

# **ST. MARY PARISH ~ DERBY/ROSE HILL**

## **VISION**

WE WILL BE A SPIRITUALLY HEALTHY, **ENGAGED** AND COMMITTED COMMUNITY OF FAITH.

## **MISSION**

**TO BE CHRIST'S PRESENCE ON EARTH, FURTHERING A JUST SOCIETY**, compels us to respond to God's call by:

- being rooted in the Word of God
- growing in the understanding of the Church's teachings
- loving and serving others in our community and beyond
- experiencing a continuing transformation as the gathered Body of Christ

## **CORE - VALUES**

**EUCCHARIST – The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life.** (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, #10)

Supporting Scripture: *"Do this as a remembrance of me"* (Luke 22:19)

Supporting Doctrine: *"All of the faithful are called to full, active, and conscious participation."* (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, #14)

- We dedicate "the Lord's Day" as a special day of joy and rest, enabling festive ritual to give thanks to God.
- We gather to express our faith, to be nourished and strengthened through prayer, song and reception of Eucharist.
- We celebrate Christ's presence in the people gathered, the presider, the Word of Scripture and the Eucharistic Bread of Life and Wine of Compassion. (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, #7)
- We open ourselves to Christ's Spirit to be led into a deeper faith life of witness, service and love of God and others through the Eucharistic celebration.

**STEWARDSHIP – We are caretakers of all God has entrusted to our care.**

Supporting Scripture: *"We are put in charge of God's Creation "to cultivate and care for it"* (Gn 2:15)

Support from the Bishops Pastoral Letter: *"Realizing that everything in my life is a gift from God: My abilities, my loved ones, my health – even life itself."* (Bishop Harrington's Pastoral letter, Diocese in Winona, Minn.)

- We receive God's gifts gratefully.\*
- We care for God's gifts responsibly.\*
- We share God's gifts joyfully in justice and love for others.\*
- We return God's gifts with increase to the Lord.\*
- We lead first by example, take initiative and are accountable.
- We show compassion and respect for each other and appreciate all of creation.

\*taken from Stewardship: *A Disciple's Response, U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*

**FAITH FORMATION – We discover each day what it means to follow Christ.**

Supporting Scripture: *"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way, and opened the scriptures to us."* (Luke 24:32)

Supporting Document: *"Proclaiming the Gospel is the essential mission of the Church."* (Evangelization in the Modern World, p14)

- We deepen our faith in Christ through lifelong formation.
- We grow in the life of Christ through sacrament, service, prayer, study of scripture and traditions of the Catholic Church.
- We make our "Christian home the place where children first receive the proclamation of the faith. For this reason, the family home is rightly called "the Domestic Church," a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian Charity." (The Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1666)

**COMMUNITY – We are life-givers to the family, the parish and to the world.**

Supporting Scripture: *"They devoted themselves to the apostles' instruction and the communal life, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."* (Acts 2:42)

Supporting Doctrine: *"Faith is a treasure of life which is enriched by being shared."* (The Catechism of the Catholic Church, #949)

- We believe family is our first priority.
- We work together as a team making all major decisions in the spirit of collaboration.
- We embrace and celebrate our diversity.
- We reach out to others, welcome them and encourage their involvement.
- We value innovation, creative thought and anticipate the future.