

St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church



Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's,

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

We are now joyfully enter the glorious time of Easter after the forty days and reflective mood of Lent with penance, prayers, fasting, and almsgiving. The season of Easter is really one of the most joyous celebrations in the Church calendar, marking the culmination of Lent.

Easter Sunday is a great day to rejoice as Christ conquered death in the Resurrection and He is alive forevermore. As the scripture says, "This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes" (Ps 118:23). I agree with St John Paul II who said, "Yes! We are witnesses of the marvel; witnesses of the power of God. Divine power, which is Life made manifest and communicated to give a new face to existence and to the hopes of the men and women of our day too. Power which reveals goodness and condemns evil and its tragic consequences. Divine power, which is the source of fresh vitality, capable of softening even hardened hearts and renewing courage in those who, having lost their way, wander aimlessly, pilgrims of the void. Divine power, which is the condition of the true freedom for the human race, to whom it proclaims, today and always: Love has conquered hatred." (Pope John Paul II, Easter Message, 7 April 1996)

Indeed, the Resurrection is the fulfillment of the greatest and powerful love of God not only for humanity but for all creations. With the sacrificial love on the Cross and Resurrection of Christ, we are all on our way to the path for eternal life. As we are renewed now by the blessings of Easter, we may continue to let the risen Christ live in us and allow the power of Resurrection to fill our hearts today and everyday in our lives. Have a joyful and holy Easter to everyone.

Shalom,

Very Rev. Diosmar A. Natad V.F.

Pastor-Dean (Southeast Deanery-Archdiocese of Atlanta)

Please keep our First Communicants, our Confirmandi, and our Catechumens in your prayers:

First Communicants:

Dylan Brimberry, Layna Deraney, Gabriel Duffey, Madison James, Jorge Moreno, and Mark Myles.

Confirmandi:

Ethan Darsey, Joseph Duffey, Joba Duke, and Alpha Torres.

Catechumens:

Seema Moreno and Cecilia Egbert

Intercessions for Life

For those who suffer:
may they find their strength in the hope of the Resurrection;

We pray to the Lord:



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Mass Intentions:

Apr. 4 Saturday

Apr. 5 Sunday

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Apr. 8 Wednesday

Apr. 9 Thursday

Apr. 10 Friday

Apr. 11 Saturday

Apr. 12 Sunday

Requested for:

To Our Catechumens

Our Parishioners

LaDonna O'Bryon

Hugh and Marcella Glidewell †

Mack Goins †

Our Parishioners

Requested By:

Becky Glidewell

Stark Family

Emily Ryan

Readings for the Week**Monday:**

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41

Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10

Lk 24:13-35

Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26

Lk 24:35-48

Friday:

Acts 4:1-12

Jn 21:1-14

Saturday:

Acts 4:13-21

Mk 16:9-15

Sunday:

Acts 4:32-35

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 20:19-31



Every month Pope Francis announces his monthly prayer intentions, and requests that we include the intentions in our personal prayers.

For the month of April please remember these:

Universal: That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

Evangelization: That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.

**Saturday, April 11, 5:00 PM****Lectors:** Billy Glidewell**Extraordinary Ministers:** Kathy Abood and Chris Hotchkiss**Altar Servers:** Any Available**Ushers:** Tom Matelski and Ron Sicina**Sunday, April 12, 9:00 AM****Lector:** Lorette Edwards**Extraordinary Ministers:** Dennis Ordyna, James Watson, Bill Hunter, Mike Palka, and **John Lueken**Altar Servers:** Rachel Weaver and KC Edwards**Crucifer:** Jordan Fitz**Gift Bearers:** Erma Gozdick and Catherine Crusan**Ushers:** Jerry Holland and Carlton Turner**Greeters:** Dennis and Maureen Ordyna**Liturgical Schedule**

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Please remember the following people in your prayers: Jan Jost, Butch Corcoran, Patricia Tideswell, Loretta Zach, Pat Eldred, Margarita Rodriguez, Rick Hines, Andrew Payne, Danny Foster, Tech Dipalma, Vanessa Atkinson, Jenn, Bob Abood, Lucile Gardner, Marianne Beating, Bill Wagner, Pat Zimmerman, Lisa Steele, Alvin Crusan, Edna Kelley Daniels, Tony Davison, Tommy Glidewell, Sue Samp, Yvonne Truett, Diane Davis, Leony Natad, Lucas Holland, Lidia Lower, Ashlynn Geringer, Patsy Burdette, Jeanel Wehner, Carolyn Wright, Hurley Turner, James Callina, Scott Scheibel, Sister Anne Margarite, Tom O'Bryon, Jacki Newman, and Richard Lewis.



It has been decided by our Pastoral Council that names, like always, can be placed on our Prayer List for a period of approximately three months. At that time, if you wish to keep the name of you or your loved one on the Prayer List please call the office. If you or a loved one are in need of prayers and/or the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the office at 770-775-4162. We will implement this process beginning the first weekend of April.

Membership and Registration

Welcome to St. Mary, Mother of God, Church. We would be delighted to have you join our Parish Family. Please complete a registration form available in the Parish Hall in the Armoire.



Please do not take for granted that you are registered in the parish just because you attend Mass here or that you were registered as a child with your parents. When you become an adult, you should register under your own name. If not, it could become quite embarrassing to us, or to you or your family, if someone wants to make wedding plans, have a baby baptized, or if you have been asked to act as a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation which requires a letter from us stating that you are a practicing Catholic. To do this, we should have a record of your membership and attendance. Please take a moment to register. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. Thank you.

Remember, the following parishes provide the Catholic chaplains for these hospitals:

- Sylvan Grove Hospital - St. Mary, Mother of God, Jackson 770-775-4162
- Spalding Regional Hospital - Sacred Heart, Griffin 770-227-2378
- Henry Medical Center - St. James, McDonough 770-957-5441
- Southern Regional Hospital - St. Philip Benizi, Jonesboro 770-478-0178
- Piedmont Hospital - Christ the King Cathedral, Atlanta 404-233-2145
- Crawford Long Hospital - Sacred Heart, Atlanta 404-522-6800
- Emory Hospital - St. Thomas More, Decatur 404-378-4588
- Newton General Hospital - St. Augustine's, Covington 770-787-1064

If someone in your family is admitted to one of these hospitals, the parish responsible for that hospital should be notified as well as notifying St. Mary, Mother of God, Church. They will have people serving that hospital on a regular basis and are closest in an emergency situation.

SACRAMENTAL GUIDELINES

Baptisms- In order to have a child baptized in this parish: (a) at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic and a registered member of this parish for at least 3 months, and (b) the parents must take the Baptism Class unless they have taken the class within the last 3 years.

First Holy Communion –In order to receive First Holy Communion, a child must: (a) be at least 7 years old and a registered member of this parish, (b) be able to demonstrate sufficient understanding of the sacrament, and (c) have been in the Faith Formation program for at least one year prior to the taking the First Holy Communion program.

Confirmation-- In order to be Confirmed, a youth must (a) be a baptized and practicing Catholic, (b) a registered member of this parish, (c) at least 15 years old or a sophomore in high school, and (d) have been in the Faith Formation program for at least 2 years immediately prior to the Confirmation program. (Adults and those in OCIA follow different guidelines.)

Marriage – A couple wishing to be married at St. Mary, Mother of God must fulfill these requirements: (a) at least one of them must be a practicing Catholic and registered in this parish (a former member of the parish or others must have a letter of permission from their current pastor authorizing them to marry outside of that parish); (b) they must have indicated to the priest or deacon of this parish their desire to be married here at least 6 months prior to the projected date of their marriage; and (c) have completed the required Marriage Preparation program. No arrangements for a reception should be made until the date for the projected marriage has been confirmed by the Parish Office.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Eucharistic Congress 2015: “I will be with you always”. The Eucharistic Congress comes this year to the Georgia International Convention Center Friday, June 5th – Saturday, June 6th. **Please prayerfully consider giving time as a volunteer... your generosity will be much appreciated.** Volunteer registration closes as of May 1st so that plans may be made according to the number of volunteers committed at that time. Of particular need each year are volunteers for the Kids Track...please help spread the word that the number of children who can register and participate in the Kid Track depends completely on the number of adult volunteers registered by May 1st.

Please register on-line using the link
<http://congress.archatl.com/volunteers/>.

Parishioners of St Mary, Mother of God. The Knights of Columbus, Danny McMichael Council 12984, want to extend to you our heartfelt appreciation for the generosity and support you gave during our recent toiletry drive for the children in the Butts County DFACS program. WE know from the pass drives that the DFACS personnel greatly appreciate all that you have done for them. Again, the council thanks all that have given to this drive.



Do you ever take time to reflect on the great gift we have been given in the Eucharist? Recall how you felt as you prepared for and made your First Communion. Over the years, receiving Communion can easily become just a habit that we really don't think about - it is just part of the Mass. Consider what it means to receive Jesus into your body and heart. Do you allow this special grace to take root in you and change you?

*Every time, then, you eat this bread
 and drink this cup, you proclaim
 the death of the Lord until he comes!
 ~ 1 Corinthians 11:26*

St. Mary, Mother of God Mission Statement

The mission of St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church is given by Christ's command to go out into the whole world and preach the Gospel to all the people. This is done in union with , and subject to our Holy Father Pope Francis and the Archbishop of Atlanta, Wilton Gregory. We answer God's call to enter his Mystical Body, known through his visible Church on earth. Striving to be his holy people, we avail ourselves of God's means of grace, especially the frequent reception of the sacraments, fervent prayer and our connection to the teachings and traditions of the Roman Catholic Church.

Prayer & Study Group

St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church, Thursdays, at 1:15pm. Come join us for fellowship, knowledge, and prayer. During the next session we will be studying "What's So Amazing About Grace?" Author: Philip Yancy. For more information please call the facilitator LaDonna O'Bryon at (706)468-8905 or Rita Zinner at (770)775-1888.



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1-888-437-0764 (24 hours a day) or
404-888-7804

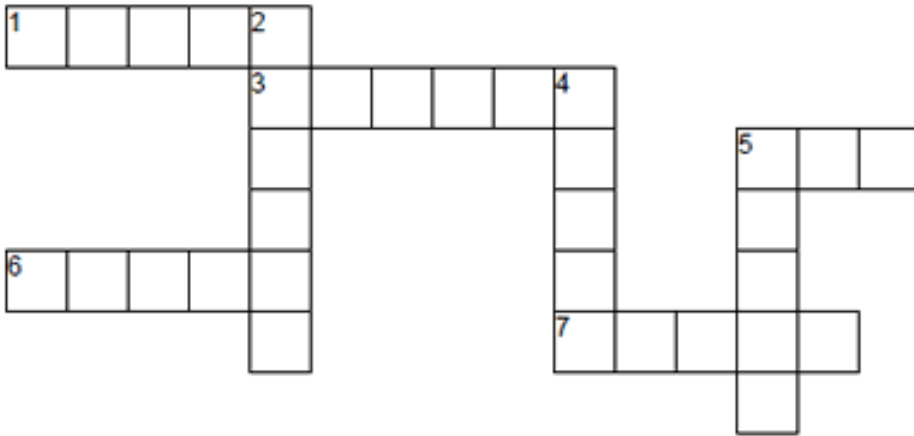
PATH: If you need help in healing from an abortion. Brochures can be found in the Armoire. Please call Mary Ann McNeil at 404-896-6521.

If you wish to have an item placed into the weekly church bulletin. It must be to the church office no later than 12 noon on Monday (**at least 2 weeks before your scheduled event**). It must be in writing, there are forms in the church office or you can email it to stmarysinjackson@bellsouth.net.

Thank you.

Article Deadlines

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ACROSS

1. The color of snow; the opposite of black
3. Messengers from heaven
6. Not dead
7. To have nothing inside

DOWN

2. The day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection
4. What was used to cover the entrance to Jesus' tomb
5. A piece of fabric made by weaving cotton, wool, or other fibers

ANGELS
EMPTY

STONE
CRY

WHITE
CLOTH

ALIVE
EASTER

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

"They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." This must have felt like adding insult to injury. Mary Magdalene had stood faithfully by Jesus up to his last moment on the cross. She had seen him laid in the tomb and she had already visited his body there to mourn and pay her last respects. But today, on her arrival, she finds the body missing. Wasn't it enough to torture and crucify her innocent Lord? Why did they have to take away her one last bit of consolation? Why did they steal his body?

Imagine the despair she must have wrestled with at this moment. As if the events of Good Friday had not been enough, now she faced another tragic moment. From Mary's perspective, things could not have gotten any worse. Every bit of evidence around her converged to make her feel completely powerless and afraid. Her eyes could only see the darkness of the empty tomb.

Here now, into this rock-bottom moment when no human hope remained, here burst in the risen Christ. Just when there was no possible solution, when everything was far beyond repair, suddenly Jesus appeared, glorious, victorious, and completely and utterly unexpected. His triumph over death was more than that: it was also a triumph over human hopelessness and despair. It was proof that God is bigger than our biggest problems. He is more powerful than the most threatening evils and all the fears that lurk around in our lives.

The joy of Easter is ours, today and every day. As Christians, we can rejoice in belonging to a God who is ready and able to break through the toughest barriers of sin and death, even when we least expect it.

**Knights Of Columbus Charities of Georgia
Black Tie Gala**

Evening For Caring & Sharing
Saturday, April 18, 2015

6:00 PM – Cocktail Reception and Silent Auction with complimentary wine between 6-7PM.
Cash bar will be available for the evening. 7:00 PM – Seated Dinner and Program

Eagles Landing Country Club
100 Eagle's Landing Way, Stockbridge, GA 30281
770.389.2000

Special Guest Speakers

Key Note Speaker – **Andrew Young**, former United States Ambassador to the United Nations
Special Military Vocations Speaker - **Father Aidan Logan**, Vocation Director of the world wide Military Services, USA

The Knights of Columbus Charities of Georgia and the State of Ga. Knights of Columbus Cordially invites you to the Sixth Annual "Evening of Caring & Sharing" on April 18, 2015. At last year's event, 175 knights and guests attended a fun filled night of inspiring speeches and entertainment. This year promises to exceeds last year with additional extraordinary speakers, great food, more Silent Auction items, and new this year a golf outing prior to the Gala. For details on the Golf Outing, please click on the Golf Outing Button. Proceeds from the Black Tie Gala remain in Georgia directly benefiting Knights of Columbus Charities of Georgia programs, which includes Special Olympics. Please help us continue to serve the needy in Georgia.

For ticket information and registration visit www.gakcc.org

Upcoming events here at St. Mary, Mother of God for the week of April 6 - April 12

Monday, April 6	Office Closed	
Tuesday, April 7		
Wednesday, April 8	Novena Mass	6:15pm 6:30pm
Thursday, April 9	Reconciliation Rosary Mass Prayer Group	11:00am 11:35am 12:00 noon 1:15pm
Friday, April 10	Reconciliation Rosary Mass	11:00am 11:35am 12:00 noon
Saturday, April 11	Reconciliation Mass Anointing of the Sick Women's Guild Bunco Night	4:00-4:45pm 5:00pm
Sunday, April 12	Choir Rosary Mass Anointing of the Sick Youth Breakfast	8:20-8:50am 8:30-8:45am 9:00am



We are changing the Saturday mass time back to 5:00pm beginning Saturday, April 11th. Please mark your calendars.