

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — MARCH 1, 2020

*“The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.” — Matthew 4:10*

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**DIOCESAN  
SUPPORT  
APPEAL 2020**

**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

Thousands of people across the diocese benefit because of the DSA-funded ministries:

- 39,872 children and adults through programs assisted by the Faith Formation Office
- 6,896 grade school and high school students in Catholic Schools
- 6,762 teenagers through Youth Ministry
- 3,928 Catholic college students through Campus Ministry programs
- 23,404 clients of Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte, served in the following office locations:  
Asheville, Charlotte, Murphy, Greensboro, Winston-Salem
- 137 permanent deacons through the Permanent Diaconate program
- 40 seminarians currently in formation for the diocese

To help support these ministries, each parish or mission has been assessed a specific amount.

Those that surpass their assessed targets receive rebates of **100 percent** of the amount received over their target.

If a parish falls short of the target, then they must pay the shortfall from the parish operating budget.

Easy Ways to Contribute to the Diocesan Support Appeal:

- 1 ) Fill out and mail the bottom of this page
- 2 ) Donate online at [www.charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://www.charlottediocese.org/dsa)
- 3 ) Use the pledge card you received in the mail
- 4 ) Fill out the pledge envelope available in the parish office

### 2020 DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL

1123 S. Church St. Charlotte, NC 28203-4003

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (  home  cell ) \_\_\_\_\_

Please credit my gift to: ( Circle one )

St Mary Help of Christians ( 52 ) or Christ the King ( 49 )

Amount Pledged \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

- Please make checks payable to: Diocesan Support Appeal
- Monthly pledge reminders will be sent to you until the pledge is paid in full or until December 2020.
- Send pledge reminders via  email  postal address.

For more information  
please contact the  
Office of Development  
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# THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, March 2

8:00 AM... +Hana Dobiasova (Chapel)

### Tuesday, March 3

8:00 AM... +CJ Jones (Chapel)

### Thursday, March 5

8:00 AM... Mondeau Family (Chapel)

### First Friday, March 6

12:00 PM... +Kathleen Kottar (SM)

7:00 PM... +Msgr. William James (SM-Spanish)

### Saturday, March 7

5:00 PM... +Berney Gehring (CK)

### Sunday, March 8

10:00 AM... +CJ Jones (SM)

12:45 PM... Pro Populo (SM-Spanish)

## DEVOTIONS, MEETINGS, & MORE

### Sunday, March 1

9:00 AM... Adoration/Confession/Rosary (SM)

11:15 AM... Faith Formation (SM Parish hall)

### Monday, March 2

9:00 AM... Legion of Mary-English (Classroom 1)

7:00 PM... Coro rehearsal (Wellein Room)

7:00 PM... Legion of Mary-Spanish (SM Parish Hall)

### Tuesday, March 3 - Wednesday, March 4

No events scheduled

### Thursday, March 5

6:00 PM... Schola rehearsal (Wellein Room)

7:00 PM... RCIA (Wellein Room)

7:00 PM... Guadalupano Group (SM Parish Hall)

### Friday, March 6

12:30 PM... Stations of the Cross (SM)

7:00 PM... Coro rehearsal (Classroom 1)

7:00 PM... RICA-Español (Wellein Room)

7:30 PM... Stations of the Cross (SM-Spanish)

### Saturday, March 7

4:30 PM... Confession/Holy Rosary (CK)

### Sunday, March 8

9:00 AM... Adoration/Confession/Rosary (SM)

11:15 AM... Faith Formation (SM Parish hall)



This month we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life). This Church teaching on the value and inviolability of every human life remains an indispensable source of truth for all people. Written by Pope St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* was appropriately given in Rome on the Solemnity of the Annunciation on March 25, 1995.

## THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*Lent is a time to reflect on our relationship with God. We are called to focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in our Lenten stewardship.*

**Ending soon!**

### Annual Raffle Fundraiser!

**1st Prize \$4,900 | 2nd Prize \$500**

**Tickets: \$20. Max of 850 tickets will be sold**

**Drawing Date: March 19**

**Look for volunteers selling tickets after Mass.**

### Upcoming Special Collections

- 3/15 - Easter flowers
- 3/29 - Debt Reduction (Christ the King only)

### Diocesan Support Appeal

As we look at our lives and the many ways God has blessed us, let us give back a proportionate gift to the Diocesan Support Appeal as a way of saying thank you to the Lord. God will never be outdone in generosity. If you did not turn in your completed pledge envelope at Mass, you may complete a pledge envelope and return it to the Parish Office or go to [charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://charlottediocese.org/dsa) to make a gift online. **Our parish goals are \$25,471 at St. Mary and \$4,221 at Christ the King.**

### Greeters for 12:45 PM Mass

- 3/1 - Heliodoro, Maria, Deyanira, Andres
- 3/8 - Selene, David A, Cristal, Kevin

### Church Cleaning Teams

- 3/1 - Grupo de Emaús
- 3/8 - Salvador Bernabe

### Legacy Giving

You can make a significant gift to our parish that will cost you nothing during your lifetime. Consider including our parish as a beneficiary in your will.

### Food Bank / Boost & Ensure

Please bring donations of non-perishable food and Boost & Ensure and leave them in the barrel at St. Mary or Christ the King. Thank you for your generosity and care of the elderly and poor in our community.

- Food needed for March: Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Boost & Ensure are always needed.

### Online Giving

Use the "Online Giving" tab of [SaintMaryShelby.org](http://SaintMaryShelby.org) if you wish to use myEoffering.

### Monthly Offertory

	Dec 2019	Monthly Budget	Dec 2018
SM	\$22,353	\$18,066	\$24,581
CK	\$2,542	\$4,311	\$3,803

*~ Thank you for your generous support of our parish ~*

# NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER



Pray for Carol Annette, Mary Baxter, Jerome Bickimer, Eric Bilow, Juan "Yayito" Colon, Maria Eugenia Colon, Sammy Costner, Sally Currie, Bridget Custer, Adam Gehring, Norma Grafing, Tena Green, Patrice Hammitt, Evelyn Hill, Sean Hobart, Fred Hunt, Laurie Johnston, Paul Judge, Ann & Bob Kaverman, Jimmy Marks, Pat Mullen, Maxine Nann, Declan Richardson, Gerardo Rivera, Thomas Rivera, Audrey Russo, Bea Stroupe, and Mary Zeunik.

## CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH



Bishop Jugis has dedicated 2020 to St. Joseph in the Diocese of Charlotte. On March 19 the Church celebrates his feast day and May 1 is the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. I invite you to make a Consecration to St. Joseph on May 1 at Holy Mass. To prepare we will use Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father by Fr. James Calloway. It takes 33 days to prepare for the consecration, so we will begin March 30 and end with the consecration on May 1. Anyone preparing for the consecration is invited to attend an optional 1-hour conference on 4 Mondays: March 30, April 6, 20, & 27, 7:00-8:00 PM. Anyone can make the consecration -especially men-but women, children, youth and even entire families can do it together. You just need Fr. Calloway's book to guide you during the 33 days of preparation. You are responsible for acquiring the book as a paperback or eBook at [shopmercy.org](http://shopmercy.org). If you plan to attend any of the conferences and/or making the consecration May 1, please let the office know. —Fr. Kottar

## THE HOLY FATHER'S SPECIAL INTENTION FOR MARCH 2020

The Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention. The Holy Father has entrusted these intentions in a particular way to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (also known as the Apostleship of Prayer), an organization that works to encourage Christians to respond to the Pope's appeal and to deepen their daily prayer. You can find more information about the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network on their website [popesprayerusa.net](http://popesprayerusa.net). The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network will also publish any urgent prayer intentions of the Holy Father as soon as they are received from the Holy See. **INTENTION FOR MARCH - Catholics in China:** We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

## FORGIVENESS AND HEALING FOLLOWING ABORTION

Catholic Charities can help men and women who have experienced abortion begin their healing journey. Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat creates a healing environment of prayer and forgiveness. The retreat works to reconnect individuals to themselves, their friends, and family and to realize God's ever-present love. Diocese of Charlotte: Asheville Area March 13-15, 2020. For more information please contact either: Jackie Childers: 980-241-0251 / [jackie.childers1@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.childers1@gmail.com) or Jessica Grabowski: 704-370-3229 / [jgrabowski@charlottediocese.org](mailto:jgrabowski@charlottediocese.org)



## Lenten Fish Fry

*Fridays 6:00-8:00 PM through April 3*  
\$10/adult includes 2 pieces fried fish plus 3 sides & a drink

Limited quantities of baked fish available for \$12/adult

Fish sticks available for the kids

Ask about family and á la carte pricing

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## Fridays in Lent

12:00 PM - Stations of the Cross - English

6:00 PM - Fish Fry

7:00 PM - Mass in Spanish

7:30 Stations of the Cross in Spanish (books in English to follow along)

### *Leading Stations of the Cross on Friday Evenings:*

3/6 - Coro & Lectors

3/13 - Hispanic Ministry

3/20 - Sociedad Guadalupana

3/27 - Men's & Women's Emaús

4/3 - Youth Group and Cleaners

4/10 - Living Stations of the Cross

## Lenten Regulations

Good Friday, April 10 is an obligatory day of fast and abstinence for Catholics. All other Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence only. **Fasting** is obligatory from age 18 until age 59. One full meal is permitted, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. **Abstinence** from meat is binding from age 14 onwards.

Anyone who neglects all forms of penance or shows contempt for the Church's penitential discipline may be guilty of serious sin. Occasional failure to observe penitential regulations is not seriously sinful. Proportionately grave circumstances (sickness, dietary needs) excuse from the obligation of fast and abstinence, but not from seeking other forms of penance.