

## St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us — all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

**A** - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B** - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**C** - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message and devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of Saint Faustina* and set forth in this web site and other publications of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.



Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

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Please keep our First Communicants in your prayers:

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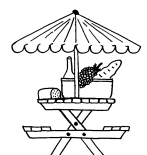
Dylan Brimberry, Layna Deraney, Gabriel Duffey, Madison James, Jorge Moreno, and Mark Myles.

### **The Women's Guild**

Our next event will be our Parish picnic at Dauset Trails. Save the date. Sunday, April 26th at 2:00pm

Please fill out the sign up sheet with the number who will attend and the side dish you will bring.

The church will be providing Main dish and hot dogs. The picnic will be held at Pavilion #1 rain or shine (unless there are severe storms). Pavilion #1 is close to the Animal Trail and Visitor's Center.



**Intercessions for Life**

For those who feel alone in their grief following an abortion: may they come to understand and experience the Lord's mercy and healing; We pray to the Lord:



Palm Sunday Offertory	\$ 2,135.00
Holy Lands	\$ 547.00
Easter Offertory	\$ 7,170.00
Archdiocesan Seminarians	\$ 690.00

<b><u>Mass Intentions:</u></b>	<b><u>Requested for:</u></b>	<b><u>Requested By:</u></b>
Apr. 11 Saturday	Mack Goins †	Emily Ryan
Apr. 12 Sunday	Our Parishioners	
Apr. 15 Wednesday		
Apr. 16 Thursday	Chris Fondell †	Stein Family
Apr. 17 Friday		
Apr. 18 Saturday	Kristopher Stark †	Emily Ryan
Apr. 19 Sunday	Our Parishioners	
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**The Flowers on the Altar this weekend** were generously donated in Loving memory of Marcella Glidewell †



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

**Lectors:** Alma Abbott  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Tammy Hotchkiss and Jim Jost  
**Altar Servers:** Any Available  
**Ushers:** Tom Matelski and Ron Sicina

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

**Lector:** Bob Lipscomb  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** James Watson, Justin Jewell, Carlton Turner, Adam Marlowe, and \*\*Bill Myles  
**Altar Servers:** Ken White and Brian Leto  
**Crucifer:** Jim Lally     **Thurifer:** Mike Palka  
**Gift Bearers:** Bill Hunter and Bill Lewis  
**Ushers:** Mark Hofmann and Paul Jewell  
**Greeters:** Jack and Betty Herbert

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

**Lector:** Craig Breyne  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Eva White  
**Altar Servers:** Andrew Chapko and Chloe Patterson  
**Crucifer:** Adrianna Chapko  
**Gift Bearers:** Tim and Tammy Chapko  
**Ushers:** JR Salina and Brenda Patterson  
**Greeters:** Tim and Tammy Chapko

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:**  
 Acts 4:23-31  
 Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday:**  
 Acts 4:32-37  
 Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:**  
 Acts 5:17-26  
 Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:**  
 Acts 5:27-33  
 Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:**  
 Acts 5:34-42  
 Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:**  
 Acts 6:1-7  
 Jn 6:16-21

**Sunday:**  
 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19  
 1 Jn 2:1-5a  
 Lk 24:35-48



**Liturgical Schedule**

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

LaDonna O'Bryon



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.

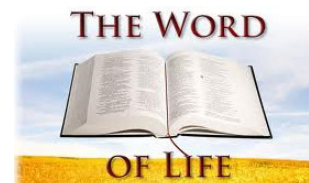


**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Eucharistic Congress 2015:** “I will be with you always”. The Eucharistic Congress comes this year to the Georgia International Convention Center Friday, June 5th – Saturday, June 6th. **Please prayerfully consider giving time as a volunteer... your generosity will be much appreciated.** 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/>.

“[T]he pro-life position is often misunderstood as neither showing compassion to mothers nor caring about the children after they are born. This is unfortunate. ... Those who see a lack of compassion from pro-lifers may not be aware of the many resources and compassionate care available to women facing unplanned pregnancies. ... [Crisis pregnancy] centers exist to provide warm and caring environments for mothers and families who find themselves with an unexpected pregnancy.”

—Life Issues Forum: Racing Toward a Culture of Life  
 (www.bit.ly/RacingToward)  
 Mary Prentis, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



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

**Jackson-Butts Co. Lions Club**

They need your help in collecting used eye glasses, hearing aids, regular sunglasses, old cell phones. A collection bucket is in the armoire in the gathering hall of the church. Thank you all for your continued support.

**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’Byron 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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## Don't Miss Church!

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" John 20:19 (NIV)

Based on John 20:19-31

DOORS	SHOWED	THOMAS	TOGETHER
MIRACLES	SIGNS	JESUS	RECORDED
BELIEVED	LIFE	DOUBTING	LOCKED
SIDE	DISCIPLES	TOUCHED	HANDS

## **Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday**

"Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." After the Resurrection, the wounds of Christ take on a whole new meaning. Whereas they had originally been a sign of the tragedy and pain of the crucifixion, they now became a sign of triumph and power over physical death as well as spiritual death-sin.

When Jesus invites Thomas to touch his wounds, he is allowing Thomas to experience this reality for himself. Thomas doesn't just look at the nail marks; he personally encounters them. He puts himself into the now-glorified wounds of Jesus. And then, he believes. This encounter not only takes away Thomas' doubt but also allows him to share in the joy of Christ's victory. "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaims.

This is a powerful image for the mercy of Christ. The suffering he endured on the cross was not just a distant symbol for us to admire. It was not just an opportunity for him to surprise everybody by rising from the dead. The fact that Jesus suffered for us means that our suffering now has somewhere to go. Our pain, our battle with sin, our struggle to truly believe in him, all of this can be laid within the wounds of Christ and healed. When we carry our scars alone, they blind us. They paralyze us. They prevent us from experiencing joy. But when we unite our own wounds to those of Christ, when we allow ourselves to encounter the wounded but glorified Christ, we are able to move beyond our own troubles. We get to share in the victory and stop hiding in the sadness of our self-doubt. It is through this honest encounter with the risen Christ that we are truly able to experience his peace.

Knights of Columbus Annual Vidalia Onion Sales - It is that time again for Vidalia Onions, the Knights will be taking orders after Easter for expected delivery at the end of April. We will be selling them again for \$10.00 for a 10 pound bag. We will establish a sign up location in the parish hall after Easter. Once again, a good crop of onions is expected for those that enjoy these Georgia delicacies.



**Knights of Columbus**

**St. James Preschool in McDonough is now enrolling for the 2015-2016 school year.**

We are a non-profit preschool program for children ages 8 weeks through 4 years old. Our programs meet 9am-1pm Monday through Friday. We offer classes in Language Arts, Science, Math, Spanish, Visual Arts, Music and Drama, Physical Education, just to name a few! In the true spirit of our faith, children here will bloom and grow through the example of Jesus Christ.

Please visit our website at <http://stjamesapostlepreschool.org> for more information or email the Director, Patti Lucas at [plucas@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:plucas@stjamesapostle.com).



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

Monday, April 13	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	7:00pm
Tuesday, April 14		
Wednesday, April 15	Novena Mass	6:15pm 6:30pm
Thursday, April 16	Reconciliation Rosary Mass Prayer Group	11:00am 11:35am 12:00 noon 1:15pm
Friday, April 17	Reconciliation Rosary Mass	11:00am 11:35am 12:00 noon
Saturday, April 18	Mass	5:00pm
Sunday, April 19	Choir Rosary Mass Faith Formation Classes Mass	8:20-8:50am 8:30-8:45am 9:00am 10:20-11:20am 11:30am



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