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### 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.

#### 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.



**THE MONTH OF MAY IS DEDICATED  
TO THE EVER-VIRGIN MARY,  
MOTHER OF GOD.**

### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**May 21: Saint Christopher Magallanes**, Priest and **Companions**, Martyrs

Christopher Magallanes and twenty-one diocesan priests and three laymen were either shot or hanged, † 1915-1937) for their association with the *Cristero* uprising which opposed the anti-Catholic Mexican government in the 1920s. The *Cristero* motto was: "Long live Christ the King and the Virgin of Guadalupe!"

**May 22: Saint Rita of Cascia**, religious

Rita was born in 1381 in the town of Roccaporena in Umbria. She lived with a brutal husband and had two sons. After the violent murder of her husband, she urged forgiveness in contrast to the customary vendetta of her day. Becoming an Augustinian nun, she spent some forty years in prayer, contemplation, and service to the sick and poor. Toward the end of her life, she received a wound from a thorn from the crown of thorns. She died in 1457. she is the patron saint of desperate situations.

**May 25: Saint Bede the Venerable**, Priest, doctor of the Church

**Saint Gregory VII**, Pope

**Saint Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi**, Virgin

Bede, † 735 born in Northumbria; O.S.B.; called "Venerable" while still living; authored *Ecclesiastical History of the English People* and wrote Scriptural expositions, commentaries, and homilies; known as the "Father of English history."

Gregory VII, † 1085; from Tuscany; O.S.B.; championed reform of the clergy against simony, clerical marriage, and lay investiture, leading to the excommunication of Henry IV; expanded the authority of the Roman See.

Mary, † 1607; Carmelite mystic of Florence who led a hidden life of prayer and self-denial, praying particularly for the renewal of the Church and encouraging her fellow sisters in holiness; instrumental in the reform of her Order.

### Scripture for the Week of May 20, 2018

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/  
Mt 28:16-20

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Saturday, May 19, 2018**

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

**Sunday, May 20, 2018**

9:00 a.m. Mass — † Gilbert Hunt  
req. by Georgia Hunt

**Monday, May 21, 2018**

**No Daily Mass**

**Tuesday, May 22, 2018**

**No Daily Mass**

**Wednesday, May 23, 2018**

9:00 a.m. Mass — † Anthony Daniel Strauss  
req. by Paul & Joyce Fuchs

**Thursday, May 24, 2018**

9:00 a.m. Mass — † Mary Anne Minyon  
req. by Mary Lou Dunsford

**Friday, May 25, 2018**

9:00 a.m. Mass — † Mary Anne Minyon  
req. by St. Mary Parish

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

**Saturday, May 26, 2018**

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

**Sunday, May 27, 2018**

9:00 a.m. Mass — Kristen & Doug Strauss  
& Children  
req. by Paul & Joyce Fuchs



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

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



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are:**

**Aug 3-5, 2018 in Chapel Hill, NC**

**Jul 20-22, 2018 in Fort Mill, SC.**

Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: contact us at 704-315-2144. or <http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org>

***Retrouvaille weekend***

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with a weekend on

**October 12, 2018**

call 800-470-2230 or email:

[retrouvaille@msn.com](mailto:retrouvaille@msn.com) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

**Literature Rack**

There are a variety of booklets with lots of information at great prices. Many Inspirational CD's are available for \$3 All are located in the Parish Hall next to the Office door. Make your selection and place your donation in the envelopes provided for your convenience.

**Remember Those Special Father's**

**Day's Day is June 17th.**

Show how much you care with a Father's Day Card with a Spiritual Bouquet offering.

The cards are available on the tables at the entrance of the Church.



**WEEKLY EVENTS SCHEDULE**

**Monday, May 21, 2018**

6:00 pm. Bingo

**Wednesday, May 23, 2018**

7:00 pm. Choir

7:00 pm. the Kinghts of Columbus Meeting



your closets, attics, and garages. Please donate items for the

**PARISH YARD SALE**

**Drop Off is during Office hours  
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday  
8:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**START DROPPING  
OFF DONATIONS**

**MAY 28TH**

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



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.

***Volunteers for the Month of May 2018***

***Eucharistic Ministers***

***Saturday*** : Deacon Alexander, Nancy Messina, Ed Baggett

***Sunday***: Deacon Alexander, John & Sue Imbaratto

***Lectors***

***Saturday*** : Mark Murphy ***Sunday***: Jim Anderson

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

***Bingo***: Caller: Carl Daniels

Table: Sandra Boucher, Mike Catanzarite

Kitchen: Aida Formolo, Betty Culbreth

***Altar Linens***: Anonymous

***Volunteers for the Month of June 2018***

***Eucharistic Ministers***

***Saturday*** : Deacon Alexander, Joyce Fuchs, Ron Bohannon

***Sunday***: Deacon Alexander, Howard Reichner, Jackie Rodriguez

***Lectors***

***Saturday*** : Tom Rinkacs ***Sunday***: Glenn Weishaar

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

***Bingo***: Caller: Mike Penland

Table: Pat Minyon, **Person Needed**

Kitchen: Marilyn & Glenn Weishaar

***Altar Linens***: Grace Russo

THIS MONTH IS DEDICATED TO  
THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

# JUNE

2018

St. Mary Catholic Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>First Friday</b>	<b>First Saturday</b>
<b>3</b> The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 8:30 am the Holy Rosary 9:00 am Mass "Corpus Christi" 3:00 pm Procession with Benediction followed by International Feast	<b>4</b> No Daily Mass 7:00 pm Bingo	<b>5</b> 9:00 am Daily Mass	<b>6</b> 9:00 am Daily Mass 7:00 pm Choir	<b>7</b> 9:00 am Daily Mass	<b>8</b> 9:00 am Daily Mass 3:00 pm. Divine Mercy Chaplet & Holy Rosary	<b>9</b> 2:30 pm—3:30 pm Sacrament of Penance 3:30 pm the Holy Rosary 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
<b>10</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time 8:30 am the Holy Rosary 9:00 am Mass	<b>11</b> No Daily Mass 7:00 pm Bingo	<b>12</b> No Daily Mass	<b>13</b> No Daily Mass 10:00 am Ladies 7:00 pm Choir	<b>14</b> No Daily Mass	<b>15</b> No Daily Mass 3:00 pm. Divine Mercy Chaplet & Holy Rosary	<b>16</b> 2:30 pm—3:30 pm Sacrament of Penance 3:30 pm the Holy Rosary 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
<b>17</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time 8:30 am the Holy Rosary 9:00 am Mass HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!	<b>18</b> No Daily Mass 7:00 pm Bingo	<b>19</b> No Daily Mass	<b>20</b> No Daily Mass 7:00 pm Choir	<b>21</b> No Daily Mass	<b>22</b> No Daily Mass 3:00 pm. Divine Mercy Chaplet & Holy Rosary	<b>23</b> 2:30 pm—3:30 pm Sacrament of Penance 3:30 pm the Holy Rosary 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
<b>24</b> The Nativity of St. John the Baptist 8:30 am the Holy Rosary 9:00 am Mass	<b>25</b> No Daily Mass 7:00 pm Bingo	<b>26</b> 9:00 am Daily Mass	<b>27</b> 9:00 am Daily Mass 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting	<b>28</b> 9:00 am Daily Mass	<b>29</b> 9:00 am Daily Mass 3:00 pm. Divine Mercy Chaplet & Holy Rosary	<b>30</b> 2:30 pm—3:30 pm Sacrament of Penance 3:30 pm the Holy Rosary 4:00 pm Vigil Mass

*Solemn Feast of  
The Body and Blood of Christ  
“Corpus Christi”  
Sunday, June 3, 2018*



On the feast of *Corpus Christi* we will have a special celebration. Following Mass the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Altar until 3:00 p.m. We will have an out door precession followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

*International Feast*

An *International Feast* will follow in the Parish Hall. Please bring your favorite ethnic dish enough to serve twelve people. We will all enjoy sharing our favorite foods with each other.

**Come and join others from our parish family!**

A **sign up sheet** is located in the Parish Hall as well as the back table of the Church. By signing up we will have a count of the attendance.



# Reminder



As summer approaches and the weather turns from warm this spring to hot this summer please remember Christian Modesty of dress when attending Holy Mass and other devotions in the Church, Chapel and parish functions.

*The following may not be worn in the House of God unless some other appropriate covering is worn to protect Christian modesty.* Short shorts, spaghetti straps or tank tops; bare shoulders, backs, or mid drifts are not appropriate. Shorts above the knees, shower shoes or “flip flops” are not acceptable.

Our reverence and devotion for the Holy Eucharist should preclude any and all inappropriate dress in the Church at all times. Let us not distract others from their prayer and worship or become an occasion of sin for others by any immodest attire.

Thank you for your cooperation, understanding and for your respect for St. Mary Church and the Most Holy presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

Fr. Saxon

## **Why Does Human Life Matter?**

Society clearly operates on the premise that there is something special, unique and noble in being human. Indeed, we all seem to have an innate conviction that life does matter.

If you think about it, this is surprising for those who do not believe in God and believe that we are all just random accidents, whose life is not a result of thought or design, but rather of blind chance. Although the secular, humanist view has no answer for why human life matters and is unable to explain why life matters, atheists and agnostics nevertheless live their lives on the assumption that it does and that there is a reason for their being. This is surprising because one cannot have it both ways. Either God made us and assigned a special value to us, or God did not make us and human life would appear to be both worthless and meaningless.

Conversely, Christians can easily explain why life matters. We know that although humans, in terms of physical make-up, are roughly 95% identical to Chimpanzees, we are spiritually superior, because of the simple fact that God made us in His image. As a result, the value of one human soul transcends the value of the material universe. Indeed, we believe that one human soul is more valuable than all the great masterpieces, all the jewels and all the precious metals the world has ever known.

This is why we place a unique value upon all human life. This is why the humanity of every unborn child qualifies that child for love and protection. This is why every single aborted baby is a terrible tragedy.

## **¿Por qué la vida humana importa?**

La sociedad opera claramente con la premisa de que hay algo especial, único y noble en ser una persona humana. De hecho, parece que todos tenemos una convicción innata de que la vida es importante.

Si lo piensas bien, esto es sorprendente para los que no creen en Dios y creen que todos somos accidentes simplemente al azar, cuya vida no es un resultado del pensamiento o el diseño, sino de una casualidad ciega. Aunque esa visión humanista secular no tiene respuesta para la importancia de la vida humana y no es capaz de explicar por qué la vida importa, los ateos y los agnósticos sin embargo viven sus vidas en el supuesto de que sí importa y que hay una razón para sus existencias. Esto es sorprendente porque no se pueden tener las dos cosas. O Dios nos hizo y nos asigna un valor especial, o Dios no nos hizo y la vida humana parece ser a la vez sin valor y sin sentido.

Por el contrario, los cristianos pueden explicar fácilmente por qué la vida tiene importancia. Sabemos que aunque los seres humanos, en términos de la constitución física, son más o menos un 95% idénticos a los chimpancés, somos espiritualmente superiores, por el simple hecho de que Dios nos hizo a su imagen y semejanza. Como resultado, el valor de una alma humana trasciende el valor del universo material. De hecho, creemos que una alma humana es más valiosa que todas las grandes obras maestras, todas las joyas y todos los metales preciosos que el mundo jamás haya conocido.

Es por ello que le damos un valor único a toda vida humana. Esta es la razón por la cual la humanidad de cada niño aún no nacido califica a ese niño para el amor y la protección. Es por esto que cada bebé abortado es una terrible tragedia.

## **The Science of Babies**

At the moment of conception, a new human being is formed which has the exact number of chromosomes that any human being has in each cell: forty-six. Encoded on these chromosomes is all the genetic information for the new individual. There has never been a person with exactly the same code before, and there never will be one again; that person is unique from the very first instant.

When was it decided that you would be male or female? When was the color of your skin or eyes decided? All at the moment of conception! This is not religious dogma; these are not quotes from the Bible or the Catholic Church. These are scientific facts that can be found in any biology book in the world!

Yet when we stand up and say that these babies should be protected from abortion, we are told it is just an opinion and that we are imposing our religion on others!

Since when is common biology a religious doctrine? Since when is it a matter of "opinion" to say that you may not kill a baby? Since when and why should we ignore the rights of others in the name of "freedom of choice?" Since when is killing a respectable or acceptable choice?

## **La ciencia de los bebés**

En el momento de la concepción, un nuevo ser humano está formado, que tiene el número exacto de cromosomas que cualquier ser humano tiene en cada celda: cuarenta y seis. Codificada en estos cromosomas es toda la información genética para el nuevo individuo. Nunca ha habido una persona con exactamente el mismo código de antes, y nunca será una vez más; esa persona es única desde el primer instante.

Cuando se decidió que sería hombre o mujer? Cuando se decidió el color de su piel o de los ojos? Todo en el momento de la concepción! Esto no es un dogma religioso; estos no son citas de la Biblia o de la Iglesia Católica. Estos son hechos científicos que se pueden encontrar en cualquier libro de biología en el mundo!

Sin embargo, cuando nos levantamos y decimos que estos bebés deben ser protegidos de aborto, se nos dice que es sólo una opinión y que estamos imponiendo nuestra religión a los demás!

¿Desde cuándo es la biología común una doctrina religiosa? ¿Desde cuándo se trata de una cuestión de "opinión" de decir que usted no puede matar a un bebé? ¿Desde cuándo y por qué debemos ignorar los derechos de los demás en el nombre de la "libertad de elección?" ¿Desde cuándo está matando una opción respetable o aceptable?





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