



# St. Mary

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Wednesday 7:00 A.M. — 2:00 P.M.

Friday 11:00 A.M. — 2:00 P.M.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and by appointment.

### SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call Fr. Saxon at the parish office for reception of this Sacrament before surgery, during a hospital stay or serious illness.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the parish priest for preparation class and scheduling of this Sacrament.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements with the pastor must be made before a date may be set. The diocese requires 6 months of marriage preparation before the Sacrament may be celebrated.

### CHURCH FLOWERS

Arrangements may be made through the parish office for flowers by the Blessed Sacrament and/or the Altar, as well as the Shrines of the Saints.

### HEALTH CARE MINISTRY

If you know of anyone in this parish who is suffering from illness, please contact the church office.

## Mass Schedule

SATURDAY (Vigil)

4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.

DAILY

Tuesday-Friday

9:00 a.m.

in the Chapel of Divine Mercy

HOLY DAYS

Consult Bulletin

The Church and Chapel are open for your visits and prayers to Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, during office hours. Please enter and leave the church or chapel through the office for security.

**THE MONTH OF JULY  
IS DEDICATED TO THE  
PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS.**



**SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

**July 3: Saint Thomas, Apostle**

Thomas, † 1st c.; his doubting gave way to faith when he saw the risen Lord; associated with founding the Church in India; mentioned in the Roman Canon; patron of builders, India, and Pakistan.



**July 5: Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;  
Saint Elizabeth of Portugal (USA)**

Anthony Zaccaria, † 1539 at Cremona at age thirty-six; doctor turned priest; popular preacher who founded (1530) in Milan the Clerics Regular of St. Paul (Barnabites) [B. or C.R.S.P.] for the reform of society; today the number some 400 members; sought collaboration between the clergy and the laity; promoted frequent communion.



Elizabeth, † 1336; named after her great-aunt, St. Elizabeth of Hungary († 1231) [17 Nov]; queen and mother; lover of the poor; peacemaker in the royal family; later a Franciscan tertiary; patroness of Catholic charities.



**July 6: Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr**

Maria Goretti, † 1902 at age twelve, born near Ancona; she was stabbed to death, preferring to die than to be raped; with her mother present, she was canonized in 1950 before the largest crowd ever assembled at that time in Rome for a canonization; patroness of teenage girls.



**Scripture for the Week of July 1, 2018**

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 13-15/  
Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

**Mass Schedule & Intentions**

**Saturday, June 30, 2018**

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass — † Pete Patras  
req. by Fr. Saxon

**Sunday, July 1, 2018**

9:00 a.m. Mass — People of the Parish

**Monday, July 2, 2018**

**No Daily Mass**

**Tuesday, July 3, 2018**

**No Daily Mass**

**Wednesday, July 4, 2018**

**No Daily Mass**

**Thursday, July 5, 2018**

**No Daily Mass**

**Friday, July 6, 2018**

**No Daily Mass**

3:00 p.m. **Holy Hour** — in the Divine Mercy Chapel  
Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet  
& Holy Rosary of our Blessed Lady

**Saturday, July 7, 2018**

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass — People of the Parish

**Sunday, July 8, 2018**

9:00 a.m. Mass — Grace Russo (Birthday)  
req. by Bob & Sandy Robbins

**Remember in your Prayers the Sick of the Parish**

David Carmichael Jr.	Pam Hansen	Deborah O'Donnell
Carrie Clyburn	John Imbaratto	Bob Robbins
Dan Clyburn	Sue Imbaratto	Nick Rogers
Danny Coulter	Kent Jute	Phyllis Saleeby
Ginny Covington	Ophelia Kitchin	Alina Sanchez
Amie Cresante	Ariel Lapid	Michael Schmidt
Wilbert Culbreth	Ann Lurie	Deacon Valentine
Michael Drummond	Brenda Mills	Donna Ward
Steve Garcia	David Mills	Bess Wilfong
Michele Giuiani	Marge Morrow	
Ben Hall	Ryan Murphy	



Please join our parishioners for the prayerful  
recitation of the  
**Most Holy Rosary**  
**Saturday at 3:30 p.m.**  
prior to the Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.  
**Sunday at 8:30 a.m.**  
before the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.



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**Date of Sale  
Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**

2018 Diocesan One-Day Marriage Preparation Workshop

Inviting all engaged couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony to attend a One-Day Diocesan Marriage Preparation Workshop. At this workshop you will deepen your relationship with your fiancé as you prepare to begin living out the sacrament of marriage. Topics for the day include: Theology of Marriage, Communication and Conflict Resolution, Finance & Stewardship, Intimacy and Natural Family Planning, and Living a Sacramental Marriage. Remember to talk with your Pastor before signing up. Registration and a list of dates and locations can be found at: <https://raldioc.configio.com/go/marriageprep> Additional Details: [Rebekah.tolson@raldioc.org](mailto:Rebekah.tolson@raldioc.org) 919-821-9753

2018 Workshop for Engaged Couples

Are you currently engaged and looking for a way to deepen your relationship as you prepare for marriage in the Catholic Church? Consider joining other engaged couples at a One-Day Marriage Preparation Workshop sponsored by the Diocese of Raleigh Office of Married Life. Remember to talk with your Pastor before signing up. Registration, dates and locations can be found at: <https://raldioc.configio.com/go/marriageprep> Additional Details: [Rebekah.tolson@raldioc.org](mailto:Rebekah.tolson@raldioc.org) 919-821-9753

**WEEKLY EVENTS SCHEDULE**

**Monday, July 2, 2018**

No Bingo

**Wednesday, July 4, 2018**

No Choir

**Sharing God's Gifts**

**Stewardship Report for June 24, 2018**

Offertory **needed** for the week .....\$ 3,404.00

Offertory **received** for the week ..... \$ 2,356.00

4:00 pm Mass .....\$ 751.00

9:00 am Mass .....\$ 1,605.00

Received for Peter's Pence .....\$ 506.00

4:00 pm Mass .....\$ 184.00

9:00 am Mass .....\$ 322.00

Received for Candles .....\$ 21.00

**Thank you for your gifts and continued support to the parish. May God continue to bless all of you.**

**Money Counters (Mondays)**

June 25 - Nancy Messina, Sandra Ticino

July 2 - Pam Hansen, Sandy Robbins

July 9 - Grace Russo, Sandy Robbins

July 16 - Nancy Messina, Virginia Walcott

July 23 - Sue Kirby, Sandy Robbins

July 30- Pam Hansen, Sandy Robbins

**CURSILLO 55th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**SUNDAY, 29 JULY 2018**

**Holy Name Cathedral**

3 pm – MASS with Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama

After Mass – *ULTRA ULTREYA* until 7 pm with music and food. Bring your own chairs.

Please reply to Facebook:

Cursillo de Cristiandad – Diocese of Raleigh or [paulbrantsj@yahoo.com](mailto:paulbrantsj@yahoo.com)

**NO DAILY MASS**

**THE MONTH OF JULY**

**Volunteers for the Month of July 2018**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Saturday: Deacon Alexander, Dexter Jacobs, Nancy Messina

Sunday: Deacon Alexander, Howard Reichner, Jackie Vicent

**Lectors**

Saturday: Sue Kirby Sunday: Mary Carmichael

**Altar Servers** Carl Daniels, Brian Catanzarite, Jacob Catanzarite, Nathaniel Rinkacs

**Bingo**: Caller: Jim Kirby

Table: Sue Kirby, **Person Needed**

Kitchen: Alex Vicent, Jackie Vicent

**Altar Linens**: Gina Penland

2018 is the 50th anniversary of the National Right to Life Committee! NRLC was founded in 1968 as a response to efforts throughout the country to change state laws on abortion. Then came 1973 and the Roe v Wade decision.

NRLC formed a federation of the groups that were already in existence in a number of states and organized groups in those states that lacked one. Working with Congressman Henry Hyde, we were able to enact the Hyde amendment to prevent the use of tax dollars from paying for abortion.

In 1980, the NRL Political Action Committee was formed to elect pro-life men and women who would pass pro-life laws.

NRLC also created outreach programs to work with those in the religious community and women who had abortions, with African-Americans, Hispanics, and Native Americans. And National Teens for Life was formed.

I'm proud of NRLC's 50 years but, like you, am sad that there was ever a need for our organization and its efforts on behalf of innocent, vulnerable human life.

We still have a long battle ahead of us, but I truly believe we can see the beginning of the end and victory on the horizon.

For their lives,



Carol Tobias, President

*Carol Tobias*

## **Do You Have To Be Religious To Be Pro-life?**

From a scientific perspective, what fundamentally constitutes an organism as a certain type of "being" is its genetic structure. Trees have tree DNA. Dogs have canine DNA. And humans have human DNA.

Humans receive their basic genetic structure at the moment of conception. Written into the single fertilized cell possessing 46 chromosomes is all the information that the human zygote will need to grow towards full development. No other extraneous genetic material will ever be needed. Science tells us, therefore, that from the moment of conception we have a genetically living human being (and the "development" continues throughout life until death).

This means that human life is to be respected and protected; it is not to be taken capriciously, especially from the innocent. You certainly don't have to be religious to understand the critical importance and dignity of human life. Even most atheists can agree to this basic idea.

But let's say that my Christian belief is the sole grounding for my opposition to abortion. Would this be so bad? Would I be "imposing" my beliefs on others to say that abortion is immoral?

Think throughout the history of America ---- many if not most of those who opposed slavery and championed human rights were Christian believers who allowed their faith to guide their opposition to evil. Think of Harriet Beecher Stowe, William Lloyd Garrison, and the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Should their opposition to moral evil have been dismissed because of their religious beliefs? Of course not.

## **Somos Observadores o "Participantes" en el Debate Sobre Aborto?**

Estamos haciendo lo suficiente? La respuesta es un enérgico "NO" como lo es sencillamente el desconectarse y poner este horror fuera de nuestra vista y mente.

Sin embargo, casi toda la violencia cometida en contra de seres humanos envuelve tres tipos de gente: el autor o perpetrador, la víctima y el observador. Esto es llamado algunas veces " El Triangulo Trágico". En el caso del aborto, el abortista, en confabulación con el padre(s) es el perpetrador, el niño(a) vendría siendo la víctima, y los observadores seríamos todos nosotros. Algunos creen que nosotros como observadores tenemos igual o más responsabilidad que los mismos autores ya que podríamos oponernos u objetar mas, si realmente estuviéramos motivados, pudiéramos parar esta matanza de inocentes que ocurre a diario.

Nunca es tarde para empezar, asegurémonos que votamos a favor de la VIDA en las próximas elecciones.

## **Adult Stem Cells Provide the Answer**

Stem cell research represents one of the most exciting and promising frontiers for treating people with a myriad of diseases and conditions.

Indeed, stem cell research and treatments represent perhaps mankind's greatest opportunity to fulfill that ancient call to "heal the sick," relieve suffering and improve the quality of life for untold millions of people.

However, a vitally important distinction must be made between adult stem cells and embryonic stem cells.

Adult stem cells are a "natural" and ethical solution (and are encouraged by the Church). They naturally exist in our bodies, and they provide a natural repair mechanism for many tissues of our bodies. For example, adult stem cells can be harvested from bone marrow, cord blood, and other tissues. Most importantly, adult stem cells have already been successfully used in human therapies for many years and continuous and rapid advances are being made to treat an increasing number of illnesses.

In stark contrast, embryonic stem cells are unethical and despite enormous investment over many years, they have been unsuccessful as they tend to cause tumors and immune system reactions. As of this moment, no therapies in humans have ever been successfully carried out using embryonic stem cells.

Kansas is becoming a leader in the development of adult stem cells area, creating a comprehensive adult stem cell therapy center. Started in July 2013, the Midwest Stem Cell Therapy Center at the University of Kansas Medical Center has already set up its lab and treated its first patients. The latest? "Stressing" normal adult cells to transform them into embryonic-like stem cells (similar to induced stem cells that won the Nobel Prize in 2012). This avoids the unethical problems of using embryonic stem cells and promises to solve the adverse reactions associated with embryonic stem cells. An acid bath or stretching quickly makes stem cells -- ethically -- and without creating or destroying embryos.

Place your  
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