

Saint Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church

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FROM THE PASTOR

June 26, 2020

Entering into the heart of the summer, we still are living the small inconveniences and larger struggles caused by the pandemic. I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. My thoughts and prayers go out especially to the hospitalized, nursing homes residents, and those in assisted living facilities who cannot receive visitors.

This past June 22nd, the Church celebrated the Feast Day of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More. Both men were martyred by King Henry VIII of England for upholding the marriage laws of the Church and papal supremacy. Before their martyrdom they were jailed in the Tower of London, unsure of their eventual fate. In one of Thomas More's letters to his daughter Margaret he wrote, "*Nothing can come but what God will. And I am very sure that whatever that be, however bad it may seem, it shall indeed be the best.*"

In the midst of difficulties and sufferings, as bad as they may seem, in God's Divine Providence everything is for the best. St Paul said to the Romans, "*For I reckon that the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come that will be revealed in us*" (8:18).

God gives us just enough light to guide our next step. We may prefer that He light up the entire pathway or at least enough of the pathway so that we can see well into the distance. But how would we ever grow in faith? In difficult times God is teaching us an important lesson: We need to trust in Him more.

On February 14, 2019, John Henry Cardinal Newman became the first Englishman canonized a saint since 1970. As a young Anglican clergyman, Newman was traveling in the Mediterranean with friends and became extremely ill, to the point of death. During his slow recovery he had the strong conviction that God had spared him for something important which would be revealed to him. Out of that experience he wrote the poem, "The Pillar of the Cloud," a prayer to the Holy Spirit imploring light in times of darkness. It has been set to music and we sing it at Mass on Sundays. It begins:

*Lead, Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home —
Lead Thou me on!
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene, — one step enough for me.*

Be assured that the Lord is guiding you, even if the light is just enough for the next step.

Let's turn off the television and the social media and make some time to pray the Rosary each day. The Rosary is the preeminent prayer of peace. Christ promised His peace to the Apostles at the Last Supper before His suffering and death, "*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled or be afraid*" (John 14:27). Christ's promise of peace includes all of us, His disciples today.

May God bless you and yours,

Fr. Michael Kottar

Stewardship

SUMMER SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- 6/21/20 - Diocesan Newspaper
- 6/28/20 - Debt Reduction (Christ the King only)
- 7/26/20 - Debt Reduction (Christ the King only)
- 8/15/20 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 8/30/20 - Debt Reduction (Christ the King only)

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL

Thank you for supporting the DSA and all the diocesan ministries, especially during these challenging times. If you have not yet made a gift, please give prayerful consideration to how you can make a difference in the lives of thousands of people throughout our diocese. You can give online at: charlottediocese.org/dsa. Our parish goals are \$25,471 at St. Mary and \$4,221 at Christ the King.

ONLINE GIVING

Your will reflects your wishes in perpetuity. Doesn't it make sense to remember your heirs and your faith family through the final statement you make as a Christian steward?

MAKING A WILL

A will is an important document for everyone to have, regardless of age or financial resources. It ensures that your wishes will be respected, and carried out, and that your property will pass along quickly and smoothly to your named beneficiaries.

For Christian stewards a will is even more important because it also allows them to remember their family of faith. Making a will involves the four fundamental principles of stewardship:

- Praying to God with a grateful heart for guidance on the ultimate disposition of your estate.
- Nurturing your family with time and love, and being always mindful of their need to be cared for after your death.
- Sharing your giftedness with your faith community, and providing means through which your estate plan continues Church ministries **well into the future.**
- Giving back to God the first fruits of your labors.

By remembering the Church in your will, you thank God for the blessings received in this life and for the faith that sustains you. A bequest to our parish will support a strong Catholic presence, our Christian ministries, and help maintain a beautiful house of worship. This is the "gift that keeps on giving" and ensures that your Catholic faith and the good works of our parish will be supported for years to come. The wording to remember our parish in your will is the following: **"Peter J. Jugis, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte, or his Successors in Office for the parish of St. Mary Help of Christians in Shelby, NC" (or Christ the King Mission in Kings Mountain, NC)**

For more information, please contact Gina M. Rhodes, Director of Planned Giving at 704-370-3364 or GMRhodes@charlottediocese.org with questions or for more information.

PRAYER CORNER

Pray for Mary Baxter, Jerome Bickimer, Eric Bilow, Juan "Yayito" Colon, Maria Eugenia Colon, Sally Currie, Bridget Custer, Adam Gehring, Norma Grafing, Tena Green, Patrice Hammitt, Evelyn Hill, Sean Hobart, Fred Hunt, Laurie Johnston, Paul Judge, Bob Kaverman, Gary Lyncosky, Jimmy Marks, Dorothy McNamara, Pat Mullen, Maxine Nann, Declan Richardson, Gerardo Rivera, Thomas Rivera, Audrey Russo, Bea Stroupe, and Mary Zeunik.

Please send us your prayer requests! Send via USPS mail to 818 McGowan Rd, Shelby, NC 28150, or via e-mail to stmaryshelby@charlottediocese.org.



We want to wish everyone a happy Independence Day as our country celebrates it's 244th birthday on July 4th. The parish office will be closed July 3rd in observance of the holiday.

MOTHER'S DAY & FATHER'S DAY NOVENAS

Cecile Kerr, Tillie Babiec
All Borchert & Pagett Moms, living and deceased
Mary Zeunik 1, 2, & 3
Carolyn McPhee, Elizabeth McPhee McDonald
Helen Skiba, Gloria Mignogna
Ena Puckerin, Ruby Hardin
+Mary Morell, Elesha Johnson
Lindsay Carter, Tommie Carter, Rhoda Palmer, Margaret Carter
Jean Avaritt, Mamie Avaritt, Gretchen Johnson, Eva Ross
T. Andrews, D. Batley, A. Molter, E. Andrews
Mary Link
Leona Singiser, Altie Roffe, Elsie Schlecht
Jesus Ortiz, +Anastacia Medina, +Librada Aviles
+Ma Luz C, +Lucia S, +Ma Dolores S, Ignacia
Francisca, Delia, Maria, Asuncion
Claudia Martinez, Francisca Martinez, Alberta Martinez, Carmen Martinez
Marge Riviere, Mallie Riviere, Dot Blalock, Leila Harris, Edith Moon, Marjorie Willis
V Nowaczyk, A Miskell, M Andrews, M Miskell

Ted Babiec, Ray Babiec, Donald Kerr
Paul Pasco Jr, Paul Pasco Sr, Louis Glockzin
R Batley, M Andrews, J Miskell
M Andrews, R Batley, J Miskell
Fred Winkelman Jr, Fred Winkelman Sr, James Burke
Timmy Allen, Grady Allen, James A Ray, Patrick Allen, Randy Conner
Robert E Collins and all Collins family fathers, Ernest Stroupe, Pete Rossi
Ollie Avaritt Jr, Ollie Avaritt Sr

Paul Link
Bob Reuscher, John Reuscher, + Howard Dippold
+ Alfred Morrell, Lee Roy Johnson, Anthony Johnson
Paul Mignogna, JL Skiba
All Fathers in the Finnigan family
Billy Carter, Bill Carter, Ryan Palmer, Dan Joyce
Don Carek, JP Beam, Donnie Beam, Don Beam, Chris Cox

All Fathers in the Soto family
Ciro Ayala Gardiño, José Maria Colorado
William Singiser, James Roffe
Donald J McPhee Sr

All Fathers in the Niño-Leyva family
All Fathers in the Ramirez-Bandera family
Catalino Hernandez
+ Juan Rangel, + Paulino Rangel, + Ignacio Rocha, + Jesus Rocha

Keep in touch! Email the office at stmaryshelby@charlottediocese.org if you have prayer requests, need a sponsor certificate, have questions about Mass sign-ups, etc.

FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION

The First Communion Mass will be Saturday, July 25 at 11:00 AM. The practice will be Friday, July 24 at 6:30 PM. (Mass/Adoration/Confession will be cancelled that night.) You will be informed 2 weeks before First Communion how many people you can invite to the Mass—it will depend on the current recommendations for proper social distancing. Godparents/Padrinos are not needed at this Mass. There are no other options to receive First Communion this year.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

There will be 4 more required Confirmation classes: Sundays August 2, 9, 16, & 23rd, 10:15-11:30 AM. There will be social distancing. **These classes are required for Confirmation. You will not receive Confirmation this year if you don't attend the classes.** The Confirmation Mass will be Saturday, August 29 at 11:00 AM. The practice will be Friday, August 28 at 6:30 PM (Mass/Adoration/Confession will be cancelled that night.)

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Ms. Mary Baxter - All those who suffer, living & deceased
Mrs. Kathy Gehring - Berney Gehring, Gehring Family, Kraus Family
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hammit - Friends & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Hilt - Friends & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Yocum - Kilian Family, Yocum Family
Mr. Jim Zeunik - Al & Mary Zeunik Sr, Al & Mary Zeunik Jr
Aleman-Rangel Family - José Rocha, Ignacio Rocha,
Esteban Aleman, Juan Rangel
Alvarez-Troche Family - Friends & Family
Bernabe-Hernandez Family - Friends & Family
Dr. & Mrs. Michael DeArment - Trey Bowen, John Michael DeArment
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Gossett - Friends & Family
Hermelo Gonzalez & Micaela Zaragoza - Friends & Family
Luis Lara - Friends & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Ellis Roffe - Leona & William Singer, Altie & James Roffe
Mr. & Mrs. LeeRoy Johnson - +Mary Morrell, +Alfred Morrell
Mr. & Mrs. Morgan Miskell - Friends & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Clapgood - Fiske Family, Clapgood Family
Mr. Glenn Link - Friends & Family
Mr. Michael J. Finnigan - Friends & Family
Mr. Philip Marcus - Everyone
Mrs. Carla Beam - +Ruth & JP Beam, + Fran Carek
Mrs. Dianne Pasco - Paul Pasco Jr, Mr & Mrs Paul Pasco Sr,
Mr & Mrs Louis Glockzin
Mrs. Elzbieta Johnson - Friends & Family
Mrs. Kathie Campbell - Sigmon & Campbell Family
Mrs. Mary Allen - Timmy Allen, Betty Ray, James Ray, Sara & Grady Allen
Mrs. Zuzana Rybnicek - Friends & Family
Ms. Denise Puckerin - Ena Puckerin, Eroll Puckerin, Dwaine Rose,
Vernon Puckerin, Michelle Dickson-McKenna
Ms. Diana Rosado - Anna Provino
Ms. Lucia Paglia - Friends & Family
Ms. Matilda Miskell - R & D Batley, T & M Gaffney, T & M Andrews, R Batley
Ms. Norma Harper - Gretchen Johnson, Ollie Avaritt Jr,
Ernestine Sprenkle, Eugene Sprenkle
Ms. Peggy Collins - Robert E Collins, Ernest Stroupe, Pete & Catherine Rossi
Ramiro Castro & Maria Trejo - Friends & Family
Vargas-Saenz Family - Friends & Family



Masks (or some type of face covering) are now required in North Carolina when you are in a public place, including at Mass and when visiting the parish office. Visit nc.gov for more details. Check out this website for instructions on making masks: www.creativebloq.com/news/how-to-make-a-face-mask

If you would like to attend Saturday or Sunday Mass we are using Signup Genius to ensure safe social distancing. The Signup link will be sent via Flocknote and posted on Facebook and the parish website. It's not necessary to sign up for weekday Masses, Adoration, or Confession. **If you can't attend Mass be sure to watch Mass on Facebook or our YouTube channel. Both of these are linked on the home page of SaintMaryShelby.org.**

Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.

Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us—this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOOD BANK / BOOST & ENSURE

Donations of non-perishable food, Boost/Ensure, and size 6 diapers are urgently needed. Suggested food items: cereal, canned soup and pasta, canned fruit, peanut butter, beans, rice, canned vegetables, especially peas. Also consider a small amount of candy for the children. A little treat can go a long way to comfort kids who have to stay home more than usual. The food will stay in our parish to help fellow parishioners who are out of work due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Boost and Ensure will be delivered to the Senior center for use by their patrons. If you're shopping online have items delivered directly to St. Mary, 818 McGowan Rd, Shelby NC 28150. Thank you!!

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HOLY MASS / SANTA MISA

Saturday / Sábado (Christ the King) 5:00 PM
 Sunday / Domingo 9:00 AM; 11:00 AM (Español)
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday / Lunes, Martes, Jueves 8:00 AM
 Friday / Viernes..... 7:00 PM (Español)
 Holy Days of Obligation / Días Santos ObligatoriosAs announced/A ser anunciados

CONFESSION / CONFESIÓN

Also by appointment / También con cita

Monday / Lunes 7:15-7:45 PM
 Friday / Viernes..... After Mass / Después de la Misa
 Saturday / Sábado (Christ the King) 4:15-4:45 PM
 Sunday / Domingo 8:15-8:45 AM, 10:30-10:45 AM

ADORATION / ADORACIÓN

Monday / Lunes 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
 Friday / Viernes..... 8:00 PM-10:00 PM



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