

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths. — Psalm 25:4

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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 (Lenten schedule) 11:00 AM
Holy Days of Obligation..... As announced

*Changes announced at Mass and Facebook
and sent to the parish with 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

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 (Via Crucis) 7:00 PM in Spanish, followed by Holy Hour.
No evening Mass on Fridays in Lent.



The purpose of the Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA) is to help provide the annual funding necessary to carry out the mission of our diocese – namely to fulfill our call to “grow ever more perfectly into a community of praise, worship, and witness, and to become a leaven of service and sign of peace through love in the Piedmont and western North Carolina.” The DSA provides funding for 50 ministries and programs. When we make our annual contribution to the DSA, we join with all our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the diocese to do the Lord’s work – works of love and service that no one individual or parish can do alone. Our parish’s assessed goals are \$26,181 at St. Mary and \$2,741 at Christ the King. Please be as generous as possible to the DSA.



Facebook



FlockNote



Website

CHANGESTHISWEEK: Please see below and on Page 1 for Lenten Friday schedule.

DEVOTIONS & MORE

For a listing of Mass intentions each week, visit www.SaintMaryShelby.org/mass-intentions.

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, please call or email the parish office.

Sunday, February 21

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

Monday, February 22

8:00 AM..... Mass/Miraculous Medal Novena (SM)
7:00 PM Adoration until 8:00 PM (SM)
7:00 PM Emaüs Group (SM Parish Hall)
7:15 PM Confessions until 7:30 PM (SM)

Tuesday, February 23

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

Wednesday, February 24

No events scheduled.

Thursday, February 25

8:00 AM..... Mass (SM)

Friday, February 26

11:00 AM ... Mass/Stations of the Cross (SM)
7:00 PM..... Via Crucis (Spanish)/Holy Hour (SM)

Saturday, February 27

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

Sunday, February 28

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

STEWARDSHIP

Lent is a time to reflect on our relationship with God.

We are called to focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in our Lenten stewardship.

- Upcoming Special Collection: February 28 - Debt Reduction (Christ the King only)
- Easter Flowers: If you would like to donate to our Easter Flowers and have a memorial listed in the Easter bulletin, please return the Easter Flowers envelope from your envelope set on or before March 22.
- Cleaners: 2/21 - Heliodoro | 2/28 - Armando; Amaya Family
- 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

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



As we look beyond the pandemic, our thoughts turn to God. Maybe you are praying for a special grace for yourself or a loved one. Or you want to say “thank you” to Him for remaining at your side in the dark times. Many Christians make a personal sacrifice to visit the Holy Land. The graces received are numerous. He touches hearts in unexpected ways. No one returns home unchanged. The Lord will not be outdone in generosity.

The Holy Land has been called the Fifth Gospel. The sacred sites have their own way of proclaiming Christ and they deepen our understanding of the Gospels. I know the pilgrimage will reaffirm and strengthen your faith. I will be with you every day to pray, celebrate Mass, hear confessions, and to offer spiritual direction. I look forward to sharing this unforgettable experience with you. —Fr. Michael Kottar

\$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

FEBRUARY 22 - FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER

This feast recalls the mission of teacher and pastor conferred by Christ on Peter and continued in an unbroken line down to the present Pope. We celebrate the unity of the Church, founded upon the Apostle, and renew our assent to the Magisterium of the Roman Pontiff, extended both to truths which are solemnly defined ex-cathedra, and to all the acts of the ordinary Magisterium.

The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Rome has been celebrated from the early days of the Christian era on 18 January, in commemoration of the day when Saint Peter held his first service in Rome. The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Antioch, commemorating his foundation of the See of Antioch, has also been long celebrated at Rome, on 22 February. At each place, a chair (cathedra) was venerated which the Apostle had used while presiding at Mass. One of the chairs is referred to ca. 600 AD by an Abbot Johannes who had been commissioned by Pope Gregory the Great to collect oil from the lamps which burned at the graves of the Roman martyrs. — *New Catholic Dictionary*

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.

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*

**Also Friday, August 6, 7:00 PM if a second Mass is needed for social distancing.*

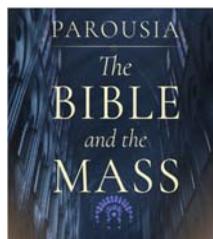
CONVERGING ROADS MEDICAL ETHICS CONFERENCE

“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.

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER BOOKS AVAILABLE!

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.**

FREE BIBLE STUDY THIS LENT



We don’t just want to go back to the way things were. Why return to Mass? Our very lives depend on it. It’s the summit of God’s plan for our salvation. It’s time to wake Catholics up to the awesome power, the incredible gift, that is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The alternative is unthinkable. Enter Parousia: The Bible and the Mass. Dr. Scott Hahn, one of the best scripture scholars offering a FREE Lenten Bible study on the Mass. Dr. Hahn is an engaging teacher and everything he does is excellent. Get ready to join Dr. Hahn to uncover how and why all of God’s action, in creation and redemption, is ordered to the Mass. Sign up at stpaulcenter.com and look for “Parousia,” or follow the link at SaintMaryShelby.org.



In Memory of
**John & Nancy
Madigan**



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.

These spaces are available for \$15/week donation to Poor Box. Contact the office for details.