

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT — NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. — Mark 13:33

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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

ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES

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.

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 our sister parish
Notre Dame de Guadalupe parish in Haiti

Immaculate Conception

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.



Facebook



FlockNote



Website

CHANGES THIS WEEK: First Friday Mass at 8:00 AM followed by Adoration until 12:00 PM;
No 7:00 PM Mass/Adoration/Confession on Friday due to OL Guadalupe Novena.

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 29

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

Monday, November 30

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, December 1

8:30 AM St. Rita Novena after Mass (SM)
4:00 PM RCIA Class (SM Parish Hall)

Thursday, December 3

8:30 AM Confession/Adoration after Mass until
9:30 AM (SM)
7:00 PM OL Guadalupe Novena (SM)

First Friday, December 4

8:30 AM Adoration after Mass until 12:00 PM (SM)
8:45 AM Confession after Mass until 9:00 AM (SM)
7:00 PM OL Guadalupe Novena (SM)

Saturday, December 5

4:15 PM Confession (CK)
7:00 PM OL Guadalupe Novena (SM)

Sunday, December 6

8:15 AM Confession (SM)
10:20 AM ... Confirmation class (SM Parish hall)
11:20 AM ... Holy Rosary (SM)
1:30 PM OL Guadalupe Novena after Mass (SM)

STEWARDSHIP

- Upcoming Special Collections:
November 29 - Christmas Flowers (Return by Dec 15 to be included in the Christmas Bulletin)
November 29 - Debt Reduction (CK only)
December 13 - Retirement for Religious
- Cleaners: 11/29 - Salvador, Margarita, David | 12/6 - 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. 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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Chapel is available 7:00 AM-6:00 PM with door code 5440#.
- 7:00 PM Mass, Adoration, & Confession are cancelled Friday, December 4 due to the OL Guadalupe Novena

THE NATIVITY SCENE - UPDATE

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~~ **Donated - Thank you!!**

~~Cow: \$500~~ **Donated - Thank you!!**

2 Sheep: \$250 each **1 of 3 Donated - Thank you!!**



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Andrew, Apostle (See story on back page)

Thursday: St. Francis Xavier

Friday: St. John Damascene

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday

NEW PARISHIONERS

Brian and Ginny Finnegan and their daughter Robyn came to Shelby in 2019. For Brian it was a homecoming, as he grew up here. While attending college in Greensboro in 2014 he became interested in Catholicism and started attending Mass. He later entered the RCIA program at St. Mary's Church in Schwenksville, PA and was received into the Church in 2016. Ginny was raised as a cradle Catholic in Durham, NC. In the summer of 2018, they were married at St. Andrew's Church in Ann Arbor, MI. After the birth of Robyn, they moved to Shelby to be closer to family. Brian is employed by the City of Kings Mountain and Robyn works remotely from home. Brian believes that Divine Providence brought them to his hometown and that "they were meant to be here." They are active in the monthly take-out food sales that began during the pandemic. Brian has joined the Knights of Columbus and has just received his Fourth Degree. The parish extends a warm welcome to the Finnegan family!

SAINT OF THE DAY FOR NOVEMBER 30 - SAINT ANDREW

“As Jesus was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ At once they left their nets and followed him.” (Mt 4:18-20) John the Evangelist presents Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus. “Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come, and you will see.’ So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day.” (Jn 1:38-39a)

Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels. Before the multiplication of the loaves, it was Andrew who spoke up about the boy who had the barley loaves and fishes. When the Gentiles went to see Jesus, they came to Philip, but Philip then had recourse to Andrew. It was said that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross. He is the Patron Saint of: Fishermen, Greece, Russia, and Scotland.

Reflection: As in the case of all the apostles except Peter and John, the Gospels give us little about the holiness of Andrew. He was an apostle. That is enough. He was called personally by Jesus to proclaim the Good News, to heal with Jesus' power and to share his life and death. (www.franciscanmedia.org)

Prayer: The St. Andrew Christmas Novena is often called simply the “Christmas Anticipation Prayer,” because it is prayed 15 times every day from the Feast of St. Andrew (November 30) until Christmas. Prayed as a family, this is a very good way to help focus your attention on the Advent season: **“Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.”**



In loving 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	Butch Lowery
Bill Campbell	Joe McNamara
Berney Gehring	Dick Nann
Karl Giffin	Conway Pagett
Bill Hill	Paul Pasco
Dave Hobart	Ibrahim Sara
Joe Izzi	Paul Territo
Paul Judge	Ed Vito
Marty Kane	Rev. Michael Hoban
Bob Kingery	

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.