

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT — DECEMBER 6, 2020

Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low. — Isaiah 40:4

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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 and with Facebook and 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 MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Immaculate Conception



Tuesday, December 8

Patronal Feastday of the USA
and Holy Day of Obligation

Holy Mass 10:00 AM (English)

Holy Mass 7:00 PM (Spanish)

The parish office will be closed.

Our Lady of Guadalupe



Saturday, December 12

Holy Mass & Mañanitas
(Songs & prayers)

7:00 AM (Spanish)

Holy Mass & Procession
1:00 PM (Spanish)

The Church will be open all day.



Facebook



FlockNote



Website

CHANGES THIS WEEK: Holy Day Masses on Tuesday at 10:00 AM (English) and 7:00 PM (Spanish);
No Confession or Adoration on Monday; No 7:00 PM Mass/Adoration/Confession on Friday.

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, 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)

Monday, December 7

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

Tuesday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception

Office Closed today
10:00 AM ... Mass (English) (SM)
4:00 PM RCIA Class (SM Parish Hall)
7:00 PM Mass (Spanish) (SM)
8:00 PM OL Guadalupe Novena (SM)

Wednesday, December 9

7:00 PM..... OL Guadalupe Novena (SM)

Thursday, December 10

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

Friday, December 11

7:00 PM..... OL Guadalupe Novena (SM)

Saturday, December 12

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

Sunday, December 13

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

STEWARDSHIP

- Upcoming Special Collections:
Ongoing - Christmas Flowers (Return by Dec 15 to be included in the Christmas Bulletin)
December 13 - Retirement for Religious (See info on next page.)
- Cleaners: 12/6 - Sofia, Adriana, Luis, Ignacia | 12/13 - 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. Many thanks to those who have had food delivered here. The parishioners who receive the food are very thankful.
- 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

ADVENT CONFESSIONTIMES

- Monday - 7:15-7:30 PM (Except Dec. 7.)
- Thursday - After Mass
- Friday - After Mass (Except Dec. 11.)
- Saturday (Christ the King) - 4:15-4:45 PM
- Sunday - 8:15-8:45 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Adoration and Confession are cancelled Monday, December 7; Mass, Adoration, and Confession are cancelled Friday, December 11.
- The Chapel is available 7:00 AM-6:00 PM with door code 5440#.

2020 RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

Monday: St. Ambrose

Friday: St. Damasus I

Tuesday: Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe, First Saturday

Wednesday: St. Juan Diego

SAINT OF THE DAY FOR DECEMBER 12 - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

On Saturday, December 9, 1531, while on his way for religious instruction, Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, an Indian and recent convert to Christianity, heard singing coming from the top of Tepeyac hill. Suddenly, the singing stopped, and a woman's voice called out to him: "Juan Diego." Ascending the hill, Juan Diego found himself before a beautiful woman adorned in clothing that "shone like the sun." The woman introduced herself as "the immaculate Mother of God" and explained the reason for her appearance: she came to request a church to be built there, and she wanted Juan Diego to take her request to the head of the Church in Mexico, Bishop Juan de Zumárraga. The task would not be easy. Like many New World missionaries, Friar Zumárraga was suspicious of supposed visionaries, fearing it was indigenous idolatry. Skeptical of Juan Diego and the Virgin's message, the bishop sent him away, but promised to listen again at a later time..

Dejected, Juan Diego returned to the Virgin and begged her to send someone more esteemed than himself. The Virgin listened tenderly but responded firmly, insisting that Juan Diego be her messenger. The following day (December 10th), Juan Diego returned to the bishop and recounted the many details of the apparition. This time, the bishop requested that Juan Diego return with evidence of the miraculous appearance. To be sure Juan Diego was being honest, the bishop sent two men to follow Juan Diego. But after trailing him for some time, the men lost sight of him, and told the bishop that Juan Diego was a fraud deserving punishment. Meanwhile, Juan Diego arrived at Tepeyac hill and told the Virgin of the bishop's request; she in turn asked Juan Diego to come back the following day, when she would give him the requested sign for the bishop.

Returning home, Juan Diego was met with sad news: his uncle Juan Bernardino had become deathly ill. Instead of going to Tepeyac hill, the next day (December 11) Juan Diego found a doctor, but nothing could be done. So on Monday, December 12, Juan Diego put on his tilma (cloak) for warmth and went to find a priest. Hoping to avoid any delays, he took a different path so as to avoid the Virgin. But as he neared Tepeyac, she descended from the hill, asking what was wrong. She then reassured the sorrowful Juan Diego by declaring her motherhood and promising that his uncle was already healed. Hearing this, Juan Diego asked for the sign for the bishop, and went to the hilltop as she instructed him. There – in this barren, wintery spot – he found a garden of sweet-smelling flowers; he picked the flowers and brought them back down to the Virgin, who arranged them in his tilma. Juan Diego then set out for the bishop's house.

When Juan Diego arrived, the servants refused him entry, but eventually let him enter when they could not take the flowers from his tilma. Before the bishop, Juan Diego recounted the Virgin's words and the miracle of the flowers. When Juan Diego opened his tilma and flowers fell out, an even greater miracle was revealed: on the tilma's surface was the Virgin's image. The bishop and those in the room fell to their knees, admiring and praying, and the bishop asked to be shown the place for the Virgin's church. With his mission fulfilled, Juan Diego returned home to find his uncle completely healed, just as the Virgin had promised. Even more, the Virgin had appeared to Juan Bernardino, too, and had told him her name: "the Perfect Virgin Holy Mary of Guadalupe." Two weeks later, the day after Christmas, her chapel was completed, and the tilma with its image was placed above the altar. (from www.guadalupecelebration.com)

CHRISTMAS 2020 HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 24

6:30 PM (English) | 12:00 Midnight (English)

Friday, December 25

8:00 AM (English) | 11:00 AM (Spanish)

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, January 1

9:00 AM (English) | 12:00 PM (Spanish)

Registration will be required for these Masses.

The Signup Genius registration link will be available December 18, on Flocknote, Facebook, and SaintMaryShelby.org.

NATIVITY SCENE — UPDATE!

The nativity figures have been donated. Thank you so much for your generosity. Details will be announced next week.

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

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.