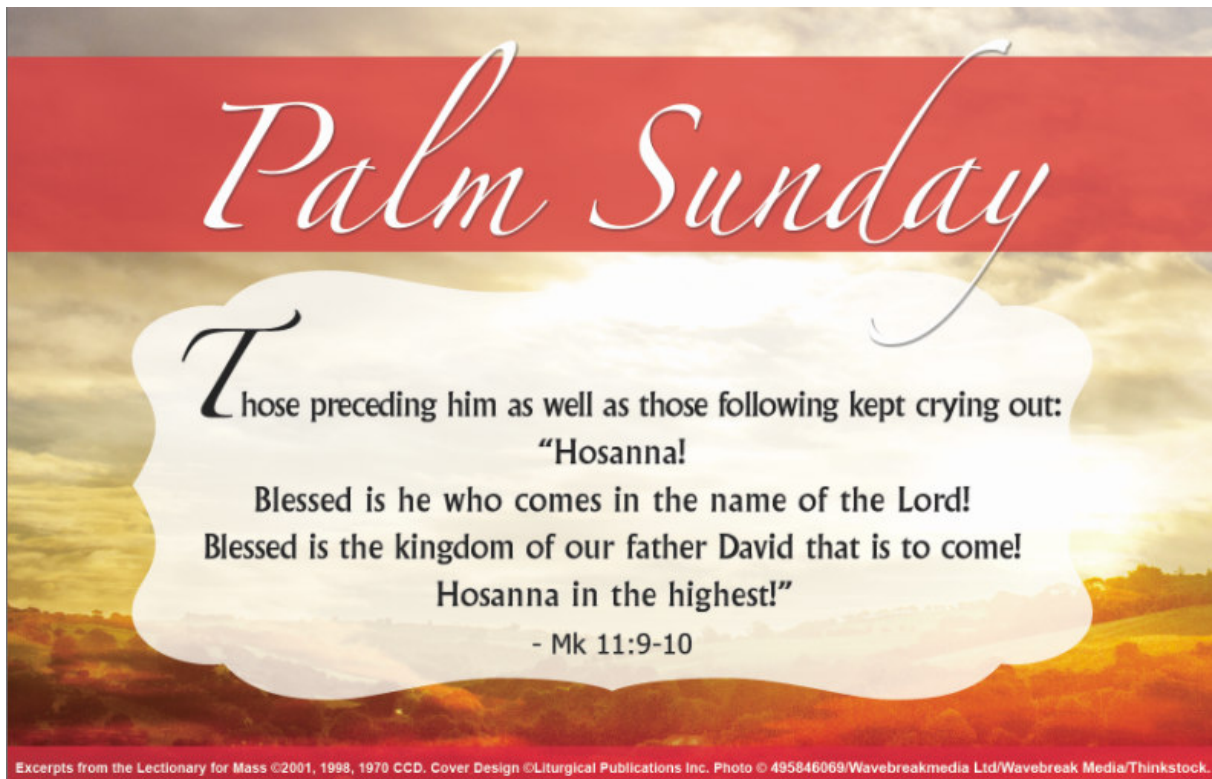


St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church



Palm Sunday

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out:
"Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!
Hosanna in the highest!"
- Mk 11:9-10

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Holy Week Schedule

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



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.

Intercessions for Life

For those near the end of their lives:
 may they be strengthened by God's love and grace,
 and supported in their final days;
 We pray to the Lord:

Readings for the Week**Monday:**

Is 42:1-7

Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday:

Is 49:1-6

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday:

Is 50:4-9a

Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass:

Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9

Rv 1:5-8

Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

Friday:

Is 52:13--53:12

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Jn 18:1--19:42

Saturday: Vigil:

Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a

Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Ex 14:15--15:1

Is 54:5-14

Is 55:1-11

Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28

Rom 6:3-11

Mk 16:1-7

Easter Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35



Information not available at the
 time of printing

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

Mar. 28	Saturday	Kristopher Stark †	Emily Ryan
Mar. 29	Sunday	Our Parishioners	
Mar. 30	Monday	Glenda Steil	Stark Family
Mar. 31	Tuesday	Communion Service	
Apr. 1	Wednesday	Chris Burns	Stark Family
Apr. 2	Thursday	To all of our First Communicants	Becky Glidewell
Apr. 3	Friday	Good Friday	
Apr. 4	Saturday	To Our Catechumens	Becky Glidewell
Apr. 5	Sunday	Our Parishioners	
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Thursday, April 2, 7:00 PM**Lector:** Mickie Hofmann**Extraordinary Ministers:** Tod Stark and Eva White**Altar Servers:** Knights of Columbus**Ushers:** Mark Hofmann and Jerry Holland**Friday, April 3, 7:00 PM****Lector:** Billy Glidewell**Extraordinary Ministers:** Bob Lipscomb and Tammy Hotchkiss**Altar Servers:** Knights of Columbus**Ushers:** Any Available**Saturday, April 4, 8:30 PM****Lectors:** Becky Glidewell and Craig Breyne**Extraordinary Ministers:** John Lueken, Eva White, Chris Hotchkiss, Margarita Moreno, and **Bill Myles**Altar Servers:** Knights of Columbus**Gift Bearers:** Mary Breyne and Cathy Stark**Ushers:** Jerry Holland and Carlton Turner**Sunday, April 5, 9:00 AM****Lector:** Bob Lipscomb**Extraordinary Ministers:** Teresa Miller, Kathy Abood, Justin Jewell, Rita Zinner, and ** Bill Hunter**Altar Servers:** Melina Patterson and Andrew Chapko**Crucifer:** Kaylee Pappa**Gift Bearers:** Dottie Patterson and Gail McLaurin**Ushers:** Mark Hofmann and Dennis Ordyna**Greeters:** Lu Davis-Moore and Catherine Crusan**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 week-end 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/>.

Archdiocesan Seminarians April 4-5, 2015

As Pope John Paul II said, "The responsibility for the seminary belongs to the entire Christian community". We are blessed in this Archdiocese with over 40 men who are responding to a call for priestly service to the people of God in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Though this generous gift of God is a blessing for this Archdiocese, it does pose a challenge to us. These men need both our financial support and our prayers. Please provide a sound future for the seminarians here in the Archdiocese of Atlanta by giving generously to the Archdiocesan Seminarians' Collection next weekend.



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.

Thank you.



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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

"They began to be distressed and to say to him, one by one, Surely it is not I?" During this dramatic scene at the Last Supper, we can picture Judas Iscariot, the betrayer, trying to play up his innocence as long as possible. He knew he had already betrayed Jesus, and if he joined in the "who, me?" ritual, he was just putting on appearances. But what about the others? The rest of the Twelve were deeply disturbed by the idea that they might betray Jesus. As we know, however, when push came to shove, Peter's fear of betraying Jesus was trumped by fear for his own life. "I do not know this man about whom you are talking," he said in order to protect himself. But notice Peter's reaction when he realized what he'd done: "He broke down and wept."

How different was humble Peter's response from that of prideful Judas, who acted as if he hadn't done anything wrong: "Who, me?" Both men were unfaithful to the Lord, but only Peter immediately felt real sorrow, what we traditionally call contrition, for his sin.

The betrayers in today's Gospel readings are not just these two men. We also follow the crowd who hailed Jesus one day with "hosannas!" and a week later nailed him with their angry "crucify him!" How quickly our faith can turn fickle. For some of us, it may be easy to condemn the crowd and Judas and Peter, thinking that we would never do such a thing: "Who, me?" But today, let us resolve not to be so proud as to think we are perfect disciples. Let us have the humility of Peter who wept over his imperfections and, ultimately, repented of his sins. Only when we acknowledge that we need God's help will we be able to hail him and praise him as he truly deserves.

Palm Sunday

It was during the fourth century in Jerusalem that Christians first starting using palm branches in commemoration of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Today, we continue to use palms in most churches on this Sunday, Catholic and Protestant alike. It is one of those traditions of worship that, no matter how far apart we may seem at times, we continue to share due to our common heritage.

But Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday, because we hear an account of the passion of Jesus Christ during the liturgy. Most churches also share this reading in common. Many Catholic parishes use multiple lectors to proclaim the Gospel, while it is not uncommon for a similar reading or even a performance in many mainstream Protestant churches.

The commonality found in the worship on this particular Sunday seems to highlight the fundamental truth in the observance: Jesus Christ died for everyone. He did not die on a cross for just Catholics, or just Orthodox, or just Protestants. Whether one acknowledges it or not, he was crucified for all those who are born of man. Today, we rejoice not just for what he has done for us but also for what he has done for all of creation.



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

First Communicants:

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

Confirmondi:

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

Catechumens:

Seema Moreno and Cecilia Egbert

Upcoming events here at St. Mary, Mother of God for the week of March 30 - April 5

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Sunday, April 5	<i>Easter Sunday</i> Choir Rosary Mass Mass	8:20-8:50am 8:30-8:45am 9:00am 11:00am