

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JULY 11, 2021

Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven. — Psalm 85:12

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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 are invited to
Coffee & Donuts
Sunday, July 11
after 9:00 AM Mass!*



Welcome
Fr. Peter Ascik
*All are invited to a
welcome reception
Sunday, July 18
after 9:00 AM Mass.*



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, July 11

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

Monday, July 12

8:00 AM Mass (+Bishop William Curlin);
Miraculous Medal Novena (SM)
9:00 AM Legion of Mary (SM Parish Hall)
7:00 PM Emaús Group (SM Parish Hall)

Tuesday, July 13

8:00 AM Mass (+Msgr. William Wellein) (SM)

☞ **The parish office will be closed July 14-16** ☞

Wednesday, July 14 - Thursday, July 15

No events scheduled

Friday, July 16

7:00 PM Mass (Poor Souls) (español - SM)

Saturday, July 17

9:30 AM First Communion Class (SM Parish Hall)
4:15 PM Confession (CK)
5:00 PM Mass (+Joseph Arcadio Barcenás Jr.) (CK)

Sunday, July 18

8:15 AM Confession (SM)
9:00 AM Mass (+Jim & +Trey Bowen) (SM)
10:15 AM Welcome reception for Fr. Peter Ascik
(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, Javier Mendez, Pat Mullen, Joanne Nestved, Gerri O'Mallan, John Reynolds, Declan Richardson, Audrey Russo, Bea Stroupe, Jim & Mary Zeunik, and for the repose of the soul of Anthony Schafer.

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. **If you don't have access to a computer please call Peggy to set up an appointment!**

STEWARDSHIP

It is only the hand that is open to give that is open to receive.

God cannot give us what we refuse to take and God cannot give to us when our hands and hearts cling to things.

- Monthly Offertory:

	<u>May 2021</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>	<u>May 2020</u>
SM	\$16,334	\$20,215	\$16,870
CK	\$1,676	\$4,510	\$1,800
- 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 THANK YOU! Please find a substitute if you are not able to clean on your assigned weekend. Thank you for your service!!
7/11 - Armando Ibarra, Amaya Family
7/18 - Salvador Bernabe, Ramirez-Salinas 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

Jesus is asking us to go out two by two and proclaim His good news. Learn how to make your Sacrament of Marriage shine 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 our website NCMarriageDiscovery.org or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.

FEAST OF FAITH: INVITATION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

After the presider washes his hands, he turns to the people and says, “Pray that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.” We have brought forward bread and wine, and now we are asked to see in these simple gifts upon the altar a sacrifice offered to God. Our response is rich in theological meaning. “May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands.” The words point to the unique role of the priest, whose hands, at his ordination, were anointed for just this purpose: that he might “sanctify the Christian people and offer sacrifice to God” (Rite of Ordination). We ask God to accept our sacrifice not because it is worthy of God, but simply “for the praise and glory of his name.” God does not need our offering, but allows us to give it so that we might grow in holiness. And God, never to be outdone in generosity, gives all that we have given back to us, “for our good and the good of all his Church.” This Mass benefits not just those who have gathered, but, in the mysterious economy of grace, the whole Church. In the words of Saint Paul, when one part rejoices, the whole body “share[s] its joy” (1 Cor 12:26). —*Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

“Be careful to be gentle, lest in removing the rust, you break the whole instrument.”

“Run while you have the light of life, lest the darkness of death overtake you.”

“Prayer ought to be short and pure, unless it be prolonged by the inspiration of Divine grace.”

“One who never stops talking cannot avoid falling into sin.”

“Let all guests who arrive be received like Christ, for He is going to say, ‘I came as a guest, and you received Me’ (Matt. 25:35).”

—*St. Benedict of Nursia*
Feast: July 11

SUSPECT SEXUAL ABUSE OR MISCONDUCT?

If you have information about possible sexual abuse or misconduct by any clergy, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Charlotte, report concerns safely, securely and anonymously 24/7 over the phone using the diocese’s new hotline, 1-888-630-5929, or online: www.RedFlagReporting.com/RCD0C. Please note: If you suspect a child is in danger, please contact 9-1-1 or your local law enforcement agency.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Did you know that every Church worker must go through abuse prevention and education training? Find more information about the Diocese of Charlotte’s Safe Environment program, sign up for Protecting God’s Children training and more: charlottediocese.org/human-resources/safe-environment. For more information or questions, please contact the diocese’s Human Resources Office at charlottediocese.org/human-resources or 704-370-6299.

¿SOSPECHA DE ABUSO SEXUAL O CONDUCTA INAPROPIADA?

Si tiene información sobre posible abuso sexual o conducta inapropiada por cualquier clérigo, empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Charlotte, informe sus inquietudes de manera segura y anónima las 24 horas del día, los siete días de la semana, usando la nueva línea directa de la diócesis, 1-888-630-5929 u online www.RedFlagReporting.com/RCD0C. Por favor, tome nota: si sospecha que un niño está en peligro, contacte al 9-1-1 o a la Policía de su localidad.

ENTRENAMIENTO DE MEDIOAMBIENTE SEGURO

¿Sabe usted que todos los trabajadores de la Iglesia deben de tomar el entrenamiento de prevención de abuso y ser capacitados en este tema? Encuentre más información sobre el programa de medioambiente seguro de la Diócesis de Charlotte, regístrese en el programa Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios y más en charlottediocese.org/human-resources/safe-environment. Para más información y preguntas, por favor contacte a la oficina de Recursos Humanos de la diócesis en charlottediocese.org/human-resources o 704-370-6299.

FIRST COMMUNION & FIRST CONFESSION NEWS

Last Class: July 17

First Confession: Saturday July 24 – 10:00 AM

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

GOD CHOSE US

Who chose first, God or you? That is the question explored in today's three readings. The second reading, from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, reads almost like a hymn. It praises God for choosing us, for calling us to serve, and for blessing us in our service. Paul makes it clear how honored we are and how special is the call to live as children of God. This is through no doing of our own.

The first reading and the Gospel use prose rather than poetry to describe the same truth: God did the choosing, not us. When the prophet Amos was berated for being a prophet, he retorted that the whole thing wasn't his idea in the first place. Neither did the twelve apostles in today's Gospel ask for their calling. Jesus sent them forth, two by two, to do the work of his kingdom. © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

- First Reading — Amos said, "The Lord took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people" (Amos 7:12-15).
- Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).
- Second Reading — The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10]).
- Gospel — Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two (Mark 6:7-13).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
- Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
- Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21
- Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday: St. Henry
- Wednesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- Thursday: St. Bonaventure
- Friday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary