

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — MARCH 21, 2021

*I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts;  
I will be their God, and they shall be my people. — Jeremiah 31:33*

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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

*See inside for any schedule changes this week.  
Changes also announced at Mass, on Facebook,  
and sent to the parish with Flocknotes.*

### CONFESSION

Saturday (Christ the King)..... 4:15-4:45 PM  
Sunday ..... 8:15-8:45 AM

## Baby Bottle Blessings



### Help the Pregnancy Resource Center!

Please take one of the baby bottles in the narthex, fill it with silver change, checks, or currency, and return it to the church by April 25 — Thank you for helping save lives!

## LAST CHANCE!

Order today for **the**  
Final 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 26**

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

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**CHANGETHISWEEK:** See schedule below.

## DEVOTIONS & MORE

### Sunday, March 21

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

### Monday, March 22

9:00 AM .... Legion of Mary (SM Parish Hall)  
7:00 PM .... Emaús Group (SM Parish Hall)

### Tuesday, March 23 - Thursday, March 25

No events scheduled

### Friday, March 26

11:00 AM ...Liturgy of the Word/Stations (SM)  
5:30 PM .....Fish Fry Pick-up (SM Parish Hall)  
7:00 PM .....Via Crucis (Spanish) (SM)


### Saturday, March 27

No Confession (CK)

### Sunday, March 28

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

## 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!

## PARISHIONER IN NEED OF PRAYERS / POOR BOX DONATIONS

A longtime 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.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Tuesday: St. Turibio (or Turibius) of Mogrovejo** - Together with Rose of Lima, Turibio is the first known saint of the New World, serving the Lord in Peru for twenty-six years. Born in Spain and educated for the law, he became so brilliant a scholar that he was made professor of law at the University of Salamanca and eventually became chief judge of the Inquisition at Granada. When the archbishopric of Lima (in Spain’s Peruvian colony) became vacant, it was decided that Turibio was the man needed to fill the post: He was the one person with the strength of character and holiness of spirit to heal the scandals that had infected that area. A layman, he was quickly ordained priest and bishop and sent to Peru. Among those to whom he gave the Sacrament of Confirmation was Saint Rose of Lima, and possibly Saint Martin de Porres. After 1590 he had the help of another great missionary, Saint Francis Solanus. His people, though very poor, were sensitive, dreading to accept public charity from others. Turibio solved the problem by helping them anonymously. (*CatholicCulture.org*)



## ST. JOSEPH PRAYER BOOKS

Contact the parish office to get a wonderful St. Joseph prayer book (or two) for \$5 each. They are available in English or Spanish.

## STEWARDSHIP

*“God can multiply His favors among you so that you may always have enough of everything and even a surplus for good works.” (II Corinthians 9:8)*

- Upcoming Special Collections:  
March 28 - Debt Reduction (Christ the King only) / April 4 - Seminarian Education (Spring collection)
- 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: 3/21 - Joel Graciela | 3/28 - El Coro 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](http://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 READING

Each Sunday, we listen to three scripture readings. The first reading usually comes from the Old Testament. “The New Testament lies hidden in the Old; the Old Testament comes fully to light in the New,” we read in the Introduction to the Lectionary. “Christ himself is the center and fullness of the whole of Scripture.” On Sundays, these readings usually have a close connection to the Gospel. In this season of Lent, for example, the Exodus account of the thirst of the Israelites in the desert is paired with the Samaritan woman’s encounter with Jesus at the well. Ezekiel’s vision of the Lord raising people from their graves is paired with the narrative of Christ raising Lazarus from the dead. The readings are taken from many sources—historical books like Judges, Kings, and the Acts of the Apostles, prophets like Isaiah and Ezekiel, wisdom literature like Proverbs or Ecclesiastes. But no matter its genre, the first reading always ends with the same acclamation: “The word of the Lord.” The scriptures are written by human authors who wrote in widely different cultural and historical contexts, but these human authors are also divine instruments through whom God speaks to us. And so we say, “Thanks be to God.”

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## 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:

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

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.*