

# St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church

## **USCCB NFP Awareness Week and the Harm of Contraception**

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, July 19 – 25, 2015 is a national educational campaign of the USCCB. Two workshops in our archdiocese will be dedicated to explaining the harms of contraception on July 19 and July 25 at Holy Trinity and St. Monica, respectively. They will be presented by experts in the field: Dr. Kathleen Ravielle M.D. and Dr. Cory Labrecque, professor of Bioethics and Religious Thought at Emory University. For more information on these please contact Daniel West at 404.920.7631 or dwest@archatl.com.

### Catholic Teaching on Marriage, Married Love and Responsible Parenthood

#### *...the nature of marriage*

God Himself is the author of marriage, endowed as it is with various benefits and purposes. All of these have a very decisive bearing on the continuation of the human race, on the personal development and eternal destiny of the individual members of a family, and on the dignity, stability, peace and prosperity of the family itself and of human society as a whole. (The Second Vatican Council, *Gaudium et spes*, no. 48)

By their very nature, the institution of matrimony itself and conjugal love are ordained for the procreation and education of children, and find in them their ultimate crown. (The Second Vatican Council, *Gaudium et spes*, no. 48) Marriage is not, then, the effect of chance or the product of evolution of unconscious natural forces; it is the wise institution of the Creator to realize in mankind His design of love. (*Humanae vitae*, no. 8)

Marriage is more than a civil contract; it is a lifelong covenant of love between a man and a woman. It is an intimate partnership in which husbands and wives learn to give and receive love unselfishly, and then teach their children to do so as well. Christian marriage in particular is a “great mystery,” a sign of love between Christ and His Church (Eph 5:32). (*Married Love and the Gift of Life*, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2006, p. 3)

The Church speaks of an inseparable connection between the two ends of marriage: the good of the spouses themselves as well as the procreation of children. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that “these two meanings or values of marriage cannot be separated without altering the couple’s spiritual life and compromising the goods of marriage and the future of the family.” This inseparability arises from the very nature of conjugal love, a love that “stands under the twofold obligation of fidelity and fecundity.”

(See, *Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan*, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009, p. 15)

#### *...the nature of married love*

Authentic married love is caught up into Divine love and is directed and enriched by the redemptive power of Christ and the salvific action of the Church, with the result that the spouses are effectively led to God and are helped and strengthened in their lofty role as mothers and fathers. (The Second Vatican Council, *Gaudium et spes*, no. 48)

Married love “is an eminently human one since it is directed from one person to another through an affection of the will; it involves the good of the whole person, and therefore can enrich the expressions of body and mind with a unique dignity .... This love God has judged worthy of special gifts, healing, perfecting and exalting gifts of grace and of charity. (The Second Vatican Council, *Gaudium et spes*, no. 49)

Married love merges “the human with the divine” and “leads the spouses to a free and mutual gift of themselves, a gift providing itself by gentle affection and by deed, such love pervades the whole of their lives: indeed by its busy generosity it grows better and grows greater.” (The Second Vatican Council, *Gaudium et spes*, no. 49)

Conjugal love involves a totality, in which all the elements of the person enter—appeal of the body and instinct, power of feeling ... aspiration of the spirit and of will. It aims at a deeply personal unity, a unity that, beyond union in one flesh, leads to forming one heart and soul; it demands indissolubility and faithfulness in definitive mutual giving; and it is open to fertility. (John Paul II, *Familiaris consortio*, no. 13)

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**Intercessions for Life**

For couples considering adoption:  
 May the Lord guide their journey  
 and grant them peace along the way;  
 We pray to the Lord:



**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:**  
 Ex 1:8-14, 22  
 Mt 10:34--11:1

**Tuesday:**  
 Ex 2:1-15a  
 Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday:**  
 Ex 3:1-6, 9-12  
 Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday:**  
 Ex 3:13-20  
 Mt 11:28-30

**Friday:**  
 Ex 11:10--12:14  
 Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday:**  
 Ex 12:37-42  
 Mt 12:14-21

**Sunday:**  
 Jer 23:1-6  
 Eph 2:13-18  
 Mk 6:30-34



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<b>Mass Intentions:</b>	<b>Requested for:</b>	<b>Requested By:</b>
July 11 Saturday	Betty Steil †	Cathy Stark
July 12 Sunday	Our Parishioners	
July 15 Wednesday	Ursulina Francis † & Joseph LaFlamme †	
July 16 Thursday		
July 17 Friday	Rocky Ferguson †	Carol Ferguson
July 18 Saturday	Robert Myles †	
July 19 Sunday	Our Parishioners	
July 19 Sunday		

Next week's second collection will be for the Maintenance Fund. This fund remains in our church to help pay for unexpected repair and maintenance problems. Thank you for always being so generous in your support of our parish.



**The Flowers on the Altar this weekend**  
 were generously donated in Honor of  
 Tod Stark and Emily Burns



**Saturday, July 18, 5:00 PM**

**Lectors:** Becky Glidewell  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Teresa Miller and Rita Zinner  
**Altar Servers:** Any Available  
**Ushers:** Tom Matelski and Ron Sicina

**Liturgical Schedule**

**Sunday, July 19, 9:00 AM**

**Lector:** Bob Lipscomb  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** James Watson, Carlton Turner, Justin Jewell, Bill Lewis, \*\* John Lueken  
**Altar Servers:** Ken White and Brian Leto  
**Crucifer:** Chris Hotchkiss    **Thurifer:** Mike Palka  
**Gift Bearers:** Pete Fullerton and Jack Herbert  
**Ushers:** Bill Hunter and Dennis Ordyna  
**Greeters:** Jack and Betty Herbert

**Sunday, July 19, 11:30 AM**

**Lector:** Craig Breyne  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Tod Stark  
**Altar Servers:** Andrew Chapko and Miranda Salina  
**Crucifer:** Kaylee Pappa  
**Gift Bearers:** Any available Youth  
**Ushers:** Any Available Ushers  
**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, John Potat III, Tommy Glidewell, Gage Van Dyck, Jon Peters, Patsy Burdette, Ashlynn Geringer, and Barbara Lynch.



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.

God who created man out of love also calls him to love the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being. For man is created in the image and likeness of God who is himself love. Since God created him man and woman, their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves man. It is good, very good, in the Creator’s eyes. And this love which God blesses is intended to be fruitful and to be realized in the common work of watching over creation: “and God blessed them, and God said to them: ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it.’” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1604)

Marriage and conjugal love are by their nature ordained toward the begetting and educating of children. Children are really the supreme gift of marriage and contribute very substantially to the welfare of their parents. (The Second Vatican Council, *Gaudium et Spes*, no. 50)

The God Himself Who said, “it is not good for man to be alone” (Gen. 2:18) and “Who made man from the beginning male and female” (Matt. 19:4), wishing to share with man a certain special participation in His own creative work, blessed male and female, saying: “Increase and multiply” (Gen. 1:28). Hence, while not making the other purposes of matrimony of less account, the true practice of conjugal love, and the whole meaning of the family life which results from it, have this aim: that the couple be ready ... to cooperate with the love of the Creator and the Savior. Who through them will enlarge and enrich His own family day by day. (The Second Vatican Council, *Gaudium et spes*, no. 50)

Created in the image and likeness of God, the origin of all life, men and women are called to be partners with the Creator in transmitting the sacred gift of human life. (Pontifical Council on the Family, *The Ethical and Pastoral Dimensions of Population Trends*, March 25, 1994, no. 73)

“For the LORD, your God, is the God of gods, the Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who has no favorites, accepts no bribes, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and loves the resident alien, giving them food and clothing.”

— Deuteronomy 10:17-18  
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**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’Byron 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.

Thank you.



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**God's Adopted Children**

Z Y Q M S P I R I T U A L G A  
 J C E B E L I E V E Z D N T P  
 H Y A U W A W G D P E O I S L  
 F G H G V N I U U S L A P E E  
 Q P J F V Z S D I E S D R C A  
 U M U Z M Z D M B S O O A R S  
 A F V R R M O P E J U P I E U  
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 S V G K S W O H E P V I S S L  
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 D G U A R A N T E E R T C Y O  
 Z X O I N H E R I T A N C E P



In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will.

Ephesians 1:5

FAMILY	BELONG	PROMISED	INHERITANCE	PURCHASED
KINDNESS	TRUST	GUARANTEE	ADOPT	BELIEVE
CHOSE	PRAISE	WISDOM	HEAVENLY	SECRET
PLAN	FREEDOM	PLEASURE	SPIRITUAL	BLESSED

### **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

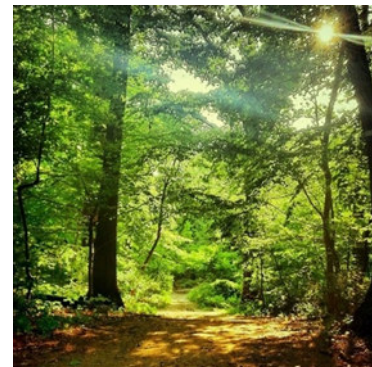
"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick--no food, no sack, no money in their belts." Jesus gave the Twelve Apostles a remarkable mission. He sent them out two by two to preach repentance, to cast out evil spirits, and to heal the sick. And he made them do it in a spirit of complete dependence upon God. They were not allowed to take anything along that would have given them material comfort or security. These men--who did not even have the witness of other apostles or saints to inspire or give them courage, and who had not yet beheld the Resurrection of the Lord--stepped out into the world with literally nothing but their faith in this man named Jesus. And look what happened! "The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them."

The apostles' trust in God's power to work these miracles through their hands began with trust in God's power to provide for their own needs. Because they didn't have food, shelter, or money, every time they received food or shelter or had their needs met, the apostles were able to see that God was at work in their midst. This experience bolstered their faith and encouraged them in their mission.

When we find ourselves questioning whether we really have the "power" to do what God wants us to do, then we ought to step back and try to depend a little more directly upon God's providence. Tithing is one way to accomplish this. When we set aside a portion of our income for the sake of others, we make an act of trust in God's power to provide for us. Surrendering this element of care for ourselves allows God to meet our needs himself. And when he does, our faith will flourish too.

**Centering Prayer Retreat** at Ignatius House, 6700 Riverside Drive NW, Atlanta, Ga, 30328, from 6:00 PM Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> to 1:00 PM Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Presented by Mark Dannenfels and Roberta White. An Introductory Track will be offered for beginners in centering prayer. An Experienced Track will practice Welcoming Prayer.

**Register** on the Ignatius House website: [ignatiushouse.org](http://ignatiushouse.org) or contact Gloria Herle by phone at 404-255-0503, X 223 or by email: [gherle@ignatiushouse.org](mailto:gherle@ignatiushouse.org)



Join us for a spiritual enrichment class this fall led by Bruce A. Maivelet, S.J. There will be two, eight (8) week sessions which will explore the fundamentals of Ignatian Spirituality as experienced through the lives of several notable Jesuits.

Classes will be held on Thursdays from 10:00am to 11:30am in the Trinity Conference Room.

Session 1: September 10, 2015 — October 29, 2015

Session 2: January 7, 2016 – February 25, 2016

To register for this class go to [www.ignatiushouse.org](http://www.ignatiushouse.org) or call us at 404-255-0503.

### Upcoming events here at St. Mary, Mother of God for the week of July 13 - July 19

Monday, July 13	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	7:00pm
Tuesday, July 14		
Wednesday, July 15	Novena Mass	6:15pm 6:30pm
Thursday, July 16	Reconciliation Rosary Mass Prayer Group	11:00am 11:35am 12:00 noon 1:15pm
Friday, July 17	Reconciliation Rosary Mass	11:00am 11:35am 12:00 noon
Saturday, July 18	Mass	5:00pm
Sunday, July 19	Choir Rosary Mass	8:20-8:50am 8:30-8:45am 9:00am