

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE — NOVEMBER 22, 2020

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink." — Matthew 25:35

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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
Thursday After Mass
Friday..... After Mass
Saturday (Christ the King)..... 4:15-4:45 PM
Sunday 8:15-8:45 AM

Also by appointment

ADORATION

Monday..... 7:00-8:00 PM
Thursday After Mass
Friday..... 8:00-9:00 PM

NOVENAS

Miraculous Medal Novena..... Monday after Mass
St. Rita Novena..... Tuesday after Mass

The month of November is traditionally dedicated to honoring the dead and relieving the sufferings of the souls in purgatory.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

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



PLANNING AHEAD

Tuesday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Patronal Feast day of the United States, and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM in English and 7:00 PM in Spanish. The parish office will be closed that day.

Homemade Filipino Food - \$10



Saturday, December 5
Pick up 11:00 AM-1:00 PM
Call ahead to order: 919-623-4134
Order ASAP....this will sell out!
Proceeds benefit
St. Mary Help of Christians Parish



Facebook



FlockNote



Website

CHANGES THIS WEEK: No Holy Hour or Confessions on Monday;
Mass on Thanksgiving Day - 9:00 AM (no need to register) with collection for Second Harvest Food Bank.

DEVOTIONS & MORE

For a listing of Mass intentions each week, visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/StMaryShelby) or our website (www.SaintMaryShelby.org/mass-intentions). They will also be sent to the parish regularly via FlockNote.

Sunday, November 22

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

Monday, November 23

8:30 AM..... Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass (SM)
9:00 AM..... Legion of Mary (SM Parish Hall)
7:00 PM..... Emaús Group (SM Parish Hall)

Tuesday, November 24

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

Friday, November 27

7:45 PM..... Adoration after Mass until 9:00 PM (SM)
8:00 PM..... Confession after Mass until 8:30 PM (SM)

Saturday, November 28

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

Sunday, November 29

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

STEWARDSHIP

- Cleaners: 11/22 - Armando & Amaya family | 11/29 - Salvador, Margarita, David
- 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. Many thanks to those who have had food delivered here.
- 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>September 2020</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>	<u>September 2019</u>
SM	\$12,267	\$19,757	\$18,645
CK	\$1,138	\$4,510	\$2,341

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New Chapel Hours—The Chapel is now available from 7:00 AM-6:00 PM with door code 5440#.
- Confessions are offered Monday during Adoration (7:15-7:30 PM), Thursday after Mass (approx. 8:30-9:00 AM), Friday after Mass (approx. 7:30-8:00 PM), Saturday at Christ the King (4:15-4:45 PM), and Sunday before Mass (8:15-8:45 AM).
- Adoration and Confession are cancelled Monday, November 23 and Monday, December 7

AUTHENTIC POLISH FOOD SALE — THANK YOU!

Many, many thanks to everyone who supported the SOLD OUT authentic Polish food sale. We raised \$1,295 in support of our parish. The next food sale will be Saturday, December 5, featuring authentic Filipino food prepared by the talented Filipino cooks in our parish. Call ahead to order: 919-623-4134

THE NATIVITY SCENE

When I arrived here, I purchased a small outdoor nativity scene. Over the years it has moved from the rectory lawn to a spot near the statue of Jesus. This year it will come back to rectory where it will be more secure. Over the years I have received positive comments from people in the neighborhood as well as those who drive by.

After returning from the Holy Land and experiencing the actual places associated with Our Lord, St. Francis came up with the idea to re-present the first Christmas to the townsfolk of Greccio, Italy. It was a 'living nativity' on that cold dark Christmas Eve in 1223. Tradition says that the statue of the Baby Jesus miraculously came to life in the arms of Mary that night. Imagine being there that night so many years ago!

In our sad society today, the nativity is needed more than ever. Many people have little acquaintance with the Son of God who became Incarnate—Jesus Christ. Jesus is only a name to be said in anger. Lots of people come to church on Christmas Eve and Day, but it is only be a small percentage of the population. And this year, with the pandemic, it will be considerably less. The outdoor nativity will be the only way some people will experience the love of God for them. The scene speaks—without words—of a little baby who came 2,000 years ago to deliver mankind from misery and sin. With its banishment from town squares and pushed aside by commercialization, the nativity is a sign of hope in the midst of darkness.

This year, I have decided to add 7 figures to the outdoor nativity. They are beautiful. If you are interested in giving a Christmas gift to the parish---and to everyone who drives by the scene—please consider sponsoring one of these figures. If you cannot afford to sponsor an entire figure, any donation will be accepted to defray the cost. The donation includes the cost of the figure and shipping so that it will arrive before Christmas. Any additional donations received will be used to purchase statues for next year. You can view pictures of the statues on the parish Facebook page or on our website. Contact me at mtkottar@charlottediocese.org or call the parish office with your intention to donate. And don't forget to place your own Nativity in a place of prominence this Christmas.

Additional Statues:

~~Shepherd holding sheep: \$900~~ **Donated - Thank you!!**

Shepherd sitting with fire: \$1,000

Donkey: \$500

Cow: \$500

3 Sheep: \$250 each



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

- Nov. 22: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- Nov. 23: Thirty-fourth (Last) Week in Ordinary Time; St. Clement I; St. Columban; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro
- Nov. 24: St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
- Nov. 25: St. Catherine of Alexandria
- Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 28: Blessed Virgin Mary



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* (“In the first”) to respond to growing secularism and hostility against the Church. Today reminds us that while governments and ideologies come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and in many parts of Europe, atheistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI’s encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Pope Pius XI said that Christ “reign[s] ‘in the hearts of men,’ both by reason

of the keenness of his intellect and the extent of his knowledge, and also because he is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind” (*Quas primas*, 7).

Quas primas continues to ring true. The Holy Father speaks directly to the problem of what he referred to as “anti-clericalism,” by which he meant the attitude of those who were seeking to extirpate Christian influence from political life. We see a version of this same attitude today, for example, when it is suggested that belief in Catholic teachings renders a person unfit for a judicial appointment. And in recent years, aggressive secularist campaigns have sought to marginalize the Church and other religious institutions.

When our nation is beset by civil unrest, racial tension, and a pandemic, we do well to turn to Our Lord, who reigns over every people and nation.

—*The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

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
Paul Judge
Marty Kane
Bob Kingery

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

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