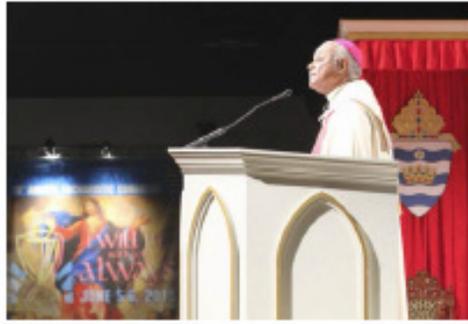


# St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church

## A Word of Sincere Thanks



I cannot thank you enough for your generous and enthusiastic help in making our Eucharistic Congress 2015 such a success. I am also grateful to your family members who joined you in serving the needs of the folks at the Congress.

As I continue to receive so many expressions of gratitude for this special event in our annual calendar, I know that the gratitude rightfully belongs to you, our volunteers, benefactors, and friends who do all of the many things behind the scenes that make this such a success.

Again, I say - THANKS!

✠ Wilton D. Gregory, *Archbishop of Atlanta*

Join the conversation and share your experiences at this year's Congress  
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### SUMMER IS HERE!

That means many of you are going away on weekends or on vacation with the family. We understand that it's easy to forget about giving during the summer months but remember, God's work continues. Please remember to support the parish, even though you may be on vacation. We rely on your sacrificial offertory contributions for the regular operations of the parish. Why not consider giving on-line while you're away?

When traveling this summer be sure to locate a Catholic Church and Mass times at your destination by visiting **[www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)** God is with you always so keep Him with you always whether at home or away!

**Intercessions for Life**

For those who doubt the value of their lives:  
 May they rest in the awareness that they are infinitely loved  
 and that God has a plan for their lives;  
 We pray to the Lord:



Offertory

\$ 4,260.00

**Readings for the Week****Monday:**

2 Cor 6:1-10  
 Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday:**

2 Cor 8:1-9  
 Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday:**

2 Cor 9:6-11  
 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:**

2 Cor 11:1-11  
 Mt 6:7-15

**Friday:**

2 Cor 11:18, 21-30  
 Mt 6:19-23

**Saturday:**

2 Cor 12:1-10  
 Mt 6:24-34

**Sunday:**

Jb 38:1, 8-11  
 2 Cor 5:14-17  
 Mk 4:35-41

**Mass Intentions:****Requested for:****Requested By:**

June 13	Saturday	Kristopher Stark †	Emily Ryan
June 14	Sunday	Our Parishioners	
June 17	Wednesday	Bob Wilhelm †	Marilyn Potat
June 18	Thursday	Manuel Costa †	LaFlamme Family
June 19	Friday		
June 20	Saturday	To all Father's	
June 21	Sunday	To all Father's	
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“[S]ome behaviors are always wrong, always incompatible with our love of God and the dignity of the human person. ... Assisted suicide and euthanasia are not acts of mercy but acts that are never morally acceptable.”

—Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities USCCB Committee on  
 Pro-Life Activities [www.bit.ly/ProLifePastoralPlan](http://www.bit.ly/ProLifePastoralPlan)

**Saturday, June 20, 5:00 PM****Lectors:** Tod Stark**Extraordinary Ministers:** Rich McPhee and Jim Jost**Altar Servers:** Any Available**Ushers:** Tom Matelski and Ron Sicina**Sunday, June 21, 9:00 AM****Lector:** Bill Myles**Extraordinary Ministers:** James Watson, Bill Hunter, Bob Lipscomb, Carlton Turner, \*\* John Lueken**Altar Servers:** Ken White and Jorge Moreno Sr.**Crucifer:** Jim Lally**Thurifer:** Jesse Petrella**Gift Bearers:** Jack Herbert and Bill Dimsdale**Ushers:** Mark Hofmann and Dennis Ordyna**Greeters:** Jack and Betty Herberly**Liturgical Schedule****Sunday, June 21, 11:30 AM****Lector:** Chris Hotchkiss**Extraordinary Ministers:** Tammy Hotchkiss**Altar Servers:** Andrew Chapko and Miranda Salina**Crucifer:** Adrianna Chapko**Gift Bearers:** Any available Youth**Ushers:** JR Salina and KC Edwards**Greeters:** Any available Youth

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## **Please remember the following people in your prayers:**

LaDonna O'Bryon, George Hofmann, Ginny Markham, Jan Jost, Tom O'Bryon, David Haistens, Sue Samp, Jeanel Wehner, Ron Sicina, Ed Markham, and John Potat III.



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.

## **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.

Please pray for the efforts of our parish. Those desiring to participate in any way, especially through prayer, as we discern a plan, should contact Turner Duffey: 770-305-9032 or [turnerduffey@hotmail.com](mailto:turnerduffey@hotmail.com)

**COUPLES CELEBRATING 50<sup>th</sup> AND 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY IN 2015**

Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory would like to honor couples married in 1965 and 1955 with an invitation to a Golden/Diamond Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at 12:00 Noon at Saint Brigid Catholic Church. A reception will follow the Mass for the anniversary couples and their families. Space is limited. Please go to <http://tiny.cc/anniversarymass> to RSVP for this event and for additional information.



If you have additional questions please contact, Daniel West at [dwest@archatl.com](mailto:dwest@archatl.com) or 404.920.7631.



**Mass of Healing for Anyone Impacted by Addiction**

Every Second Saturday, 10:00AM, for all those struggling with any addiction, as well as anyone who is impacted by the addiction of someone else.

Mass is celebrated in Our Lady of the Assumption's Daily Chapel  
Coffee social after Mass. All are welcome!

Upcoming Masses: June 13, July 11, Aug 8, 10:00 AM  
Info: [mdannenfelser@olachurch.org](mailto:mdannenfelser@olachurch.org)



**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.



**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.

Anyone wishing to request a Mass intention or flowers for the Altar should contact the church office for date and availability.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT REPORTING**  
**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](mailto:stmarysinjackson@bellsouth.net).

Thank you.



**Father's Day Word Search**

Father's Day is Sunday June 21st. Can you find these words that have to do with dad?

MARTY WESTMAN/MCT

ATHLETIC	FUNNY
BRAVE	GOLF
DAD	KIND
DADDY	SPORTS
ESPN	TENNIS
FATHER	TIE
FISHING	TOOLS
FOOTBALL	

X R D F U I E L C F C R E  
W B L A S T R O P S N D K  
E O D S A Z F X C E B A M  
G N M P O I U T C R E D T  
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### Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"It is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how." In today's parable about the kingdom of God, Jesus gives us the image of something that grows "of its own accord." Yes, the man does the initial planting of the seed, but the real miracle of the seed turning into a full-grown plant happens without the intervention of the farmer. God makes it happen.

So too, with the kingdom of God, we are called to participate to a certain extent, but also to allow God to work. We first do our part when we "scatter seed" of faith, by living out the baptism that made us children of this glorious kingdom. But even as we make our daily choices to follow Christ and live as his children--with all the actions, decision, and commitments that entails--we still get to enjoy the miracle of sitting back and watching God's providence in action.

Just think of the beauty of creation and the seasons. Think about the gift of a newborn baby in the arms of its parents. Think about the surprising situations that resolved themselves in our relationships, jobs, and families. Think of the encouraging stories of forgiveness, reconciliation, and conversion that we have heard or experienced firsthand. Think of the blessings that have somehow come out of the trials and tribulations of our lives. Think of all the sick, poor, and lonely who have been comforted by believers. Think of the moments of peace and insight that we have received in prayer. So it is that God makes our seeds "sprout and grow" when we sincerely take that first step of faith to enter his kingdom.



**"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants."  
- Mk 4:30-32b**

**Upcoming events here at St. Mary, Mother of God for the week of June 15 - June 21**

Monday, June 15

Tuesday, June 16

Wednesday, June 17	Novena Mass	6:15pm 6:30pm
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Thursday, June 18	Reconciliation Rosary Mass Prayer Group	11:00am 11:35am 12:00 noon 1:15pm
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Friday, June 19	Reconciliation Rosary Mass	11:00am 11:35am 12:00 noon
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Saturday, June 20	Mass	5:00pm
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Sunday, June 21	<i>Happy Father's Day</i> Choir Rosary Mass Mass	8:20-8:50am 8:30-8:45am 9:00am 11:30am
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