

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER — APRIL 18, 2021

You alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling. — Psalm 4:9

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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)

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 by **April 25**. Thank you for helping save lives!

Mother's Day and Father's Day Masses



Mother's Day is May 9 and Father's Day is June 20, 2021: on these weekends the Masses will be offered for the intentions of all Mothers and Fathers (living and deceased) who are enrolled in the Masses, and the names of those enrolled will be listed in the bulletin. The deadline to return envelopes for the Mother's Day Masses is **May 3**; the deadline to return envelopes for the Father's Day Masses is **June 14**. These envelopes are part of the regular envelope packs mailed to your homes. Contact the office if you need an extra one, or if you need to sign up for envelope delivery.



Facebook



FlockNote



Website

No daily Mass this week. The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, April 22.

MASSES, DEVOTIONS, & MORE

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)

Monday, April 19

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

Tuesday, April 20 - Friday, April 23

No events scheduled

Saturday, April 24

1st Communion class cancelled this week.
11:00 AM ... Adcock-Jones wedding (SM)
4:15 PM Confession (CK)

5:00 PM Holy Mass (CK)

Sunday, April 25

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)

FEAST OF FAITH: THE SECOND READING

The Liturgy of the Word generally follows a consistent pattern of three readings and a psalm. The second reading is always taken from one of the New Testament epistles or the book of Revelation, and generally is not intentionally aligned with either the Gospel or the first reading. It is in these letters, even more than in the Gospel narratives, that we learn what it means to be church: to live with each other, in the world yet not of the world, in these days after the Lord's resurrection. Each New Testament letter was written by a particular leader for a particular community at a particular time. We are reminded of this at the beginning of the proclamation—"A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians," or the Corinthians, or the Thessalonians. These texts were shaped by their particular historical and cultural context, but at the same time, through the liturgy, these letters are written to us, here, today. They speak to the realities of Christian living no matter where—or when—we live. They are truly "the word of the Lord" for us. © J. S. Paluch Co.

STEWARDSHIP

- Upcoming Special Collections: 4/25 - Debt Reduction (CK only); 5/16 - International/National Combined Collection
- Cleaners THANKYOU: 4/18 - Armando, Amaya Family; 4/25 - Salvador, Margarita S, Jaime
- Donations of non-perishable food will be used to help parishioners. Suggested items: apple sauce, cold cereal, oatmeal, canned soup and pasta, canned fruit, peanut butter, beans, rice, canned vegetables.
- Boost & Ensure donations 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.
- 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.

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

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 and follow the sign up link, then contact Peggy Collins 704-300-5136 to arrange the visitation.

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL (DSA)

The DSA helps provide the annual funding for 50 ministries and programs 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.” 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.

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.

ST. ANSELM FEAST DAY APRIL 21

As prior and abbot, Anselm made the Benedictine monastery of Bec the center of a true reformation in Normandy and England. From this monastery he exercised a restraining influence on popes, kings, the worldly great, and entire religious orders. Raised to the dignity of Archbishop of Canterbury and primate of England, he waged a heroic campaign in defense of the rights and liberties of the Church. As a result he was deprived of goods and position and finally banned from the country. He journeyed to Rome, and at the Council of Bari supported Pope Urban II against the errors of the Greeks. His writings bear eloquent testimony to his moral stature and learning, and have earned for him the title of “Father of Scholasticism.”

—*The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

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 or contact Father Brian Becker, Diocesan Promoter of Vocations at 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, or contact Sister Mary Raphael at 704-370-3402 or mraphael@charlottediocese.org or Lainie Lord at 704- 370-3401 or lldlord@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:

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.