



SAINTS MARY AND EDWARD CATHOLIC CHURCH
611 N Main St - Roxboro NC 27573



MISSION STATEMENT

**Saints Mary and Edward Catholic Church is a multi-cultural parish devoted to
answering the call of our Lord Jesus Christ
To proclaim the Gospel
To nurture our faith community
To foster unity to the midst of our diversity
To serve each other and the greater community
Be an active member of our family**

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Mass Schedule

Tuesday – 9:30am English

Wednesday – 7:00pm Spanish

Thursday – 9:30am English

Friday – 9:30am English

Saturday – 5pm - English

Sunday -10am - English

Sunday – 12:00pm – Spanish

**First Friday: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
after 930am Mass**

Confessions: Saturday at 4pm or by appointment

ADVENT 2022

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
December 8**



**Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who fled to your
protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was
left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O
Virgin of Virgins, our Mother. To you we come. Before you we
kneel, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not our petitions, but in your clemency, hear and answer
them. Amen.**

St. Bernard of Clairvaux



Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

Prepare the Way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:4, 6)

✍ From the Padre's Desk:

My Dear Friends:

In today's Gospel we hear that John the Baptist was preaching in Judea: "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Which means that he knew that our Lord Jesus Christ will come soon. After baptizing in the Jordan River, he said "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance." "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." People from everywhere came to be baptized, John made clear that he baptizes with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after him will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11) As John, we can also become disciples of Jesus by asking for the forgiveness of our sins through confession and helping others with our good actions, be ready for His coming.

In Christ,

Father William

FAITH FORMATION: Every Sunday at 11am

ADORATION: First Wednesday of the month after 7pm mass

FIRST FRIDAY: December 2, 2022

ENGLISH CHOIR PRACTICE: Wednesday, 7pm, Church

SPANISH CHOIR PRACTICE: Thursday-7pm, Price building

PARISH COUNCIL: Dec 11, 1:30pm, Price building

FINANCE COMMITTEE: To be announced

EMMAUS WOMEN: Tuesday-7pm, Price building

EMMAUS MEN: Monday-7pm, Price building

LITURGY COMMITTEE: To be announced

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Go to stmaryandedward.org; click Donation; you will see different options: Weekly Collection, Second Collection, New Church; choose the one that you would like to use and fill out the form. You will receive confirmation of your donation in your personal email. Please make sure you add your email address on the application.

To send your donations by mail:

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POPE FRANCIS NEW ENCYCLICAL "*Fratelty Tutti*" ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP

The BASIS of Consensus:

206. The solution is not relativism. Under the guise of tolerance, relativism ultimately leaves the interpretation of moral values to those in power, to be defined as they see fit. "In the absence of objective truths or sound principles other than the satisfaction of our own desires and immediate needs... we should not think that political efforts or the force of law will be sufficient... When the culture itself is corrupt, and objective truth and universally valid principles are no longer upheld, then laws can only be seen as arbitrary impositions or obstacles to be avoided".[\[201\]](#)

207. Is it possible to be concerned for truth, to seek the truth that responds to life's deepest meaning? What is law without the conviction, born of age-old reflection and great wisdom, that each human being is sacred and inviolable? If society is to have a future, it must respect the truth of our human dignity and submit to that truth. Murder is not wrong simply because it is socially unacceptable and punished by law, but because of a deeper conviction. This is a non-negotiable truth attained by the use of reason and accepted in conscience. A society is noble and decent not least for its support of the pursuit of truth and its adherence to the most basic of truths.

208. We need to learn how to unmask the various ways that the truth is manipulated, distorted and concealed in public and private discourse. What we call "truth" is not only the reporting of facts and events, such as we find in the daily papers. It is primarily the search for the solid foundations sustaining our decisions and our laws. This calls for acknowledging that the human mind is capable of transcending immediate concerns and grasping certain truths that are unchanging, as true now as in the past. As it peers into human nature, reason discovers universal values derived from that same nature.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS: Gloria Wiener, Bobby Rigsby, Charles Rigsbee, Richard Tofte, Julian Alexander, Leila Currier, John and Anita Swanik, Annie O'Connor, Greg and Beth Howarth, Alejandro Garcia Zamudio, Claire Clements, Eliza Spoto, Joanne DesRoches, Eduardo Sanchez Bueno, Cindy Ceballos, Martin Rico, Omar Gutierrez, Steven Cramer, Jimmy Bowes, Sharon Palmieri, Michael Lundby, Wayne Lundby, Nancy, Mike Conner, Frances Elder, Gorlia Carranza, Omar Matinez, Maria Elizabeth Ramirez, Sara Guadalupe Ramirez, Indira Paola Ramirez, Pedro Darell, Matilde Perez Garcia, Julia Lozano

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Father, in your plan for our salvation you Shepherd for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of continual love. Give us more priests, worthy ministers for your altar and ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel. Grant us an increase in vocations to the religious life. May more of your people respond to your call in a spirit of joyful generosity, may they serve your people in love by following in the footsteps of Christ, your Son, and provide by their way of life a convincing sign of your kingdom. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Mary, Mother of the Church, Pray for us.

Let's Pray: For our Church, for Pope Francis, for Bishop Luis and all our leaders; let's pray for the Holy Father's intentions that the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation between individuals and peoples may be understood and that through her testimony the Church may spread Christ's love, the source of new humanity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR PARISH www.stmaryandedward.org

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection for December 3 and 4 is for Maintenance and Repair.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Thursday, December 8, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be celebrated at 10am in English.

ROSARY IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: All parishioners are invited to pray the rosary in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe every day at 6pm in the Price building. On Sundays we will pray the rosary at 11am in the small Church.

FAITH FORMATION: Faith Formation students will pray the rosary, Sunday, December 4 at 11am in the Price building.

ANGEL TREE: Pick up an angel from the Angel Tree and buy a gift for a needy child of our parish. Please fill out the form on the clipboard by signing your name and phone number next to the number of the angel that you select. Wrap and attach the angel to the gift. Return gifts to the parish by Sunday, Dec. 18.

POINSETTIAS: If you would like to purchase a poinsettia "in memory of" or "in honor of" a loved one, please fill out the form that is at the back of the Church and place the money in an envelope available next to the signing sheet. The cost per plant is of \$15. Last day to purchase is Sunday, December 18.

CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: December 11, "Las Mañanitas" to our Lady of Guadalupe will start at 6:00pm with a procession; the rosary at 7:00pm; the dance in honor of our Lady at 7:30pm and the Holy Mass at 8:00pm, all presents will sing the song "Las Mañanitas" at the end of the Mass. After the celebration everybody is invited to a hot chocolate and bread. December 12, the schedule will be the same as above.

IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH: Welcome! Introduce yourself to Fr. William, fill out a registration card and return it to the Parish office.

FOOD SALE: The Emmaus group of ladies will be selling food Sunday, December 11, 2022, after the 10am and 12pm Masses.

CHRISTMAS PLAY: Let's remember the real meaning of Christmas, our Faith Formation students will perform the Christmas Nativity Story, Sunday, December 18 at 11am in the Price Building. All students need to arrive 30 minutes earlier.

CALENDARS: Bilingual Calendars for the year 2023 are available at the back of the Church.

OUR WEBSITE: The Website of Ss Mary and Edward has been newly designed. You will be able to find information more easily. Please follow our Facebook page in the Website.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-20

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

To provide the Sanctuary Lamp that burns before the Blessed Sacrament (Suggested offering is \$50.00), or to provide the parish with altar bread and wine used at the Mass (Suggested offering is \$75.00). Please call the Parish office 336-599-4122. Or send an email to: maryandedwardnc@yahoo.com

Monthly Budget \$ 9.500 - 11/27/22
Offertory: \$1.960.00
Maintenance and Repair: \$25.00