

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD -- JANUARY 10, 2021

All you who are thirsty, come to the water! — Isaiah 55:1

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



MARCH for LIFE

NEW DATE!

MARCH FOR LIFE CHARLOTTE JANUARY 15, 2021

MARCH FOR LIFE - JANUARY 15, 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 prolific 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.marchforlifeforcharlotte.org.

DAILY PRAYER TO END ABORTION

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn.

I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice, not just for some, but for all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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 10

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

Monday, January 11

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)
7:00 PMKnights of Columbus (SM Parish Hall)
7:15 PMConfessions until 7:30 PM (SM)

Tuesday, January 12

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

Wednesday, January 13

No events scheduled

Thursday, January 14

8:00 AM ... Mass (SM)

Friday, January 15

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

Saturday, January 16

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

Sunday, January 17

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

STEWARDSHIP

The U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship reminds us that Baptism gives all of His disciples a share in His priestly work and calls them "to offer up the world and all that is in – especially themselves – to the Lord of all."

• Upcoming Special Collections:

January 17 - Combined Mission Collection. As part of the diocesan combined collections program, the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Church in Africa, Catholic Home Missions, and the United States Mission Collection have been combined into one second collection. That collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Your contribution to the good work of these organizations will give you an opportunity to participate in the missionary activity of the Church on both a local and world level. This week you should receive a letter from our Vicar General and Chancellor, Father Winslow, with an informative brochure. Please take the time to read through the brochure and become more familiar with the good work done by each of these organizations. The envelope for this collection is part of your parish envelope packet.

January 31 - Debt Reduction (Christ the King only)

- Cleaners: 1/10 - Armando, Amaya Family | 1/17 - Salvador, Margarita, David
- 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:	October 2020	Monthly Budget	October 2019
SM	\$15,766	\$19,757	\$16,249
CK	\$1,262	\$4,510	\$1,669

48TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEGALIZATION OF ABORTION - JANUARY 22, 2021

When it comes to legal abortion in the United States most people simply don't understand the facts. In *Roe v Wade*, the Supreme Court said the government has a right to restrict abortion if it could determine when a child in a womb becomes a person. It's only in the *Doe v Bolton* companion case (announced the same day) that the Court ordered no limits or restrictions on abortion up to birth. In both cases, neither petitioner had an abortion. Both later petitioned the court to reverse the rulings in their names.

Roe v Wade: Norma McCorvey "Jane Roe" sought an illegal abortion. She falsely claimed that she was gang raped and used it to challenge an existing Texas law prohibiting an abortion. It eventually went to the Supreme Court and it legalized abortion in all 50 states.

"Abortion has been founded on lies and deception from the very beginning. All I did was lie about how I got pregnant. I was having an affair. It all started out as a little lie. I said what I needed to say. But my little lie grew and grew and became more horrible with each telling. It was good for the cause. It read well in the newspapers."—Norma McCorvey (She died in 2017, age 67, Roman Catholic convert.)

Doe v Bolton: Sandra Cano "Mary Doe" was in a custody battle for her 3 children and pregnant with her fourth. Her attorney convinced her to use *National Organization for Women* attorneys who implied a custody deal could be reached if Sandra agreed to seek an abortion for her preborn child. She rejected that option. She signed some documents that she assumed had to do with her divorce and custody battle. Instead, Sandra Cano was used as the plaintiff in a case to enable "abortion on demand" and it prevailed with the Supreme Court.

"I am against abortion. I never had an abortion. Abortion is murder. For over 20 years my name has been used against my will, my name has been synonymous with abortion. The Doe v Bolton case is based on deceit and fraud. I never participated in the case. The Supreme Court had already made up their minds. They didn't care what was in the affidavits. I never wanted to participate in this."—Sandra Cano (She died in 2014, age 66; her dying wish was for people to "pray for the end of abortion in America and pray for her family.")

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
- Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
- Wednesday: St. Hilary (See story on back page)
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes. In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world". Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin. (*Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas, CatholicCulture.org*)

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER BOOKS



Bishop Peter Joseph Jugis announced that the Diocese of Charlotte would celebrate the “Year of St. Joseph” from January 1, 2020 to May 1, 2021 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being solemnly declared Patron of the Catholic Church by Pope Pius IX in his decree *Quemadmodum Deus*. Additionally, the Holy See has proclaimed 2021 the Year of St. Joseph for the Universal Church. Throughout the year we strive to honor St. Joseph as the guardian and protector of the Church and her faithful with heartfelt prayer and devotion, encouraging all to take his virtuous life as our model for fulfilling our personal vocation to holiness. Our parish still has a limited number of St. Joseph prayer books available in English and Spanish. Contact the parish office for more information.

“Let us ask St. Joseph to intercede for us, to obtain God’s blessing on us as we make our way in life this year.” - Bishop Peter Jugis

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JANUARY 13: ST. HILARY OF POITIERS

St. Hilary of Poitiers (310-367) was one of the great champions of the Catholic belief in the divinity of Christ. By his preaching, his treatise on the Trinity, his part in the Councils, his daring opposition to the Emperor Constantius, he showed himself a courageous apostle of the truth. He could not tolerate that the specious plea of safeguarding peace and unity should be allowed to dim the light of Gospel teaching. Bl. Pius IX proclaimed him a doctor of the Church in 1851.



**Thank you to
Fr. Kottar,
Deacon James,
Ushers, Cantors,
Lectors, Office Staff,
Cleaning Crew,
all Parish Volunteers.**



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.