

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — MARCH 14, 2021

*God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him. — John 3:17*

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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

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

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 14

8:15 AM..... Confession (SM)
10:20 AM ... Confirmation Class (SM Parish Hall)
11:20 AM ... Holy Rosary (SM)
1:30 PM St. Joseph Novena (Spanish) (SM)

Monday, March 15

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

Tuesday, March 16

8:00 AM..... Mass/St. Rita Novena (SM)
4:00 PM RCIA Class (SM Parish Hall)
7:00 PM St. Joseph Novena (Spanish) (SM)

Wednesday, March 17

7:00 PM St. Joseph Novena (Spanish) (SM)

Thursday, March 18

8:00 AM..... Mass (SM)
7:00 PM St. Joseph Novena (Spanish) (SM)

Friday, March 19

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 20

4:15 PM Confession (CK)

Sunday, March 21

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

DIOSAN 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!

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 him in your prayers.



ST. JOSEPH PRAYER BOOKS

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 for \$5 each.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

As March 19th is the solemnity of St. Joseph and solemnities are more important than Lenten Fridays, you can eat meat on Friday, March 19th, 2021. (Cf. CIC 1251)

STEWARDSHIP

If we give our time, talent and treasure according to God's principles, God will not disappoint us. The young man, who gave his loaves and fishes to help feed the multitude, didn't have to go without dinner.

- 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: 3/14 - Sofia, Adriana, Luis, Ignacia | 3/21 - Joel Graciela 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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Wednesday, March 17: St. Patrick was an influential saint who, 1,500 years ago, brought Christianity to Ireland. He was born about 385 in the British Isles, was carried off while still very young during a raid on Roman Britain by the Irish, and sold as a slave. At the end of six years he contrived to escape to Europe, became a monk and was ordained; he then returned to Ireland as a Bishop to preach the Gospel. During the thirty years that his missionary labors continued he covered the Island with churches and monasteries; in 444 he founded the metropolitan see of Armagh. St. Patrick died in 461. After fifteen centuries he remains for all Irishmen the great bishop whom they venerate as their father in the Faith.

Thursday, March 18: St. Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, with St. Athanasius and others, belongs to the great champions of faith in the fight against the Arian heresy, which claimed that Jesus is not co-eternal with God the Father. Famous as a teacher and preacher, he has left a series of catechetical instructions that constitute a priceless heirloom from Christian antiquity. Of the twenty-four extant discourses, nineteen were directed to catechumens during Lent as a preparation for baptism, while five were written for those already baptized. (*catholicculture.org*)

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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*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.*



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.