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- Should be active members of their church community (through the ministry, youth groups, choir, after-church events, etc.)

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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](http://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.

**Intercessions for Life**

For all shepherds of the Church:  
 May they witness with their lives  
 to the incredible worth of every person;  
 We pray to the Lord:

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:**  
 Ex 14:5-18  
 Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday:**  
 Ex 14:21--15:1  
 Mt 12:46-50

**Wednesday:**  
 Ex 16:1-5, 9-15  
 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Thursday:**  
 Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b  
 Mt 13:10-17

**Friday:**  
 Ex 20:1-17  
 Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday:**  
 2 Cor 4:7-15  
 Mt 20:20-28

**Sunday:**  
 2 Kgs 4:42-44  
 Eph 4:1-6  
 Jn 6:1-15



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

July 18	Saturday	Robert Myles †	
July 19	Sunday	Our Parishioners	
July 19	Sunday	Iris Raby †	Sperano Family
July 22	Wednesday		
July 23	Thursday		
July 24	Friday		
July 25	Saturday	Kristopher Stark †	Emily Ryan
July 26	Sunday	Our Parishioners	

“I wondered if my heart was big enough to love an adopted child as I would my biological child. There were also so many other variables to consider. ... We felt we had no control, but God reminded us again that He is always in control and that we could trust in Him.”

— “An Adoption Love Story,” <http://bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory>  
 USCCB 2014-15 Respect Life Program

**Saturday, July 25, 5:00 PM****Lectors:** Michael Jackson**Extraordinary Ministers:** Jim Jost and Rich McPhee**Altar Servers:** Any Available**Ushers:** Tom Matelski and Howard Messing**Sunday, July 26, 9:00 AM****Lector:** LaDonna O'Bryon**Extraordinary Ministers:** Margarita Moreno, Rita Zinner, Teresa Miller, Tammy Hotchkiss, \*\* Eva White**Altar Servers:** Lorette Edwards and Adriana Chapko**Crucifer:** Melina Patterson**Gift Bearers:** Ushers choose a family**Ushers:** Paul Jewell and Dennis Ordyna**Greeters:** Tim and Tammy Chapko**Liturgical Schedule**

# St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church

## **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, and Tammy Hotchkiss.



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.

Please welcome as the newest members of St. Mary, Mother of God.

**William and Claire Burton  
Luis and Iramika Urteaga**

If you attend St. Mary, Mother of God on a regular basis and have not registered we ask you to complete the following and drop it in the offertory basket. A parish registration form will be mailed to you. Or if your information has simply changed let us know. Thank you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Change of Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTIONS**

SHOW KINDNESS...

It's a choice. Please choose it.

SHOW PATIENCE...

Just remember, you're not perfect either.

SHOW ENCOURAGEMENT...

if you do, people will strive for more.

SHOW COMPASSION...

Put yourself in someone else's shoes.

SHOW WISDOM...

It's in short supply these days.

SHOW FAIRNESS...

Don't stack the deck in anyone's favor.

**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.



## Sheep without a Shepherd

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



When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

Mark 6:34

SHEPHERD	APOSTLES	BOAT	SOLITARY
TEACHING	CROWD	PLACE	REST
COMPASSION	JESUS	PEOPLE	SHEEP

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

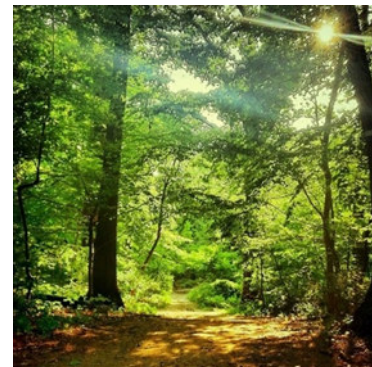
"His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things." Jesus felt pity ... and so he taught? Yes. Jesus gave his teachings out of love and concern. He gave them because he knew that they were what his followers needed. He did not teach in order to control, manipulate, brainwash, or coerce us. He did not teach in order to show his wisdom or prove his superiority. Jesus gave us his teachings as a way of guiding us, protecting us, and walking alongside us--like a good shepherd.

It's important for us to welcome the teachings of Christ and his body, the church, in this spirit. Too often, people misconstrue church teaching as something restrictive or controlling instead of understanding that Jesus handed down these teachings to us in order to help us find happiness and fulfillment. When we live according to church teaching, we are doing more than just being "good." We are also staying close to the shepherd of whom today's psalm speaks: "In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul." These benefits are ours when we follow the voice of the One who loves us.

Sometimes, we may not like what the voice is saying. Sometimes we may be drawn towards a different path or think that the grass is greener elsewhere. But by humbly acknowledging that the Shepherd--and his church--have great wisdom and a unique perspective to share, we will be led in the right direction. Though it may feel like a sacrifice at first, ultimately this loyalty to the flock will enable us to enjoy the contentment of those who declare, "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

**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 Dannenfelser 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 20 - July 26**

Monday, July 20

Tuesday, July 21

Wednesday, July 22

Novena  
Mass

6:15pm  
6:30pm

Thursday, July 23

Reconciliation  
Rosary  
Mass  
Prayer Group

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

Friday, July 24

Reconciliation  
Rosary  
Mass

11:00am  
11:35am  
12:00 noon

Saturday, July 25

Reconciliation  
Mass

4:00-4:45pm  
5:00pm

Sunday, July 26

Choir  
Rosary  
Mass

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