

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD — JANUARY 3, 2021

All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him. — Psalm 72:11

Saint Mary Help of Christians Parish

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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 and with Facebook and 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
Friday..... 8:00-9:00 PM

NOVENAS

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

THE HOLY STAR

O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.

—William Cullen Bryant

THANK YOU FROM FR. KOTTAR

I would like to thank you for the beautiful gifts and cards, goodies and treats given to me this Christmas, and also thank you for your continuing support of the parish during the pandemic. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones with health and happiness throughout the new year. —Fr. Kottar



THANK YOU FROM DEACON JAMES

To our parish family, Carole and I would like to sincerely thank everyone for the generosity and love shown to us this Christmas season. Our wish to everyone is for a safe and healthy New Year with God's love shining brightly in your hearts.

—Prayers and Blessings, Deacon James and Carole



Facebook



FlockNote



Website

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, January 3

8:15 AM....Confession (SM)
11:20 AM ..Holy Rosary (SM)

Monday, January 4

8:00 AM....Mass/Miraculous Medal Novena (SM)
9:00 AM....Legion of Mary (SM Parish Hall)
7:00 PMAdoration until 8:00 PM (SM)
7:00 PMEmaús Group (SM Parish Hall)
7:15 PMConfessions until 7:30 PM (SM)

Tuesday, January 5

8:00 AM....Mass/St. Rita Novena (SM)
4:00 PMRCIA Class (SM Parish Hall)

Wednesday, January 6

No events scheduled

Thursday, January 7

8:00 AM ... Mass (SM)

Friday, January 8

7:00 PM.... Mass/Confession/Adoration until 9:00 PM (SM)

Saturday, January 9

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

Sunday, January 10

8:15 AM ... Confession (SM)
11:20 AM.. Holy Rosary (SM)

STEWARDSHIP

The Magi brought the child Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What gifts do I place before Jesus? My time? My talent? My treasure?

- Upcoming Special Collections: Jan. 17 - Combined Mission Collection; Jan. 31 - Debt Reduction (Christ the King only)
- Cleaners: 1/3 - Heliodoro | 1/10 - Armando and Amaya Family
- Bulletin Sponsorship: 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.
- 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. THANK YOU to those who have donated to our food pantry!
- 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>October 2020</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>	<u>October 2019</u>
	SM \$15,766	\$19,757	\$16,249
	CK \$1,262	\$4,510	\$1,669

15TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE CHARLOTTE — JANUARY 8, 2021

The day will begin with a Mass for the Unborn at 9:00 AM at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church at 6828 Old Reid Rd. Charlotte, NC 28210. At 11:00 AM we will start to gather at the parking lot across the street from the Diocese of Charlotte Pastoral Center at 1123 S. Church St. Charlotte. At 12:00 PM we will march to Trade and Tryon where Fr. Noah Carter, Pastor of Holy Cross Catholic Church will preach. After the prolife testimonies we will pray the Most Holy Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Please join others to march and pray for an end to abortion and save babies lives! See schedule details at www.marchforlifecharlotte.org.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week

- Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton was the first native born American to be canonized by the Catholic Church. Born two years before the American Revolution, Elizabeth grew up in the upper class but her early life was quiet, simple, and often lonely. In 1794 she married William Seton and within four years his father died, leaving the young couple in charge of William's seven half brothers and sisters, as well as the family's importing business. William's business and health failed and the Setons sailed for Italy, but William died of tuberculosis there. Elizabeth became interested in the Catholic Faith and, over a period of months, her Italian friends guided her in Catholic instruction and she joined the Church in 1805. At the suggestion of the president of St. Mary's College in Baltimore, Elizabeth started a school in that city. Seton, and two other young women who helped her in her work, began plans for a Sisterhood. They established the first free Catholic school in America. When the young community adopted their rule, they made provisions for Elizabeth to continue raising her children. On March 25, 1809, Elizabeth Seton pronounced her vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, and from that time she was called Mother Seton. Although Mother Seton became afflicted with tuberculosis, she continued to guide her children. She died in 1821 at the age of 46, only sixteen years after becoming a Catholic. She was beatified by Pope John XXIII on March 17, 1963 and was canonized on September 14, 1975 by Pope Paul VI.

- Tuesday: St. John Neumann

St. John Neumann was born in Bohemia in 1811. He was to be ordained in 1835, but the bishop decided there would be no more ordinations due to the large number of priests. He was sure he was called to be a priest but all the doors seemed to close. He had learned English so he wrote to the Bishops in America, and the Bishop in New York agreed to ordain him. His parish in western New York stretched from Lake Ontario to Pennsylvania. Because of the work and the isolation of his parish, he longed for community and so joined the Redemptorists, a congregation of priests and brothers dedicated to helping the poor and most abandoned. He was appointed Bishop of Philadelphia in 1852 and he was the first to organize a diocesan Catholic school system. The ability to learn languages that had brought him to America led him to learn Spanish, French, Italian, and Dutch so he could hear confessions in at least six languages. He died on January 5, 1860 at the age of 48.

- Wednesday: St. André Bessette

When Alfred Bessette came to the Holy Cross Brothers in 1870, he carried with him a note from his pastor saying, "I am sending you a saint." The Brothers found that difficult to believe. Chronic pain had made it impossible for Alfred to hold a job very long in his native Canada or in the United States, staying only until his employers found out how little work he could do. The Holy Cross Brothers were teachers and, at 25, Alfred still did not know how to read and write. Alfred was prayerful and deeply devoted to God and Saint Joseph. The Holy Cross Brothers took him into the novitiate but soon found that as hard as Alfred, now Brother André, wanted to work, he simply wasn't strong enough. They asked him to leave the order, but André appealed to a visiting Bishop who promised him that André would stay and take his vows. After his vows, Brother André was sent to Notre Dame College in Montreal (a school for boys age seven to twelve) as a porter. He joked later, "At the end of my novitiate, my superiors showed me the door, and I stayed there for forty years." In 1904 he requested

permission to build a chapel to Saint Joseph on the mountain near the college, and was given permission build what he had money for. He had collected change for years but he had only a few hundred dollars and built a small wood shelter fifteen by eighteen feet. He kept collecting money and the Archbishop granted him permission to keep building as long as he didn't go into debt. He started by adding a roof, then walls, heating, a paved road up the mountain, a shelter for pilgrims, and finally a place where Brother André and others could live and take care of the shrine and the pilgrims full-time. He had started to build a basilica on the mountain but the Depression interfered. At ninety-years old he told his co-workers to place a statue of St. Joseph in the unfinished, unroofed basilica. He was so ill he had to be carried up the mountain to see the statue in its new home. Brother André died soon after on January 6, and didn't live to see the work on the basilica completed. On December 19, 2009, Pope Benedict XVI promulgated a decree recognizing a second miracle at Blessed André's intercession and on October 17, 2010, Pope Benedict XVI formally declared sainthood for Blessed André.

- Thursday: St. Raymond of Peñafort

St. Raymond of Peñafort, OP (c.1175—6 January 1275), was a Catalan Dominican friar who compiled the Decretals of Gregory IX, a collection of canonical laws that remained a major part of Church law until the 1917 Code of Canon Law abrogated it. He is the patron saint of canon lawyers. He was a relative of the King of Aragon and from childhood he had a devotion to the Blessed Mother. He entered the Order of the Dominicans. With King James of Aragon and St. Peter Nolasco he founded the Order of Our Lady of Ransom. The brave religious of this Order devoted themselves to saving Christians captured by the Moors. St. Raymond was one hundred years old at the time of his death.

(from Catholic.org)



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.