

DATE	MASSES	EVENTS
Saturday June 27th Optional Memorial of St. Cyril of Alexandria	8AM Pro Populo 4PM †Fr. Ernest Bernott Requested by Bob & Suzie Quick	7:30AM—Confessions 3:00PM—Confessions
Sunday June 28th Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8AM †All deceased members of the parish Requested by Fr. Bond 10AM Pro Populo	9:00AM—Confessions
Monday June 29th	No Mass Today	
Tuesday June 30th Optional Memorial of the First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church	4PM †Claire Reuben Reitz Requested by Christina Reitz	3:30PM—Confessions
Wednesday Jul 1st Votive Mass of St. Joseph	8AM †Benjamin Strickenberger Requested by Christina Reitz	7:30AM—Confessions
Thursday July 2nd Thursday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time	8AM †Jim Toner Requested by Bill & Brenda Schrope	7:30AM—Confessions
Friday July 3rd Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle	8AM †Scott Lee Reitz Requested by Christina Reitz 4PM †George & Pat Pastore Requested by Fr. Bond	7:30AM—Confessions 4:30PM—First Friday Holy Hour
Saturday July 4th Independence Day	8AM Fr. Matt & Patricia Strickenberger Requested by Christina Reitz 4PM All veterans and those currently serving in the U.S. military Requested by Fr. Bond	7:30AM—Confessions 3:00PM—Confessions Happy Independence Day!
Sunday July 5th Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8AM †All deceased members of the U.S. military Requested by Fr. Bond 10AM Pro Populo	9:00AM—Confessions

To request a Mass intention, please visit the parish office during normal business hours.



ST. MARGARET
of SCOTLAND

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 28th, 2020 anno Domini

MASS SCHEDULE	MISSION STATEMENT
Sunday Liturgy: 4:00 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM (seasonal) 10:00 AM	To grow in the love of the Lord, follow the teachings of the Church, & serve one another and the community.
Monday: No Mass Today	CLERGY & STAFF
Tuesday: 4:00 PM	
Wednesday-Saturday: 8:00 AM	
1st Friday of the Month: 4:00 PM	
Holy Day of Obligation: Check website	Rev. Christopher Bond Pastor
Snow Days: Check website	Rev. Mr. Miles Merwin Deacon (seasonal)
<i>Refer to back page for possible changes</i>	Mrs. Leslie McCausland Secretary
	Ms. Nicki Conroy Faith Formation
	Mrs. Bernice Smathers Choir Director
	Ms. Faith Garner Organist
CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 3:00-3:45 PM, Sunday: 9:00-9:45 AM, 1/2 hour before all Daily Masses, or by appointment	OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 AM—4:00 PM Friday—Monday: Closed
SACRAMENTS/FUNERALS: Contact office	

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Our first liturgical reading is filled with hope, but it also is a reminder of God and salvation. We often focus on the idea of stewardship and Elisha is an excellent example of a good steward leading his life by serving others and closely following God. Elisha reminds us that as stewards we are called to lead God-centered lives, even when that may seem impossible or difficult.

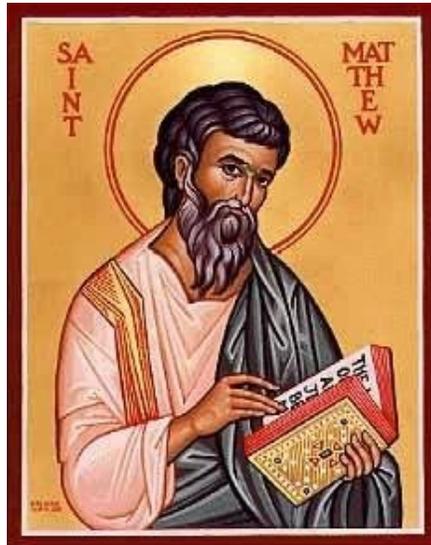
St. Paul goes to a different level in the Second Reading from his letter to the Romans. He opens by writing, "Are you unaware that we who are baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?" This is a different perspective of the importance of Baptism than the one we normally ascribe to it, which views Baptism as a cleansing. Paul continues, "...just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life." For us as Christians neither Baptism nor death is final. Both are better described as beginnings. Another important facet of stewardship is rebirth, especially rebirth and conversion spiritually. This all has to do with Resurrection.

Paul's point might be stated that new life takes place every moment of our lives. We are naturally always being physically renewed, but spiritual renewal is just as vital; however, it is not quite as automatic nor as easy as the ongoing physical renewal we experience by breathing, by the fact that our heart renews constantly by sending blood through our bodies. The difference is that spiritual renewal requires an effort and our willingness to undertake it; it does not occur naturally. Resurrection is about daily rising and daily conversion, and that is the secret to being a good steward also.

What Paul calls us to is dramatic and life changing. You cannot die and rise again without it changing your life. Our death with Christ is real in a spiritual way. Paul closes with "you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus." That is what living God-centered lives entails.

Jesus brings it all to sense in the Gospel Reading from St. Matthew. A Biblical Scholar once posed the question, "If you were put on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence among those close to you to convict you of being a disciple of Jesus Christ?" That is more or less the demand that Jesus makes of us in today's Gospel. Do we live God-centered lives? Do we seek and pursue daily conversion and rebirth? Jesus reminds us "whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." A Cross represents death, and that is the same kind of dying and renewal and conversion to which Paul was referring.

We are called to discipleship and stewardship, but to fulfill that calling seems to be a bit of a dichotomy. We hear in today's readings that we can only find our lives by losing them, and we can only live by dying. In order to experience the enduring resurrection in our lives we must be willing to take up the Cross of being a Christian and a steward in what we do and how we live. This is how we truly follow Jesus.



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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Effective this weekend, the seasonally scheduled 8AM Sunday Mass has been reinstated. Even if this is not your preferred time to come to church, I hope many of you consider attending this Mass—especially if you have been a little uncomfortable with the crowds at the 10AM Mass these past few weeks. It is my hope there will exist a natural distribution of congregants across the three Sunday liturgies so as to allow for proper social distancing.

FIRST FRIDAY

Holy Mass will be offered at 8AM and 4PM this Friday, July 3rd. Our monthly Holy Hour will take place immediately following the 4PM Mass. Please come if you can to adore Our Eucharistic Lord!

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER BOOKS

The long-awaited Saint Joseph Prayer Books are finally here! These beautiful little books have been published by TAN Books specifically for the Diocese of Charlotte during this extraordinary Year of St. Joseph. They include a personal foreword by His Excellency, Bishop Jugis. They contain an assortment of various prayers and devotions dedicated to St. Joseph (including the perpetual devotions we are praying together at the end of all daily Masses this year).

I am pleased to offer these prayers to the parish free of charge. However, donations are certainly appreciated to help offset the cost of \$4 per book. Donations may be placed in the money slot attached to the display containing Lighthouse Catholic Media and other devotionals. This is also where you can find the prayer books. We have a very limited supply, so please grab one before they're all gone! Limit one per household.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

R. Allan, Chris Churchill, Denise Collins, Thomas Dexter, Elliot Dowdell, Norma Esbenshade, Pat Gerakaris, Dick Hamel, Maryellen & Ray Hoefler, Joe Hoefler, Jess, Ketchum, Ann Ketchum, Josh Ketchum, Kimberly Krisan, Matt Loetz, G. Lydia, R. Mas, Betty Metzger, Peter Mino, Robert Missana, S. Mullen, Joseph Orvos, Pat & Suzanne Palmiere, Pat & George Pastore, Mike R., Marie S., Sue Quick, Christina Reitz, Edward Smathers, Austin Strader, Tinley Jane Toner, Pvt. Luke Turner, Olivia Triollo, Michael Welch, Bella Grace Yarrington, Bruce Yarrington, David Yarrington.

Names will remain on this list for one month unless notified otherwise.

OFFERINGS

Offeritory	Preservation & Improvement	Votive
\$2,857	\$473	\$5

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2020

Assessment/Goal	Amount Paid	Pledges Outstanding	Over
\$22,000	\$14,912	\$7,519	\$431

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