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**Society of King Charles the Martyr - American Region
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Five weeks after the nativity of Charles Stuart in Dunfermline Palace, he was taken to the royal Chapel at Holyrood (Edinburgh) to be baptized by David Lindsay, Bishop of Ross. Lindsay, as James' chaplain, had accompanied him to collect his bride, Anne of Denmark, who had been stranded in Norway by a violent storm, and married them at Oslo in 1589. Lindsay would continue to play a significant role in James' court. At his baptism Charles was also created Duke of Albany, the traditional title of the second son of the King of Scotland, with the subsidiary titles of Marquess of Ormond, Earl of Ross and Lord Ardmannoch.

Charles' baptism was a considerably restrained affair by comparison to that of his elder brother Henry Frederick, and perhaps speaks to an emphasis on the sacramental act itself. This will become a prominent feature of Charles' own ecclesiology throughout his life.



As we reflect on the significance of baptism, in which we die to the "old man" and are raised to a new life in Christ infused by the Holy Ghost, we see in Charles a willingness to continue that death to self, most particularly as he faced the scaffold.

In a few days, we will celebrate the most significant nativity in our faith, that of Our Lord Himself. Born in the "House of Bread," laid in a feeding trough, bound by swaddling bands that signify burial cloths, everything about Our Lord's birth suggests that He was born for one end, to offer up His life for us.

May this Christmas be especially meaningful as we give thanks not only for the birth of Our Lord but for the many Saints who have borne witness to Him, both in their lives and like Charles, in their deaths.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENTS

The Society in North America now has **410 members, 17 of them new since 1 October**. That's the good news; the bad news, so to speak, is that 2/3 of our members are the only Society member in their local church and only seven local churches or membership groupings have five or more members. Yet, this reality strongly suggests both the mission of each individual member to recruit members and that of chapters – invariably engines of numerical growth and programmatic quality in any organization – to form.

Along these lines there is more good news ... **we have a new chapter**, the first formed under the Society bylaws provisions adopted a couple years ago to formalize the creation of chapters. **Welcome, Blessed John Henry Newman Chapter**, which will involve not only the Ordinariate Catholic parish of that name in

Irvine, CA but also the new Ordinariate communities of Our Lady of Grace (Pasadena, CA) and Holy Martyrs (Temecula, CA)! The chapter is chaired by Gunnar Gundersen, with The Rev'd Andrew Bartus as Chaplain.

Three of our seven churches/areas with five or more members now have active chapters. A dozen more local churches have three or more members and thus are within striking distance of numerical eligibility; Society leaders already are working with one or two of you. If you are in one of these 15 potential new or reactivation-potential churches, it's your turn – just contact membership@skcm-usa.org and we'll help you take it from there!

Lest we forget ... thanks go to all who already have paid their dues and made very helpful Annual Mass contributions and other donations to the Society. We're running ahead of last year at this time. Each makes a difference. If you have not yet renewed, please do so soon.

PREPARING FOR ROYAL MARTYR DAY

We are pleased to continue to share actions taken by the Society to make the 30 January Royal Martyr Day observance more accessible, not only in more places but also to more people. These steps come in response to member requests and per the desire of the Board of Trustees.

First, the full propers and additional hymns for Royal Martyr Day are now available for free download from the Society website, www.skcm-usa.org. This collection remains a work in progress; if you have additional Royal Martyr Day liturgical resources or hymnody to submit, please send them to frsteve@sttimothys.ws. We particularly thank our member John Burrows for composing two of the hymns.

*Second, we recently invited our members and friends **let us know when local Royal Martyr Day observances are planned**, with their announcements to be shared in this issue plus the preceding edition published on 6 December. This early information should assist our members and friends in finding more local observances to attend as well as encourage more places to offer this key devotion. We are pleased to share with you the following plans thus far received:*

- + **IRVINE, CA:** Solemn Evensong for the Royal Martyr will be celebrated at Blessed John Henry Newman Ordinariate Catholic Church, 2532 Dupont Drive, Irvine, CA 92612 at 3 pm on Saturday, 27 January. This liturgy is being sponsored by the new SKCM-AR chapter located there. For more information go to www.newmanonline.org.
- + **LA MIRADA, CA:** Anglican Church of the Epiphany (ACNA) in La Mirada, CA will be having a said Eucharist in our chapel at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 30th in commemoration of the Royal Martyr. Contact matthaeus.nigellus@gmail.com for further details.
- + **LANTANA, FL:** There will be a Low Mass at 10:00 am on Tuesday, January 30th in the Church of the Holy Guardian Angels (Anglican Catholic Church) Lantana, Florida. Father David C. Kennedy, SSC, Rector.
- + **SPRINGFIELD, IL:** Mass for Royal Martyr Day will be celebrated at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 815 S. Second St., Springfield, IL on January 30, 2018 at 12:15 p.m. The Ven. Shawn W. Denney, SKCM, will be the Celebrant.
- + **WINSTON-SALEM, NC:** St Timothy's Episcopal Church will observe Royal Martyr Day with Morning Prayer for the Royal Martyr (1662 BCP) at 8am, Low Mass (Anglican Missal) at 8:15am, and Evening Prayer for the Royal Martyr (1662 BCP) at 4:45pm.
- + **NEWPORT, RI:** *An Afternoon Treat with Barry Rose*, Sunday, 28 January, 2018 in honor of King Charles Martyr. St. John's Church, Washington & Willow Streets, Newport RI. *Open Rehearsal at 3:00 p.m.* with the Professional Choristers of The Choir School of Newport County and St. John's adult choir. General admission \$10; free to members of the Arts & Cultural Alliance of Newport County, Redwood Library & Atheneum, and The Preservation Society of Newport County. *Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m.*, St. John's Church, free-will offering, celebrating the Feast of King Charles, Martyr

(d. January 30, 1649). *English Tea Reception at 5:45 p.m.* with Dr. Barry Rose, O.B.E., St. John's Guild Hall, 61 Poplar Street, free. Tea, scones, and all the stories you can relish, benefiting the August 2018 educational choir tour to England. Among other special musical events in which he played a key role was the wedding of another royal Charles, the current Prince of Wales, to Lady Diana Spencer.

- + **PROVIDENCE, RI:** In addition to working with St John the Evangelist Church in Newport on their 28 January celebration, S Stephen's Providence will observe Royal Martyr Day with a Low Mass at 12:10 pm on Tuesday, January 30th.
- + **CLARKSVILLE, TN:** The Tennessee Chapter will hold its commemoration service at 11:30 AM CST, Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 317 Franklin St., Clarksville, TN. The Rev'd Roger Senechal, Chaplain, will be the celebrant and preacher. For more information visit www.tnskcm.org.
- + **FORT WORTH, TX:** See below for information on the SKCM-AR's Annual Mass & Luncheon.
- + **ROCKWALL, TX:** The Anglican Oratory of Lake Ray Hubbard (REC) will be observing Evensong in honor of KCM. We are a new tiny mission, but will do our small part and promoting his feast. Sunday, Jan 28 at 5PM with Catechesis to follow. Contact Revtemplin@gmail.com.

Third, as we did for the January 2017 observances, we will be seeking and including in the June SKCM NEWS local reports on all observances after they have been held.

**SOCIETY OF KING CHARLES THE MARTYR
XXXV ANNUAL SOLEMN MASS OF SAINT CHARLES, K.M.**

11 a.m., Saturday, 27 January 2018

St. Timothy's Anglican Church, Fort Worth, TX

Solemn Pontifical Mass in the Presence of a Greater Prelate

American Missal

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rt Rev'd Keith L. Ackerman, SSC, DD, OL, Vicar;
The Rt Rev'd Jack Leo Iker, SSC, DD, OL, Ben., Bishop of Fort Worth, *pontificating*
Choir of the Diocese of Fort Worth with Orchestra

Music under Direction of Tomi Godbee

Buffet Luncheon reservations: \$20 by 19 January;

checks to "St. Timothy's" - memo "SKCM"

Send to church at 4201 Mitchell Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76119

Contact: 817-536-7856 or info@sttimothysacc.com

Church website: www.sttimothysacc.com

Finally, the December SKCM News is being printed and mailed next week.

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AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!***

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