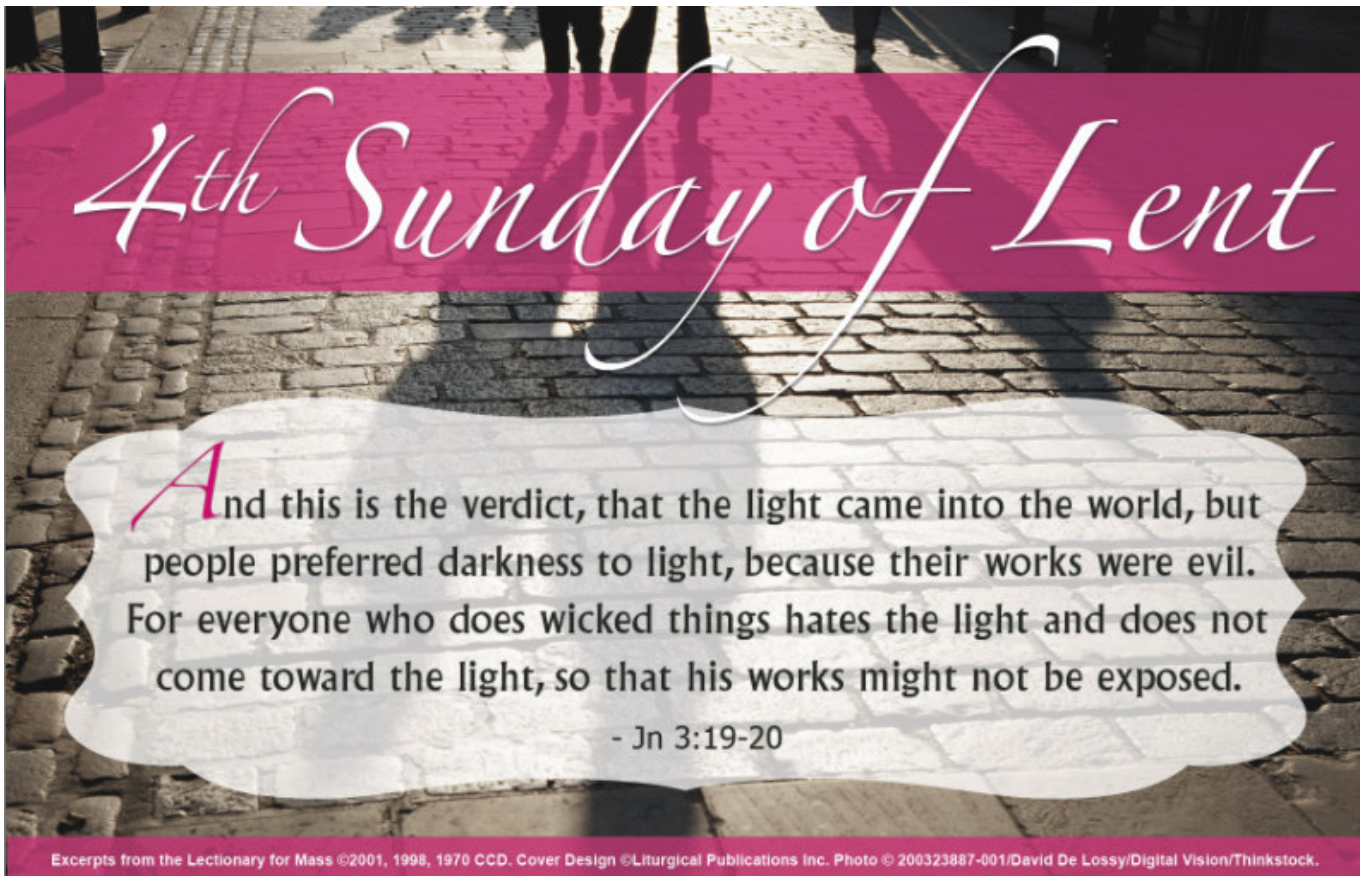


## St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church



### **Toiletries for DFACS -**

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting toiletries once again for children in the Butts County DFACS program. This drive is to provide individual toiletries for children that enter the DFACS program. Suggested items are toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, hand sanitizers, baby wipes, and any personal care items that one would require. Items such as these can be acquired at drug stores, grocery stores, and dollar stores. This program was greatly supported by members of St Mary in the past and we pray that it will be a success once again. The Knights of Columbus once again thank you all for your support. A collection point will be located in the parish gathering area.

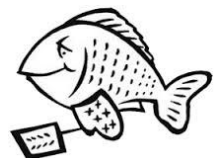


The Danny McMichael Council of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring their annual Lenten Fish Fry at St Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church. Everyone is invited to join us for a dinner of Tilapia fish, fries, hush puppies, coleslaw, and a refreshment.

Tickets are \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children under 12.

To honor our emergency services, all uniformed fire fighters, police officers, sheriff deputies and EMS personnel will only pay \$3.00 per plate. Come and join us this Friday between 4:30 - 6:30PM.

**March 27th will be our last Fish Fry for the year.  
Don't miss out on an awesome meal!**



**Intercessions for Life**

For each person suffering from the loss of a child through abortion: may Christ console them in their grief and fill their heart with peace & hope;

We pray to the Lord:



Offertory

\$ 2,426.00

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

Mar. 14	Saturday	Patricia (Patsy) Jackson †	Micheal Jackson
Mar. 15	Sunday	Our Parishioners	
Mar. 15	Sunday		
Mar. 18	Wednesday		
Mar. 19	Thursday	Pat Ryan †	Emily Ryan
Mar. 20	Friday		
Mar. 21	Saturday	Otis Burdette, Jr. †	Patsy Burdette
Mar. 22	Sunday	Our Parishioners	

"Human life is good and to be protected. All medical decisions ought to reflect this core belief."

— "Advance Medical Directives: Planning for Your Future"

Respect Life Program, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
(<http://bit.ly/AdvanceMedicalDirectives>)



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**Saturday, March 21, 4:00 PM**

**Lector:** Michael Jackson

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Richard McPhee and Jim Jost

**Gift Bearers:** Ushers please choose a family

**Ushers:** Ron Sicina and Tom Matelski

**Sunday, March 22, 9:00 AM**

**Lector:** Bob Elwell

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Margarita Moreno, Bob Lipscomb, Bill Hunter, Rita Zinner, and \*\*Dennis Ordyna

**Altar Servers:** Lorette Edwards and Miranda Salina

**Crucifer:** Sharon Chan

**Gift Bearers:** Jorge and Margarita Moreno

**Ushers:** Jerry Holland and Paul Jewell

**Greeters:** Rita Zinner and Erma Gozdick

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

Is 65:17-21

Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:**

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:**

Is 49:8-15

Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:**

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Friday:**

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:**

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday****(Saturday 4pm reading):**

Jer 31:31-34

Heb 5:7-9

Jn 12:20-33

**Sunday****(Optional RCIA 9am readings):**

Ez 37:12-14

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Liturgical Schedule**

# St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church

**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.



Our Lenten Penance service will be Wednesday, March 18th at 7:00pm.

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

Reconciliation is also available every Thursday and Friday at 11:00am. And on the Second and Fourth Saturday of each month from 3:00-3:45pm. The 6:30pm mass and choir practice for that evening will be canceled.


Parishioners, do you mulch your gardens with pine straw? Well, if you do, the Knights of Columbus are making pine straw available this year for your gardens. We will have pine straw for sale on the following Saturdays between the hours of 8:00am and 2:00pm; March 21st, March 28th and April 4th in the front parking lot of the parish. Cost per bale will be \$3.50. Delivery will be available for large orders. Check with the Knights at the trailer.



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Tickets available at [www.RCAHybrid.org](http://www.RCAHybrid.org). The show will be at our new home at 1565 Holcomb Bridge Road in Roswell.

### 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.



**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.





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## Walking in the Light



This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.

John 3:19-20 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 3:18-22

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EVIL	FEAR	PEOPLE	LIGHT
COME	DEEDS	TRUTH	LOVE
HATES	BELIEVE	DARKNESS	WORLD

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

"But whoever lives the truth comes to the light." Think about the sun for a moment. The light from this gigantic celestial orb provides so many things for us. Most obviously, it provides brightness by which we see, by which we work, play, and navigate the world around us. It also provides the warmth necessary for our comfort and our survival. The sun sustains plant life, which in turn sustains our lives as well. It helps us mark the passing of time, the change of seasons, and the rhythm of every day. The sun is a tremendous gift from God, and our lives--just like our planet--quite literally revolve around it.

When Jesus uses the image of light in today's Gospel, it may help us to understand him if we think of the sun. Just as this magnificent star nourishes our physical existence, so too Jesus, "the light [who] came into the world," nourishes our spiritual existence. He gives us the "brightness" to see the right choices in front of us through his teaching and his example. He warms our hearts through his mercy and forgiveness, changing our coldhearted sinfulness into burning charity. He sustains our spiritual lives by offering us the gift of salvation: eternal life in heaven that never sees death. And he helps us mark the passing of time as we grow ever closer to him, entering more and more deeply into the knowledge and love of our Lord.

But of course, just as we are free to hide in a dark room with the shades drawn, so too we are free to "shade" ourselves from the light of Christ: "for everyone who does wicked things hates the light." To choose wickedness is to cut ourselves off not just from light, but from life. May we choose instead to stay always in the light of the Son.

Live Stations of the cross – The middle and High school students are presenting a live stations of the cross on two different occasions. We will present the stations on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> during the faith formation classes. This will be between 10:20 and 11:20 am. This will be presented for the faith formation classes but everyone is invited. We will also present the stations on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. This is also open to everyone.

Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> we will have a 9:00am and 11:30 am mass.

Sunday, March 15th is our teen meeting immediately following mass at 11:30. I need all students that are participating in the live stations of the cross to attend this meeting. This will be our last practice before presenting the stations on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will meet from 12:30 until 2pm. If you have any questions please contact me at [brendampatterson@gmail.com](mailto:brendampatterson@gmail.com).

On Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, we will have an Easter Celebration for the children of the church. There will be snacks, crafts and fun for all the children of the church. Come out at 10am and have fun learning about Easter, lent and Holy week. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering hall.

EASTER CELEBRATION



**Upcoming events here at St. Mary, Mother of God for the week of March 16 - March 22**

Monday, March 16

Tuesday, March 17

Wednesday, March 18

Novena  
Penance Service

6:45pm  
7:00pm



Thursday, March 19

Reconciliation  
Rosary  
Mass  
Prayer Group  
OCIA

11:00am  
11:35am  
12:00 noon  
1:15pm  
7:00pm

Friday, March 20

Reconciliation  
Rosary  
Mass  
KC Fish Fry  
Stations of the Cross

11:00am  
11:35am  
12:00 noon  
4:30-6:30pm  
7:00pm

Saturday, March 21

Mass

4:00pm

Sunday, March 22

Choir  
Rosary  
Mass  
Faith Formation Classes  
Women's Guild Mtg. following Mass

8:20-8:50am  
8:30-8:45am  
9:00am  
10:20-11:20am