



# St. Mary

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## Mass Schedule

**SATURDAY (Vigil)**  
Not at this time.

**SUNDAY**  
9:00 A.M.

**DAILY**  
Tuesday-Friday  
9:00 A.M.

in the Chapel of Divine Mercy  
Only 10 persons allowed

**HOLY DAYS  
OF OBLIGATION**

To be announced.

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Wednesday 8:00 A.M. — 3:00 P.M.

Friday 12:00 P.M. — 3:00 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.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Diocesan regulations require two full years of Faith Formation immediately prior to the celebration of these Sacraments.



**THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER  
IS DEDICATED TO THE  
THE SEVEN SORROWS OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

**September 21: Saint Matthew**, Apostle and Evangelist  
Matthew (or Levi), the tax collector, is called (2) to be an evangelist (1), to proclaim the good news (Ps) by word and deed.



According to the bishop Papias (c. 125), the Church's canonical text of Matthew draws upon the Aramaic traditions associated with his names. Composed c. 85, the gospel is generally arranged in an alternating pattern of narrative and discourse. Intended for a largely Jewish-Christian audience, it seeks to portray Christianity as consistent with the Jewish tradition and a continuation of it. Tradition holds that Matthew preached in Judea and in Ethiopia where he was martyred; symbolized by the winged human being (cf. Ezekiel 1); mentioned in the Roman Canon; patron of accountants and customs officers.

**September 23: Saint Pius of Pietrelcina**, Priest  
"Padre Pio" was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in the small Italian village of Pietrelcina. A Capuchin priest who had received the stigmata, he spent fifty years in the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he was much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor. Despite such notoriety, he would often say, "I only want to be a poor friar who prays." His life was devoted to the Eucharist and to prayer. He died 23 September 1968 and age eight-one. Pope John Paul II announced the inclusion of his Memorial in the General Roman calendar in June 2002. He is considered the patron saint of civil defense volunteers and Catholic adolescents.



**September 26: Saints Cosmas and Damian**, Martyrs

Cosmas and Damian, † c. 300 at Cyrrhus in Syria; brother physicians known as avapyupol ("moneyless ones") for their gratuitous care of the sick; mentioned in the Roman Canon; patrons of physicians, surgeons, drug-gists, barbers, and the blind.



**Scripture for the Week of September 20, 2020**

- Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
- Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
- Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Lk 9:43b-45
- Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/  
Mt 21:28-32

**Mass Schedule & Intentions**

**Saturday, September 19, 2020**

NO Vigil Mass

**Sunday, September 20, 2020**

9:00 A.M. Mass — People of the Parish

**Monday, September 21, 2020**

No Daily Mass

**Tuesday, September 22, 2020**

9:00 A.M. Mass — † Maurice Boucher  
req. by Sandra Ticino

**Wednesday, September 23, 2020**

No Daily Mass

6:30 A.M. Confirmation Mass —

**Thursday, September 24, 2020**

No Daily Mass

**Friday, September 25, 2020**

9:00 A.M. Mass — † Amie Cresante  
req. by Frank & Lucille Jute

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

**Saturday, September 26, 2020**

NO Vigil Mass

**Sunday, September 27, 2020**

9:00 A.M. Mass — People of the Parish



Please join our parishioners for the prayerful recitation of the **Most Holy Rosary**

**Sunday at 8:30 A.M.** before the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

**Remember the Sick in your Prayers**

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|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| James Anderson       | Kent Jute         | Shannon Murphy       |
| Christina Carmichael | John Long         | Deborah O'Donnell    |
| Betty Culbreth       | Ann Lurie         | Bob Robbins          |
| Wilbert Culbreth     | Chona C. McIntyre | Fr. JaVan Saxon      |
| Mary Lou Dunsford    | Brenda Mills      | George Salchert      |
| Chris Hunt           | David Mills       | Donna Ward           |
| John Imbaratto       | Ryan Murphy       | Magdalena Villanueva |



**It's Time for a Spiritual Audit!**

In virtually every aspect of Life, corporate, athletic, education etc., there is a constant evaluation process to measure growth and improvement. Now it is a good time to assess our spiritual progress. Have we made a difference? If God were totally our "faith in action" would He be pleased with what we have done (or failed to do)?

Evils plague our society, such as abortion, pornography "comprehensive sex" education, tax funding of Planned Parenthood, and other anti-God, anti-life and anti family issues.

As Christians, we know that the Bible commands us to be active in serving God. Service is an action word, so we know that we cannot serve God by sitting on the sidelines, or being a "fence sitter". Are we as Catholics influencing our world, or is today's relativism and secularism influencing us much more?

Are we sitting an example to the next generation to protect marriage and to defend life, from conception until natural death, or are we just "passively" pro-life? Do we speak up when in a position to defend innocent life? Do we hold our elected representatives accountable?

Obviously, we cannot do it all, but we can certainly do something! Literally, thousands of lives are at stake each and every day. If we do nothing we collude with the pro-aborts, the purveyor of pornography and those that wish to remove God from society. By doing nothing, we reap what they sow!

"Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins" James 4:17

Ruth Weber & Davenport Iowa (Pro-Life)

**Adult Education Classes**

*will be on Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 P.M.  
by Mr. Joseph Walters*

<b>Dates of Class:</b>	<b>Topics:</b>
September 15, 2020	The Trinity in the Old Testament
September 29, 2020	Early and Trinitarian heresies
October 13, 2020	The Sacrifice of the Mass
October 27, 2020	Papal Infallibility
November 10, 2020	Purgatory and Indulgences
November 17, 2020	The Canonization of the Scriptures
December 1, 2020	Catholic Methods of Prayer
December 15, 2020	The Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church

**Volunteers for the Month of September 2020**

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
*Sunday:* Deacon Alex

**Lectors**  
*Sunday:* Jason Eury

**Altar Servers** Sacristan Carl Daniels,  
Brian Catanzarite, Jacob Catanzarite,  
Nathaniel Rinkacs, Khanh-an (Aiden) Ho, Gia-An (Jacob) Ho

**Altar Linens:** Ysobel Torres de Cruz

**Stewardship Report for September 13, 2020**

Offertory <b>needed</b> for the week .....	\$ 3,750.00
Offertory <b>received</b> for the week .....	\$ 3,861.00
9:00 AM Mass	
Received for Catholic University .....	\$ 311.00
Received for Candles .....	\$ 9.00
Received for Budget Deficit .....	\$ 5.00
Received for Church Community Services ...	\$ 60.00
Received for Church Maintenance .....	\$ 42.00
Received for Donations .....	\$ 225.00

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

**Money Counters (Monday)**

- Sept 14 - Grace Russo, Sandy Robbins
- Sept 21 - Grace Russo, Sandy Robbins
- Sept 28 - Nancy Messina, Virginia Walcott
- Oct 5 - Sue Kirby, Sandy Robbins

**COVID-19: A PRAYER OF SOLIDARITY**

For all who have contracted coronavirus,  
We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,  
We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,  
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,  
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,  
We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,  
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,  
We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers,  
We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace.

Grant comfort.

Grant healing.

Be with us, Lord.

Amen.

# Lectors Workshops

*Lectors Workshop is for all those already serving and those interested in serving in this special ministry*

Workshop will be held in the Church on:  
(mask required)

**Saturday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>  
at 10:00 A.M.**

We need more men and women to serve in this ministry; please prayerfully consider volunteering your time and talent for this service to God and the Church.

*Only those whom attend this workshop will serve in this ministry.*

# Announcements from the Diocese of Raleigh

## Couples for Christ

REDISCOVER GOD'S LOVE. Couples for Christ is inviting you to a Virtual Christian Life Program (CLP), an integrated course intended to provide a renewed understanding of God's call to us as Christians. Open to married couples, single men and women, widows and widowers. Free to attend virtual/online. Eight sessions with 1.5 hours per session, starting on Friday, September 25, 2020, at 8 PM. For more information, please visit our website at: <https://couplesforchristusa.org/events/clp-north-carolina-east/>. Upon registration using this link, session details will be provided.

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## Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Wedding Anniversary Mass, typically celebrated each year in October, honors those celebrating wedding anniversaries, with special recognition to couples with 25, 50, or 60 years of marriage.

Out of concern for the health and well-being of the people in our diocese, the 2020 Wedding Anniversary Mass will not take place.

Couples willing to receive a wedding anniversary commemorative certificate will be able to apply to receive one by registering at: <https://raldioc.configio.com/go/wam2020>.

The Most Reverend Luis Rafael Zarama will offer a special Mass intention for the anniversary couples and the strengthening of sacramentality of marriage.

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## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Don't distance from your spouse! Learn how to bring your marriage to a new level. Renew, rekindle and strengthen your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience Nov. 6-8, 2020, in ATLANTIC BEACH, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information, visit our website at: <https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at [applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or 704-315-2144. Follow our Facebook page North Carolina WWME!

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## #iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday, Dec. 1

What do 13 parishes, 5 schools, and 5 agencies/ministries have in common? All 23 are registered with #iGiveCatholic!

THE FOUNDATION of the Diocese of Raleigh is taking part in this Giving Day dedicated to Catholic philanthropy on #GivingTuesday, December 1. Now in its sixth year, we are thrilled to participate with 38 other arch/dioceses and foundations nationwide to raise funds for our own diocesan parishes, schools, and ministries.

Since THE FOUNDATION is partnering with #iGiveCatholic, your ministry is invited to participate in the giving day. Learn more at <https://raleigh.igivecatholic.org/>.

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# Post-Abortion Healing

*Note: The June 12-14, 2020, retreat has been re-scheduled to September 25-27, 2020.*

## **Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreat**

If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ a Project Rachel weekend retreat September 25-27, 2020. The weekend retreat is strictly confidential for both women and men and includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at [project.rachel@raldioc.org](mailto:project.rachel@raldioc.org) or call (919) 852-1021. The cost for the weekend is \$200 (\$150 for early registration) for lodging, meals and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, some assistance is available.

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# Marriage Preparation

## **2020 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/mpw2020>. Additional details: [Rebekah.tolson@raldioc.org](mailto:Rebekah.tolson@raldioc.org), 919-821-9753.

## **Marriage Preparation Ministry**

Do you have a desire to serve engaged couples as they prepare to enter the sacrament of marriage? We are seeking out individuals and couples who would be interested in serving engaged couples in the diocese by being a part of the One-Day Marriage Preparation Workshop Team. There are several roles that you could be a part of, including hospitality, presenting, facilitating, and more. Please contact Rebekah Tolson, Married Life Coordinator, at 919-821-9753 or [Rebekah.tolson@raldioc.org](mailto:Rebekah.tolson@raldioc.org).

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# Courage / Encourage

**COURAGE** is a prayer and fellowship group that assists individuals with same-sex attractions (or SSA) to live chaste lives in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church. Meetings are for men and women, and strict confidentiality is maintained. For more information email: [courage.sacred.heart@gmail.com](mailto:courage.sacred.heart@gmail.com). Or call: (919) 289-9489

**EnCourage** is the affiliate support group for parents, friends and family members of loved ones with SSA. EnCourage helps members to focus on their own spiritual development and offers a supportive environment to share information and guidance for maintaining healthy relationships with our loved ones. For more information, email [encourage.sacred.heart@gmail.com](mailto:encourage.sacred.heart@gmail.com). Or call: (984) 221-0730. Strict confidentiality is maintained.



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