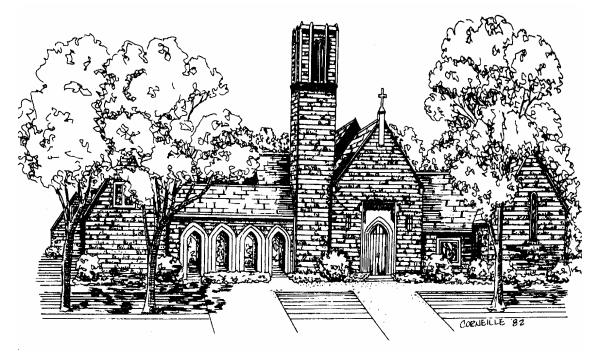
Welcome to

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Feast of St. Mary the Virgin Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.



St. Mary's: Serving with JOY!

The mission of St. Mary's Episcopal Church is to bear God's Good News through joyful worship, Christ-centered teaching, compassionate care, and intentional relationships.

The Feast of St. Mary the Virgin The Holy Eucharist: Rite 2

September 12, 2021 9:30 a.m. (Outdoor Worship)

Welcome to St. Mary's Episcopal Church!

St. Mary's offers three Sunday morning worship opportunities of Holy Eucharist. One is an online pre-recorded liturgy of the Rite 2 service (Spiritual Communion), posted to our Facebook and YouTube platforms. The others are in-person public liturgies (Rite 1 at 8am in the Chapel and Rite 2 at 9:30am in the large church, or outdoors on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month). These liturgies are offered following the parameters outlined in Fr. Tom's Pastoral Letter of August 25th, in accordance with Diocesan guidelines.

For worshipers gathering in person, we thank you for taking seriously the measures that allow us to gather safely. Regarding wearing face coverings at St. Mary's, the familiar Anglican phrase applies: All may, some should, none must. While all are welcome to wear a face covering at any time, we affirm the CDC recommendation that all persons over age 2, especially all who are not vaccinated, should wear a face covering indoors when other people are present. Following the Governor's most recent Executive Order and Bishop Skirving's guidance, no one is required to wear a face covering at St. Mary's. Recognizing that individuals will have varying comfort levels about gathering in public, please be mindful and respectful of social distancing. These practices are appreciated as signs of love for one another.

SERVERS IN THIS LITURGY:

Celebrant & Preacher: Tom Warren Sub-Deacon: Greg Smith, Seminarian Musicians: City Lights Jazz Vocal Soloist: Seraphim Smith Acolytes: Chloe Albritton, Becca McKinley, Jude Tanner Lector: Jo Parrott Ushers: Jimmy Parrot, Gerry Fox, Lee Albritton, Randy Holton Greeters: Dacie & Jess Edwards

Greeting & Announcements

The people sing and stand as they are able for the opening hymn. Opening Hymn "Sing Out My Soul, Rejoice"



Sing out, my soul, rejoice, and magnify the Lord. My soul rejoice and sing the glory of the Lord. His favor rests upon his handmaid evermore; Sing out, my soul.

Blest now and always be, O magnify the Lord. His wondrous deeds, his holy Name, and mercy sure; For all to love, for all to worship evermore; Sing out, my soul.

The poor and meek he feeds, O magnify the Lord. The rich and proud are humbled by his mighty arm. The hopeless raised, his loving promises upheld; Sing out, my soul.

Sing out, my soul, rejoice, and magnify the Lord. My soul rejoice and sing the glory of the Lord. His favor rests upon his handmaid evermore; Sing out, my soul.

A Marian Hymn; text based on 'The Song of Mary" Written in honor of the Feast of Title, St. Mary's, Kinston, NC Text: H. G. Randolph, Jr., 1985

Opening Acclamation

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Then the Celebrant continues

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Minister and People say together the Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

All may be seated for the readings.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah: [61:10-11] I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 34

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

- 2 I will glory in the Lord; * let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; * let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; * happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, * for those who fear him lack nothing.

A Reading from Book of the Apostle James: [3:1-12] Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

All stand as they are able.

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.All may be seated.People

The Sermon

All stand as they are able.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

Luke 1:46-55

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We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People - Form III

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- *Leader* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
- People That we all may be one.
- *Leader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
- People That your Name may be glorified by all people.
- Leader We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Rob, our diocesan bishop; Tom, our Rector; Greg & Jon our postulants for Holy Orders; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader We pray for Joe, our President; Roy, our Governor; Don, our Mayor; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

- *Leader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
- People That our works may find favor in your sight.
- *Leader* Have compassion on all who are named on the St. Mary's prayer list, on all whose lives and livelihoods have been seriously impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, and on all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
- People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

- Leader In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all expectant mothers, fathers, & families; especially Abigail & Stephen Mazingo and Abby & Trey Means. We thank you, Lord, for the gift of life and pray your blessing over all your children of every age, and those yet to be born. May this season of expectancy for these families be a time of drawing closer to you and may they be inspired and strengthened to trust and follow you in every part of their lives. Lord, in your mercy,
- People Hear our prayer.

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Prayers may be lifted aloud or in the silence of our hearts at this time.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you. People And also with you.

The Offertory

A collection basin is located at the entrance of the church where worshippers may, at their desired time, place offerings for Christ and His church.



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Words: Reginald Heber

Music: Nicea

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.	
People	And also with you.	
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.	
People	We lift them to the Lord	
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.	
Celebrant <i>People</i> Celebrant	Lift up your hearts. <i>We lift them to the Lord</i> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, **Holy, **Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people, in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."**

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."**

Therefore according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Family, and all yous saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ****AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

Ministration of Communion

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are welcome to share in the banquet of the Lord's Supper. Please speak to the clergy if you would like to learn more about baptism and following Jesus as a baptized Christian.

**Indicates times when the Sanctus bells may be rung.

During this time, communion is shared in one kind (bread only). Anglican eucharistic theology has consistently taught that Christ is truly and fully present in either, the bread or the wine of communion. The full benefits of communion are available to the faithful in extra-ordinary circumstances when sharing both the bread and wine are not possible.

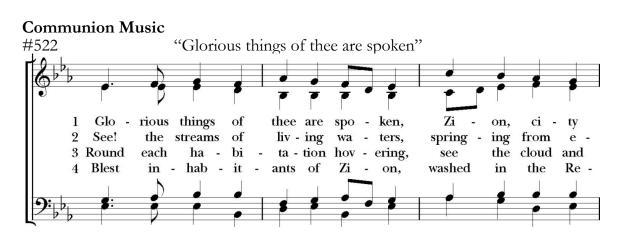
To receive communion, please stand where you are and a Eucharistic Minister will bring communion to you.

If you would prefer to receive a prayer of blessing, please continue to stand and as the clergy draws near, cross your arms across your chest to indicate your intention.

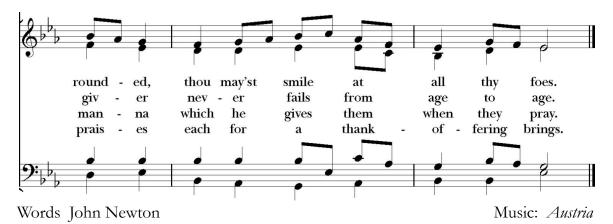
Please be seated after you have received communion or a blessing so the clergy can easily tell who still desires to receive communion or a blessing.

For those not wishing to receive communion, you are invited to pray this prayer of Spiritual Communion, adapted from the Armed Forces Prayer Book.

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I can not now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live and die in your love. Amen.







Postcommunion Prayer

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Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Dismissal

CelebrantGo in peace to love and serve the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Please enjoy music from City Lights Jazz as you go through the Ministry Fair!

ANNOUNCEMENT'S This Week's Schedule – September 12, 2021

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10:45 pm	Ministry Fair on the West Lawn
8:00 pm	AA meets in Moseley Hall
6:00 pm	BSA Round Table Meeting
8:30 am	Morning Prayer in the All Saints' Chapel
9am-noon	Fr. Tom's Office Hours
12:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry @ Queen Street Deli
7:00 am	Men's Bible & Prayer Group in Moseley Hall
9am-noon	Fr. Tom's Office Hours
3:15 pm	Parish Staff Meeting
	8:00 pm 6:00 pm 8:30 am 9am-noon 12:30 pm 7:00 am 9am-noon

- Thurs. 8:30 am Morning Prayer in the All Saints' Chapel 2-4:30 pm Fr. Tom's Office Hours
- Fri. 9am-1:30pm Fr. Tom's Office Hours
- Sat. 10am-3:30pm yOUThREACH Diocesan youth event in New Bern

THE FEAST OF ST. MARY AND MINISTRY FAIR - Whether you are a newcomer or a longtime member of St. Mary's Church, you'll enjoy learning about the many opportunities for service and fellowship that bind us together as a faith community. An online Ministry Fair link will be emailed to church members and a display of tables will be set up at the back of the West Lawn to share information on how you can get involved in these wonderful ministries. We hope you will enjoy learning more about "Serving with JOY" with the St. Mary's Parish Family.

THE SEPTEMBER BELL RINGER is available now!!! Read all about the "New Beginnings" at St. Mary's at <u>this link</u>, or be sure to pick up your hard copy on Sunday when you join us for worship!

NEW GATHERING GUIDELINES IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID DELTA VARIANT: In consultation with the vestry and community medical professionals, Fr. Tom has offered updated guidance for the ways that the St. Mary's family gathers. Copies of his letter dated August 25 are on the tables with bulletins and also on the St. Mary's website. These guidelines will be re-assessed at the September Vestry meeting. May God bless and guide us all in our efforts of loving our neighbors.

COVID-19 VACCINE HELP CENTER - The COVID-19 vaccine help center, operated by the NCDHHS, can be reached at 888-675-4567. Callers can get help with general COVID-19 vaccine questions, clinical questions about the vaccine, how to find vaccine locations, and transportation services. The CDC continues to recommend the use of the FDA-approved Pfizer-BioNTech (COMIRNATY) COVID-19 Vaccine for people 16 years and older, as one of the recommended vaccines to protect against COVID-19. The CDC also continues to recommend the vaccine under an emergency use authorization (EUA) for adolescents 12 through 15 years old, as well as an additional mRNA dose for moderately to severely immunocompromised people.

FALL SERMON SERIES - Join us during the month of September, as we spend time reading through the Letter of James in our worship services. The series **began August 29 and will run through September 26**.

HURRICANE IDA RESPONSE: Because of the generosity of this parish, a contribution from the Rector's Discretionary Fund is being made towards the Episcopal Relief & Development's recovery efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane IDA. If you would like to learn more about how ERD engages in recovery efforts and/or make a

further individual contribution, please visit <u>www.episcopalrelief.org</u>. Please continue to hold these efforts in your prayers and may God bless your giving.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY! - Offerings for all ages begin next week. Adults and children will meet after the 9:30am liturgy and Middle/High Schoolers will meet from 3pm-4:30pm. The children will enjoy age-appropriate activities based on the Bible readings from that Sunday. The youth and adults will be watching and discussing the critically acclaimed and fascinating film series about Jesus and His disciples, *The Chosen.* The Adult Forum will be meeting in person in Moseley Hall and an online option for engaging in conversation will also be available - a Zoom link will be shared via email sometime this coming week.

ECW FALL BIBLE STUDY - The ECW invites you to a fall Bible study **beginning Tuesday, September 14th at 4pm in Moseley Hall** as we read, learn, and discuss the Book of Esther. We hope you will bring your Bible, invite a friend, and join us as we are reminded by the Book of Esther that God's divine timing is always the best.

DIOCESAN OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION: The Diocese of East Carolina currently has a job opening for an Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper. Visit <u>www.diocese-eastcarolina.org/</u> for more information.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: St. Peter's, Washington The Rev'd Christopher Adams, Rector The Rev'd Deacon Katherine Mitchell

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Diane and Scott Bowen

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jonathan Houston, Allie McNairy, Mara Moye, Jen Dean, Kathy Hyler, Javier Escabi-Rodriguez

Tom Warren Rector
Sharon VeitchOrganist/Choirmaster
Stuart StroudSenior Warden
Jimmy BallardJunior Warden
Jon SargeantTreasurer
Audra HaddadClerk of the Vestry
Lori KellyParish Administrator
Liz HengstYouth/Families Ministry Coordinator
Sherry TannerCommunications Director
Jim GodfreyMary's Kitchen Director
Susan FoxAltar Guild Chair
Laury SargeantECW President
Greg SmithSeminarian

Parish Vestry				
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