

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD — MAY 16, 2021

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. — Mark 16:16

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HOLY MASS

Saturday (Christ the King).....5:00 PM
Sunday9:00 AM; 12:00 PM (Español)
Monday & Tuesday8:00 AM
Friday.....7:00 PM (Español)

CONFESSION

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



FEAST OF FAITH: GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

The general intercessions were restored to the liturgy in the reforms that followed the Second Vatican Council. In these prayers—also known as the “universal prayer” or “prayer of the faithful”—the assembly prays for the Church, the world, and the local community. As the name “prayer of the faithful” reminds us, these intercessions are a privilege of the baptized, which is why any catechumens are dismissed before the Creed and the intercessions. In baptism, we become members of a royal priesthood, and what do priests do? They intercede; they pray. In standing to pray to God as a community, we are living out our royal priesthood. The intercessions at Mass usually follow a clear pattern, moving from general to specific needs. We pray for the whole Church. We pray for the world and for our nation. We pray for our local community, for those who have died and for all the sick and afflicted. In our united prayer, we reach beyond ourselves and our own needs and grow in awareness of and compassion for the needs of others.

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*Beginning this week Daily Masses will be celebrated
Monday, Tuesday, and Friday.*

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 16

8:15 AM Confession (SM)
9:00 AM Mass (+Timmy Allen) (SM)
10:20 AM Confirmation Class (SM Parish Hall)
11:20 AM Rosary (SM)
12:00 PM..... Mass (Pro Populo) (Español - SM)

Monday, May 17

8:00 AM Mass (+Penelope Carscaddon) (SM)
9:00 AM Legion of Mary (SM Parish Hall)
7:00 PM..... Emaús Group (SM Parish Hall)

Tuesday, May 18

8:00 AM Mass (+Jack Grafing) (SM)

Wednesday-Thursday, May 19-20

No events scheduled

Friday, May 21

7:00 PM..... Mass (+Fr. Joseph Minturn) (Español - SM)

Saturday, May 22

9:00 AM Marriage Prep classes (SM Parish Hall)
9:30 AM 1st Communion class (SM Parish Hall)
10:30 AM Baptisms (SM)
4:15 PM..... Confession (CK)
5:00 PM..... Mass (John & Linda Hess) (CK)

Sunday, May 23

8:15 AM Confession (SM)
9:00 AM Mass (+Jack Grafing) (SM)
10:20 AM Confirmation Class (SM Parish Hall)
11:20 AM Rosary (SM)
12:00 PM..... Mass (Pro Populo) (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 www.SaintMaryShelby.org and follow the sign up link, then contact Peggy Collins at 704-300-5136 to arrange the visitation.

The Pilgrim Virgin home visitation schedule has been extended until December. If you don't have access to a computer please call Peggy to set up an appointment!

STEWARDSHIP

All of us are called to be good stewards of our time, but to different causes or activities according to God's specific call. What is God's call to me?

- Diocesan Support Appeal: The DSA helps provide annual funding for 50 ministries and programs necessary to carry out the mission of our diocese. 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.
- Upcoming Special Collections: 5/16 - International/National Combined Collection
5/30 - Debt Reduction (CK only);
- The second collection this weekend combines five collections into one. This International/National Combined Collection contributes toward the Catholic Relief Services Collection, the Collection for the Holy Land, the Collection for the Works of the Holy Father, the Catholic Communications Campaign, and the Catholic University of America. Please be generous to these programs.
- Cleaners THANKYOU: 5/16 - Norma, Margarita F., Jaime | 5/23 - Heliodoro, Graciela T.
- Please bring donations of non-perishable food and Boost & Ensure and leave them in the barrel at St. Mary or Christ the King. Thank you for your generosity and care of the elderly and poor in our community.
 - ⇒Food needed for May and June: Canned Fruit and Veggies
 - ⇒Boost & Ensure are always needed.
- 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:

| | March 2021 | Monthly Budget | March 2020 |
|----|------------|----------------|------------|
| SM | \$13,015 | \$20,215 | \$24,777 |
| CK | \$3,954 | \$4,510 | \$1,709 |



We ask that you please pray the Rosary daily for Father Kottar and his family. We also encourage you to participate in the novenas and prayers that will be shared with the parish on Facebook. In this year of St. Joseph we particularly recommend the prayers found at <https://yearofstjoseph.org/devotions/prayers/>. The daily novena Prayer to St. Joseph can be found on the back page of this bulletin.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Please pray for Carol Annette, Mary Baxter, Jerome Bickimer, Eric Bilow, Sally Currie, Bridget Custer, Adam Gehring, Claudio Ginebra, Patrice Hammitt, Evelyn Hill, Sean Hobart, Fred Hunt, Lonnie Johnson, Laurie Johnston, Fr. Michael Kottar, Gary Lyncosky, Jimmy Marks, Pat Mullen, Gerri O'Mallan, John Reynolds, Declan Richardson, Audrey Russo, Bea Stroupe, Jim & Mary Zeunik, and for the repose of the soul of Craig Campbell.

FATHER'S DAY MASSES

Father's Day is June 20: the Masses that weekend will be offered for the intentions of all Fathers (living and deceased) who are enrolled, and their names will be listed in the bulletin. The deadline to return envelopes for Father's Day Masses is **June 14**. The envelopes are part of the envelope packs mailed to your homes. Contact the office if you need an extra one, or if you need to begin envelope delivery.

ASCENSION VS. ASSUMPTION: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

The words "ascension" and "assumption" may appear to describe similar actions, but there is a major difference between the two. In the Catholic Church there are two feasts, one called the "Ascension of Jesus" and the other called the "Assumption of the Virgin Mary." While both these words indicate going up into heaven, in reality there exists a major difference.

Ascension of Jesus: The Catholic Encyclopedia gives a succinct definition of this first event: "*The elevation of Christ into heaven by His own power in presence of His disciples the fortieth day after His Resurrection.*" The key phrase in this definition is "by His own power." Jesus is God, and that means when he returned to Heaven, he did so through his own abilities and not by any outside force. He was the cause of his ascension, proving again that he is God.

Assumption of the Virgin Mary: On the other hand, the assumption of the Virgin Mary is quite different. She was taken up to Heaven by God's power and not her own. The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives a brief description:

"Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians."(CCC 966)

She was not the being that raised herself to Heaven. God himself raised her to be with him. It is an important difference, as it recognizes the nature of each individual: Jesus is God and Mary is not.

Philip Kosloski - published in Aleteia.org 05/13/21

Vocations Camps for Young Men & Women

Attention all Catholic young men and women 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 Quo Vadis Days camp for men or Duc In Altum camp for women to spend time with other young people your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having fun and strengthening your prayer life. QVD and DIA are led by priests, religious, and seminarians of the diocese and is supported by the diocesan Office of Vocations. Quo Vadis Days will be held **June 14-18** and Duc In Altum camp will be held **June 21-25** both at Belmont Abbey College. The cost of the camps is \$150. **Registration deadline is Wednesday, June 9 for QVD and Wednesday, June 16 for DIA**, but don't delay as these could sell out.

- **QVD:** Visit charlottedioocese.org/vocations/quo-vadis-days or contact Father Brian Becker, Diocesan Promoter of Vocations at bjbecker@charlottedioocese.org.
- **DIA:** Visit charlottevocations.org, or contact Sister Mary Raphael at 704-370-3402 or mraphael@charlottedioocese.org or Lainie Lord at 704- 370-3401 or ldlord@charlottedioocese.org.

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God. In just one short weekend you can learn a technique for communication that will keep your marriage on the right track. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on August 27-29 in Hickory and November 5-7 in Atlantic Beach. Early sign up is recommended. For more info visit NCMarriageDiscovery.org or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.

DAILY NOVENA PRAYER to St. JOSEPH

○ Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having experienced here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Hold Him close in my name and kiss His fine head from me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.



Pray for the repose of the souls of the deceased members of Knights of Columbus Council 11946:

Anibal Angel
Bill Campbell
Berney Gehring
Karl Giffin
Bill Hill
Rev. Michael Hoban
Dave Hobart
Joe Izzi
Paul Judge
Marty Kane

Bob Kingery
Butch Lowery
Joe McNamara
Dick Nann
Conway Pagett
Paul Pasco
Ibrahim Sara
Paul Territo
Ed Vito

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.