

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JUNE 27, 2021

*You changed my mourning into dancing; O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks. — Psalm 30:13*

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## HOLY MASS

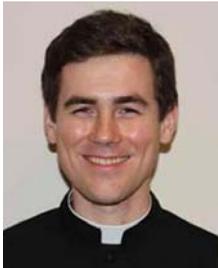
Saturday (Christ the King).....5:00 PM  
Sunday .....9:00 AM; 12:00 PM (Español)  
Monday & Tuesday ..... 8:00 AM  
Friday (español).....7:00 PM

## CONFESSION

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



## HAIL AND FAREWELL



Congratulations to Father Peter N. Ascik, whose appointment as Pastor of St. Mary Help of Christians and Christ the King Mission was announced last weekend by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Peter J. Jugis, Bishop of Charlotte. Father Peter will officially begin his ministry in our parish on July 13. Many

heartfelt thanks to Father Fidel Melo for his care and guidance during this difficult time. We wish him many blessings in his new assignment at St. James Parish in Hamlet, NC. Hamlet is east of Charlotte, off Hwy 74 near Rockingham. Please pray for Father Peter and Father Fidel as they begin their new assignments, and all priests as they shepherd their flocks.

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### Sunday, June 27

8:15 AM..... Confession (SM)  
9:00 AM..... Mass (+Berney Gehring) (SM)  
11:20 AM.... Rosary (SM)  
12:00 PM .... Mass (Pro Populo) (Español - SM)

### Monday, June 28

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

### Tuesday, June 29 - Friday July 2

No events scheduled

### Saturday, July 3

4:15 PM ..... Confession (CK)  
5:00 PM ..... Mass (+Berney Gehring) (CK)

### Sunday, July 4

8:15 AM..... Confession (SM)  
9:00 AM..... Mass (+Jack Grafing) (SM)  
11:20 AM.... Rosary (SM)  
12:00 PM .... Mass (Pro Populo) (Español - SM)

### ***Important notes for this week:***

- *No Daily Mass this week*
- *No First Communion class on Saturday, July 3*
- *No Confirmation class for a few weeks.*

**St. Joseph Prayer Books Still Available**  
Contact the parish office to get one or more  
St. Joseph prayer books for just \$5 each.



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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](http://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!**

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### LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Please pray for Carol Annette, Mary Baxter, Jerome Bickimer, Eric Bilow, Sally Currie, Bridget Custer, Adam Gehring, Marilyn Giffin, Patrice Hammitt, Evelyn Hill, Sean Hobart, Fred Hunt, Lonnie Johnson, Laurie Johnston, Gary Lyncosky, Dorothy McNamara, Jimmy Marks, Pat Mullen, Joanne Nestved, Gerri O'Mallan, John Reynolds, Declan Richardson, Audrey Russo, Bea Stroupe, Jim & Mary Zeunik, and for all those in nursing homes, hospitals, and assisted living, and for their caregivers.

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### STEWARDSHIP

*Christian Stewardship provides a spirituality that you can take home  
from church, exercise at work, and express through personal involvement in the community and church.*

- | Monthly Offertory: | April 2021 | Monthly Budget | April 2020 |
|--------------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| SM                 | \$18,136   | \$20,215       | \$25,923   |
| CK                 | \$3,347    | \$4,510        | \$1,155    |
- 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. Thanks to those who have given already.
  - Upcoming Special Collections: 6/27 - Debt Reduction (CK only - this is the last Debt Reduction collection!)
  - Cleaners THANK YOU! 6/27 - Norma Uribe, Margarita & Jaime Flores; 7/4 - Heliodoro Ramirez, Graciela Trejo
  - Please bring donations of non-perishable food (see suggestions below) and Boost & Ensure and leave them in the barrels at St. Mary or Christ the King. Thank you for your generosity! 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](http://SaintMaryShelby.org/online-giving).
  - Parishioner in need: 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.
  - Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Don't take a vacation from your marriage! Come learn a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives. Fill your marriage with joy! Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on August 27-29 in Hickory and November 5-7 in Atlantic Beach. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit [NCMarriageDiscovery.org](http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or email [applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or 704-315-2144.

### FEAST OF FAITH: PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

The altar is prepared, the gifts are received. Several brief rites follow with accompanying prayers, some prayed silently by the priest and deacon and others said aloud. We call this part of the Mass the “preparation.” What kind of preparation is happening? First, the presider holds up the paten or bowl containing the hosts, and says words that Jesus must have said many times, since they derive from ancient Jewish meal prayers: “Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation!” We have brought forward our gifts, our offering to God, and now we acknowledge that they are not really ours—the gifts that we give are God’s gift to us. It is “through your goodness” that we have gifts to offer. It is significant that we offer not wheat and grapes, but bread and wine; “fruit of the earth and work of human hands.” Bread and wine are both God’s work, and ours. These preparatory rites also prepare us for what we are about to do in the Eucharist, a mystery in which divine and human meet; a holy collaboration in which our action is caught up into God’s divine plan.

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### THANK YOU FROM THE PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

Dear Friends,

We count it a privilege and an honor to work in such a ministry, one that gives us the opportunity to speak God's love into the hearts of the moms who come to the Center each week. This year we have already had 180 client visits, giving us 180 opportunities to minister to their hearts and remind them just how precious they are to God. We want to take a moment and express our gratitude to you and your church for choosing to support us through our Baby Bottle Blessings fundraiser. This year, your church raised a total of \$845.01. This includes the total amount receipted to your church in addition to amounts receipted directly to any church members who requested a receipt from us. Thank you for giving and helping to bless moms in our community, like this one:

*“I really do appreciate everything that you have done. I have had two babies with you guys and between ultrasounds to helping with diapers, clothes, wipes, or whatever I needed help with you guys were just a phone call away.”*

From all of us here at the Center, thank you for helping us further our mission which is to proclaim the sanctity of human life and the gospel of Jesus Christ. In His love, PRC Staff

***Thanks also to St. Mary parishioner / PRC Volunteer Traci O'Connor who coordinated the Baby Bottle Blessings fundraiser for our parish.***

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### THANK YOU TO OUR CHURCH CLEANERS

Each week St. Mary Church is cleaned by a group of volunteers who lovingly scrub the church and chapel. Please thank them and keep them in your daily prayers as they take care of God’s house for us. These are the cleaners for the upcoming weeks:

6/27... Norma Uribe, Margarita & Jaime Flores

7/4 .... Heliodoro Ramirez, Graciela Trejo

7/11... Armando Ibarra, Amaya Family

7/18... Salvador Bernabe, Ramirez-Salinas Family

7/25... Joel Aleman, Graciela Arroyo,

Ignacia Bandera

*Please arrange for someone else to cover for you if you can't be here as scheduled. We appreciate everything you do!*

# FIRST COMMUNION & FIRST CONFESSION NEWS

No class on July 3. Final 2 Classes – July 10 & July 17

First Confession: Saturday July 24 – 10:00 AM

First Communion Mass: Saturday, August 7 – 11:00 AM

## JESUS' EXAMPLE OF HELPING OTHERS

In today's second reading Paul offers a wonderful argument to his converts at Corinth for seeking to help those in need. He is dealing with a practical problem, arranging a collection for the poor of the church of Jerusalem; but as he often does, he develops an important teaching about Jesus to make his point. After asking that they show their faith by generous gifts, he reminds them of the "gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). In the Incarnation our Lord assumed our human nature, certainly becoming poor for one who is God. The ultimate gracious act of this poverty was going to the cross with all its terrible sufferings. By this act of poverty we definitely become rich. Now our sins can be forgiven; we can share in the very life of God through the sacraments; we can attain eternal salvation!

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## TODAY'S READINGS

- First Reading — God did not make death, nor does God rejoice in the destruction of the living (Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24).
- Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).
- Second Reading — Your abundance should supply the needs of the others (2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15).
- Gospel — Your faith has saved you (Mark 5:21-43).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22
- Tuesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19  
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
- Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34
- Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8
- Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13
- Saturday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29
- Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Irenaeus
- Tuesday: Ss. Peter and Paul
- Wednesday: 1<sup>st</sup> Martyrs of Holy Roman Church
- Thursday: Saint Junípero Serra; Canada Day
- Friday: First Friday
- Saturday: St. Thomas; First Saturday