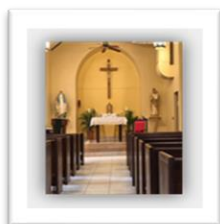


SAINTS MARY AND EDWARD CATHOLIC CHURCH
611 N Main St - Roxboro NC 27573



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 Parish

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Mass Schedule

Wednesday – 7:00pm Spanish
First Wednesday – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass
Thursday – 9:30am English
Friday – 9:30am English
First Friday: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 930am Mass
Saturday – 5pm - English
Sunday -10am - English
Sunday – 12:00pm – Spanish
Confessions: Saturday at 4pm or by appointment

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA



Most Holy Virgin
who hast deigned to come to Fatima, to reveal the treasures of
graces hidden in the recitation of the Rosary,
inspire our hearts with a sincere love of this devotion that
meditating on the Mysteries of our Redemption recalled therein,
we may obtain the conversion of sinners
and the favors we ask you now, for the greater glory of God,
for your own honor, and for the good of souls.
Amen.

Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, pray for us!

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me. (Jn 14:6)

✍ From the Padre's Desk:

My Dear Friends:

Today we sense the apostles' trepidation as they begin to realize that the Lord would soon be leaving them. In their fear, they ask, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" (John 14:5). Jesus tells them that *he* is the way. The Easter season has been a time of growing in Easter faith so that we, too, may learn to know that Jesus is the way. We can take comfort in the Lord's promise that he is going to his Father's house to prepare a place for us, his chosen people who have been called out of darkness into God's wonderful light. As the paschal candle continues to burn during this holy season, let us remember that in baptism we were given the light of Christ. With Christ our light as the beacon lighting our way, let us march toward the glory of Pentecost.

*In Christ,
Father William*

FAITH FORMATION: To be announced
ADORATION: First Wednesday of the month after 7pm mass
FIRST FRIDAY: June 2, 2023
ENGLISH CHOIR PRACTICE: Wednesday, 7pm, Church
SPANISH CHOIR PRACTICE: Thursday-7pm, Price building
PARISH COUNCIL: To be announced
FINANCE COMMITTEE: April 26, Price building, 10am
EMMAUS WOMEN: Tuesday-7pm, Price building
EMMAUS MEN: Monday-7pm, Price building
LITURGY COMMITTEE: To be announced
SOCIAL COMMITTEE: May 7, 1:30pm, basement

Donate online: 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:
Ss Mary and Edward Catholic Church, 611 N Main St, Roxboro, NC 27573.

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

PRAYER

For our Church, for Pope Francis, for Bishop Luis Rafael 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.

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.

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, Nancy Conner, Gloria Carranza, Omar Matinez, 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, Martin Cervantes, Carolina Flores, Veronica Rodriguez, Hilda Romero.

Dear Lord, I come before you today in need of your healing hand. In you all things are possible. Hold my heart within yours, and renew my mind, body, and soul. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR PARISH www.stmaryandedward.org

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection for May 6 and 7 is for Maintenance and Repair.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO: All who with love helped with their time and donations to welcome our Bishop Luis Rafael, especially those who worked hard on the Land so that Bishop Luis can bless it. May our Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mary pour many blessings on all of you and on our Pastor.

CONFIRMATION: Congratulations to our newly Confirmed, they are Karla Reyes Hernández, Eric Berto Cervantes Carranza, Carlos Alejandro Rico Mejía, Samantha Sierra Rodríguez, Carter Justin Richards, Itzel Garduño Castillo, Jessica Mejía Sierra, Mónica Giselle Mondragón, Isela Ruby Coronado. May the Holy Spirit strengthen their faith and guide them in their service to God, to the Parish and to the Community.

MAY CROWNING: May is the month of the Holy Virgin Mary, Sunday, May 7 all children of the Parish are invited to bring a flower to our Holy Mother. Our Catechists will be outside of the Price building to prepare procession of children into the Church before the 12pm Mass.

FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSAL: First Communion Rehearsal will be held Sunday, May 7, after the 12pm Mass.

FIRST COMMUNION MASS: The Mass for First Communion will be celebrated Saturday, May 13 at 11am, students should arrive 40 minutes earlier to meet with your teacher.

IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH: Welcome! Introduce yourself to Fr. William and fill out a registration card.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: The Bishop's Annual Appeal is a yearly effort that enables the Diocese of Raleigh to fund a variety of vital programs and ministries throughout Eastern NC. The theme for the BAA 2023 is "Stronger Together". If you did not donate yet to the BAA there are commitment cards at the back of the Church, please participate in the BAA, so that we can meet our goal.

Our goal is \$12,970.73.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL PRAYER

Lord God Almighty, we humbly praise you, for you enlighten and inspire those who wish to be great to be of service to each other. By your Son's great commandment, you inspire in us that love and charity, which are the first signs of your Reign of unity and peace among us. Send forth your Spirit, we pray, upon the faithful of the Diocese of Raleigh as we embark on the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2023. Enable us to remember that working together we fulfill your commandment of love and strengthen our resolve to manifest this love in acts of selflessness and compassion. May the generosity expressed in this year's Appeal so foster those bonds of compassion and selflessness that all people might be raised up to a new hope in their lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Monthly Budget \$ 9,500
04/30/23

Offertory: \$2,034.00
Bishop's visit: \$817.00

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

The death penalty:

266. Fear and resentment can easily lead to viewing punishment in a vindictive and even cruel way, rather than as part of a process of healing and reintegration into society. Nowadays, “in some political sectors and certain media, public and private violence and revenge are incited, not only against those responsible for committing crimes, but also against those suspected, whether proven or not, of breaking the law... There is at times a tendency to deliberately fabricate enemies: stereotyped figures who represent all the characteristics that society perceives or interprets as threatening. The mechanisms that form these images are the same that allowed the spread of racist ideas in their time”. This has made all the more dangerous the growing practice in some countries of resorting to preventive custody, imprisonment without trial and especially the death penalty.

267. Here I would stress that “it is impossible to imagine that states today have no other means than capital punishment to protect the lives of other people from the unjust aggressor”. Particularly serious in this regard are so-called extrajudicial or extralegal executions, which are “homicides deliberately committed by certain states and by their agents, often passed off as clashes with criminals or presented as the unintended consequences of the reasonable, necessary and proportionate use of force in applying the law”.

268. “The arguments against the death penalty are numerous and well-known. The Church has rightly called attention to several of these, such as the possibility of judicial error and the use made of such punishment by totalitarian and dictatorial regimes as a means of suppressing political dissidence or persecuting religious and cultural minorities, all victims whom the legislation of those regimes consider ‘delinquents’. All Christians and people of good will are today called to work not only for the abolition of the death penalty, legal or illegal, in all its forms, but also to work for the improvement of prison conditions, out of respect for the human dignity of persons deprived of their freedom. I would link this to life imprisonment... A life sentence is a secret death penalty”.

269. Let us keep in mind that “not even a murderer loses his personal dignity, and God himself pledges to guarantee this”. The firm rejection of the death penalty shows to what extent it is possible to recognize the inalienable dignity of every human being and to accept that he or she has a place in this universe. If I do not deny that dignity to the worst of criminals, I will not deny it to anyone. I will give everyone the possibility of sharing this planet with me, despite all our differences.

270. I ask Christians who remain hesitant on this point, and those tempted to yield to violence in any form, to keep in mind the words of the book of Isaiah: “They shall beat their swords into plowshares” (2:4). For us, this prophecy took flesh in Christ Jesus who, seeing a disciple tempted to violence, said firmly: “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword” (Mt 26:52). These words echoed the ancient warning: “I will require a reckoning for human life. Whoever sheds the blood of a man, by man shall his blood be shed” (Gen 9:5-6). Jesus’ reaction, which sprang from his heart, bridges the gap of the centuries and reaches the present as an enduring appeal.

DAILY READINGS:

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

SAINTS OF THE DAY

May 10 – St John of Avila, Priest, and Doctor of the Church

May 12 – Sts Nereus and Achilleus Martyrs, St Pancras, Martyr