

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — OCTOBER 18, 2020

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.” — Matthew 22:21

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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



Family

“As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live.”

—Pope Saint John Paul II
Feastday: October 22

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Pray for Carol Annette, Mary Baxter, Jerome Bickimer, Eric Bilow, Juan “Yayito” Colon, Maria Eugenia Colon, Sally Currie, Bridget Custer, Adam Gehring, Norma Grafing, Patrice Hammitt, 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.

COVID-19 UPDATES

Temperatures are no longer checked prior to entrance at Mass. If you feel sick or have a cold please refrain from attending Mass. If you believe that you have been in the extended presence of someone with COVID-19, do not come to Mass until at least 2 weeks pass.

All Daily Masses and Adoration: Masks are no longer needed when in place in the pew. Masks must be worn entering the church, in the Holy Communion line, and when leaving. **There is no change in the mask policy for the Saturday 5:00 PM, Sunday 9:00 AM, and Sunday 12:00 Noon Masses.**

Mass registration using Signup Genius is only required for Sunday Masses at St. Mary.



Facebook



FlockNote



Website

DEVOTIONS & MORE

Sunday, October 18

8:15 AM Confession (SM)
10:20 AM Confirmation class (SM Parish hall)
11:20 AM Holy Rosary (SM)
11:45 AM Confession (SM)

Monday, October 19

Parish Office closed today.
9:00 AM Legion of Mary (Wellein Room)
10:00 AM Kaverman memorial Mass (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, October 20 - Wednesday, October 21

No events scheduled

Thursday, October 22

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

Friday, October 23

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

Saturday, October 24

9:00 AM RCIA & RICA (SM Parish Hall)
1:00 PM Ramirez-Gonzalez Wedding (SM)
4:15 PM Confession (CK)

Sunday, October 25

8:15 AM Confession (SM)
10:20 AM Confirmation class (SM Parish hall)
11:20 AM Holy Rosary (SM)
11:45 AM Confession (SM)

NEW PARISHIONERS

A warm welcome to Sean and Traci O'Connor who have made Shelby their new home. Sean and Traci come all the way from Temecula, CA. They have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. Upon retirement--Tom was a high school teacher and Traci a nurse--they decided to move to the east coast to be nearer to family. Their daughter will be getting married at St. Mary in January. Sean and Traci were active in their previous parish in California. Sean led a men's prayer and study group. Traci led a women's Bible Study and distributed Holy Communion to the sick. Both are taught Natural Family Planning. Traci converted to Catholicism in 1995, and Sean calls himself a "revert to Catholicism" after coming back to the Church at the same time. After the wedding and getting their home settled, they look forward to being involved at St. Mary. In the meantime, they said North Carolina is a great place to live!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For this week's Mass intentions visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/StMaryShelby) or our website (saintmaryshelby.org/mass-intentions). They will also be sent to the parish regularly via Flocknotes.
- 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. The classes in English and Spanish will meet at the same time.
- 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).
- If your children are in one of the following groups you should register for Faith Formation now.
 1. There is a **Confirmation** program for all 8th Graders beginning TODAY October 18, 10:20-11:30. The class will continue until the Confirmation Mass in October 2021. The fee is \$60 for materials and a retreat.
 2. There will be a **First Communion** class in the Spring for all 2nd graders, as well as any 3rd graders who have not received First Holy Communion. Cost: \$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.
 3. There will be an **RCIC class** in the Spring for the older children (Grades 4-7) who began preparing for First Communion in September 2019. Cost: \$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.
- On All Saints Day Sunday, November 1, there will be a Holy Hour at 3:00 PM to pray for our country and the upcoming elections. The hour will include Eucharistic Adoration and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Sponsored by the Legion of Mary.
- November is the month we particularly pray for the dead. There will be two All Souls Day Masses November 2: 8:00 AM in English and 7:00 PM in Spanish. There is an envelope for the All Souls Novena of Masses in the packet of envelopes mailed to your home. Write the names of your beloved dead on the front of the envelope, or use a separate piece of paper if you need more room. Enclose your stipend and return the envelope by October 25th. If you do not use weekly envelopes and would like to start, please contact the parish office.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

- Monday, Oct 19: St. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues and Companions (six Jesuits and 2 laymen) preached the gospel to the Iroquois and Huron Indians, and after being tortured, they were martyred in the area of what is now Auriesville, New York. Their martyrdoms took place between 1642 and 1649. By the late 1640's, after years of heroic perseverance, oftentimes in appalling circumstances, the Jesuits were making a considerable number of conversions mostly among the Hurons. The Iroquois, deadly enemies of the Hurons, considered the missionaries targets. Some of them were tortured beyond belief before being tomahawked, beheaded, or having their still-beating hearts wrenched from their chests. Having survived the first round of tortures, Fr. Isaac Jogues had returned to France maimed. He said to his superior: "Yes, Father, I want whatever our Lord wants, even if it costs a thousand lives." He wrote in his mission report: "These tortures are very great, but God is still greater, and immense." He was martyred upon his return to New France.
- Tuesday, Oct 20: St Paul of the Cross, at age 15, began to realize how much Jesus suffered for him. In response, he prayed and did difficult things such as sleeping on the floor and not eating foods he liked. He wanted to follow Christ more closely and share in his passion and death. God called him to form a group of men dedicated to preaching parish missions. These men, called Passionists, would preach the mystery of Christ crucified—the mystery of the Father's love—in hopes that Christians would turn from their sins and rededicate their lives to Christ. Paul received gifts of prophecy and healing from the Holy Spirit. He was so powerful when he preached and so gentle in confession that he brought many sinners back to the Lord. Throughout his religious life, Paul continuously sacrificed and made special penances and mortifications for the success of his preaching missions, that many souls may be converted. An example of his many penances was that he went barefoot in all his travels throughout Italy, regardless of the harsh seasons and climates.
- Thursday, Oct 22: St. John Paul II (see separate article)
- Friday, Oct 23: St. Juan of Capistrano at age 26 he was made governor of Perugia. Imprisoned after a battle, he resolved to change his way of life completely. At the age of 30 he entered the Franciscan novitiate and was ordained a priest four years later. John's preaching attracted great throngs at a time of religious apathy and confusion. He and 12 Franciscan brethren were received in the countries of central Europe as angels of God. They were instrumental in reviving a dying faith and devotion. He was also instrumental in reforming the Franciscan Order. When the Turks captured Constantinople in 1453, John was commissioned to preach a crusade for the defense of Europe. He led the army to Belgrade. Under the great Hungarian General John Hunyadi, they gained an overwhelming victory, and the siege of Belgrade was lifted. Worn out by his superhuman efforts, Capistrano was an easy prey to an infection after the battle. He died on October 23, 1456.
- Saturday, Oct 24: St. Anthony Mary Claret was born in Catalonia, Spain in 1807. At the age of twelve he became a weaver. He was ordained a priest in 1835 and eventually established the Congregation the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (The Claretians.) He was appointed Archbishop of Santiago, Cuba in 1849. Over 9,000 marriages were validated within two years of his arrival. He began a hospital and several schools. In 1857 he was recalled to Spain and he became the Confessor to Queen Isabella II. Eventually, his life in danger, he went to France where he preached in Paris. In 1869, he participated in the First Vatican Council. He died in 1870, at the age of 62 in a Cistercian monastery in France. He wrote 144 books. By his sermons and writings, he contributed greatly to bring about the revival of the Catalan language. He is the patron saint of educators and weavers. Today the Claretians have 450 houses and 3,100 members on 3 continents.

STEWARDSHIP

- Cleaners: 10/18 - Salvador, Margarita, David | 10/25 - Sofia, Adriana, Luis, Ignacia
- Clorox wipes: If you see Clorox wipes (or similar) please consider buying one for our parish to use in sanitizing the Church, Chapel, and parish hall.
- Food Bank / Boost & Ensure: Donations of non-perishable food and Boost & 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 parishioners, but Boost & Ensure will be taken to the Senior center for use by their clients. You can have items delivered directly to St. Mary, 818 McGowan Rd, Shelby, NC 28150.
- 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.

Monthly Offertory:	<u>July 2020</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>	<u>July 2019</u>
SM	\$14,273	\$18,066	\$14,515
CK	\$1,865	\$4,311	\$2,243

Pope Saint John Paul II's Story



"Open wide the doors to Christ," urged John Paul II during the homily at the Mass where he was installed as pope in 1978. "Christ is the center of the universe and of human history" was the opening line of John Paul II's 1979 encyclical, Redeemer of the Human Race. In 1995, he described himself to the United Nations General Assembly as "a witness to hope."

Born in Wadowice, Poland on May 18, 1920, Karol Jozef Wojtyla had lost his mother, father, and older brother before his 21st birthday. Karol's promising academic career at Krakow's Jagiellonian University was cut short by the outbreak of World War II. While working in a quarry and a chemical factory, he enrolled in an "underground" seminary in Kraków. Ordained in 1946, he was immediately sent to Rome where he earned a doctorate in theology.

Back in Poland, a short assignment as assistant pastor in a rural parish preceded his very fruitful chaplaincy for university students. Soon Fr. Wojtyla earned a doctorate in philosophy and began teaching that subject at Poland's University of Lublin. Communist officials allowed Wojtyla to be appointed auxiliary bishop of Kraków in 1958, considering him a relatively harmless intellectual. They could not have been more wrong! Bishop Wojtyla attended all four sessions of Vatican II. Appointed as archbishop of Kraków in 1964, he was named a cardinal three years later.

Elected pope in October 1978, he took the name of his short-lived, immediate predecessor. Pope John Paul II was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. In time, he made pastoral visits to 124 countries, including several with small Christian populations. John Paul II promoted ecumenical and interfaith initiatives. He visited Rome's main synagogue and the Western Wall in Jerusalem; he also established diplomatic relations between the Holy See and Israel. He improved Catholic-Muslim relations, and in 2001 visited a mosque in Damascus, Syria. Relations with the Orthodox Churches improved considerably during his papacy. The Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, a key event in John Paul's ministry, was marked by special celebrations in Rome and elsewhere for Catholics and other Christians.

His 1979 visit to Poland encouraged the growth of the Solidarity movement there and the collapse of communism in central and eastern Europe 10 years later. John Paul II began World Youth Day and traveled to several countries for those celebrations. One of the most well-remembered photos of John Paul II's pontificate was his one-on-one conversation in 1983, with Mehmet Ali Agca, who had attempted to assassinate him two years earlier.

In his 27 years of papal ministry, John Paul II wrote 14 encyclicals and five books, canonized 482 saints and beatified 1,338 people. In the last years of his life, he suffered from Parkinson's disease. Pope Benedict XVI beatified John Paul II in 2011, and Pope Francis canonized him in 2014. (This year is the 100th anniversary of his death.) *—from franciscanmedia.org*

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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.