

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER — APRIL 11, 2021 (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

*Who indeed is the victor over the world  
but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? — 1 John 5:5*

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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  
Sunday .....9:00 AM; 12:00 PM (Español)

### CONFESSION

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

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



“I shall sing forever the Lord’s mercy.” (Ps 89 [88])  
This Sunday is popularly known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Between 1930 and 1938 Christ appeared to Sister Faustina, a Sister of Mercy in Poland who initiated the Divine Mercy devotion. She was canonized on April 30, 2000, the Sunday after Easter, the Feast of Divine Mercy. On Good Friday, 1937, Jesus requested that Blessed Faustina make a special novena before the Feast of Mercy, from Good Friday through the following Saturday. Jesus also asked that a picture be painted according to the vision of Himself as the fountain of mercy. He gave her a chaplet to be recited and said that it was appropriate to pray the chaplet at 3:00 PM each day, the Hour of Great Mercy.



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## NO DAILY MASSTHISWEEK.

### MASSES, DEVOTIONS, & MORE

#### Sunday, April 11

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, April 12

9:00 AM .... Legion of Mary (SM Parish Hall)

7:00 PM..... Emaús Group (SM Parish Hall)

7:00 PM..... Knights of Columbus (SM Parish Hall)

#### Tuesday, April 13 - Friday, April 16

No events scheduled

#### Saturday, April 17

9:30 AM ..... 1st Communion class (SM Parish Hall)

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

5:00 PM ..... Holy Mass (CK)

#### Sunday, April 18

8:15 AM ..... Confession (SM)

9:00 AM ..... Holy Mass (SM)

10:20 AM ... Confirmation Class (SM Parish Hall)

11:20 AM ... Holy Rosary (SM)

12:00 PM .... Holy Mass (Español - SM)

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### 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. Due to COVID-19, we deliver and pick up the Pilgrim Virgin, but we do not come into your home. Visit [SaintMaryShelby.org](http://SaintMaryShelby.org) and follow the sign up link, then contact Peggy Collins 704-300-5136 to arrange the visitation.

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### DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL (DSA)

The purpose of the 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. 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.

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### STEWARDSHIP

- Upcoming Special Collections: April 25 - Debt Reduction (CK only)
- Cleaners: 4/11 - Heliodoro, Graciela T. | 4/18 - Armando, Amaya Family THANKYOU!
- 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. THANKYOU!
- 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>February 2021</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>	<u>February 2020</u>
SM	\$15,330	\$20,215	\$16,489
CK	\$3,730	\$4,510	\$1,964

### LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER



Pray for Carol Annette, Mary Baxter, Jerome Bickimer, Eric Bilow, Juan “Yayito” Colon, Maria Eugenia Colon, Sally Currie, Bridget Custer, Adam Gehring, Patrice Hammitt, Evelyn Hill, Sean Hobart, Fred Hunt, Lonnie Johnson, Laurie Johnston, Fr. Kottar, Gary Lyncosky, Jimmy Marks, Dorothy McNamara, Pat Mullen, John Reynolds, Declan Richardson, Gerardo Rivera, Thomas Rivera, Audrey Russo, Bea Stroupe, Mary Zeunik, all of our family and friends being treated in the hospital, and for the repose of the soul of Penelope Carscaddon.

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### PARISHIONER IN NEED OF PRAYERS / POOR BOX DONATIONS

A longtime St. Mary parishioner from the Latino community suffered a stroke leaving him paralyzed on one side and unable to work, and does not receive government assistance. The parish is helping him with a few basic needs. 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.

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### MARRIAGE PREP CLASSES

There will be Marriage Preparation Classes in Spanish on May 22 and June 19. Contact Angeles Guerrero at 704-476-9481 for more information and to register for the classes.

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### ST. JOSEPH PRAYER BOOKS \$5

Celebrate the upcoming Feast of St. Joseph (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.

## 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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**For more information contact the parish office: 704-487-7697 x103**

# Vocations Camps for Young Men & Women

**Attention all Catholic young men ages 15-19!** Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend the eighth annual Quo Vadis Days camp to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having fun. QVD is led by priests and seminarians of the diocese and is supported by the diocesan Office of Vocations. Quo Vadis Days will be held from **June 14-18, 2021** at Belmont Abbey College. The cost of the camp is \$150. Registration deadline is Wednesday, June 9, but don't delay as this could sell out. If you are interested, please visit [www.charlottediocese.org/vocations/quo-vadis-days](http://www.charlottediocese.org/vocations/quo-vadis-days) or contact Father Brian Becker, Diocesan Promoter of Vocations at [bjbecker@charlottediocese.org](mailto:bjbecker@charlottediocese.org).

**Attention all Catholic young women ages 15-19!** Do you know where your life is going? Do you have a desire to grow deeper after the role model of our Lady? You are invited to attend the fifth annual Duc In Altum camp to spend time with other young women your age looking at the Lord's call in your life, while having fun and receiving the tools for a strong prayer life. DIA is led by priests and Religious of the diocese and is supported by the diocesan Office of Vocations. Duc In Altum camp will be held from **June 21-25, 2021** at Belmont Abbey College. The cost of the camp is \$150. Registration deadline is Wednesday, June 16, but don't delay as this could sell out. If you are interested, please visit [www.charlottevocations.org](http://www.charlottevocations.org), or contact Sister Mary Raphael at 704-370-3402 or [mraphael@charlottediocese.org](mailto:mraphael@charlottediocese.org) or Lainie Lord at 704- 370-3401 or [ldlord@charlottediocese.org](mailto:ldlord@charlottediocese.org).

## Bulletin Sponsorship

This Space is available!

Bulletin Sponsorship is a suggested donation of \$15/week. All donations are for the Poor Box and will be used for charitable needs in our community. Sponsorship will be announced by name, or any other message (as appropriate) that will fit in this space, or you may remain anonymous. Contact the office for more information.



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.*