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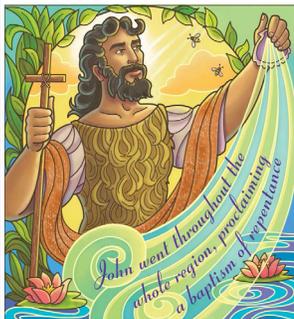
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.



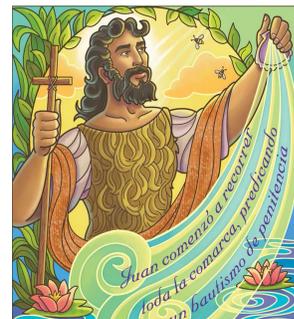
LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Sube a la altura, Jerusalén; contempla a tus hijos gozosos porque Dios se acordó de ellos (Baruc 5:1-9).

Salmo — Grandes cosas has hecho por nosotros, Señor (Salmo 126 [125]).

Segunda Lectura — Que su amor siga creciendo más y más y se traduzca en un mayor conocimiento y discernimiento (Filipenses 1:4-6, 8-11).

Evangelio — Juan proclama un bautismo de arrepentimiento para el perdón de los pecados (Lucas 3:1-6). Salmo responsorial: *Leccionario I* © 1976, Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Litúrgica de la Conferencia del Episcopado Mexicano. Usado con permiso. Todos los derechos reservados.



Masses

First Saturday 10:15 AM
Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM
Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8 AM
Wednesday Noon
Eucharistic Adoration: First Friday after morning Mass

Sacraments

Reconciliation: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 5 PM to 6:30 PM. Every Saturday from 4 to 5 PM or by appointment with a Priest.

Baptism: for Infant baptism preparation, contact Deacon Ron (see bulletin cover for contact info). For Adult baptism preparation, contact Father David.

Matrimony: contact the receptionist at least 6 months before your intended date of matrimony.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist: contact Marie Chenevert (see bulletin cover for contact info).

Confirmation: contact Allison Dunphy (see bulletin cover for contact info).

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Submit items for the bulletin to receptionist@stmarygarner.org at least 10 days before the bulletin date. All items are subject to final approval by our Pastor. Thank you!



For information about our parish's participation with **Habitat for Humanity**, email Anne Allison at aalli@nc.rr.com.



We pray the **rosary** each weekday after the daily Mass.

The **St. Mary prayer group** meets in the church every Thursday evening at 6 PM. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to pray with us.



We pray the **Stations of the Cross** on Fridays after the rosary. On the first Friday of the month, Eucharistic Adoration begins after Mass.



To request **flowers for the altar**, please stop by or call the parish office at 919-772-5524.

This Week

Esta Semana

Saturday December 8	sábado 8 de Diciembre
10 AM Curtis & Dorothy Person	
5:30 PM +Michael Skelly	
7:15 PM Accion de gracias-familia Sanchez	
Sunday December 9	domingo 9 de Diciembre
8 AM +Holy Innocents	
10 AM for the people of St Mary Parish	
1:30 PM +Aciano Gonzalez & Guadalupe Velasco	
5 PM para las benditas almas del purgatorio	
Monday December 10	lunes 10 de Diciembre
8 AM +Ruth Simpson	
Tuesday December 11	martes 11 de Diciembre
8 AM	
7 PM Vigilia	
Wednesday December 12	miércoles 12 de Diciembre
NOON +Frances Harrison	
7 PM Misa	
Thursday December 13	jueves 13 de Diciembre
8 AM	
Friday December 14	viernes 14 de Diciembre
8 AM	
Saturday December 15	sábado 15 de Diciembre
5:30 PM +Dee Phelan	
7:15 PM por las benditas almas del purgatorio	
Sunday December 16	domingo 16 de Diciembre
8 AM +Francis Mesiti	
10 AM for the people of St Mary Parish	
1:30 PM +Marcelina Rosa & Tomas Torres	
5 PM	

To schedule a Mass intention, please call the office.
 Para solicitar una misa, llame a las oficinas de la Iglesia.

Offertory/Ofrenda July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

2 December	Year to date	
2 Diciembre	Año a la fecha	
\$8,855.75	\$213,334.11 (43% of goal)	
Share Sunday	\$2,051.10	

Thank you for your generosity.

Next weekend's second envelope is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives.

Advent Penance Services

In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go at least once a year.

If it has been a while since your last confession, remember, "Do not fear" (Is 41:10). The priest will help guide you. See the how-to guide at www.usccb.org/confession. **All services are bilingual unless specified English only.** The location of the combined service is in **bold**.

12/10, 7 PM **St. Luke** & St. Francis
12/11, 7 PM Our Lady of the Rosary
12/12, 11 AM St. Francis
12/12, 8 PM Our Lady of LaVang
12/13, 11 AM St. Catherine of Siena
12/14, 7 PM St. Catherine of Siena
12/17, 7 PM **St. Raphael** & Our Lady of Lourdes
12/18, 11 AM **St. Raphael** & Our Lady of Lourdes
12/19, 7 PM **St. Michael** & St. Teresa
12/20, 11 AM St. Bernadette
12/20, 6:30 PM St. Ann

AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

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Please pray for those in need of God's healing, strength, and comfort especially the unborn; the sick; those near death; our seminarians, priests, deacons, and religious; missionaries; and:



Week 3: Jesus Dompablo



Peacemakers Quilters of St. Mary's gather on Saturday, **December 15th** from 10 AM to 1 PM in St. Joseph Hall. Please contact the parish office and let us know if you'd like to participate.

Did you know?



...that St. Mary Parish has a library of nearly 1,000 books & DVDs? Lives of the Saints, books about our Faith, great spiritual reading, and even some interesting Catholic novels wait for you. There are also some great Catholic DVDs for you to check out. Find something interesting? There's a white binder on the counter for you to sign out your book or DVD; when you finish reading, simply return the book/DVD to the "Book Return" box on the counter and we'll check it back in for you and return it to the shelf. The parish library is located in the Library/Conference Room in St. Joseph Hall and is available to you any time the office is open and the room is not being used for a class or meeting.

Please don't forget to check out and register for the exciting new Formed Program. Of special interest at this time is the program for Advent Season. Go to www.stmarygarner.formed.org to register. This is a great opportunity to take advantage of the many free resources you can access to help you grow in your knowledge and love of Christ.

Hidden Sorrows Group: a support group for women who have suffered a miscarriage/infant loss. For all mothers who have suffered such a loss, I am looking to start a support group. This is a way to connect with other women, share experiences, participate in healing prayers as well as other resources. If you are interested in joining please email Amanda at a.mashak_2009@hotmail.com.

Around the Diocese



Give gifts that reflect the true meaning of Christmas! Catholic Parish Outreach Christmas Honor Cards

Did you know that last year CPO gave food and children's clothes to 8,700 people a month? Honor the special people on your holiday gift list by making a donation to CPO. We will send a beautiful Christmas honor card designed by 12 year old Volunteer Alexis Martin to everyone on your gift list. Information on how to order the cards can be found at www.cporaleigh.org or call Catholic Parish Outreach at 919-873-0245 x230. Forms are available in the narthex.

Dedication of the Fisk Opus 147 Pipe Organ

Please join us for the dedication of the Fisk Opus 147 Pipe Organ at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral on January 3, 2019. Vespers begin at 6:30 PM followed by a concert with concert guest soloist Nathan Laube. Event is open to the public.



If you are a single, separated, divorced or widowed person, you are invited to join us at our monthly Mass held at Cardinal Gibbons HS chapel at 5:30 PM. A pot-luck social follow Mass.

January-June 2019 Mass schedule:

January 13, February 10, March 24, April 28, May 19, June 23 For more information contact Celia at ckeator@nc.rr.com or visit

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? **Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with a weekend on February 15 call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvaille@msn.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.



Around the Diocese

Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Mission is hosting a Christmas pierogi sale

Sunday, **December 16th** from 1 PM — 3 PM, 2510 Piney Plains Rd, Cary, NC (location of Saints Cyril and Methodius Church). The pierogi are from the Perla Ukrainian Bakery in Parma, Ohio. \$10 per dozen. Fresh, locally made kielbasa hand made by St. Nicholas parishioners, \$8.50 for 1 lb/\$16 for 2 lbs. For sale on a first come, first served basis with no pre-orders. Several varieties of pierogi are available but quantities are limited so please come early! All forms of payment will be accepted— checks, cash, and credit cards. All proceeds to benefit St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Mission Building Fund. Thank you for your support!

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for Women at Avila Retreat Center

The Spiritual Exercises provides an opportunity to quiet your soul from daily distractions and focus on Christ. Mass, Confession and Spiritual Direction will be available with a Legionary of Christ priest. There will be guided meditations with time for private reflection. This is an opportunity to listen and discern God's voice in your soul. The Women's retreat will be held January 18-20, 2019 at Avila Retreat Center in Durham. Cost of the retreat is \$225 per person in advance or \$250 within two weeks of the retreat. Materials, meals and linens are included. For more information or to register, call 919- 274-9362 or email Raleighregnumchristi@gmail.com.

ARE YOU SEPARATED OR DIVORCED?

Join us for a Catholic based divorce healing program at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Whether you have been separated or divorced, ten days or ten years, this program offers comfort, counsel, and clarity. It also offers valuable insight regarding divorce and Catholic Church teachings. Using the CATHOLIC'S DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE, the 12-week program features a 30-minute DVD each week with discussions to follow. It is confidential and an excellent support during a painful time. Cost is \$20 per person for the journal. The program will begin Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7 PM in the Fallon Center lounge. Please contact Christine Martin at beanieviola73@aol.com or Melanie Bailie at mbailie@nc.rr.com for a registration form.

Próximos eventos

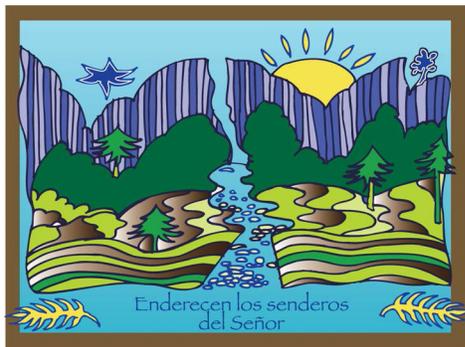
El día de la **Virgen de Guadalupe**, patrona de las Americas, se celebra:

- El Martes 11 de diciembre a las 7 PM vigilia en Español.
- El Miercoles 12 de diciembre a las 5 AM con las mañanitas.
- El Miercoles 12 de diciembre a las 6 PM con una procession y rezo del Rosario.
- El Miercoles 12 de diciembre a la 7 PM con la Misa , Habrá refrescos después de la misa en el salon de St. Joseph.



Misas por **Navidad**, un día de precepto, se celebran:

- el Lunes, 24 de diciembre a las 9 de la noche.
- el Martes, 25 de diciembre a mediodía.



A LA ESPERA DE LA SALVACIÓN DE DIOS

El mundo no parece tan grande como para contener el alborozo que causa la primera lectura. En la lectura del Evangelio, el Imperio Romano tampoco es lo suficientemente grande. Los grandes poderes de Roma se designan y se hacen esperar por la salvación de Dios. Y encontramos a Pablo que medita gozosamente en lo que importa, en lo que realmente cuenta.

De acuerdo con Baruc, la ciudad de Jerusalén es como una persona que en puntillas espera la salvación de Dios, que viene del Este. Los que fueron llevados a pie, con la cabeza gacha, regresan ahora orgullosos. Todo el camino está pavimentado. Al lado del camino hay árboles fragantes y frondosos.

No puede haber algo mejor que eso, ¿no es así? Bueno, sí puede haber algo mejor. Porque una voz grita en el desierto. Aquí comienza la salvación de Dios. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

anuncios de formación de fe

Las clases de formación de fe están en vacaciones de invierno. Las clases se reiniciarán en **27 y 28 de enero**.

Formación de Fe Para Adultos

Invitamos a todos los adultos a la Formación de Fe para Adultos en español los lunes por la noche, a las 6:30 PM, en el Salón Social de St Joseph Hall. Pregunta al Padre Amaro.

Oración de Amor

Es un grupo de mujeres orando por los jóvenes de nuestra comunidad. Son bienvenidas comenzando con misa 8 AM para terminar de 9 AM a 10 AM orando, todos los Martes.



El Miercoles, **12 de Diciembre**, Padre Amaro escuchará confesiones de 6 a 7:30 PM.

La Navidad está aquí y la Poinsettia es la flor de elección para la mayoría todo el mundo. La iglesia adorna el altar para Navidad cada año con estas hermosas flores. Buscamos a la parroquia de donaciones para estas flores que adornarán el altar y la iglesia. En las bancas, hay sobres con una imagen de una flor de Pascua en el frente. Por favor llene el sobre adjuntar su donación y colocarlo en la placa de ofrendas en Misa gracias por su generosidad.



Dios ha ordenado que se abajen todas las montañas y todas las colinas, que se rellenen todos los valles hasta aplanar la tierra. — *Baruc 5:7*

Misas

sábado 7:15 PM

domingo 1:30 PM, 5 PM

Sacramentos

Enfermos, visitas a las casas o hospital, recibir los Santos Óleos o Eucaristía: llame Padre Amaro a 919-772-5524 ext 203 o 252-339-4660.

Reconciliación: segundo y cuarto miércoles de 6-7:30 PM

Bautizos: Estar registrados en la iglesia al menos 3 meses antes del bautizo.

Las clases de bautizo son el segundo martes de cada mes a las **7 PM**.

Para más información sobre bautizos, favor de llamar a Jeymy Luna al 919-946-5719.

Padres: una copia del Certificado de Nacimiento del Niño es un documento requerido para el Bautismo de niños menores de 7 años.

Matrimonio: Padre Amaro, 919-772-5524, ext. 203 o 252-339-4660.

Si asiste regularmente y necesita **registrarse en la parroquia**, favor de llamar a Hortencia Sanchez al 919-772-5524 ext 201 o Jeymy Luna al 919-946-5719.

Jovenes y Adultos Mayores de 18 años: Rito de Iniciación Cristiana, llame Padre Amaro a 919-772-5524 ext 203

Presentaciones: Aurora Saucedo, 919-279-2281 (5-9 PM)

Quinceañeras: Padre Amaro, 919-772-5524 ext 203 o 252-339-4660 o Beatriz Munster, 919-567-1565

Social: Kathy Peña Centeno, 919-723-0310

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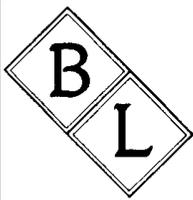
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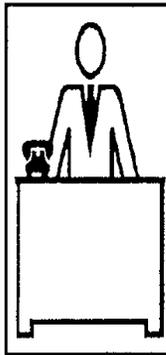
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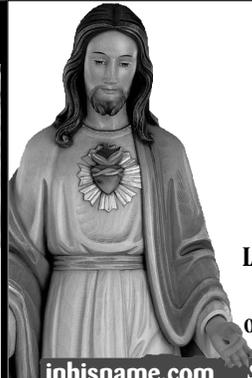


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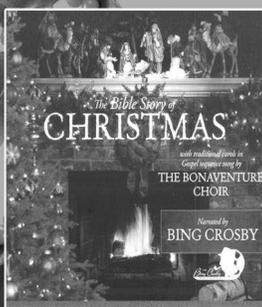
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Please join the St. Mary, Mother of the Church Choir of Angels for their Christmas Program, "O Holy Night," on December 24th at 4 PM in the church prior to the 5 PM Holy Vigil. The program focuses on the Gospel of Jesus's birth according to St. Luke, with accompanying music and hymns. The choir members have been working very hard to prepare and would love to share their talents and efforts with the parish. It will be a wonderful way to begin your celebration of the Christmas Season. So, please mark your calendars and plan on attending.



Our annual **Christmas cookie sale** will take place after Masses on December 15th and 16th. Cookie boxes are \$5 each. Proceeds purchase altar linens during the year.

Cookie bakers, please bake an extra batch of cookies and plan to drop them off between 9 AM and noon on Saturday December 15th. Thank you!

Dates to remember

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, **December 11th**: Vigil Mass in Spanish at 7 PM, **December 12th**: Mañanitas at 5 AM, Procession/Rosary in Spanish at 6 PM, Mass at 7 PM in Spanish.



Masses for **Christmas**, a Holy Day of Obligation, are celebrated: Monday, December 24th at 5 PM in English and 9 PM in Spanish. Tuesday, December 25th at 8 AM and 10 AM in English and at Noon in Spanish.



Masses for the solemnity of the **Mary, the Holy Mother of God**, a holy day of obligation, are celebrated: Monday, December 31 at 5 PM in English and 7:30 PM in Spanish. Tuesday, January 1 at 10 AM in English and Noon in Spanish.



Faith Formation Announcements

Faith Formation classes will resume **January 27th & 28th**.

"Gifts of Warmth" for homeless men & women are being collected. Please bring clean hats, scarves & gloves in a gallon size zip-lock bag. These will be distributed at area shelters in the coming weeks. There will be a marked box in the narthex. Please bring donations by December 16.



The **"Angel Tree"** will again support many of the outreach ministries here at our Parish as well as families in need. Tags should be attached to the item and returned by **Sunday, December 16th**. Contact Anne Allison (aalli@nc.rr.com) with questions. Write the item number down in case you lose the tag!



The Christmas season is here and the Poinsettia is the flower of choice for most everyone. We look to the parish for donations for these flowers which will adorn the altar and the church during the Christmas season. In the pews, there are envelopes with a picture of a poinsettia on the front. Please fill out the envelope, enclose your donation, and place it in the offertory plate at Mass. Thank you for your generosity.



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We gratefully accept donations to Catholic Parish Outreach: children's clothing (newborn to 6T), paper grocery bags, and 12-count egg cartons. Please take other items to Garner Area Ministries' thrift store at 558 Village Ct in Garner.

Information for the December 23th and 30th bulletins needs to be submitted to receptionist@stmarygarner.org by **December 11**.

