

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus. — Philippians 2:5

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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
Sunday8:15-8:45 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

Eventide

Twilight steals across the Autumn Sky
With clouds of gold, with crimson flames
And embers from the dying sun.
It reaches to the inner eye, and there proclaims
The presence of the first and last and living one.
Then, plums or thistles--lay them all aside,
And take the cup, the bliss of eventide.

—William David Acker (husband of Evelyn Acker)

Church and State

(Excerpted from remarks by Attorney General William P. Barr on his acceptance of the *Christifideles Laici* Award at the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast on September 23, 2020.)

As Washington and his fellow Founders understood, religion is at the heart of the American experiment in self-government ... What he meant is that self-government begins with self-restraint. And there is no greater teacher of restraint than religion. That is why John Adams declared that our Constitution ... “was made only for a moral and religious people.”

In American public discourse perhaps no concept is more misunderstood than the notion of Church and State. Militant secularists have long seized on that slogan as a facile justification for attempting to drive religion from the public square, and to exclude religious people from bringing a religious perspective to bear on conversations about the common good ... Separation of Church and State does not mean, and never did mean, separation of religion and civics.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 28, 8:00 AM (SM)+Ellen Carscaddon (Carscaddon Family)
Tuesday, September 29, 8:00 AM (SM)+Anna & +Sisto Malone (Hess Family)
Thursday, October 1, 8:00 AM (SM)+Glenn Williams (Carscaddon Family)
Friday, October 2, 7:00 PM (SM-Español).....+Don & +Mary Boyce (Hess Family)
Saturday, October 3, 5:00 PM (CK)+Trey Bowen (Bowen Family)
Sunday, October 4, 9:00 AM (SM)+Glenn Williams (Carscaddon Family)
Sunday, October 4, 12:00 PM (SM-Español)Pro Populo

DEVOTIONS & MORE

Sunday, September 27

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

Monday, September 28

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 Rm)
7:15 PM Hispanic Committee (SM Parish Hall)

Tuesday, September 29 - Wednesday, September 30

No events scheduled

Thursday, October 1

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

Friday, October 2

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

Saturday, October 3

9:00 AM RCIA (SM Parish Hall)
4:15 PM..... Confession (CK)

Sunday, October 4

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, Petronilo Martínez, Dorothy McNamara, Pat Mullen, John Reynolds, Declan Richardson, Gerardo Rivera, Thomas Rivera, Audrey Russo, Alejandro Solis Hernandez, Bea Stroupe, and Mary Zeunik.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

We are offering a **Confirmation** program for all 8th Graders beginning in October. The class will continue until the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in October 2021. The fee is \$60 for materials and a retreat. There will be a parent meeting on Sunday, October 11 at 10:30 AM in the St. Mary parish hall.

We are also planning for **First Communion** in the Spring. This class is open to all 2nd graders and the cost will be \$10. There will be some work to do at home before the in-person classes begin sometime after Christmas. The First Communion Mass is planned for Saturday, June 5, 2021.

If your children are in 2nd Grade or 8th Grade you should register now for these programs. If you have any questions call the parish office.

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 meet on Saturdays at 9:00 AM in the St. Mary Parish Hall.
- There will be a class for HS students after the 12:00 PM Mass on Sundays. This class would be good for those who need Sacraments (except Baptism).

- Monday, September 28: St. Wenceslaus (Vaclav) of Bohemia (d. 935) is the patron saint of Bohemia, the Czech Republic and brewers. He built churches, recalled priests from exile and welcomed Christian missionaries into Bohemia for the first time. He is a martyr; murdered by his own brother. He is the same Wenceslaus of the famous Christmas carol. Raise a glass of pilsner in honor of his feastday!
- Tuesday, September 29: Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are three archangels who can be found in the Bible. Their names mean, “who is like unto God?,” “God is my strength,” and “God has healed.” In many countries, the day is known as “Michaelmas Day.” Pope St. John Paul II and Pope Francis have encouraged the praying the St. Michael Prayer after Holy Mass.
- Wednesday, September 30: St. Jerome (d. 420) is the patron saint of archeologists; archivists; Bible scholars; librarians; students and translators. He is one of the four great Western Doctors of the church and translated the Bible into the Latin language. “When we pray, we speak to God. When we read, God speaks to us.”
- Thursday, Oct 1: St. Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face (d. 1897) patron of foreign missions, secondary patron of France, aviators, and florists. She was a cloistered Carmelite nun. Her autobiography “Story of a Soul” has influenced millions of people. She taught that we need not do great things, but little things with great love. “The good God does not need years to accomplish His work of love in a soul; one ray from His Heart can, in an instant, make His flower bloom for eternity...” She died at the age of 24 after suffering from tuberculosis.
- Friday, Oct 2: The Holy Guardian Angels. “See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of My Father who is in heaven” (Mt 18:10). Guardian Angels are not just for children. Their role is to represent individuals before God, to watch over them always, to aid their prayer, and to present their souls to God at death.

STEWARDSHIP

- **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.**
- Cleaners: 9/27 - Norma Uribe, Margarita Carmona, Jaime Flores; 10/4 - Heliodoro Ramirez
- The collection for Priests’ Retirement and Benefits will be the weekends of October 3-4, October 31-November 1, and December 5-6, or until we reach our assessed goals of \$4,973 at St. Mary and \$695 at Christ the King. Thank you for your generosity to our retired priests.
- 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.
- 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. 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.

~ Thank you for your generous support of our parish ~

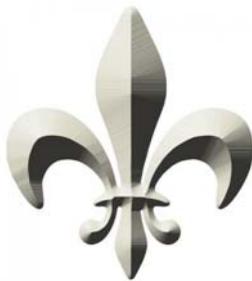
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[Alexis de] Tocqueville identified religion as perhaps the greatest bulwark against a descent into tyranny ... How does religion preserve liberty? In the first place, as our Founders recognized, religion assists in the formation of virtuous citizens who are prepared to exercise liberty responsibly. Whereas in democratic times, individuals have a tendency to withdraw from public life and pursue private self-gratification, religion builds community, strengthens social cohesion, and turns our attention to the common good. At the same time, religion safeguards individual rights by warding off what Tocqueville called the “impious maxim” that “everything is permitted in the interest of society.” For all of these reasons, Tocqueville referred to Americans’ religion as “the first of their political institutions.”

Unfortunately, in the last half century, that foundation of our free society has increasingly been under siege. Traditional morality has eroded, and secularists have often succeeded not only in eliminating religion from schools and the public square, but in replacing it with new orthodoxies that are actively hostile to religion. The consequences of this hollowing out of religion have been predictably dire. Over the past 50 years, we have seen striking increases in urban violence, drug abuse, and broken families. Problems like these have fed the rise of an ever more powerful central government, one that increasingly saps individual initiative, coopts civil society, crowds out religious institutions, and ultimately reduces citizens to wards of the State.

Advocating for religious liberty is just one way that lay Catholics and others can answer the call to serve. In his exhortation *Christifideles Laici*, for which the award I have the honor of accepting today is named, Saint John Paul II noted that “the lay faithful are never to relinquish their participation in ‘public life’.” At the same time, he emphasized that faith is first and foremost about how we live our daily lives, for “the daily life itself of a truly Christian family makes up the first ‘experience of Church.’” Wherever we are in life, it is never too late to work in the Lord’s vineyard. Our spiritual renewal, and the renewal of our national character, depend on it.

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In Memory of

**Alfred and Mary
Morrell**



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

**Anibal Angel
Bill Campbell
Berney Gehring
Karl Giffin
Bill Hill
Dave Hobart
Joe Izzi
Marty Kane
Bob Kingery**

**Butch Lowery
Joe McNamara
Dick Nann
Conway Pagett
Paul Pasco
Ibrahim Sara
Paul Territo
Ed Vito
Rev. Michael Hoban**

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.