

## Pope's Intentions: December

### **Universal – The Very Young**

That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

### **VOLUNTEER Opportunities:**

**Johnston Food Bank** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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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](mailto:applications@scmarriagematters.org) or 803-810-9602.

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Please check out our new website in the making at [stmaryedgefieldsc.org](http://stmaryedgefieldsc.org)!

**Sunday, December 8, 2019**

**9:00AM**

Welcome To

**Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception**

Santa María de la Inmaculada Concepción

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### **Office Hours:**

**Tuesday: 10:00-3:00**

**Wednesday: 10:00-3:00**

**Thursday: 10:00-3:00**



**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Segundo Domingo de Adviento**

Please join us for Fellowship after Mass in the Parish Hall.

Get to know your church family.

### Upcoming Events:

- Mass for the Immaculate Conception will be Monday, December 9 at 6:00PM and followed by a Pot-luck dinner.
- Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held Thursday, December 12 at 6:00PM. This will be a bilingual Mass with a reception after.
- Christmas Eve Mass will be Tuesday, December 24 at 6:00PM
- Christmas Day Mass will be Wednesday, December 25 at 9:00AM

All Mass times are posted on our website: [stmaryedgefieldsc.org](http://stmaryedgefieldsc.org)

### 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.



The Legion of Mary will hold its weekly meeting, Thursday, December 19<sup>TH</sup> 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.

Go to [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org) to find a local Catholic Church when traveling.

## MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS 9:00AM

### MASS INTENTIONS

- For the People

December 8, 2019

Celebrants: Fr. Raj Mahimai Doss

Fr. Emmanuel Ekwelum

Deacon: Dcn. Larry Deschaine

Lector: Mike/Bob

Presentation of Gifts:  
Annie Williams

### Holy Adoration and Confession:

Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-6PM

Mass: Tuesday and Thursday at 6PM

December 15, 2019

Celebrants: Fr. Raj Mahimai Doss

Fr. Emmanuel Ekwelum

Deacon: Dcn. Larry Deschaine

Lector: Angie/Luigi

Presentation of Gifts:  
Ethel Barron

Sun. Readings: Year A Page 480

[Isaiah 11:1-10](#)

[Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17](#)

[Romans 15:4-9](#)

[Matthew 3:1-12](#)

Altar Servers:

T Longobardo III / D. Avant /

C. Haskins/ A. Weaver

Music Director: Beverly Hamrick

### Saint of the Day

The Story of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the 11th century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal Church. It is now recognized as a solemnity.

In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

It took a long time for this doctrine to develop. While many Fathers and Doctors of the Church considered Mary the greatest and holiest of the saints, they often had difficulty in seeing Mary as sinless—either at her conception or throughout her life. This is one of the Church teachings that arose more from the piety of the faithful than from the insights of brilliant theologians. Even such champions of Mary as Bernard of Clairvaux and Thomas Aquinas could not see theological justification for this teaching.

Two Franciscans, William of Ware and Blessed John Duns Scotus, helped develop the theology. They pointed out that Mary's Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus' redemptive work. Other members of the human race are cleansed from original sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus' work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the outset.

### Finances

Last Weeks Collections:	\$1,988
Collections to Date:	\$41,193
Building/Maint.	\$1,661
Cemetery Fund	\$645
Christmas Flower	\$160

**Budgeting currently being updated.**

**Details will be provided when completed.**