

# *Saints Mary and Edward Catholic Church*

**611 N Main Street—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 in the midst of our diversity, to serve each other and the greater community, to be an active member of our Parish.

**Fr. Albert Lelo, Pastor**

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Webpage:

**[www.stmaryandedward.org](http://www.stmaryandedward.org)**

**Parish Office Hours (English)**

**10:00AM—2:00PM**

**TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY**

**For those who speak only Spanish**

**Fr. Albert will be in the Office to answer your questions before Mass Wednesdays from 6-6:45 and 11:00 - 11:45 between Masses on Sundays**

Appointments at other times can be scheduled in advance when Fr. Albert or volunteer staff are available. We strongly suggest you call the office before you plan to visit to be certain someone is in. **Barring any emergencies, the Office will be open regular hours on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. THE OFFICE WILL CLOSE EARLY AT NOON ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH.**

## **Weekend Masses**

**Saturday 5:00 PM—English**

**Sunday 10:00 AM English**

**Sunday 12:00 PM Spanish**

**Sunday 5:00 PM Spanish**

(Healing Mass last Sunday of the month, Jan 26th  
Bilingual as needed—ALL ARE WELCOME.)

## **Weekday Masses**

**Wednesdays 7:00 PM—Spanish**

(First Wednesday Adoration follows this Mass)

**Thursdays 9:30 AM—English**

**Fridays 9:30 AM—English**

(First Friday Adoration follows this Mass)

## **Confessions**

**Saturdays at 4:00 PM  
or by Appointment**

## TODAY'S GOSPEL

### Alleluia

The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
and to proclaim liberty to the captives.

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

**LUKE 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

### Parish Finances

#### **Fiscal Year 7/1/24—6/30/25**

Projected Average Monthly Expenses     \$ 16,500

1/19/25

Offertory	\$ 1,791
Maintenance and Repair	790
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT</b>	<b>\$ 2,581</b>

**Today our SECOND COLLECTION will be  
an offering of Love and Support  
for our Parishioner, David Pennebaker,  
who lost his home to a house fire last week.  
The National Collection for the Church  
in Latin America is postponed until next week.**

**2025 Envelopes are available this weekend.  
Boxes are labeled. Please pick up your envelopes  
as soon as possible.** Only envelope numbers used in the past 12 months have been issued. If you would like to receive envelopes again, OR if you are new here and you would like to have a record of your donations, Offertory and Special Collection envelopes can be made available to you. Please sign the sheet on the information table either in the Church or the Price Building. You will be assigned envelopes in the order you sign up, and they will be available for you the next time you come to Mass.

If you contribute to the Parish by check, please make your checks payable to:

**Saints Mary and Edward Catholic Church**  
Please DO NOT MAIL CASH. Thank you.

## Please Pray for Our Sick



Gloria Wiener  
Julian Alexander  
Brenda Perkins  
Joan DesRoches  
Tammy Sanford  
Jimmy Bowes  
Wayne Lundby  
Gloria Carranza  
Pedro Darel  
Julia Lozano  
Carmen Alvarez  
Carolina Flores  
Barbara Bradley  
Cristina Otwell  
Pedro Martinez  
Estefania Saenz  
Robert Brackett  
Pat and Peter Erdner  
Luby Shumate  
Arlene Gavitt  
Josephine Francis  
Hugo Olais  
Phyllis Isaac  
Daniel Mejia  
Kathie Weber  
Ninnie Russell  
Cleo Winters

Lela Currier  
Claire Clements  
John and Anita Swanik  
Eliza Spoto  
Martin Rico  
Eduardo Sanchez Bueno  
Nancy Connor  
Omar Martinez  
Maria Elizabeth Ramirez  
Sara Guadalupe Ramirez  
Martin Cervantes  
Veronica Rodriguez  
Betty Bradley  
Catalina Ibarra Guzman  
Emanuel Franco Garibaldi  
Jack Miller  
Bruce Strong  
Linda Suitt  
Luis Fernando Gonzalez Mejia  
Donell Stephens  
Anna Escobedo  
Larry Wright  
Eduardo A. Sanchez-Bueno  
Dina Deeds  
Elizabeth Thaxton  
Larry Lundby  
David Pennebaker

Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to you. Allow Your Healing Hand to heal them. Touch their souls with Your compassion for others; touch their minds with Your Wisdom, and may their mouths always proclaim Your praise.

Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring them health in body and spirit that they may serve You with all their strength. Touch gently their life which you have created, now and forever. Amen.

We ask You, Lord, to hold closely those who have passed from this life into eternity with You. Please smile upon all who have passed as they behold Your loving face. Grant unto them eternal rest, and comfort those they have left behind with Your love, and with the promise that we might all be with You one day in Heaven.

We ask our Parish Family to pray for the repose of the souls of all of our deceased.

If you, a family member, or friend  
are in need of prayers, please call the office:  
336 647-4205

or send your request to our **email address:**

**Office@stsmaenc.org**

Please do not submit someone's name  
without that person's permission.

**The deadline for submitting requests for  
Prayers for Our Sick, or Announcements of any  
kind, for the bulletin is Tuesday by 12:00 PM.**  
Please make your calls or send your emails before this deadline so there is adequate time for editing and publishing the bulletin. Requests received after the deadline may not be published until the following week.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Welcome to Our Parish

If you are new to Saints Mary and Edward Parish, we are so glad to have you join us! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Albert, fill out a registration card (which can be found on the information tables in both the Church and the Price Building), and return it to the Parish Office, or drop it into the Offertory basket the next time you come to Mass. We look forward to getting to know you.

## Sacramental Emergencies

If you have a life threatening emergency, and you require the Pastor to administer the Last Rites/Extreme Unction for someone near death, please use the following numbers:

You may call the **Parish Office at 336 647-4205 during regular business hours**, and a volunteer will contact Fr. Albert for you. If you reach the answering machine or at other times, please use:

**956 456-4646**

## **PLEASE USE THIS NUMBER ONLY FOR TRUE EMERGENCIES**

Anointing of the Sick who are not near death can be scheduled by calling the Parish Office for an appointment to have Fr. Albert visit in the hospital, nursing home or family residence.

## IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES

### Faith Formation

Each week after the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass  
Price Building Classrooms, Main Office and Basement

### Choir Practice

Spanish Choir—Thursdays, 7:00 PM in the Price Building

### Weekly Prayer Group

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM in the Church

### Emmaus Men

Meetings are held each Monday, 7:00 PM  
in the Basement of the Office

### Emmaus Women

Meetings are held each Tuesday, 7:00 PM  
in the Basement of the Office

### Missionaries of The Immaculate Virgin Mary

Meetings are held each Friday, 7:00 PM  
in the Price Building

### Parish Council Meeting

Next meeting date, time and location TBA

### Finance Council

Next meeting date, time and location TBA

If you need to put a committee or group meeting on the calendar, or you need to reserve space in any of the church buildings, please get permission for using the facilities from Fr. Albert. If needed, we will publish your event/meeting on the calendar. Permission/approval for using facilities is always required whether or not your meeting/event is published. Thank you.

## 2024 Tax Statements

Your 2024 Tax Statements will be available for pick-up next weekend. Thank you to all who have supported our Parish throughout last year. All gifts, large or small, are appreciated and help to continue the work of our Parish to share the Good News of the Gospel. We ask you to continue your support, and if you are able, to increase your giving to help us grow and to realize our dream of building a new Church facility. Watch the bulletin for announcements about future plans.

## A Meeting for ALL Counting Team Members

Fr. Albert requests that ALL Team Members make plans to attend this important meeting (regardless of whether or not it is their weekend to count). This meeting will be held after the 12:00 PM Mass TODAY, January 26th.

## Food Collection for the Christian Help Center

The date of our next monthly collection is NEXT WEEKEND, February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. A Food collection bin is available for your donations at all times in both the Church and Price Building. (Please do not include food items that are beyond the use by date.) Saints Mary and Edward Community Outreach wishes to thank everyone for their generosity. We are happy to be helping those in need through these donations.

## Monthly Social

Please join fellow Saints Mary and Edward parishioners for lunch at **Golden Corral on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM**. The first WEDNESDAY of each month will be the new day for our Social get-togethers as we try to resume our gathering. **ALL are invited**. Come join us for food and fellowship.

## WE MADE IT!

**ALL 250 RAFFLE TICKETS HAVE BEEN SOLD!** Thank You to our Emmaus groups for organizing this raffle and Thank You to everyone who purchased tickets. **The first two drawings (\$1,000 and \$2,000) will be drawn at the end of the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, February 9th. The final two drawings (\$3,000 and \$4,000) will be drawn at the end of the 12:00 PM Mass on Sunday, March 9th.** Winners will be announced in the bulletin unless they request to be anonymous. GOOD LUCK to everyone who participated to raise the funds needed for the parking lot and driveway repair. Your support of our Parish projects is greatly appreciated.

## NEW PARISH RESOURCE

**Have you logged into FORMED yet?  
PLEASE GIVE IT A TRY!**

Fr. Albert has opened a subscription to FORMED.org  
**Here's How to Get Started**

- 1) To create your new account go to [formed.org](https://www.formed.org)
- 2) Enter 27573 to find **SS Mary and Edward**
- 3) Enter your name and email to join (no password needed)

Give FORMED a try, and please let us know what you like best about this new way to strengthen your faith.



## Remembering Family and Friends Living and Deceased

Would you like to honor a special occasion or offer healing prayers for someone living? Would you like to offer a Mass intention in memory of your deceased loved ones or friends? We have Mass cards for living and deceased. The suggested offering for a Mass Intention is \$10.00 and **must be reserved in advance. Only one intention per Mass is allowed. Please complete an envelope with all required information and enclose your offering. Intentions should be turned into the Parish Office or placed in the Offertory basket. Intention dates are first come, first served. You will be notified if the date you are requesting has already been reserved by someone else. All future Intentions for Masses will be published in the bulletin.**



If you would like to provide the Sanctuary Lamp that burns before the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle, the suggested offering is \$50.00.

If you would like to help provide the Parish with Altar Bread for the Sacrament of the Eucharist each week, the suggested offering is \$25.00.



Donations are accepted to help offset the cost of Altar flowers each weekend. If you would like to contribute toward Altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, envelopes are on the information tables, and you can place your donation in the offertory basket.

Your help with the purchases of the Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Bread or Altar flowers will be greatly appreciated, as these are ongoing and necessary expenses that continue to increase. Cards can be provided for any of your donations in honor or memory of someone important in your life.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

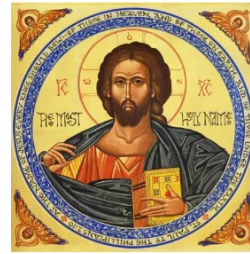
Members of our Saints Mary and Edward Parish family are asked to prayerfully consider becoming a part of two committees that are being reestablished. These two committees are: The Altar Society and the Bereavement Committee. Thank you if you have already signed up to be a part of these two groups.

The Altar Society will be responsible for caring for the Altar Linens and general care of our Worship spaces, preparing for different liturgical seasons, etc. The Bereavement Committee will be called on to assist when a member of the Parish passes away.

Have you ever thought that you would like to be more involved in the life of our Parish? We would love to have you volunteer in some capacity. We have recently added a number of newly trained Eucharistic Ministers. We also have many newly trained Altar Servers. Thank you to the youth who are serving at the Altar for our Masses, and thank you to their parents for encouraging them.

We have other ways that you, too, could be involved. We can always use Greeters and Ushers at our Masses and we would also like to train others to serve as Lectors. You could add your name to those who rotate reading at the Mass you normally attend. If you aren't interested in serving on a regular rotation, you could be a standby for when regular Lectors are unavailable. Please think about volunteering in some capacity. Please call the Office if you are interested in training to Lector at any Mass.

## The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus



God, You appointed Your only-begotten Son to be the Savior of mankind, and You commanded His Name to be Jesus.

I beg that a most ardent love of Your Divine Son imprint that Name upon my heart; that it always be on my mind, and frequently on my lips; that it be my defense in temptation, my refuge in danger, and my consolation and strength in the hour of my death.

Amen

## Daily Readings

Mon 1/27—Sat 2/1



1/27—Hebrews 9:15, 24-28  
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6  
Mark 3:22-30

1/28—**Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas,  
Priest and Doctor of the Church**  
Hebrews 10:1-10  
Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11  
Mark 3:31-35

1/29—Hebrews 3:11-18  
Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4  
Mark 4:1-20

1/30—Hebrews 10:19-25  
Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6  
Mark 4:21-25

1/31—**Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest**  
Hebrews 10:32-39  
Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40  
Mark 4:26-34

2/1—Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19  
Ps Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75  
Mark 4:35-41