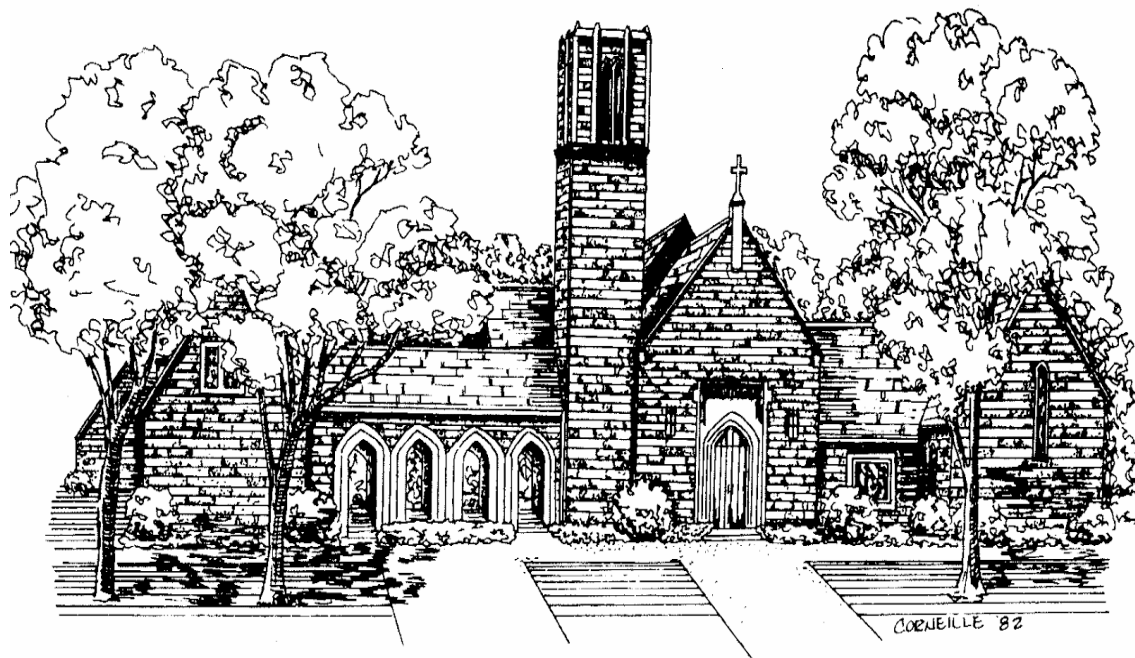


# Welcome to St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The First Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, November 28, 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 First Sunday of Advent Sunday, November 28, 2021

9:30 a.m.

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite 2

*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 liturgies (Rite 1 at 8am in the Chapel and Rite 2 at 9:30am in the large church). These liturgies are offered following the parameters outlined in Fr. Tom's [Pastoral Letter of November 17th](#), in accordance with [Diocesan guidelines](#).*

*As we enter into a new season of the pandemic, many restrictions are being lifted from our ways of gathering. Regarding wearing face coverings at St. Mary's, the familiar Anglican phrase applies: **All may, some should, none must**. All are welcome to wear a face covering at any time. We acknowledge the CDC recommendation for all persons over age 2 to wear a face covering indoors when virus transmission is "substantial" or "high" in the area, according to the CDC county data tracker. Following the Governor's latest Executive Orders 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 one another.*

### **SERVERS IN THIS LITURGY:**

Celebrant and Preacher: Tom Warren

Sub-Deacon: Greg Smith, Seminarian

Organist: Jean Haislip Clay, Guest Organist

Vocal Soloist: Seraphim Smith

Acolytes: Ty Wentz, Isabel Rosa-Irizarry, Chloe Albritton

Lector: Terah Archie

Eucharistic Ministers: Ike Hines, Greg Smith, Susan Fox, & Terah Archie

Ushers: Jude Warren, Mark Herring, Jon Sargeant, Dan Sale

Greeters: Jessica and Sandy Shimer

**Greeting & Announcements**

*The people stand as they are able during the procession.*

**Processional Hymn #56** "O come, O come, Emmanuel" *Veni, Veni, Emmanuel*

**Opening Acclamation**

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*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* ***And 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.***

**The Collect of the Day**

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and 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 Jeremiah:

[33:14-16]

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People*

***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 25:1-9

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

A Reading from St. Paul's First Letter to the Church in Thessalonica: [3:9-13]  
How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

*The people stand as they are able. The Gospel lesson is read in between the two hymn verses.*

**Gospel Hymn #707** "Take my life, and let it be" *Hollingside*

The Holy Gospel Luke 21:25-36

*All stand as they are able.*

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*All may be seated.*

## **The Sermon**

Fr. Tom

*All stand as they are able.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

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*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.*

*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 I**

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*Intercessor* With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

*Intercessor* For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*Intercessor* For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*Intercessor* 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 the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*Intercessor* For Joe, our President; for the leaders of the nations; for Roy, our Governor; for Don, our Mayor; and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*Intercessor* For this city of Kinston, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*Intercessor* For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*Intercessor* For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*Intercessor* For the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*Intercessor* For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Sam Gilmore [and \_\_\_\_\_], and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for those preparing for marriage; especially Emma & Drew, Hadley & Ian, Susan & David, Cally & Rankin, Ridge & Kathryn, and Madison & Taylor. Give them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. May this season be one of heightened anticipation of your presence in their lives, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* In the communion of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Family, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*People* **To thee, O Lord our God.**

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.*

*The Celebrant offers a concluding collect*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Confession**

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*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**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

**Offertory Hymn #68** “Rejoice! Rejoice, believers”

*Llangloffan*

*The People with gladness give to God their gifts of tithes and offerings.*

**Presentation Hymn #380 vs. 3** Doxology

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*All stand as they are able.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B**

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*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.***

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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

*All sing the Sanctus*

Hymnal S130



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

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

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.*

*Communion is offered in both kinds (bread & wine). Please bring an appropriate cup that, ideally, is set apart for this sacred use. Compostable cups are also available in the narthex and ushers will have some with them at communion time. At the usher's invitation, receive bread at the bottom of the chancel steps, then proceed to receive and consume wine in your cup, if desired. At the third station, water is poured into the communion cup to rinse it. Please consume the water before returning to your seat. Compostable cups may be left in the container near the third station or in the narthex.*

*If you would prefer to receive a prayer of blessing, please come to clergy and cross your arms across your chest which will indicate that this is your desire. If, for mobility concerns, you would prefer for communion to be brought to you, please tell an usher.*

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*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.***

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## Communion Music

Hymn #439

“What wondrous love is this”

*Wondrous Love*

Hymn #711

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God”

*Seek Ye First*

## 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.*

## An Advent Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*The People respond: Amen.*

**Recessional Hymn #73** “The King shall come when morning dawns” *St. Stephen*

## Dismissal

*Officiant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Lift Up Your head, Ye Mighty Gates

David Lasky

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### This Week's Schedule – November 28, 2021

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|-------|-----------|--|
| Sun.  | 8-11:30am | Pick Up Advent Wreath Materials (Moseley Hall) |
|       | 10:45 am  | Adult Christian Formation                      |
|       | 10:45 am  | Children's Ministry Sunday School              |
|       | 10:45 am  | Usher Training                                 |
|       | 3:00 pm   | EYC  |
|       | 8:00 pm   | AA meets in Moseley Hall                       |
| Tues. | 8:30 am   | Morning Prayer in the All Saints' Chapel       |
|       | 12:30 pm  | Prayer Shawl Ministry @ Queen Street Deli      |
|       | 4:00 pm   | ECW Bible Study                                |
| Wed.  | 7:00 am   | Men's Bible & Prayer Group in Moseley Hall     |
|       | 3:30 pm   | Parish Staff Meeting                           |

6:00 pm EfM (Moseley Hall)  
Thurs. 8:30 am Morning Prayer in the All Saints' Chapel  
2-4:30 pm Fr. Tom's Office Hours  
5:45pm Handbell Choir Practice  
7:00 pm Choir Practice  
Fri. 9am-1:30pm Fr. Tom's Office Hours

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Mike Haddad, who is an incredible father and wonderful husband. We love you, and happy birthday! La Familia*

**WELCOME JEAN HAISLIP CLAY!** We are so glad to have you share in music ministry with us this morning!

**COMMUNION CUPS** - We are SO grateful for Renee Herlong for leading us in designing the communion cups for individuals & households. If you painted one, yours can be picked up as you enter church today. If you missed the opportunity to paint your own, there are a limited number of cups that were painted for you. Please select one of your choosing to own (take it with you)! While donations are always welcome, there is no charge for any of these cups! Compostable cups are also available for one-time use.

**ADVENT BEGINS TODAY!** - This Sunday, we begin a new Advent season as well as the new Church Year - "Year C" in our 3-year lectionary cycle. Throughout most of this year's Sundays, we will read through the Gospel of Luke. Happy New Year!

**ADVENT WREATHS** - All are welcome to collect Advent Wreath kits to take and put together for home use in the season. The kits will be located in Moseley Hall. May God bless your Advent devotions.

**MINISTRY TRAINING SESSIONS** - With many recent additions to our worship life, training has been scheduled for Sunday mornings at 10:45am for ushers (Nov 28 & Dec 5), Acolytes (Dec 12), and Eucharistic Ministers & Visitors (Dec 19 in the Chapel). All are welcome to join in these ministries and come to the training!

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION STUDY: THE ADVENT CONSPIRACY** begins today during the Christian Formation hour. This will be a 4 week study meeting in the parlor at 10:45am for a short video and group discussion. We have a few copies of the book available or you can purchase it through Amazon, but reading the book is not necessary to participate in this study. Please join us if you can! Contact Audra Haddad if you would like to help facilitate one of the weeks using the study guide.

**GIFTS FOR FOSTER CHILDREN** - For over forty-five years, members of St. Mary's and groups within the parish have generously supported the foster children in our community by providing Christmas gifts. With your overwhelming response last Sunday, we only have three children left on our list. Please review the following list and consider choosing a child and making Christmas more meaningful:

- "D.C". - male, 12 yrs old: Skateboard, \$100 Walmart Gift Card, Air Jordan Sneakers, MP3 Player, Gamestop Gift Card, Basketball, 3DS Nintendo, Size 10.5 Men's Shoes, Size 36 Men's Pants, Size Large Men's Shirts
- "Ty.M." - male, 7 yrs old: Playstation 4, iPad, Size 8 Shoes, Size 12 Pants
- "N.W." - male, 13 yrs old: XBox, Scooter, Action Figures (Dragon Ball Z, Naruto), 3D Printer, Size 9.5 Men's Shoes

Please contact Becky Darst for any questions, to choose a child, or make a donation by email at [rcdarst@suddenlink.net](mailto:rcdarst@suddenlink.net), or text 252-521-9800. The gifts will be blessed at the 9:30am liturgy on Sunday, December 12th.

**ECW FALL BOOK STUDY** - Join the women of St. Mary's book study on Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others will conclude this Tuesday (November 30th). Thank you Juliet Barrus and Pam Mazingo for leading this group.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** - The Kids Ministries and EYC are in need of unused Christmas cards for some upcoming projects. Please donate any unused cards Christmas cards by dropping them off to the office during business hours. Liz will also be happy to accept them on Sundays as well.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** - As we enter Advent, we share our anticipation for the return of a live Christmas Pageant on December 24th at 5pm! This year, we have many main character roles available (minimal speaking involved). All children and youth (from babies - 12th graders) are invited to sign up for a role by December 12th (contact Liz or use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex). Liz will share the assigned roles on December 13th. Pageant Practice will be Sunday, December 19th at 10:45am. In addition to the main roles, we are excited to include parish-wide participation during the pageant by encouraging you to choose a prop (or multiple!) located in the Narthex as you enter the service Christmas Eve. With the help of the Narrator, you will be given directions regarding the prop you have chosen and when your participation is needed during the pageant. You won't even have to leave your pew to join the fun! Questions? Please email Liz at [lhengst@stmaryskinston.com](mailto:lhengst@stmaryskinston.com).

**ST. MARY'S COOKIE WALK** - Join us for our DRIVE THRU St. Mary's Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 11th from 11am-Noon. We will have delicious, beautifully boxed cookies ready for pick up (small box for \$10 or large box for \$25). Nut-free boxes also will be available. Come for a festive drive thru experience and pick up some Cookie LOVE to enjoy and to share this Christmas season! Please enter Cookie Alley from Rhem Street entrance. Bakers are needed for this event! Cookies may be dropped off to the church office through Thursday, Dec. 9th or to Moseley Hall beginning Friday, Dec. 10th from 9am-6pm. If you are interested in helping, please contact Laury Sargeant at [jsarg4@suddenlink.net](mailto:jsarg4@suddenlink.net).

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & VESTRY ELECTION** - Thank you to all who participated in the election process by submitting a nomination ballot! This year, the Annual Parish Meeting will occur during the 9:30am liturgy next Sunday, December 5. After the Peace and before the Offertory that morning, we will elect our next 4-person vestry class. We anticipate that the liturgy will last about the same as usual. The Annual Report will be available online and in hard copy. Please speak with Fr. Tom or any member of the vestry with any questions regarding this process.

**DELEGATE TO DIOCESAN CONVENTION** - St. Mary's may be represented by 3 lay delegates at the upcoming Diocesan Convention, which will be held in Wilmington on February 11-12. Delegates must be confirmed and 16 years old or older. Please let Fr. Tom know by Wednesday, December 1 if you would be interested in serving in this way.

**NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY** - Music is a regular part of our Sunday morning worship, and we invite you to join our handbells, choir, or both! We meet on Thursday nights, handbells at 5:45-6:45 pm and choir at 7-8pm. If you like to sing and enjoy blending with other voices, please join us - you do not need a soloist's voice. For any questions, please email Sharon Veitch ([sveitch@stmaryskinston.com](mailto:sveitch@stmaryskinston.com)) or call/text her at 910-548-6836.

**DIOCESAN MISSION PRIORITIES** - Bishop Rob Skirving and the Executive Council of the Diocese of East Carolina invite your participation in discerning and refining the mission priorities for us as a Diocese. Read the draft priorities and watch video presentations by Bishop Rob online at: [www.diocese-eastcarolina.org/discerning-mission-priorities/](http://www.diocese-eastcarolina.org/discerning-mission-priorities/). Please email your feedback to [missionpriorities@diocese-eastcarolina.org](mailto:missionpriorities@diocese-eastcarolina.org).

**FINDING LIGHT IN A PANDEMIC: AN ADVENT RETREAT** - Mark your calendars for an Advent “Julian of Norwich Retreat,” December 3-5 at Pelican House at Trinity Center, Pine Knoll Shores. For more information, contact Nancy Reynolds at 252-247-5600 or by email at [trinityctrregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:trinityctrregistrar@gmail.com).

**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.

**DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:** Christ Church & Galilee Mission, Creswell, St. Luke & St. Anne’s, Roper

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Charlie Classen, Wyatt Webster, Randy Jones, Dolores Collins, Mike Haddad, Lori Kelly, Allyson Sugg

Tom Warren..... Rector  
 Sharon Veitch.....Organist/Choirmaster  
 Stuart Stroud.....Senior Warden  
 Jimmy Ballard.....Junior Warden  
 Jon Sargeant .....Treasurer  
 Audra Haddad .....Clerk of the Vestry  
 Lori Kelly.....Parish Administrator  
 Liz Hengst...Youth/Families Ministry Coordinator  
 Sherry Tanner.....Communications Director  
 Jim Godfrey.....Mary’s Kitchen Director  
 Susan Fox.....Altar Guild Chair  
 Laury Sargeant.....ECW President  
 Greg Smith.....Seminarian

Parish Vestry

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Jimmy Ballard	John John
Sam Gilmore	Scott Turik
Jessica Shimer	Dee Warner
Stuart Stroud	Harry Wooten

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Skip Greene  
 Audra Haddad  
 Vicki Kennedy  
 Pam Mazingo

# **SUNDAYS AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH**

**All are welcome!**

8:00 am - Online Liturgy of  
Holy Eucharist: Rite 2 (Spiritual Communion)  
posted to our YouTube and Facebook platforms

8:00 am  
Holy Eucharist: Rite 1  
in the All Saints' Chapel

9:30 am  
Holy Eucharist: Rite 2  
in the large Sanctuary

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