

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. — Sirach 28:2

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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

NOVENAS

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

If you receive a text claiming to be from Fr Kottar asking for iTunes cards, just delete it. It is a scam!

Congratulations to our Confirmandi

These soldiers of Christ were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit at St. Mary on August 29 or September 5:

- José O. Amaya Robles
- Ariana Lizbeth Cantera
- Justhin Leonel Cantera Rivera
- Alexis Reanne Corso-Adame
- Alexis Fernanda De La Cruz Uribe
- Sebastian Garcia
- María Socorro González González
- Romel Granados
- Ella Rose Hobart
- Elizabeth Ann Hunt
- Mia Naomi Ibarra Lepe
- Francisco Licon Tello
- Brenda Martinez Martinez
- Payton James Mitchell
- Haley Olvera
- Brian Ortega
- Jennifer Ortega
- Jovani Ortega Torres
- Diana Laura Sánchez Ocampo
- Daissy Nataly Meza Soto
- Karen Itzel Tinoco
- Fernanda Nicole Trejo
- Martin Trejo Salinas
- Erik Zaragoza



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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 14, 8:00 AM (SM)+Alan Carscaddon (Carscaddon Family)
Tuesday, September 15, 8:00 AM (SM)+Don & +Mary Boyce (Hess Family)
Thursday, September 17, 8:00 AM (SM)Inge Collins (Mullen Family)
Friday, September 18, 7:00 PM (SM-Español)+Fr. Paul Holthaus (Fr. Kottar)
Saturday, September 19, 5:00 PM (CK)+Trey Bowen (Bowen Family)
Sunday, September 20, 9:00 AM (SM).....+Teresa Blouin (Ginebra Family)
Sunday, September 20, 12:00 PM (SM)Pro Populo (SM-Español)

DEVOTIONS & MORE

Sunday, September 13

8:15 AM..... Confession (SM)
11:20 AM Holy Rosary (SM)
11:45 AM Confession (SM)

Monday, September 14

8:30 AM..... Miraculous Medal Novena (SM)
7:00 PM Adoration until 9:00 PM (SM)
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus (SM Parish Hall)
7:15 PM Confession until 7:30 PM (SM)
7:15 PM Legion of Mary-Español (Wellein Room)

Tuesday, September 15 - Wednesday, September 16

No events scheduled

Thursday, September 17

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

Friday, September 18

7:45 PM..... Adoration after Mass until 10:00 PM (SM)
8:00 PM..... Confessions after Mass until 8:30 PM (SM)

Saturday, September 19

4:15 PM..... Confession (CK)

Sunday, September 20

8:15 AM Confession (SM)
11:45 AM..... Confession (SM)

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

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, Patrice Hammitt, Lucia Hernandez, Evelyn Hill, Sean Hobart, Fred Hunt, Lonnie Johnson, Laurie Johnston, Paul Judge, Gary Lyncosky, Jimmy Marks, Dorothy McNamara, Pat Mullen, John Reynolds, Declan Richardson, Gerardo Rivera, Thomas Rivera, Audrey Russo, Alejandro Solis Hernandez, Bea Stroupe, Mary Zeunik, and for the repose of the soul of Fr. Gabriel Meehan.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday, September 14 at 7:00 PM at St. Mary.
- Chapel Hours: The Chapel is now available daily from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM using the code 5440#.
- Mass registration using Signup Genius is only required for Sunday Masses at St. Mary – not for Masses at Christ the King, Daily Masses, Adoration, or Confession. Masks are still required at all Masses!
- Remember in your prayers Father Gabriel Joseph Meehan, former pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Forest City for 16 years, who died on Sept. 6th at age 89. His funeral was this past Friday. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.

- RCIA Classes explaining Catholicism for non-Catholic HS youth/adults and for Catholics who never received First Holy Communion or Confirmation will begin soon. Please let the office know if you are interested or need more information.
- Fatima - a new movie - opened in theaters to overwhelmingly positive response. Fr. Kottar's sister loved it! NC theaters still closed. Go to www.fatimathemovie.com for more information on how to stream at home.
- Monday, September 14: the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Commemorates the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena, (mother of the emperor Constantine); the dedication of church built on the site of the Holy Sepulcher and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem.
- Tuesday, September 15: the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. St. Bernard of Clairvaux wrote, "Truly, O Blessed Mother, a sword has pierced your heart.... He died in body through a love greater than anyone had known. She died in spirit through a love unlike any other since His."
- Thursday, September 17: St. Robert Bellarmine. Theologian, defender of the Church against Protestants. He prepared two catechisms. Patron saint of catechists. "The school of Christ is the school of love. On the last day when the General Examination takes place ... Love will be the whole syllabus."

STEWARDSHIP

- Cleaners: 9/13 - Sofia Vasquez, Adriana Vasquez, Luis Lara, Ignacia Bandera
- Upcoming Special Collections: 9/20 Priests' Retirement; 9/27 Debt Reduction (Christ the King only)
- 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: apple sauce, cold cereal, oatmeal, canned soup and pasta, canned fruit, peanut butter, beans, rice, canned vegetables. 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 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 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.
- 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 ~

**Prophetic Words from Karol Cardinal Wojtyla at the 1976 Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia—
Bicentennial of the USA and 2 years before he became Pope (St.) John Paul II.]**

“We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has gone through ... We are now facing the final confrontation between Church and the anti-Church, of the Gospel versus the anti-Gospel ... We must be prepared to undergo great trials in the not-too-distant future; trials that will require us to be ready to give up even our lives, and a total gift of self to Christ and for Christ. Through your prayers and mine, it is possible to alleviate this tribulation, but no longer to avert it ... How many times has the renewal of the Church been brought about in blood! It will not be different this time.”



Rerum Novarum (On New Things) by Pope Leo XIII in 1891 addresses the plight of workers. It calls for the protection of the weak and the poor. It condemns socialism and class warfare. It affirms the dignity of work, the right to private property, and the right to form professional associations. Every Catholic should read it light the renewed interest in socialism in our country. Paragraph 4: “To remedy these wrongs the socialists, working on the poor man’s envy of the rich are striving to do away with private property, and contend that individual possessions should become the common property of all, to be administered by the State or by municipal bodies. They hold that by thus transferring property from private individuals to the community, the present mischievous state of things will be set to rights, inasmuch as each citizen will then get his fair share of whatever there is to enjoy. But their contentions are so clearly powerless to end the controversy that were they carried into effect the working man himself would be among the first to suffer. They are, moreover, emphatically unjust, for they would rob the lawful possessor, distort the functions of the State and create utter confusion in the community.”

In Memory of
Kathleen Kottar

MERCY

Dost thou wish to
receive mercy?
Show mercy to thy
neighbor.

—*St. John Chrysostom*