

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**

*Turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. — Isaiah 55:7b*

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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

**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.



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

**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 21, 8:00 AM (SM) .....+Jeffrey Boyce (Hess Family)  
Tuesday, September 22, 8:00 AM (SM) .....+Anna & +Sisto Malone (Hess Family)  
Thursday, September 24, 8:00 AM (SM) .....+Msgr. Vitus Hribar (George Rozman)  
Friday, September 25, 7:00 PM (SM-Español) .....+Fr. Paul Holthaus (Fr. Kottar)  
Saturday, September 26, 5:00 PM (CK) .....+Butch Lowery (Mullen Family)  
Sunday, September 27, 9:00 AM (SM).....+Ryburn & +Lorene Hamrick (Carscaddon Family)  
Sunday, September 27, 12:00 PM (SM) .....Pro Populo (SM-Español)

## DEVOTIONS & MORE

### Sunday, September 20

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

### Monday, September 21

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

### Tuesday, September 22 - Wednesday, September 23

No events scheduled

### Thursday, September 24

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

### Friday, September 25

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

### Saturday, September 26

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

### Sunday, September 27

8:15 AM ..... Confession (SM)  
11:20 AM..... Holy Rosary (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, and Mary Zeunik.

## 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

- 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!
- RCIA Classes explaining Catholicism for non-Catholic HS youth/adults and for Catholics who never received First Holy Communion or Confirmation will begin Saturday, September 26 at 9:30 AM. Please let the office know if you are interested or need more information.
- The chapel heating and air system has been completely replaced after the ac died. The system was 28 years old. Parish reserve funds were used to cover the cost. Thank you for your past generosity to the collection which provided the means to make this improvement to the church.

- September 20: Feastday of St. Andrew Kim Taegon and the Korean Martyrs, first Korean born Catholic priest and Patron Saint of Korea. In 1846, at the age of 25, he was tortured and beheaded for being a Christian near Seoul on the Han River. Pope John Paul II canonized St. Andrew Kim Taegon along with 102 other Korean martyrs in 1984 during a visit to Korea. *“We have received baptism, entrance into the Church and the honor of being called Christians. Yet what good will this do us, if we are Christians in name only and not in fact?”*
- September 21: Feastday of St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist. He is the author of the Gospel that bears his name and is the patron of accountants; bankers; bookkeepers; customs officers; security guards; stockbrokers and tax collectors. *“As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” (Mt 9:9-13)*
- September 23: Feastday of St. Pio, (Padre Pio) Capuchin priest and mystic. He bore the wounds of Christ in his body (stigmata) for 50 years. *“The angels envy us one thing: that they cannot suffer for God. Only pain allows the soul to say with certainty: My God, look how much I love you!”*
- September 24: Feastday of Our Lady of Mercy, patroness of the Dominican Republic. Commemorates the apparition of Our Lady of Ransom in Spain. In this appearance she carried two bags of coins for use in ransoming Christians imprisoned by Moors. Also known as Our Lady of Merced.
- September 26: Feastday of Saints Cosmas and Damian, twin brothers who were martyred under the persecution of Emperor Diocletian. Patron saints of barbers, pharmacists, physicians, and surgeons. They were born in Syria and were both skilled doctors. They were among those who are venerated in the East as the “moneyless ones” because, purportedly, they did not charge a fee for their services.

### **STEWARDSHIP**

- Cleaners: 9/20 - Joel Aleman, Graciela Arroyo; 9/27 - Norma Uribe, Margarita Carmona, Jaime Flores
- The annual Priests’ Retirement and Benefits Collection was taken this weekend. Your contribution to this collection is a way to show your gratitude to the priests who serve you so faithfully. We will also collect 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. 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](http://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.
- 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.

~ Thank you for your generous support of our parish~

Does the Church teach that “the common good” requires wealth to be distributed equally to everyone?

In 1891, in response to a growing disparity of wealth in many areas of the world, Pope Leo XIII wrote a groundbreaking encyclical letter called *Rerum Novarum* (On the New Things) that addressed the rights and duties of those with capital who employed laborers and the rights and duties of laborers toward those with greater wealth who employed them....

In Catholic social teaching, the common good is more about making man virtuous than granting man material comforts. Pope Leo XIII believed that the highest good in a society was virtue. For if everyone in society was virtuous, then there would be just and fair laws, and no one would be without the means to live fairly well because Christian charity would cause others to provide for those who were needy. Rightly understood, the "common good" does not mean what is most materially good for the greatest number of people. Rather it means the good that is shared by all, which they hold in common ... Thinking of the biblical image of the Mystical Body of Christ is a good analogy to aid in understanding the concept of the common good ... Pope Leo XIII states that if the needs of the common laborers are met, then they are more productive and those with capital benefit as well. To obtain profit and in the process cause another to be needy is morally wrong. Rather, when one is blessed with material wealth, one should use this to benefit as many others as possible. No one should be forced to share his goods, however, as that would be stealing. Rather, all should be encouraged to practice the virtue of generosity. This Christian charity of almsgiving keeps the whole of society healthy and prevents those who are needy from becoming desperate and taking desperate or violent measures to provide for their needs.

(Adapted from *Rerum Novarum and Seven Principles of Catholic Social Doctrine* by Barbara Lanari.)

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Pray for the repose of the souls of the deceased members of Knights of Columbus Council 11946:

<b>Anibal Angel</b>	<b>Dick Nann</b>
<b>Bill Campbell</b>	<b>Joe McNamara</b>
<b>Berney Gehring</b>	<b>Paul Pasco</b>
<b>Karl Giffin</b>	<b>Paul Territo</b>
<b>Bill Hill</b>	<b>Ibrahim Sara</b>
<b>Dave Hobart</b>	<b>Conway Pagett</b>
<b>Joe Izzi</b>	<b>Ed Vito</b>
<b>Bob Kingery</b>	<b>Rev. Michael Hoban</b>
<b>Marty Kane</b>	

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.  
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.