

St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church



On August 15, 2015, the Rosary Evangelization Apostolate is launching the 2015 National 54 day Rosary Novena for the family and marriage. These are key issues of our day, especially with the upcoming World Meeting of Families and the Synod on the Family. This Novena will conclude on October 7, 2015, on the Memorial Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

What: Pray the rosary for 54 straight days for the Novena Intentions
27 days in petition from August 15 through September 10, 2015
27 days in thanksgiving from September 11 through October 7, 2015

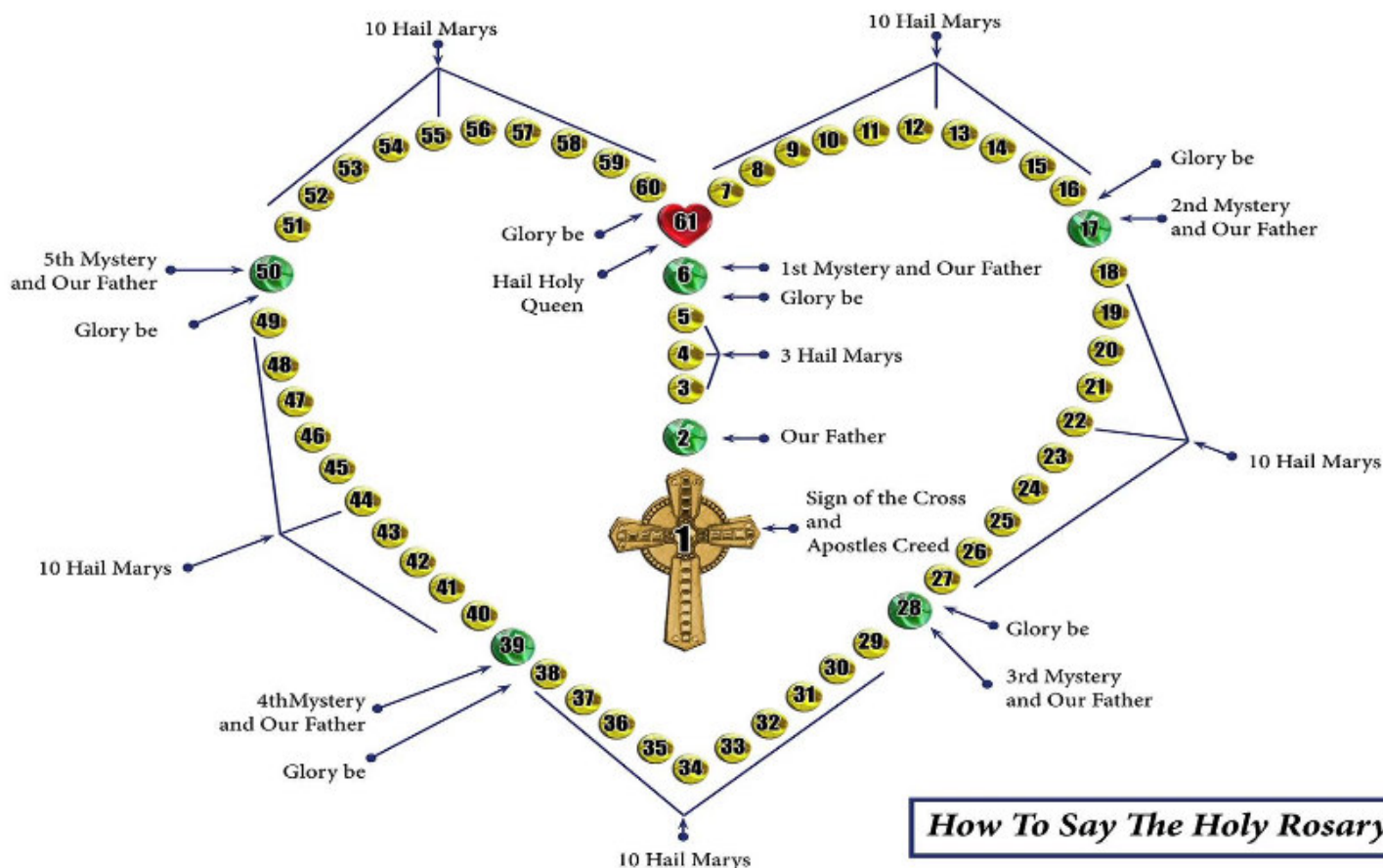
Why: A Message of Hope in response to the spiritual crisis in our culture and nation and to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops call to prayer.

Where: Pray the rosary individually or as a family in your home or as part of your parish community

Primary Novena Intention: “For the Family & Marriage” including for peace, human life and religious freedom.

Please mark your calendars and spread the word. You may also visit the website for more information and promotional materials: www.54days.org

If you have further questions please contact Patrick Metts at pmetts@archatl.com or at 404.920.7643.



Intercessions for Life

For those in difficult financial circumstances and expecting a child:
 May the Lord grant them assurance of his care
 and provide for their needs:
 We pray to the Lord:

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

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34
 Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday:

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28
 Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday:

Ex 34:29-35
 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday:

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38
 Mt 13:47-53

Friday:

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37
 Mt 13:54-58

Saturday:

Lv 25:1, 8-17
 Mt 14:1-12

Sunday:

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15
 Eph 4:17, 20-24
 Jn 6:24-35



Offertory	\$ 3,634.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 567.00

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

July 25	Saturday	Kristopher Stark †	Emily Ryan
July 26	Sunday	Our Parishioners	
July 29	Wednesday		
July 30	Thursday		
July 31	Friday		
Aug. 1	Saturday	Tony Fleckenstein †	Rita Zinner
Aug. 2	Sunday	Our Parishioners	

“In a special way, believers in Christ must defend and promote this right, aware as they are of the wonderful truth recalled by the Second Vatican Council: ‘By his incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every human being’ (*Gaudium et Spes*, no. 22).”

— Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 2

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**Saturday, August 1, 5:00 PM**

Lectors: LaDonna O'Bryon

Extraordinary Ministers: Eva White and Rita Zinner

Altar Servers: Any Available

Ushers: Tom Matelski and Howard Messing

Sunday, August 2, 9:00 AM

Lector: Bob Elwell

Extraordinary Ministers: Bill Hunter, Bob Lipscomb, Margarita Moreno, Justin Jewell ** Bill Myles

Altar Servers: Chloe Patterson and Cody Brimberry

Crucifer: Sharon Chan

Gift Bearers: Mike and Erma Gozdick

Ushers: Jerry Holland and Dennis Ordyna

Greeters: Mike and Erma Gozdick

**Liturgical Schedule**

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Please remember the following people in your prayers:

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, Barbara Lynch, Lu Davis-Moore, Vivian Hutton, Tammy Hotchkiss, and Robert Dube.



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.

Butts County Pregnancy Resource Center

We would like to let everyone know how grateful we are for the tremendous outpouring of financial support from the congregation at St. Mary, Mother of God church from the recent "Baby Bottle Drive" in behalf of our ministry. Your remarkable gift of \$888.86 will be used to support pregnant women in need and their unborn children.

We are proud to announce that from your congregation, there are currently two members of your church on our Board of Directors, one staff member, and half of our current active volunteer client advocates. For the 14 hours each week that we open the ministry for appointments, our clients/families are experiencing the loving presence of these individuals. We are indeed grateful for this service to the community. We will be opening a satellite center in Monticello within the next few months where there are high statistics on teen pregnancy and abortion rates. In addition, in early 2016, we will be starting medical services at the center by performing limited obstetrical ultrasounds to confirm pregnancy. Statistics indicate that of those abortion-minded women who see their unborn baby's heart beating on ultrasonography, over 85% change their mind and choose life! The congregation of St. Mary, Mother of God has become a part of that ministry as well with their generous support.



All women are invited to the MAGNIFICAT PRAYER BREAKFAST on Sat., Aug. 15, 2015, from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Holy Cross Church, 3773 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta. The guest speaker will be Anna Milam, of St. Pius X Church, Conyers. **Breakfast reservations are \$15 and must be made in advance. Please mail check, payable to Magnificat Joyful Visitation, by Aug. 8 to: Jo Ann Rademacher, 1260 Mountain Ivey Court, Sugar Hill, GA 30518. Check-in is at the door for those with reservations only. For information call Jo Ann Rademacher at 770-831-0693.**

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.

Thank you.



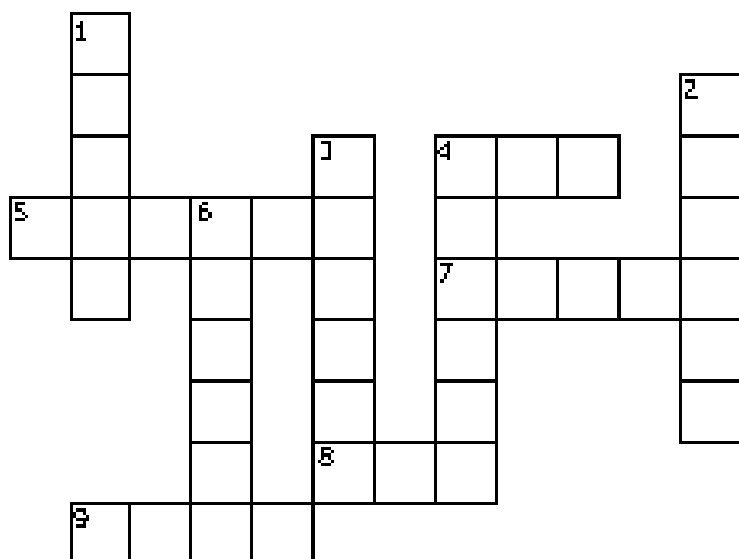
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When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing wasted."

John 6:1-15

Dinner on the Grounds



ACROSS

4. A male child
5. One more than eleven; two and ten; twice six; a dozen.
7. Opposite of large
8. To take food into the body through the mouth
9. A cold-blooded animal with fins and gills that lives in water

DOWN

1. A large number of persons gathered together
2. The number equal to 6 plus 6
3. Human beings -- as a group
4. A container made of woven materials such as straw or twigs
6. Bread baked in one long piece (plural)

FISH	LOAVES	TWELVE	TWELVE	BOY
PEOPLE	EAT	SMALL	CROWD	BASKET

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick." Jesus was attracting attention because of the miracles he had been working. Word spread, and people wanted to see it for themselves. In today's Gospel, a huge crowd--five thousand men--gathered to see if Jesus was really a miracle worker. And he didn't let them down. This time, instead of performing a miraculous healing for someone who was sick, Jesus performed a miracle that helped everyone who was there. He fed them all, out of the tiniest bit of food: five barley loaves and two fish. And with twelve baskets of leftovers to boot!

In case any of them had been in doubt before, this sign made it clear. Jesus was the Messiah. The people said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Each person in attendance had a personal experience of the power and providence of the Lord that day when they ate their fill. Jesus not only met their needs, but he went above and beyond this by multiplying the loaves and fishes in such abundance. It was as if he was saying, "I want you to have what you need and more. And I have the power to provide it for you."

This miracle-working, food-producing, need-meeting Jesus is the same Jesus that we believe in. This is the same man that we call our savior. This is the Lord we pray to and the One to whom we entrust our lives. This ancient Gospel story is not irrelevant to our lives; it is also part of our story, here, today. Jesus can also provide for us. He has the power, and the desire, to give us all that we need and even more. He wants to feed us, too, with a satisfied and abundant life, a life of lasting fulfillment.

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 or call us at 404-255-0503.

Is the summer's heat getting to you? How does a weekend together in the soothing company of your spouse plus the love-conditioned atmosphere of a Marriage Encounter Experience sound? Join us July 31 – August 3 at the Atlanta Marriott Peachtree Corners. It's Romantic and Beneficial and an experience sure to invigorate each of you! You'll LOVE the way you feel!

Applications for July and for future weekends are available at GATN-wwme.org

If you still have questions, call us at 678-242-WWME.

For Spanish speaking weekends call 770-425-1328.

World Wide Marriage Encounter - Making Good Marriages Great!

World Wide Marriage Encounter is the largest pro-Marriage movement in the world. It has received the Franciscan International Award recognizing its effectiveness in celebrating and supporting Marriage.

Upcoming events here at St. Mary, Mother of God for the week of July 27 - Aug. 2

Monday, July 27	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	7:00pm
Tuesday, July 28		
Wednesday, July 29	Novena	6:15pm
	Mass	6:30pm
	Evangelization Mtg.	7:00pm
Thursday, July 30	Reconciliation	11:00am
	Rosary	11:35am
	Mass	12:00 noon
	Prayer Group	1:15pm
Friday, July 31	Reconciliation	11:00am
	Rosary	11:35am
	Mass	12:00 noon
Saturday, August 1	Mass	5:00pm
Sunday, August 2	Choir	8:20-8:50am
	Rosary	8:30-8:45am
	Mass	9:00am
	Knights of Columbus Breakfast	