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As Royal Martyr Day Approaches**

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Preparing for Royal Martyr Day This Year

Dear friends,

In my first communication as President of this Society, I recalled the first time I entered the Banqueting House. The skies of London had opened and I, without an umbrella, was desperate for shelter. The first public space available happened to be Inigo Jones' masterpiece. For the next hour I sat and stared at Rubens' ceiling as the thunderclaps shook the window panes. Banquet House, literally, was a refuge in the storm.



If last year was a storm, this year has entered like a hurricane. A recap of the past few months is not necessary, we are all painfully aware of the struggles and difficulties – socially, politically, economically, psychologically, and spiritually. No area of our lives has been spared the pounding buffet of the winds.

As Christians, we have found renewed hope in Scripture that speaks of stability and constancy. *Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever. The Lord is my rock, my crag, and my stronghold.* We find similar hope in the

lives of the saints like St Charles Borromeo, a light in the darkness of the 16th century plague. And for those reading this, we find particular hope in the final fidelity of Charles Stuart. His relevance is not due to the similarities in political controversies or even attempts at insurrection. His relevance is due to his unwavering faith in Jesus Christ and his confidence that the Church of England was absolutely Christ's Mystical Body: one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

The Church shows us Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ shows us the Church. She gives us strength, hope, absolution, and the abiding assurance that Jesus Christ is verily present in our midst. King Charles offered his life for this witness. There are many things one can remember about the Royal Martyr. For us, our primary memory rests in the assurance that he exchanged a corruptible crown for an incorruptible one and that this assurance is granted to all who have been crowned in the priesthood of all believers. This is why we "remember." And this year, we have a unique opportunity to do just that in a new, albeit imperfect, way.



The annual mass of the Society will be Saturday, January 30 at 11am EST, online ([see link on next page](#)) from my parish, St Timothy's in Winston-Salem, NC. COVID demands a dialed back celebration, but not a diminished one. I had hoped our massive reordering of the nave and sanctuary would be long finished by the feast day, but nothing is exempt from COVID's disruption. The mass will be from our parish hall and we will offer the best of what we can. In a way, it is fitting that it should be this way. King Charles offered his most faithful act not on the throne, but on the timbers of the scaffold. He has given us an example of solemnity and sanctity in a place most wanting.

Wherever we are and whatever surrounds us, we are called to do the same.

Remember!

- *The Rev'd Steven C. Rice, Obl.S.B., D.Min., President*

[NOTE: The list of Annual Mass Supporters which normally is distributed at the Annual Mass itself is attached.]



REMEMBER!

Society of King Charles the Martyr

XXXVIII ANNUAL SOLEMN MASS OF SAINT CHARLES, K.M.

11 a.m. EST, Saturday, 30 January 2021

ST TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Winston-Salem NC USA

[ONLINE AT WWW.STTIMOTHYSWS.ORG/SKCM](http://WWW.STTIMOTHYSWS.ORG/SKCM)

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Local Observances in North America

Below is the current list of reported commemoration plans, in addition to the Society's own Annual Mass & Luncheon. If there is an observance available to you, you are encouraged to be there; if not, you may want to contact your local church and see if there will be one of which the Society is not aware. ***Don't forget that this year there will be the option of attending the streamed Society's Annual Mass (see above article), where the celebrant and preacher will be our President, Fr Steven Rice!*** The June SKCM News will include a report on all observances held, so if you want to be included in that report or desire to update your information please email membership@skcm-usa.org by 31 March.



Remember!

CALIFORNIA

The **St John Henry Newman Chapter** in So. California will be observing Royal Martyr Day with a Zoom Evening Prayer at 7 pm PST. Go to [Saint John Henry Newman Chapter of the Society of King Charles the Martyr | Facebook](#) (<https://www.facebook.com/skcmsjhr>). ggunders82@gmail.com

GEORGIA

There will be a Mass for Blessed Charles at St. Luke Anglican Church, 3081 Wheeler Rd., Augusta, GA 30909, to be celebrated at 11:30 AM on 30th January, 2021. The liturgy will be offered according to the rite of 1549, and will be sung. For further info: gitlan@me.com.

KENTUCKY

Society member The Rev. Dcn. J. Todd Renner will be saying Evening Prayer at St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Versailles, Kentucky on Saturday, 30 January 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in honor of the Blessed Martyr. For further info: todd@anglicanus.net.

MARYLAND

A Sung Mass will be offered in honor of the Royal Martyr at 5pm Saturday 30 January at Grace & St Peter's Episcopal Church in Baltimore. William Byrd's Mass for Three Voices will be sung. Prayers will be offered at Charles Stuart's Shrine in the rear of the Nave. located in the Mount Vernon neighborhood, Grace & St Peter's is the first brownstone church erected south of the Mason-Dixon line (1852). Contact: SKCM member charliepeace3@outlook.com.

QUINTANA ROO, MEXICO

A Liturgy of the Word will be offered at noon on January 30th, at St. Florence Li Tim Oi's Mission (Anglican Church of Mexico), Felipe Carrillo Puerto, Quintana Roo, Mexico. Contact: SKCM member The Rev'd Ivan Cetzal, Deacon-in-Charge, at ivan-cetzal@protonmail.ch.

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