



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

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

A prayer of protection of the unborn children

Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life. Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son. Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home.

Help us never to see others as burdens. Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen





Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2023

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor. — Luke 4:18a*

From the Padre's Desk:

My Dear Friends:

The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it will be "a year acceptable to the Lord." And Jesus surely didn't mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time. When Jesus announced the "arrival" of God's favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God's word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep. "The "year acceptable to the Lord" is this year. The day that is "holy" is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God's help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God's word.

In Christ,

Father William

FAITH FORMATION: Every Sunday at 11am

ADORATION: First Wednesday of the month after 7pm mass

FIRST FRIDAY: February 3, 2023

ENGLISH CHOIR PRACTICE: Wednesday, 7pm, Church

SPANISH CHOIR PRACTICE: Thursday-7pm, Price building

PARISH COUNCIL: January 15, Price Building at 2:00pm

FINANCE COMMITTEE: February 1

EMMAUS WOMEN: Tuesday-7pm, Price building

EMMAUS MEN: Monday-7pm, Price building

LITURGY COMMITTEE: To be announced

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: January 22, 1:30pm

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To send your donations by mail:

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

RECOVERING KINDNESS

222. Consumerist individualism has led to great injustice. Other persons come to be viewed simply as obstacles to our own serene existence; we end up treating them as annoyances and we become increasingly aggressive. This is even more the case in times of crisis, catastrophe, and hardship, when we are tempted to think in terms of the old saying, "every man for himself". Yet even then, we can choose to cultivate kindness. Those who do so become stars shining in the midst of darkness.

223. Saint Paul describes kindness as a fruit of the Holy Spirit (*Gal 5:22*). He uses the Greek word *chrestotes*, which describes an attitude that is gentle, pleasant and supportive, not rude or coarse. Individuals who possess this quality help make other people's lives more bearable, especially by sharing the weight of their problems, needs and fears. This way of treating others can take different forms: an act of kindness, a concern not to offend by word or deed, a readiness to alleviate their burdens. It involves "speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement" and not "words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn".

224. Kindness frees us from the cruelty that at times infects human relationships, from the anxiety that prevents us from thinking of others, from the frantic flurry of activity that forgets that others also have a right to be happy. Often nowadays we find neither the time nor the energy to stop and be kind to others, to say "excuse me", "pardon me", "thank you". Yet every now and then, miraculously, a kind person appears and is willing to set everything else aside in order to show interest, to give the gift of a smile, to speak a word of encouragement, to listen amid general indifference. If we make a daily effort to do exactly this, we can create a healthy social atmosphere in which misunderstandings can be overcome and conflict forestalled. Kindness ought to be cultivated; it is no superficial bourgeois virtue. Precisely because it entails esteem and respect for others, once kindness becomes a culture within society it transforms lifestyles, relationships and the ways ideas are discussed and compared. Kindness facilitates the quest for consensus; it opens new paths where hostility and conflict would burn all bridges.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS: Gloria Wiener, Bobby Rigsby, Charles Rigsbee, 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, Mike Conner, Gloria Carranza, Omar Martinez, Maria Elizabeth Ramirez, Sara Guadalupe Ramirez, Indira Paola Ramirez, Pedro Darel, Matilde Perez Garcia, Julia Lozano, Fr. Bill John, Every Roster, Guadalupe Gonzalez, Carmen Alvarez, Orrest Karlson.

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 January 21 and 22 is for the Church in Latin America.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES for the year 2023 are at the back of the Church. If you would like to begin using envelopes, please take an unmarked box and fill in the information form on the clipboard, very important to write the number of the box. Thank you.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Fr. William will be attending a Priest Assembly from Tuesday, January 24 – Friday, January 27. During these days Mass will not be celebrated.

PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE AND TURKEY: Join Fr. William on a pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey from June 15 – June 28. For more information, please check at the poster on the bulletin board or ask for a copy at the Parish office.

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. If you are a registered parishioner and have changed address or phone #, please update your information at the Parish office.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR: If you would like to bring flowers for the altar please contact Maria Alcaraz after Mass.

NEW WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE: Mass schedule will be as follows: Wednesday 7pm Mass in Spanish, Thursday, 9:30am Mass in English and Friday 9:30am Mass in English.

PRIEST ASSEMBLY: Fr. William will be attending a Priest Assembly from Tuesday, January 24 through Friday, January 27. During those days Mass will not be celebrated. Fr. William will be back Saturday, January 28 for the 5pm Mass.

ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING: Sunday, January 29, all kids that have received the Sacrament of First Communion are invited to participate in the training for Altar Servers after the 12 pm Mass in the Price building.

CONFIRMATION MEETING: A meeting with the parents of Confirmation second year will be held Sunday, January 29 after the 12pm Mass in the basement of the rectory.

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: marvandedwardnc@yahoo.com

DAILY READINGS:

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Zep 2:3, 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31;
Mt 5:1-12a

Monthly Budget \$ 9,500

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Offertory: \$2,812.00

Maintenance and Repair: \$729.00