

## St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church

Happy Mother's Day



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### Holy Mary

Holy Mary, Mother of Our Lord Jesus, Hear my prayer for my own dear mother. Take her hand as I hold her in my heart and mind.

Let the strength you have known as a mother  
Fill her body. Let the devotion you feel for our  
Lord Fill her heart. Let the grace that sur-  
rounds you Fill her spirit. Holy Mary, may your  
divine presence In my mother's life, today and  
every day, bring her joy And peace forever.  
Amen.

### Catholic Homeschool Conference - May 29 ,2015

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Georgia Homeschool Conference will be held at the Cobb Galleria Centre (Rooms 102, 103 & 104), Two Galleria Parkway, in Atlanta, on Friday, May 29 (12:00pm-6:00pm).

Confirmed speakers include: Dr. Ray Guarendi, Mrs. Mary Ellen Barrett, Mr. Thomas Cole, and Mr. Ken Davison!

Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please visit [www.ihmconference.org](http://www.ihmconference.org), email: [info@ihmconference.org](mailto:info@ihmconference.org) or call 540-636-1946



On May 13th the Fourth Annual Embrace Memorial Mass will be celebrated for all babies whose life-ended way too soon from miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death. If your loss was recent or years prior please join Archbishop Gregory and Embrace Ministry for this very special mass on May 13th at 7:00PM at The Cathedral of Christ The King, 2699 Peachtree Rd, NE, Atlanta, GA 30305. A reception will follow the mass. For more information [www.allembrace.com](http://www.allembrace.com)



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!** **Eucharistic Congress 2015:** *"I will be with you always"*. The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Eucharistic Congress is Friday and Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> at the Georgia International Convention Center. **Please prayerfully consider giving time as a volunteer...your generosity will be much appreciated.** Volunteer registration closes as of May 15<sup>th</sup> so that plans may be made according to the number of volunteers committed at that time. More information and volunteer registration forms are available **St. Mary, Mother of God** or register on-line using the link at <http://congress.archatl.com/volunteers/>.

**Intercessions for Life**

For the most vulnerable among us— the unborn, persons with disabilities, the poor, the sick, and those near death: May their unique gifts be recognized, and may we treat them as the gifts that they are;

We pray to the Lord:



Offertory

\$ 4,750.00

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

May 9	Saturday	All Mother's of Our Parish	
May 10	Sunday	All Mother's of Our Parish	
May 13	Wednesday		
May 14	Thursday		
May 15	Friday		
May 16	Saturday	Mack Goins †	Jean Thomas
May 17	Sunday	Our Parishioners	
May 17	Sunday		

**Saturday, May 16, 5:00 PM**

**Lectors:** Janice Lueken

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Tod Stark and LaDonna O'Bryon

**Altar Servers:** Any Available

**Ushers:** Tom Matelski and Ron Sicina

**Sunday, May 17, 9:00 AM**

**Lector:** Jorge Moreno Sr.

**Extraordinary Ministers:** James Watson, Bill Myles, Carlton Turner, Justin Jewell, and \*\*John Lueken

**Altar Servers:** Ken White and Jim Lally

**Crucifer:** Brian Leto      **Thurifer:** Jesse Petrella

**Gift Bearers:** Jack Herbert and Bob Lipscomb

**Ushers:** Dennis Ordyna and Jerry Holland

**Greeters:** Jack and Betty Herbert

**Sunday, May 17, 11:30AM**

**Lector:** Lorette Edwards

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Chris Hotchkiss and Eva White

**Altar Servers:** Andrew Chapko and Miranda Salina

**Crucifer:** Adrianna Chapko

**Gift Bearers:** Chloe Patterson and Kaylee Pappa

**Ushers:** JR Salina and Tim Chapko

**Greeters:** Chloe Patterson and Kaylee Pappa

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

Acts 16:11-15

Jn 15:26--16:4a

**Tuesday:**

Acts 16:22-34

Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:**

Acts 17:15, 22--18:1

Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:**

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11

Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 or

Eph 1:17-23

Mk 16:15-20

**Friday:**

Acts 18:9-18

Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:**

Acts 18:23-28

Jn 16:23b-28

**Sunday:**

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

1 Jn 4:11-16

Jn 17:11b-19

**The Flowers on the Altar  
this weekend**

were generously donated in  
Loving memory of  
Mary Patterson †

**Liturgical Schedule**

# St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church

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

LaDonna O'Bryon, George Hofmann, Ginny Markham, Jan Jost, Tom O'Bryon, David Haistens, Sue Samp, Jeanel Wehner, and Ron Sicina.



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.)

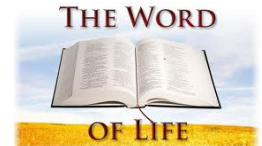
**Marriage** – A couple wishing to be married at St. Mary, Mother of God must fulfill these requirements: (a) at least one of them must be a practicing Catholic and registered in this parish ( a former member of the parish or others must have a letter of permission from their current pastor authorizing 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.

On May 20th at 7:00pm Deacon Dick Tolcher and Dr. Ron Chandonia will present the Catholic perspective on the death penalty including papal statements, catechism reference, Brief history in USA, personal witness Archbishop Gregory statement.

Presenters are 35 minutes plus questions

"Pope Francis has captivated the world with his humility, warmth and compassion for each person. Vivid accounts of his tenderness for "the least of these"—the elderly, the imprisoned, those with disfiguring disabilities, the unborn, and many more—seize our attention. Why? At the heart of each of these interactions is a truth which resonates in our hearts, revealing to us something essential to understanding ourselves and our purpose. We are loved."

\* 2014 Respect Life Month statement, Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities (<http://bit.ly/2014RLP>)



**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.



**EMPTY INK CARTRIDGE?**

We will take it! Please recycle your used computer ink cartridges to the church. The church receives credit for every cartridge that is donated. That money is used for church supplies and materials. There are donation baskets in the armoire in the gathering hall. Thank you everyone who have donated their used cartridges.

**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.

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](mailto:stmarysinjackson@bellsouth.net).

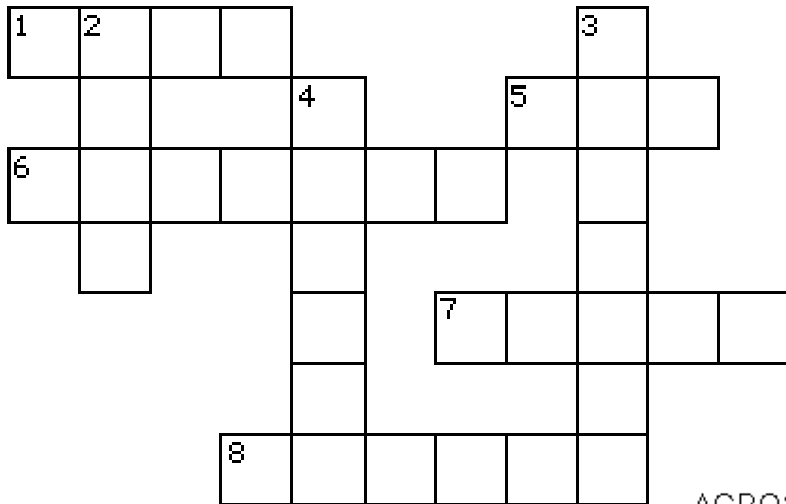
Thank you.



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My command is this:  
Love each other as I have  
loved you. John 15:12



### DOWN

2. To do what you are told; follow the rules
3. An order which a person is expected to obey
4. One who has authority over another person

### ACROSS

1. To hold dear, to like or desire greatly
5. A state of happiness or delight
6. Someone that performs duties for a master
7. To gain knowledge, skill, or understanding
8. A person that you like very much

COMMAND	LEARN	OBEY	SERVANT
JOY	MASTER	LOVE	FRIEND

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." We sometimes tend to believe the opposite. It's not unusual for us to think, "I have chosen to be a Christian," and then to imagine that the process really started with us, that it was our initiative, our decision to believe, our act of faith that got the ball rolling in our spiritual life. Of course our decision is important, but Jesus reminds us today that he is actually the one who took the first step. He chose us. He called and invited us to be among his followers and friends. As the second reading tells us, "God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him." That happened first. The next step is ours, to accept this life that is offered to us through our own act of faith.

The other part of this equation is that, as Jesus tells us, we have been chosen for a mission. This isn't all just about our personal faith and our relationship with him. He calls us to know and love him, and when we respond, we are "appointed" to be fruitful in the world. We are supposed to live our faith in such a way that something valuable, beautiful, and useful comes from it. Jesus sends us to make the world a better place, not in a vague, feel-good, fluffy way but in a real, concrete way. He equips us to bear fruit that will remain. This isn't superficial or flighty. The work we do in the world--whether it be alleviating the suffering of the sick and poor, evangelizing those who do not know about the gift of salvation, raising our children to be faithful Christians, or carrying out our career with integrity and generosity--all of this is meant to be the effect of our response to the call that Jesus gave us.

Everyday Stewardship

Do you remember being a child and deciding on captains to choose sides for a game of kickball, soccer, or other sport requiring little more than a ball? Kids sat on a curb, waiting to hear their fate. "Surely, I will not be picked last," each boy or girl thought. But alas, someone always had to be last. The worst part was that it often came down to one kid who thought he was not too horrible and one kid who knew he was horrible. Guess who was picked first, assuring that the sole survivor of this ritual was left to question why he or she even left the house that day. Good times!

Most of the time, to be chosen can make a person feel wanted or needed. You realize that someone else sees something in you to respect and value. You become a part of something bigger than yourself, a community, even if it is a community of two, such as a marriage.

Most people would probably say they chose Christ. Even a popular song's refrain exclaims, "I will choose Christ!" However, what you have chosen is an action. If you are Christian, you choose to follow, imitate, and even become Christ. But you did not choose Christ. He chose YOU.

Jesus speaks in John's Gospel to his disciples, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you." Do not think for a second that it was your choosing to get into this game. You were the one chosen. And there was no first, middle, or last. Someone saw something in you of great value and made sure to choose you. And no matter how many times you mess up and start to feel like you are not good enough for him, he reminds you that you are still a star on his team. He would choose you all over again.

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**Upcoming events here at St. Mary, Mother of God for the week of May 11 - May 17**

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

