

Pope's Intentions: November

Universal – Communication and Reconciliation

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter and reconciliation emerges in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

VOLUNTEER Opportunities:

Johnston Food Bank – 2nd Thursday of each month from 8–11AM

Stock shelves and bag food items for distribution.

Located at the old Mobley Library across from the Johnston Elementary school.

ECCHO 300 Gray St. –Tuesdays & Saturdays from 9AM-NOON

Sort and hang clothing – Clean and sort the food pantry

December 3 and December 7

Let us build faith through love in our marriages. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020 in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803-810-9602.



A marriage help program that gives couples the opportunity to sign off, get away, and examine their lives together in a real and realistic way.

The next weekend retreat is November 15-17.

Couples may register online at HelpOurMarriage.org, where you may also find additional information.

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- Go to formed.org/signup
 - Select parish
- Register with your name and email address
- Check email for a link to begin using Formed

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Sunday, November 24, 2019

9:00AM

Welcome To

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Santa María de la Inmaculada Concepción

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Office Hours:

Monday: 10:00-3:00

Tuesday: 10:00-3:00

Wednesday: 10:00-3:00



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey Del Universo

Please join us for Fellowship after Mass in the Parish Hall

Get to know your church family.

Thanksgiving Day Mass Thursday, November 28 at 6PM

St Mary's Ministries

Volunteers are needed to help with healthy brunch items, snacks and clean up.
Contact Krysti 803-508-3818 if you would like to participate.

Men's Club Meeting will be held November 25TH at 6PM

Adult Religious Education, Tuesday, November 26TH after Mass at approximately 6:45. This course is "The First 500 Years, The Fathers, Councils, and Doctrines of the Early Church." (David Meconi, S.J.)

Please contact Tony with any questions.



The Legion of Mary will hold its weekly meeting, Thursday, November 28TH following Mass at approximately 6:45.
Please contact the office or Alejandra Tamayo at 803-480-3394

St Mary's Christmas Angel Giving Tree

The tree will be up shortly. When you see it in church, please pick a gift tag and purchase the needed item on the tag. Then, please return the unwrapped gift with the tag tapped on it to Church by Sunday December 8, 2019 so Amy may wrap them and distribute them to the thankful children in time for Christmas morning.

Sincere thanks and God's blessings to all who participate in this wonderful ministry!

Please send any information you would like included in the bulletin no later than the end of office hours the Tuesday before you would like it to be included.

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS 9:00AM

MASS INTENTIONS

- For the People

November 24, 2019
Celebrants: Fr. Raj Mahimai Doss
Fr. Emmanuel Ekwelum
Deacon: Dcn. Larry Deschaine
Lector: Bob/John
Presentation of Gifts:
John and Connie Wight

Holy Adoration and Confession:
Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-6PM
Mass: Tuesday and Thursday at 6PM

December 1, 2019
Celebrants: Fr. Raj Mahimai Doss
Fr. Emmanuel Ekwelum
Deacon: Dcn. Larry Deschaine
Lector: John/Pressley
Presentation of Gifts:
Amy Wilhelm and Family

<u>Finances</u>	
(November 17) Reg. Collection	1,647.00
Weekly Budget	2,503.00
(x 126 weeks)	315,378.00
YTD Collections	211,552.09
YTD Balance	(-103,825.91)
Building/Maint. Fund	21,257.09
Cemetery Fund 50	3,269.30
Outside Donations	9,581.39
DOC Collections:	
Campaign for Human Development	

Sun. Readings: Year C Page 679

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Psalm 122:1-5

Colossians 1:12-20

Luke 23:35-43

Saint of the Day

Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions' Story

Andrew Dung-Lac, a Catholic convert ordained to the priesthood, was one of 117 people martyred in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862. Members of the companions group gave their lives for Christ in the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries, and received beatification during four different occasions between 1900 and 1951. All were canonized during the papacy of Saint John Paul II.

Christianity came to Vietnam through the Portuguese. Jesuits opened the first permanent mission at Da Nang in 1615. They ministered to Japanese Catholics who had been driven from Japan.

Severe persecutions were launched at least three times in the 19th century. During the six decades after 1820, between 100,000 and 300,000 Catholics were killed or subjected to great hardship. Foreign missionaries martyred in the first wave included priests of the Paris Mission Society, and Spanish Dominican priests and tertiaryaries.

In 1832, Emperor Minh-Mang banned all foreign missionaries, and tried to make all Vietnamese deny their faith by trampling on a crucifix. Like the priest-holes in Ireland during English persecution, many hiding places were offered in homes of the faithful.

Persecution broke out again in 1847, when the emperor suspected foreign missionaries and Vietnamese Christians of sympathizing with a rebellion led by one of his sons.

The last of the martyrs were 17 laypersons, one of them a 9-year-old, executed in 1862. That year a treaty with France guaranteed religious freedom to Catholics, but it did not stop all persecution.

By 1954, there were over a million Catholics—about seven percent of the population—in the north. Buddhists represented about 60 percent. Persistent persecution forced some 670,000 Catholics to abandon lands, homes and possessions and flee to the south. In 1964, there were still 833,000 Catholics in the north, but many were in prison. In the south, Catholics were enjoying the first decade of religious freedom in centuries, their numbers swelled by refugees.

During the Vietnamese war, Catholics again suffered in the north, and again moved to the south in great numbers. Now reunited, the entire country is under Communist rule.

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