

A Note from Father Mike

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday everyone. It has been one week since our Lord's resurrection. Yet, the apostles are still in the same place they were the night before Easter. They are in the same room, behind the same locked doors. Despite being afraid and hiding in fear, our Lord appears to his apostles. They are overjoyed at seeing our Lord. Yet Thomas, who was not there, needs more than just the testimony of others, for him to believe. Despite Thomas' initial lack of faith, we should be inspired by his transformation. He makes a powerful profession of faith in his words, "*My Lord and my God.*" He then places that faith into action. He brings the gospel of Christ to the world and dies a martyr. That sure does not sound much like a doubter, does it? It sounds more like someone who grew and changed. Someone for whom the resurrection of Christ was real. It just took a little time, as it does for most of us. We too, like Thomas, may only understand the depth of God's love for us, by gazing upon our Lord's wounds. Even though we consider ourselves Christians and talk about the many beautiful values of the faith, we still need to experience our savior, by touching his love. So, we may ask ourselves, how does this happen? To experience this, the locked doors of our heart must be opened, to experience his love and mercy. For God's mercy is not simply one of his attributes, but it is the very essence of his heart. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God who is wounded by love for us, comes to meet us in our woundedness. Let us not be afraid to open our hearts to him.

Oh, how great God's love, forgiveness and mercy are. It is beyond our human understanding. The only way we can start to grasp it, is maybe to envision an ocean. An ocean of God's mercy. The end of which we cannot see. The depth of which we cannot fathom. Our Lord stands on the edge of his gentle, merciful and forgiving waters. Longing for us to approach his ocean of mercy, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To be washed clean, made new again, and to be healed and strengthened. To be washed so gently, like the morning dew, which cleans the most delicate of flowers. He waits so patiently on the edge of the ocean of his mercy. Waiting for us to approach, yet so few come. So, few take advantage of his merciful and forgiving waters. If we have not been to his healing waters in a while, make the journey. Thomas made that journey, and look how it touched his heart. It is a journey that we will never regret making. Let our risen Savior clean, renew, and strengthen us. Each journey begins with an open heart. A heart that strives to live those precious words, "*Jesus, I Trust in You.*"

In His Love,

Fr. Mike Coveyou

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Upcoming Events & Mass Intentions

Saturday Apr 26

No Confessions

5pm- Mass (Denise and Aaron DeBlois)

Divine Mercy Sunday Apr 27

9am- Mass (Healing for Collette Thomas)

Mass This Weekend

[Click HERE](#) to Stream our 9am Mass

Music for Sunday Masses

Gathering: Alleluia Entrance Antiphon
Responsorial Psalm: 118: This Is The Day
Preparation: We Walk by Faith
Communion 1: I Shall Not Want

11am- Mass (The Wheeler Family)
3pm- Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration
3pm- Confessions
4:30- Apostello
6pm- Youth Mass (Parishioners of StMM)
7:15pm- EDGE & the Way

Monday Apr 28

9am- Mass (Jack & Edith Crawford +)
6:30pm- Family Rosary

Tuesday Apr 29

9am- Mass (Margaret Sansone)
6:15pm- Gather/Rock

Wednesday Apr 30

9am- Mass (Maureen Hart +)
10am- Forward in Hope

Thursday May 1

9am- Mass (Lyla Gabler +)
9:50am- Morning Rosary with CSO
12:30pm- StMM Book Club
6pm- Youth Music Ministry
7pm- Bible Study
7pm- Knights of Columbus meeting

Friday May 2

9am- Mass (Michael L. Douglas +)
First Friday Adoration will be after Mass
in the Chapel

Saturday May 3

No Confessions
5pm- Mass (Joseph & Agnes Baker +)

Sunday May 4

9am- Mass (Annabelle Firrincieli +)
11am- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)
12:15pm- Power & Purpose Conference
information meeting
4:30pm- Apostello
6pm- Youth Mass (Robert Awrey)
7:15pm- EDGE & the Way

Communion 2: Goodness of God
Communion 3: Gratitude
Sending Forth: Alleluia! Love Is Alive

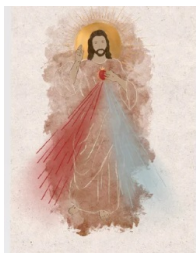
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Take this opportunity to consider donating
flowers to St. Mary Magdalene to beautify the
altar and church for weekly Mass to honor our
Lord. These flowers will be donated in honor of
or in memory of your loved one. Click [here](#). For
questions, contact floralministry@stmm.net

Divine Mercy Sunday



The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday!

Join us in celebrating this
special Feast of Mercy on
Sunday, April 27th at 3 PM.
Everyone is welcome—bring
your family, friends, and
children!

The afternoon will include
uplifting music, prayers,
Adoration, and Benediction. This year, we're
excited to offer **Reconciliation** as well. Doors
open at 2:40 PM, and we will begin promptly at
3PM. For any questions, please contact
hoffman@stmm.net
We look forward to seeing you there!

Divine Mercy Novena

**The Divine Mercy
Novena** begins on
Good Friday, April 18th
and concludes
Saturday, April 26th. In
private revelations to
St. Faustina, Jesus
asked that the Feast of
Divine Mercy be
preceded by a novena
praying for nine
intentions with the
Divine Mercy Chaplet.

**The novena can be accessed online at [DM
Novena](#).**



Church News, School News, Lent & Easter information, Ministries, Groups, and Events

Please click on the link for more information.

Church News

- [StMM Tax Statements for 2024](#)
- [Baptism Information](#)
- [Safe Environment Training for Volunteers](#)
- [OCIA- Order of Christian Initiation for Adults](#)
- [OCIA Prayer Corner](#)
- [Study of the Torah with Deacon Dev](#)
- [First Friday Eucharistic Adoration](#)
- [Adult Faith Refresher & Confirmation Prep with Deacon Rick begins on May 15th](#)
- [Divorced Catholics Seeking an Annulment](#)
- [Young Men's Retreat for High School Students 6/21 to 6/24](#)
- [Priesthood Discernment Pilgrimage 6/27 to 6/29](#)
- [StMM 25th Anniversary Events](#)
- [Altar Flowers- click here to donate flowers to beautify the altar at StMM](#)

School News

- [StMM School Tours for Prospective Students](#)
- [Therapeutic Summer Camp for 3rd-5th Grades in June- Register by 5/30](#)
- [StMM School Summer Camps -6/9 through 6/27- Open to Parishioners- *Registration deadline extended to 5/9](#)

Ministries, Groups, & Events

- [Life in the Spirit Seminar on 5/31](#)
- [Columbiettes Cookbook- Coming Soon!](#)
- [Catholic Women 18 yrs and older- We invite you to join the Mulholland Columbiettes!](#)

Ministries, Groups, & Events Continued

- [Prayer Team -Sign up to request prayers or to join prayer team](#)
- [Women's Retreat for those who have been sexually abused](#)
- [Traveling St. John Vianney Ministry- sign up to pray for our priests](#)
- [Power & Purpose Conference in Steubenville, OH on 6/20-6/22](#)
- [Want to learn more about the Power and Purpose Conference? Come to the Open House on 5/4 after Mass](#)
- [Worldwide Marriage Encounter on 5/2-5/4](#)
- [Frassati Young Adult Group Upcoming Events](#)
- [Project Rachel Support Group - for hope and healing after abortion](#)
- [Project Rachel Retreat 6/6 to 6/8](#)
- [Therapeutic Summer Camp for 3rd-5th Grades in June- Register by 5/30](#)
- [Courage - A support group for those facing same-sex attraction](#)
- [EnCourage- A support group for relatives of people who experience same-sex attraction](#)
- [Catholic Parish Outreach Food Pantry is having their 13th Annual Pig Picking on 4/26](#)
- [Forward in Hope- Grief Support Group to begin in May](#)
- [Divine Mercy Novena will be prayed outside A Woman's Choice abortion clinic 4/18-4/26](#)
- [JobWorks Career Ministry presents: Inside State Jobs: Landing a Career with North Carolina on 5/8](#)
- [Walking with Purpose Podcast Series will be held during the summer at StMM & a Book Study in Sept](#)
- [Respect Life Ministry- Prayer intentions collected before & after](#)

- CSO Catholic Senior Organization for women and men 60+
- Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry
- Parish Athletics Spring Soccer and Baseball
- Mass on 5/3 & 5/4 in the narthex
- Respect Life Ministry- Every Mother will be given a flower on Mother's Day
- The Diocese of Raleigh's Care for Creation Resources
- CRS Rice Bowls- Please submit your final Lenten donations

Pictures of the Week



Fr. Mike and Fr. Francis sending their peace at the Easter Masses.



The Church was beautifully decorated inside for Easter.



Crosses were adorned with flowers outside the Church.



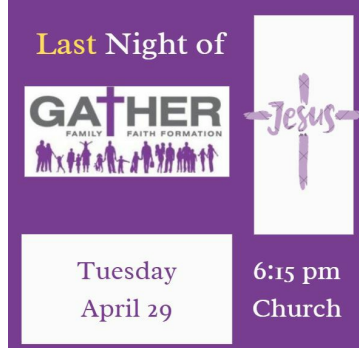
A beautiful Mass was said on Thursday evening to celebrate the gift of Pope Francis, to pray for the repose of his soul, and to pray for wisdom and truth for the cardinals that will be selecting the new pope.

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Faith Formation

**Click Here for the 2024-25 Faith Formation
Calendar**



Questions:

For **GATHER**, contact Suzanne Will at will@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7280

For the **ROCK** contact Sarah Ritchie at ritchie@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7307

StMM Middle and High School Youth Ministry



The ROCK Retreat, "Meant for Greatness" is **rescheduled** for **Sunday, April 27th**, at StMM from 1:00pm to 5:45pm.



Camp Hidden Lake deposit: Open to all current 6th- 8th graders for summer 2025! All those interested

in summer camp please secure your spot. The link below is \$100 deposit for camp in Georgia. DUE: February 3rd!

[Click here to pay the deposit](#)



Appalachia Service Project (ASP)
St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church serves each summer

with Appalachia Service Project (ASP). Appalachia Service Project is a nonprofit ministry focused on relationship building and home repair, making homes warmer, safer, and drier. **StMM will serve in Appalachia from June 22-28, 2025.**

[Click here to register](#)



Life Teen Camp Covecrest: Want to join us at camp? Contact Niki for more information! Registration and deposits can be completed by clicking the link below.

[Click here to register](#)

Questions:

For **EDGE**, contact Sarah Ritchie at ritchie@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7307

For **Apostello and the Way**, contact Niki Furnier at nfurnier@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7309

For **Confirmation**, contact the coordinator at confirmation@stmm.net

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