

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD — MARCH 28, 2021

Christ Jesus humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. — Philippians 2:8

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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.

REGULAR SCHEDULE

HOLY MASS

Saturday (Christ the King).....5:00 PM
Sunday9:00 AM; 12:00 PM (Español)
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:00 AM
Friday (Lenten schedule) 11:00 AM
Holy Days of Obligation.....As announced

CONFESSION

Saturday (Christ the King)..... 4:15-4:45 PM
Sunday8:15-8:45 AM

*See inside for any schedule changes.
Changes will be announced at Mass, on
Facebook, and sent with Flocknotes.*

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!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

(All at St. Mary, unless noted)

Saturday, March 27

5:00 PM - Holy Mass (Christ the King)

Palm Sunday, March 28

9:00 AM - Holy Mass
12:00 PM - Holy Mass (Español)

Holy Thursday, April 1

7:00 PM - Holy Mass (Bilingual)

Good Friday, April 2

3:00 PM - Veneration of the Cross (Bilingual)

Holy Saturday, April 3

**** No Mass at St. Mary or Christ the King ****

Easter Sunday, April 4

9:00 AM - Holy Mass
12:00 PM - Holy Mass (Español)



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FlockNote



Website

CHANGESTHIS WEEK: No Mass on Saturday, April 3. See full schedule below.

MASSES, DEVOTIONS, & MORE

Sunday, March 28

8:15 AM Confession (SM)
9:00 AM Holy Mass (SM)
11:20 AM .. Holy Rosary (SM)
12:00 PM... Holy Mass (Español - SM)

Monday, March 29

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

Tuesday, March 30 - Wednesday, March 31

No events scheduled

Thursday, April 1

7:00 PMHoly Thursday Mass (Bilingual - SM)

Friday, April 2

3:00 PM..... Veneration of the Cross (Bilingual - SM)

Saturday, April 3

**** No Mass at SM or CK ****

Easter Sunday, April 4

9:00 AM.....Holy Mass (SM)
11:20 AM ...Holy Rosary (SM)
12:00 PM....Holy Mass (Español - SM)

*****SAVE THE DATE*****

**Knights of Columbus – VIRTUAL Fraternal Benefits Session
Wednesday March 31st, 7 to 8 pm For Members AND Parishioners**

Topics include an overview of recent changes to the Order, changes to the Insurance program, and preparing to navigate the ever-changing tax landscape. Sponsored by Field Agent – Brian Cilone

Email: Brian.cilone@kofc.org Phone: 623-202-5956

Please contact Brian or any member of the Knights to get the meeting link emailed to you

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.

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER BOOKS

Contact the parish office to get one or more wonderful St. Joseph prayer books for just \$5 each. They are available in English or Spanish.

LEGION OF MARY - PILGRIM VIRGIN HOME VISITATION

How beautiful that the Mother of the Lord Jesus has come to this home!

The Legion of Mary invites you to bring our Lady of Fatima - the Pilgrim Virgin - into your home for a 2-week visit. You will enjoy praying the Holy Rosary with her and bringing your family together to share in the special time of prayer to deepen your faith, hope, and charity. At this time of caution due to COVID-19, we just deliver and pick up the Pilgrim Virgin - we do not come into your home. Visit SaintMaryShelby.org and follow the link to sign up., then contact Peggy Collins at 704-300-5136 to arrange the visitation.



THANK YOU FROM FR. KOTTAR

I want to thank everyone for the cards, calls, concern, and especially the prayers for me while I am in the hospital. May God bless and keep you during this holy season. —Fr. Kottar.

STEWARDSHIP

- Upcoming Special Collections: March 28 - Debt Reduction (CK only) / April 4 - Seminarian Education
- Cleaners: 3/28 - El Coro | 4/4 - Norma, Margarita, Jaime **THANK YOU!**
- 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. **THANK YOU!**
- 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

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!

HOLY THURSDAY - FROM CATHOLICCULTURE.ORG

The last three days of Holy Week are referred to as the Sacred Triduum, the three-part drama of Christ’s redemption: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Holy Thursday is also known as “Maundy Thursday.” The word *maundy* comes from the Latin word *mandatum* (commandment) which is the first word of the Gospel acclamation: *Mandatum novum do vobis dicit Dominus, ut diligatis invicem, sicut dilexi vos*. “I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.” (John 13:34)

These are the words spoken by our Lord to His apostles at the Last Supper, after he completed the washing of the feet. We should imitate Christ’s humility in the washing of the feet. By meditating on the Gospels (cf. Matt 26:1 ff.; Mark 14:1 ff.; Luke 22:1 ff.; John 13:1 ff.), we can recall to mind Jesus’ actions of that day. Father Bernard Strasser summarizes all the events of that first Holy Thursday:

They included: (1) the eating of the Easter lamb or the paschal meal; (2) the washing of the disciple’s feet; (3) the institution of the Most Holy Eucharist (the first Mass at which Jesus Christ, the eternal high priest, is the celebrant; the first Communion of the apostles; the first conferring of Holy Orders); (4) the foretelling of Judas’ betrayal and Peter’s denials; (5) the farewell discourse and priestly prayer of Jesus; (6) the agony and capture of Jesus in the Garden of Olives. — ©1947, *With Christ Through the Year*

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.