

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JULY 4, 2021

My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness. — 2 Corinthians 12:9

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Parish Office: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9:00 AM-4:30 PM (Closed 1:00-2:00); Friday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
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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

Farewell Fr. Fidel Melo



*All invited
Sunday, July 11
after 9:00 AM Mass!*

*Please join us for Coffee & Donuts
in the St. Mary parish hall as we say
goodbye to Fr. Fidel and wish him well at
his new parish, St. James Church in
Hamlet, NC.*

*Welcome reception for Fr. Peter Ascik Sunday, July 18
after 9:00 AM Mass. Details coming soon!*

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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)

Monday, July 5

Parish Office is closed today.
8:00 AM Mass (+Fr. Luka Begic, OFM);
Miraculous Medal Novena (SM)
9:00 AM Legion of Mary (SM Parish Hall)
7:00 PM Emaús Group (SM Parish Hall)

Tuesday, July 6

8:00 AM Mass (Peggy Collins) (SM)

Wednesday, July 7 - Thursday, July 8

No events scheduled

Friday, July 9

7:00 PM Mass (+Fr. Jerome Kucan, OFM)
(español - SM)

Saturday, July 10

9:30 AM First Communion Class (SM Parish Hall)
4:15 PM Confession (CK)
5:00 PM Mass (+Jim & Trey Bowen) (CK)

Sunday, July 11

8:15 AM Confession (SM)
9:00 AM Mass (+CJ Jones) (SM)
10:15 AM Farewell Coffee & Donuts for Fr. Fidel
(SM Parish Hall)
11:20 AM Rosary (SM)
12:00 PM Mass (Pro Populo) (español - SM)



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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, Anthony Schaffer, Bea Stroupe, and Jim & Mary Zeunik.

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

The heart grateful to God needs to find a way to express that gratitude. Some important ways to do that are through prayer, through service, and through giving of one's resources.

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 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.
- Cleaners THANKYOU! 7/4 - Heliodoro Ramirez, Graciela Trejo; 7/11 - Armando Ibarra, Amaya Family
- Please bring donations of non-perishable food and Boost & Ensure and leave them in the donation barrels at St. Mary or Christ the King. Thank you for your generosity!
- 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.
- 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

"...and many who heard him were astonished." Jesus commands us to love one another. Learn to love your spouse more fully on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on August 27-29 in Hickory and November 5-7 in Atlantic Beach. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit NCMarriageDiscovery.org or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.

FEAST OF FAITH: LITTLE MYSTERIES

Two small rites—or, as one liturgist has called them, “little mysteries”—accompany the preparation of the gifts. The priest or deacon takes a small cruet of water from the server and adds a drop of water to the wine. Then, after the elevation of the chalice (and the incensation, if incense is used), the priest washes his hands. Both of these actions were at first practical, matter-of-fact realities: in the ancient world the wine was usually quite thick, and was generally mixed with water before it was drunk. And in the early church, when the faithful brought forward a great variety of gifts at this time, there was a definite need for the presider to wash his hands!

But now these rites serve a purely symbolic function. The mingling of the water and wine is accompanied by a prayer that speaks of the wonderful exchange of the Mass, the mingling of Christ’s divinity and our humanity. And as the priest washes his hands, he prays words of supplication from Psalm 51, acknowledging his own sinfulness in the presence of the assembly before he dares to approach the altar for this most sacred action.

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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:

7/4.....Heliodoro Ramirez, Graciela Trejo	7/25 ...Joel Aleman, Graciela Arroyo,
7/11 ...Armando Ibarra, Amaya Family	Ignacia Bandera
7/18 ...Salvador Bernabe, Ramirez-Salinas Family	8/1Norma Uribe, Margarita & Jaime Flores

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

ROCK HILL ORATORY CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY SUMMER BIBLE INSTITUTE JULY 11-17, 2021

The long tradition of the Summer Bible Institute continues this year, but in a new and exciting way! The presentations will be a combination of a Sunday evening introductory Zoom session, (8) 40-minute pre-recorded talks by each speaker, and a live on-line conclusion and discussion with each speaker at the end of the week.

- Old Testament - Reading the Old Testament through the Lens of Suffering (Kathy McGovern)
- New Testament - A Journey through the Gospel of Matthew (Timothy Lowe)

Registration is required to receive the links to these programs. There is no set charge, but donations are accepted and appreciated! Registration for the Summer Bible Institute may be made through the Oratory website: www.rockhilloratory.org - go to Center for Spirituality/Events OR by email to oratorycenter@gmail.com with SBI in the subject line. Please indicate OT, NT or Both, whichever way you register. If you have any questions, please contact the Center at the above email address.

FIRST COMMUNION & FIRST CONFESSION NEWS

Final 2 Classes – July 10 & July 17

First Confession: Saturday July 24 – 10:00 AM

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

NO BAD NEWS

There are many times when we say, “Tell me what I want to hear, and don’t confuse me with facts.” And we don’t take kindly to someone who might be bold enough to snuff out our expectations. The biggest problem with such an attitude is not that we miss out on the truth or the facts, but that we miss out on the new and surprising gifts others can give us. Like the townspeople in today’s Gospel story, we too often refuse to allow others to display the talents that can be good news for us.

Today’s readings call for hospitality and faith and discernment. Hospitality opens the doors of our hearts and minds to the “stranger” among us, no matter how familiar he or she may seem to be. Faith enables us to accept the gifts of others, no matter how alarming or “strange” they may seem to be. Discernment helps us discover the prophets in our midst, no matter how amazing they may seem to be. Hospitality, faith, and discernment—cultivate these. Then, nobody can bring bad news. © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY’S READINGS

- First Reading — They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).
- Psalm — Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).
- Second Reading — I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).
- Gospel — “Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?” (Mark 6:1-6a).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
- Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
- Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day
- Monday: St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
- Tuesday: St. Maria Goretti
- Friday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary