

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT — MARCH 7, 2021

I, the LORD, am your God . . . You shall not have other gods besides me. — Exodus 20:2a, 3

Saint Mary Help of Christians Parish

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Christ the King Mission

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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
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

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER BOOKS \$5

Celebrate upcoming Feasts of St. Joseph (March 19 - Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary; May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker) with this special prayer book. Contact the parish office to get your prayer book, available in English or Spanish.



**Order today for the next
Friday Fish Fry!
Call or text 919-623-4134**



► **White Fish**

\$10 per plate or \$30 per family

► **Sides**

**French Fries, Hush Puppies,
Slaw, Mac & Cheese**

► **Pick-up on Friday, March 12**

5:30-7:30 pm - St. Mary Parish Hall

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CHANGESTHISWEEK: 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, March 7

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

Monday, March 8

8:00 AM..... Mass/Miraculous Medal Novena (SM)
9:00 AM..... Legion of Mary (SM Parish Hall)
7:00 PM Adoration until 8:00 PM (SM)
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus (SM Parish Hall)
7:00 PM Emaús Group (SM Parish Hall)
7:15 PM Confessions until 7:30 PM (SM)

Tuesday, March 9

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

Wednesday, March 10

Novena to St. Joseph Begins (at home)

Thursday, March 11

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

Friday, March 12

11:00 AM ... Mass/Stations of the Cross (SM)
5:30 PM Fish Fry Pick-up until 7:30 PM (SM Parish Hall)
7:00 PM Via Crucis (Spanish)/Holy Hour (SM)

Saturday, March 13

4:15 PM Confession (CK)

Sunday, March 14

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

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

The Novena to St. Joseph begins on March 10, in preparation for his feast on March 19. We know Joseph was a man of faith, obedient to whatever God asked of him without knowing the outcome. When the angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him the truth about the child Mary was carrying, Joseph immediately and without question or concern for gossip, took Mary as his wife. When the angel came again to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with his young wife and the baby. He waited in Egypt without question until the angel told him it was safe to go back. Find the full novena to St. Joseph at ewtn.com.

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 is recuperating at home but is unable to work. Because of his situation he does not receive government assistance. The parish is helping him with a few basic needs: adult diapers and liquid diet. 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.



KNEELERS FOR NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS

St. Mary is still hosting the kneelers for Transitional Deacons Joseph Wasswa and Juan Miguel Sanchez until Monday, March 8th. They are located in the church during Mass, Stations, and Adoration. You are invited to pray on the two kneelers for these men and to write your well wishes in their personal journals. The kneelers and journals will be presented to them as gifts upon their Ordination on June 19, 2021.

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL (DSA)



The purpose of the Diocesan Support Appeal 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. Thanks to those who have given already!

STEWARDSHIP

*In our Lenten stewardship call to focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving,
how much time am I giving to God in prayer?*

- Upcoming Special Collection: March 28 - Debt Reduction (Christ the King only)
- The Parish financial statements for the six months ending December 31 are available on the parish website. If you do not have internet access you may make an appointment to see them in the parish office.
- 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: 3/7 - Salvador, Margarita, David | 3/14 - Sofía, Adriana, Luis, Ignacia THANK YOU!
- 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>January 2021</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>	<u>January 2020</u>
	SM \$16,351	\$20,215	\$17,776
	CK \$3,886	\$4,510	\$1,991

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.*

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

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CONVERGING ROADS MEDICAL ETHICS CONFERENCE

“Hippocratic medicine: Do no harm” is the theme of the Saturday, March 20 conference at the Cathedral of St. Patrick. Register online only at ConvergingRoads.com and look for the link to the Charlotte conference. Virtual and in-person options available. This regional conference series offers continuing education for health care professionals that equips them to practice the highest ethical and medical standards of their profession.



Chairs for sale!

We still have folding chairs available for a \$1 donation per chair! If you want to get some, they will have to be picked up during office hours. Contact the parish office for more information.



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.