

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.” — Matthew 18:19

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Parish Office: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM (Closed 1:00-2:00 PM)
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For Sacramental emergencies after hours, please call the parish office and follow the prompts.

HOLY MASS

Saturday (Christ the King) 5:00 PM
 Sunday 9:00 AM; 12:00 PM (Español)
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:00 AM
 Friday 7:00 PM (Español)
 Holy Days of Obligation As announced

Changes announced at Mass, on Facebook, with FlockNote

CONFESSION

Monday 7:15-7:30 PM
 Friday After Mass
 Saturday(Christ the King) 4:15-4:45 PM
 Sunday 8:15-8:45 AM; before 12:00 PM Mass

Also by appointment

ADORATION

Monday 7:00-9:00 PM
 Friday 8:00-10:00 PM

HOLY ROSARY

Before each Sunday obligation Mass.

NOVENAS

Miraculous Medal Novena Monday after Mass
 St. Jude Novena Thursday after Mass

Beginning next week, Mass registration using Signup Genius will be required only for Sunday Masses at St. Mary – not for Masses at Christ the King, Daily Masses, Adoration, or Confession. Also, beginning next week the bathrooms will be open at Christ the King only. Masks are still required at all Masses!

An Election Prayer to Mary

Most blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of your people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities the accompany human freedom. Free us from falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of human freedom. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God’s law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life.

—Men of the Sacred Hearts
<https://menofthesacredhearts.org/>



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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 7, 8:00 AM (SM)	+Kathleen Kottar (Chris Russo)
Tuesday, September 8, 8:00 AM (SM)	Lindsey & Alex Litaker (Carscaddon Family)
Thursday, September 10, 8:00 AM (SM)	+Gertrude King (Mullen Family)
Friday, September 11, 7:00 PM (SM-Español)	Pat Mullen (Mullen Family)
Saturday, September 12, 5:00 PM (CK)	Janice Kemble (Fr. Kottar)
Sunday, September 13, 9:00 AM (SM)	+CJ Jones (Ralph Jones)
Sunday, September 13, 12:00 PM (SM)	Pro Populo (SM-Español)

DEVOTIONS & MORE

Sunday, September 6

8:15 AM Confession (SM)

11:45 AM Confession (SM)

Monday, September 7

8:30 AM Miraculous Medal Novena following Mass (SM)

7:00 PM Adoration until 9:00 PM (SM)

7:15 PM Confession until 7:30 PM (SM); Legion of Mary en Español (Wellein Room)

Tuesday, September 8 - Wednesday, September 9

No events scheduled

Thursday, September 10

8:30 AM St. Jude Novena following Mass (SM)

Friday, September 11

Chapel closed all day today.

7:45 PM Adoration following Mass until 10:00 PM (SM)

8:00 PM Confessions following Mass until 8:30 PM (SM)

Saturday, September 12

4:15 PM Confession (CK)

Sunday, September 13

8:15 AM Confession (SM)

11:45 AM Confession (SM)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday, September 14 at 7:00 PM at St. Mary.
- New Child of God: Congratulations to Sara Jacklyn Uribe who was Baptized at St. Mary in August.
- Chapel Hours: Please note that the Chapel is now available daily from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM using the code 5440#. Any future adjustments to the chapel hours or door code will be announced in the bulletin. The Chapel will be closed all day on September 11 for installation of the new Air Conditioning unit.
- Legion of Mary Pilgrim Virgin: To help you respond to the Blessed Mother's requests during her apparitions at Fatima (Return to God; make reparation for sins; pray the Rosary for peace), members of the Legion of Mary will visit your home to deliver the Pilgrim Virgin statue. The statue will stay in your home for one week to encouraging prayer in your family. Please contact any Legion of Mary member, call Pat Mullen (704-472-7778) or Peggy Collins (704-300-5136), for more information or to set up an appointment.

THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Love one another as I have loved you ... I have chosen you to go forth and bear much fruit.” (John 15:12,16)

- ◆ Upcoming Special Collections: 9/20 Priests' Retirement; 9/27 Debt Reduction (Christ the King only)
- ◆ Cleaners: 9/6 - Salvador Bernabe, David Ramirez, Margarita Salinas
- ◆ Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA): When we participate in the DSA, we provide funds for those ministries that change the lives of thousands of our brothers and sisters in faith in western North Carolina. You can donate online at www.charlottediocese.org/dsa or by returning the pledge form that you received in the mail. Our parish goals are \$25,471 at St. Mary and \$4,221 at Christ the King.
- ◆ The annual Priests' Retirement and Benefits Collection will be taken the weekend of September 19-20. Your contribution to this important collection is a way to show your gratitude to the priests who serve you so faithfully. We will also collect for Priests' Retirement the weekends of October 3-4, October 31-November 1, and December 5-6, or until we reach our assessed goals.
- ◆ Food Bank / Boost & Ensure: Donations of non-perishable food and Boost or Ensure are urgently needed. Suggested food items: cereal, canned soup and pasta, canned fruit, peanut butter, beans, rice, canned vegetables, especially peas. The food will stay in our parish to help fellow parishioners who are out of work due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Boost and Ensure will be delivered to the Senior center for use by their patrons. If you're shopping online have items delivered directly to St. Mary, 818 McGowan Rd, Shelby NC 28150. Thank you!!
- ◆ Online Giving: Please consider using online giving for your weekly tithe to St. Mary or Christ the King. You can use credit or debit cards, or your bank account. Text giving is now available at both churches. Learn more at SaintMaryShelby.org/online-giving.
- ◆ Knights of Columbus Shoe Fund: The Knights of Columbus are supporting Cleveland County Schools in raising money to buy shoes for children in need. The funds will be accessible to school social workers when they see a child in need of new shoes. Donate online on St. Mary's website (choose "Shoes for School Children" fund), or donations can be mailed in, or placed in the offertory basket. Make checks out to "Knights of Columbus Council 11946" and write "shoe fund" in the memo. We're collecting socks for children as well. Bins for donations are at St. Mary and Christ the King until the end of September. New socks for children of all ages are welcome and appreciated.
- ◆ Bulletin Sponsorship: Would you like to sponsor our bulletin and help those in need?
 - * Sponsorship is a suggested donation of \$15 for 1 week. All donations are for the Poor Box and will be used for charitable needs in our community.
 - * Sponsorship will be announced by name, or any other message (as appropriate) that will fit in a 3x4 space, or you may remain anonymous.
 - * Possible sponsorship examples: *Happy Birthday/Happy Anniversary/Congratulations/In gratitude to St. Anthony for favors received*
- ◆ Knights of Columbus Food Sale featuring Caribbean Chicken for \$10: Saturday, October 17, available to pick up 11am-1pm. Call ahead to order: 919-623-4134.
- ◆ Legacy Giving: Planned giving provides an opportunity to give a gift that forever perpetuates our Catholic faith. For more information visit www.charlottediocese.org/giving.

~ Thank you for your generous support of our parish ~

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

We are planning to start a modified Confirmation 2 program this year for students who were in the Confirmation 1 program when Faith Formation ended in March. Each student would be given a book to take home, and would have a weekly homework assignment and YouTube videos to watch and report on. Homework would need to be turned in weekly. We hope to transition to live classes when conditions allow. The fee would be \$60 for materials and a retreat in the spring. The projected start date is October 11. At this point this is the only class planned, but a Confirmation 1 class and First Communion classes are possible in the Spring of 2021.

PRAYER CORNER

Pray for Carol Annette, Mary Baxter, Jerome Bickimer, Eric Bilow, Arturo Caballero Duran, Juan “Yayito” Colon, Maria Eugenia Colon, Sally Currie, Bridget Custer, Giselle Escobar Duran, Vianey Escobar Duran, Adam Gehring, Norma Grafing, Tena Green, Patrice Hammitt, Lucia Hernandez, Evelyn Hill, Sean Hobart, Fred Hunt, Lonnie Johnson, Laurie Johnston, Paul Judge, Gary Lyncosky, Jimmy Marks, Dorothy McNamara, Fr. Gabriel Meehan, Pat Mullen, John Reynolds, Declan Richardson, Gerardo Rivera, Thomas Rivera, Audrey Russo, Alejandro Solis Hernandez, Bea Stroupe, and Mary Zeunik.

KEEP IN TOUCH!

Email the office at stmaryshelby@charlottediocese.org if you have prayer requests, need a sponsor certificate, have questions about Mass sign-ups, etc.

In Memory of
Kathleen Kottar



*In thanksgiving
to St. Anthony
for favors received*