

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — OCTOBER 25, 2020

*“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind.” — Matthew 22:37*

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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
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. Rita Novena Thursday after Mass



**Daylight Savings
Time ends Sunday,
November 1st.
Turn your clocks
back one hour
before going to bed
on Saturday night.**

BULLETIN UPDATES

The weekly Mass intentions and the Prayer List are now found on our parish website. We'll post it on Facebook and send it via Flocknotes about once a week.

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 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)

Monday, October 26

9:00 AM Legion of Mary (Wellein Room)
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 27 - Wednesday, October 28

No events scheduled

Thursday, October 29

8:30 AM St. Rita Novena after Mass (SM)

Friday, October 30

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

Saturday, October 31

9:00 AM RCIA & RICA (SM Parish Hall)
10:30 AM Baptisms (SM)
4:15 PM Confession (CK)

Sunday, November 1

8:15 AM Confession (SM)
10:20 AM Confirmation class (SM Parish hall)
11:20 AM Holy Rosary (SM)
11:45 AM Confession (SM)
3:00 PM Holy Hour for our country (SM)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There is no Mass this Tuesday, October 27, but Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00 PM in Spanish.
- 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.
- 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 26th. If you do not use weekly envelopes and would like to start, please contact the parish office.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

- 28 October: Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles. Both of these men were known by other names during their lives. Simon was often called "the Zealot." Simon was zealous for the Jewish law, and possibly was working to evict the Roman occupiers. Also the name kept people from confusing him with the other apostle named Simon, the one Jesus called Peter. Jude was also known as "Jude Thaddeus." People used this formal title so that he was not confused with Judas, the apostle who betrayed Jesus and handed him over to be arrested. Jude is the patron saint of hopeless cases and desperate situations ... Because Jude had such great faith, we know that nothing is impossible for those who believe in the Lord. Simon and Jude traveled together to teach others about Jesus. Because of their eyewitness accounts of Jesus' miracles and his death and Resurrection, many people became believers and were baptized. Simon and Jude died for their faith on the same day in Beirut. Jude's body was later returned to Rome where it was buried in a crypt under St. Peter's Basilica. (SaintResource.com)
- 29 October: Venerable Chiara Luce Badano. In 1971, after praying and hoping for a baby for more than 10 years, Ruggero and Teresa Badano of Sassello, Italy, welcomed a little girl whom they named Chiara. Even at the age of four, Chiara seemed aware of the needs of others. She would sort through her toys to give some to poor children, and she would never give away just the old or broken ones. She invited less-fortunate people into the family's home for holidays and visited the elderly at a retirement center. When other children were sick and confined to bed, Chiara visited them. She loved the stories of the Gospel and loved to attend Mass. When she was 9, Chiara became involved with the Focolare movement. Focolare emphasizes brotherhood and unity among all people. Chiara was very popular. She had a lot of friends, she played sports, and she loved to sing and dance. But when asked, she said she did not try to bring Jesus to her friends with words. She tried to bring Jesus to them with her example and how she lived her life. When she was 17, Chiara learned she had a serious form of bone cancer. Treatments were painful and unsuccessful. She became paralyzed. One day someone asked her if she hoped to walk again, and her answer was no. When she suffered, she felt closer to Jesus. She even refused to take

pain medication that would make her too sleepy to continue to live her life. Despite her illness and being confined to bed, Chiara wrote letters and sent messages to others. She attended Focolare youth meetings. She inspired everyone who she encountered with her faith and love for others. She gave all her savings to a friend who was becoming a missionary in Africa. When her life was nearly at an end, she said, "I have nothing left, but I still have my heart, and with that I can always love." Chiara died in 1990. Pope Benedict XVI declared her "Blessed" in 2010. "Only Love with a capital L gives true happiness," and that's what Chiara showed her family, her friends and her fellow members of the Focolare movement. (SaintResource.com)

- 1 November All Saints Day. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven. Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints --that is those recognized in the canon of the saints. All Saints' Day is a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day. All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints. In the United States, the day before is Halloween and is usually celebrated by dressing in costumes with themes of death. Halloween has lost its connection to its religious origins and has turned into a secular celebration of demons and witches. All Saints' Day occurs on the same day as the Mexican "Dia los Innocentes" a day dedicated to deceased children. Graves are decorated with white orchids and baby's breath. (Adapted from Catholic.org)

CAN CATHOLICS CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN?

Anne Auger, a Catholic mom of three from Helenville, Wisc., said that while she lets her kids dress up in costumes and go trick-or-treating, she's found that she has to screen the houses as they go, avoiding ones that are decorated with scarier things. "Last year we had this experience this person came to the door dressed like this demonic wolf with glowing eyes and it was like, what on earth?" she said.

"Sometimes people dress up like witches and I can understand that, but this was a whole new level. It's just so different from when we were little." She also makes sure to emphasize to her children the significance of Halloween as it relates to All Saints Day, Auger said. "We let them know that we're having a party because it's celebrating the saints in heaven, we're celebrating them, so when they're trick or treating and doing all of this we tell them it's because it's a party for all the saints." Kate Lesnefsky, a Catholic mother of seven children ranging from ages 3-16, said she thinks it's important for Catholics not to shun Halloween completely, since it has very Christian origins. "I think as Christians we're so used to being against the world, that sometimes we shoot ourselves in the foot, even though it might have been something that actually came from us," she said. "But then we lose the history of it, and we think, 'Oh well this is the devil's day,' just because some people say it is." Lesnefsky said she lets her kids choose their costumes for trick-or-treating, as long as they're not too scary or demonic. The next day, her children go to Mass for All Saints Day, and the family uses it as an opportunity to talk about what it means when someone passes away, and what it means to be a saint. "I have a sister that died when I was 19, so we talk about different people that we know in heaven, or my grandparents, and we'll talk about different saints," Lesnefsky said. (Catholic.org)

STEWARDSHIP

- Cleaners: 10/25 - Sofia, Adriana, Luis, Ignacia | 11/1 - Joel, Graciela
- 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>August 2020</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>	<u>August 2019</u>
SM	\$19,848	\$19,573	\$15,895
CK	\$2,511	\$4,464	\$1,861

☞ Upcoming Food Sale ☜
Delicious homemade Polish Food - \$10
Kielbasa, Pierogi, and more!
Saturday, November 14 — Pick up 11:00 AM-1:00 PM
Call ahead to order: 919-623-4134
Order today....this will sell out!
Proceeds benefit St. Mary Help of Christians Parish

New Child of God

Congratulations to Bree Willow Hollifield who was Baptized at St. Mary in September.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to the following couples who were recently married at St. Mary:

Jorge Antonio Rodriguez & Elizabeth Kimberly Peterson (August 8, 2020)

Tyler Alexander Hord & Makayla Leigh Bradley (September 26, 2020)

Gustavo Rodriguez Perez & Yazmin Olivier Hernandez (October 17, 2020)

Erasto Ramirez Martinez & Maria del Socorro Gonzalez Gonzalez (October 24, 2020)

Bulletin Sponsorship

This Space is available!

Bulletin Sponsorship is a suggested donation of \$15/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 this space, or you may remain anonymous. Contact the office for more information.



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.