

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — FEBRUARY 7, 2021

[The LORD] tells the number of the stars and calls them by name. — Psalm 147:4

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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

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

FRIDAYS IN LENT

- Mass at 11:00 AM in English, followed by Stations of the Cross in English.
- Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM in Spanish, followed by a Holy Hour. No evening Mass.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (and World Day of the Sick) is Thursday, February 11. Holy Mass will be at 11:00 AM. If you are seriously ill, in chronic pain, preparing for surgery, or weak from age, you are invited to come to this Mass to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Confessions will be available at 10:30 AM to spiritually prepare for this sacrament. You may also come to Confession prior to one of the weekend Masses.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Ash Wednesday Mass with imposition of Ashes will be celebrated at 11:00 AM (English) and 7:00 PM (Spanish). Both Masses will require Signup Genius registration beginning February 14. Contact the parish office if you need assistance registering for Mass. If you are unable to attend either of the Masses because the Signups are full, there are 2 other opportunities to receive Ashes on Ash Wednesday:

1. Imposition of Ashes will be offered at 12:15 PM outside the front doors of the church.
2. Wait in your car outside the evening Mass and the ushers will allow you inside to receive Ashes at about 7:30 PM.



Facebook



FlockNote



Website

CHANGES THIS WEEK

Thursday, February 11, 11:00 AM - Mass for Our Lady of Lourdes/World Day of the Sick.

See article on the front page for more information.

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 via FlockNote.

Sunday, February 7

8:15 AM... Confession (SM)

10:20 AM . Confirmation Class (SM Parish Hall)

11:20 AM . Holy Rosary (SM)

Monday, February 8

8:00 AM... Mass/Miraculous Medal Novena (SM)

7:00 PM ... Adoration until 8:00 PM (SM)

7:00 PM ... Emaús Group (SM Parish Hall)

7:00 PM ... Knights of Columbus (SM Parish Hall)

7:15 PM ... Confessions until 7:30 PM (SM)

Tuesday, February 9

8:00 AM... Mass/St. Rita Novena (SM)

4:00 PM ... RCIA Class (SM Parish Hall)

Wednesday, February 10

No events scheduled

Thursday, February 11

10:30 AM .. Confessions (SM)

11:00 AM .. Mass (SM)

Friday, February 12

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

Saturday, February 13

4:15 PM Confession (CK)

Sunday, February 14

8:15 AM.... Confession (SM)

10:20 AM .. Confirmation Class (SM Parish Hall)

11:20 AM .. Holy Rosary (SM)

STEWARDSHIP

As Catholics, we are not to focus only on ourselves but are called by our Baptism to reach out and share our time, talent and treasure with our brothers and sisters.

- Upcoming Special Collection: February 28 - Debt Reduction (Christ the King only)
- Cleaners: 2/7 - El Coro | 2/14 - Norma, Margarita, Jaime
- Bulletin Sponsorship: Suggested donation \$15/week. All donations are for the Poor Box and will be used for needs in our community. Sponsorship will be announced by name or any appropriate message that will fit in the 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. MANY THANKS to those who have donated to our food pantry in the past!
- 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>December 2020</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>	<u>December 2019</u>
SM	\$30,211	\$20,215	\$22,261
CK	\$1,404	\$4,510	\$2,542

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday (February 17) and Good Friday (April 2) are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

Fasting is obligatory from age 18 until age 59. One full meal is permitted, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. **Abstinence** from meat is binding from age 14 onwards.

Anyone who neglects all forms of penance, or shows contempt for the Church's penitential discipline, may be guilty of serious sin. Occasional failure to observe penitential regulations is not seriously sinful. Proportionately grave circumstances (sickness, dietary needs) excuse from the obligation of fast and abstinence, but not from seeking other forms of penance.

PARISHIONER IN NEED OF PRAYERS / POOR BOX DONATIONS

An active St. Mary parishioner from the Latino community suffered a massive stroke leaving him paralyzed on one side. He has returned home from the hospital where he is recuperating but is unable to work. Because of his situation he does not receive any government assistance. We would like to help him with a few of his needs: adult diapers and liquid diet. The parish will purchase these items, but if you would like to help defray the cost, please contribute to the Poor Box or place a check in the collection basket with "Poor Box" on the memo line. Please keep this special parishioner in your prayers.

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. Additionally, the Holy See has proclaimed 2021 the Year of St. Joseph for the Universal Church. **We have a limited number of St. Joseph prayer books available in English and Spanish. Contact the parish office for more information.**

CONVERGING ROADS MEDICAL ETHICS CONFERENCE

"Hippocratic medicine: Do no harm" is the theme of this year's conference on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Charlotte. Register online only at ConvergingRoads.com and look for the link to the Charlotte conference. Virtual and in-person options are available.

The First Communion schedule has been updated to better serve the needs of the parish.

First Communion Classes

Saturdays, April 10 through July 10
9:30 — 11:00 AM

First Communion Mass

Friday, July 16, 7:00 PM

If 2 Masses are needed for social distancing, the second Mass will be Friday, August 6, 7:00 PM.

Join Father Kottar on a
Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
November 7 - 16, 2021

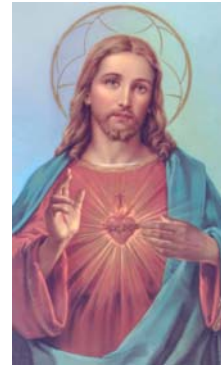
\$3,899 from Charlotte

\$50 early bird discount if you
book by February 28.

For more information contact the
parish office: 704-487-7697 x103



In Thanksgiving
to St. Joseph
for favors received.



In Thanksgiving
to the Sacred Heart
for favors received.



Thank you St. Anthony
for interceding on our
behalf for our Christmas
miracle. We really
appreciate it.



Pray for the repose of the souls of
the deceased members of Knights
of Columbus Council 11946:

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

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.