Angela Pridgen.
	4:00 PM	For the Health of Patricia Soria and for The Moreno Miranda Family.
	6:15 PM	For the Repose of the Soul of Maria del Consuelo Maldonado Peralta, requested by Raquel Peralta.
Monday, January 3	7:30 AM	For those who are sick in our parish.
Tuesday, January 4	7:30 AM	For the Repose of the Soul of Jacinto Sanchez Sanchez.
Wednesday, January 5	7:30 AM	For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.
Thursday, January 6	7:30 AM	For Vocations to the Priesthood.
Friday, January 7	7:30 AM	For the protection of life from the point of conception to the point of natural death.
	6:15 PM	For The Bartley-Perez Family.
Saturday, January 8	9:00 AM	For All Families.

PARISH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RITE OF ACCEPTANCE INTO THE ORDER OF CATECHUMENS

On **Sunday, January 9th** at 10:30 A.M. Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens for four of our parishioners:

- Janet Blevens,*
- Wejia Du,*
- Lindsay Huynh, and*
- Aaron Parks-Ksor.*

As Catechumens, they will prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on April 16, 2022. Janet, Wejia, Lindsay, and Aaron, your brothers and sisters at Saint Mary's thank you and pledge to you our prayerful support.

We thank your Sponsors: Vivian Teachey, Michael Abele, Nga Huynh, Vaih Nay, and Emily Carter who directs our RCIA Program in English. WELCOME!



DIOCESE of CHARLOTTE
50th ANNIVERSARY

On **Wednesday, January 12th**, our diocese, the Diocese of Charlotte, will begin the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of our

founding. Our theme is "Faith, more precious than Gold" (1 Peter 1:7). This will be a yearlong celebration which will start, in conjunction with Bishop Jugis at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Original Church followed by Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 5:30 P.M. followed by Mass at 7:00 P.M. Prayer cards with the Prayer for the 50th Anniversary and Bishop Jugis' Monthly Prayer Intentions are in the foyer of the Parish Center and the back of the 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.



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)

thank you

Christmas Party

The youth group wants to give a heartfelt thank you for making this year's Christmas party a success. A special thanks to all the faith formation students that helped set up and clean up. Lastly, we would like to thank all the parishioners who donated candy and toys for this event. *Blessings, Youth Group.*

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.
- 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.

THURSDAYS

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

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 January 2-8

Abigail Mairena-Avila
 Erika Nolasco
 Joan Kpa
 Jordi Romero
 Kim Ng.T.
 Kyleen Irina Mejia
 Maricela Serrano Diosdado
 Michele Mac
 Mireya Moreno
 Narciso Zamora
 Norberto Martinez Almanzar
 Rinnan Gijamfua Anderson
 Trieu Tran
 Alex Matthew Melgar Romero
 Christian Villagomez Almanzar
 Dorovan Siu
 Esthefani Hernandez
 Jessica Romero
 Marco Antonio Guzman Velasco
 Silvia Bastida
 Alexa Mosqueda Cortes
 Angela Parada Martinez
 Daniel Alejandro Vazquez
 Edwin Ricardo Briones-Carrillo
 Fernando Herrera Mendez
 Fernando J Meza Reyes
 Hao Phan
 Iris Mendez
 Jasmine Mendoza
 Jose Fernando Arellano Ayala
 Josselyn Reyes
 Juliet Sanchez Lopez

Mateo Escobedo
 Patricia Esquivel
 Paul K
 Rigoberto Garcia Jimenez
 Amado Jarquin-Ventura
 Anahi Zepeda
 Christina Nguyen
 Ethan Thuan Vu
 H'Pon Nay
 Luis Angel Madrigal Serrano
 Manuel Salazar
 Margarito Mexicano-Mijangos
 Miriam Idalily Salmeron
 Natalia Olguin
 Nathalie Martinez
 Pang K
 Phillip Vo
 Phu Vo
 Ramirez Maria Dolores
 Tomas Domingo Dominguez Lopez
 Anahy Palacio
 Antonio Vazquez Leon
 Brandon E. Juarez Fernandez
 Bryan Vazquez
 Jose Godinez
 Kaiden Jefferson McCutchen
 Natalia O. Aguilera-Toledo
 Nora Morales
 Rafael Morales Perez
 Raquel Rodriguez
 Reyna Yanet Lucas Lopez
 Reynaldo Ramirez

Reynaldo Ramirez Escudero
 Thalia Sanchez Sarmiento
 Thi Xuan Nguyen Nguyen
 Virginia A. Smith
 Adelyn Edith Lopez-Vargas
 Alejandro Villanueva Castro
 Angelica Castro Hilario
 Britney Altamirano-Rios
 Darryl Bauman
 Emmanuel Garcia
 Jose Guadalupe Villagomez Chavez
 Juan Emmanuel Azcon Bravo
 Laura Gonzalez-Luviano
 Maria Dominguez Torres
 Nadia Eban
 Alondra Avila
 Apolinar Martinez
 Ayari Briones Miranda
 Ayari Briones-Miranda
 Brizeyda Altamirano-Rios
 Cameron Nay Kdam
 Jennifer Quiterio Sanchez
 Jorge Maldonado Sanchez
 Jose Antonio De Leon Banda
 Krim Ka
 Linh Nguyen
 Maria Acosta
 Maria Soledad Ramirez Sarabia
 Nelia K Touneh
 Noel Garcia-Suarez

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 \$22,837.00
Thank you for your generosity at this time!

WEEKLY EXPENSES

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