

## St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church

FORTUNATE AND FAITHFUL FAMILIES will hold their yearly retreat for Catholic parents and families with LGBT members on Sunday, November 22, 2015 from 12:30-7:00 at the Atlanta Archdiocesan Chancery, 2401 Lake Park Dr. SE, Smyrna, GA 30080.

Echoing Pope Francis' theme, "Love Is Our Mission," the retreat day will include 1:00 Mass celebrated by Archbishop Gregory, parent speakers, small group dialogue, a deacon panel and shared dinner. The focus will be upon loving and accepting our LGBT children, strengthening families in faith and encouraging welcoming environments within our Catholic churches.

For information and registration, go to [ffatl.org](http://ffatl.org) (or call 770-924-3920 if you have no computer access). Suggested donation for the retreat and dinner is \$20 per person.

Registration deadline: November 15.

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**All women are invited to the MAGNIFICAT PRAYER BREAKFAST** on Sat., Nov. 14, 2015, from 9:30 a.m. -12 p.m. at Holy Cross Church, 3773 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta.

The guest speaker will be Rosanne Bowen, a religious educator devoted to enriching family spiritual life, who belongs to St. Jude Church, Atlanta.

Breakfast **reservations are \$15 and must be made in advance. Please mail check, payable to Magnificat Joyful Visitation, by Nov. 7 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.**



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### **ANNUAL CHANCERY FAIR TRADE SALE TO BE HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015**

Shoppers express global solidarity with the poor and vulnerable.

The Annual Archdiocesan Fair Trade Sale at the Chancery will feature pottery made in Cameroon, colorful baskets from Bangladesh, Peruvian Nativity sets, handcrafted goods and jewelry, shade-grown organic coffees, delicious chocolates, olive oil from the holy land, jams from Africa, and much more!

The sale, through the initiative of Catholic Relief Services, will be held Tuesday November 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Chancery, 2401 Lake Park Drive SE, Smyrna, GA 30080.

These items make beautiful gifts and at a deeper level, helps artisans around the world make a living wage and meet basic needs. Whether it's for Christmas, birthdays, or a wedding, consider a gift that gives twice. For more information, contact Kathy Montag at [kmontag@archatl.com](mailto:kmontag@archatl.com) or 404-920-7368.

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**The next Women's Guild event will be a Chili/Soup and Movie Night on Friday, November 13th** from 6-8pm.

We will be showing *Where Hope Grows*, starring Krisoffer Polaha, David DeSanctis, and Danica McKellar. Heartfelt spiritual journey of a former baseball player. Rated PG13.

Please join us for a meal; ALL are invited to attend.



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Starting the weekend of November 7th the Saturday evening mass time will move to 4:00pm; the Reconciliation time on the second and fourth Saturday's of the month will also move to 3:00-3:45pm

**Intercessions for Life**

For all those who are nearing death:  
That through the gentle and loving care of their family and care-givers they may never doubt their great dignity and worth.  
We pray to the Lord:

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

Wis 3:1-9  
Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9  
Jn 6:37-40

**Tuesday:**

Rom 12:5-16b  
Lk 14:15-24

**Wednesday:**

Rom 13:8-10  
Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday:**

Rom 14:7-12  
Lk 15:1-10

**Friday:**

Rom 15:14-21  
Lk 16:1-8

**Saturday:**

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27  
Lk 16:9-15

**Next Sunday:**

1 Kgs 17:10-16  
Heb 9:24-28  
Mk 12:38-44 or  
12:41-44



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

Oct. 31	Saturday	Ron Sicina	Gozdick Family
Nov. 1	Sunday	Our Parishioners	
Nov. 2	Monday	All Souls	
Nov. 4	Wednesday		
Nov. 5	Thursday	Grady DeLoach, Sr. †	Emily Ryan
Nov. 6	Friday	Hugh and Marcella Glidewell †	
Nov. 7	Saturday	Joey Lueken †	Lueken Family
Nov. 8	Sunday	Our Parishioners	

You matter. That's why Christ came into your life, cleaned your soul [at baptism], and lit the lamp of faith in your heart. If ever the lamp goes out, he is always there to light it again. And while it shines, it should inspire us to roll back the dark lies of the culture of death and spread the light of Christ's love to everyone we can, because they matter too."

Rev. John Bartunek, LC, "Why You Matter,"  
*Respect Life Program (2009-2010)*

**Saturday, November 7, 5:00 PM****Lectors:** Becky Glidewell**Extraordinary Ministers:** Eva White and John Lueken**Altar Servers:** Any Available**Ushers:** Tom Matelski and Ron Sicina**The Flowers on the Altar  
this weekend**

were generously donated in  
Loving Memory of  
Marcella Glidewell †

**Sunday, November 8, 9:00 AM****Lector:** Chris Hotchkiss**Extraordinary Ministers:** Rita Zinner, Tammy Hotchkiss, LaDonna O'Bryon, Margarita Moreno, and \*\*Dennis Ordyna**Altar Servers:** Evan Miller and Lorette Edwards**Crucifer:** K.C. Edwards**Gift Bearers:** Ashley Lueken and Emily Lueken**Ushers:** Andrew Chapko and J.R. Salinas**Greeters:** Melina Patterson and Adrianna Chapko**Liturgical Schedule**

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

Jan Jost, Sue Samp, Jeanel Wehner, John Potat III, Tommy Glidewell, Gage Van Dyck, Jon Peters, Patsy Burdette, Ashlynn Geringer, Barbara Lynch, Lu Davis-Moore, Vivian Hutton, Rebecca Geringer, Robert Dube, Frank Fross, Gary Bennett, Tripp Kelly, Ron Sicina, Bill Nelson, Darlene Vela-Lewis, Mark Cole, and the Natad family.



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.

## Everyday Stewardship

I remember when the first "Superman" movie came out. It was 1978 and it seemed quite awesome to this ten-year-old boy that they were making a movie out of a comic book superhero. Nowadays, the movie landscape has completely changed. There are superhero movies being released all the time. Not only that, superhero culture is now completely in the mainstream. Everybody goes to see these movies: young and old, male and female, geeks and those from the "in crowd." It would seem that superheroes appeal to people across the board.

In the church, our heroes are the saints. However, not many movies for wide release are being made about saints or saintly people. Many of them have lived superhero lives by embodying the beatitudes and giving themselves completely to God, yet they remain virtually unknown to the masses. For one thing, the greatest of God's stewards do not look different than you and me. They do not wear special suits or fly over buildings. They do not stop speeding bullets or exhibit superhuman strength. In fact, many of them have died as a result of trying to be a superhero for God. That's not very impressive to a culture that seeks immortality in this world and sees the idea of God as a construct for the weak. Secondly, their power is not their own. All their power comes from Jesus Christ and a relationship with him and his community. That's not so appealing to a culture that idolizes specimens of rugged individualism.

But in the end, all will know these saints. All of humanity will see God, and the truth about those who have embraced the Gospel will be revealed: they were truly the real superheroes all along. I am no longer a ten-year-old boy that pretends to be Superman. Now I am a grown man that aspires to be like those saints who have gone before me, and maybe one day, God willing, my true identity as a superhero will be revealed as well.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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## 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 "A Divine Mercy"  
Author: Sheldon Vanauken. For more information please call the facilitator LaDonna O'Bryon at (706)468-8905 or Rita Zinner at (770)775-1888.




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## 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.

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

**Archdiocesan Abuse Reporting Hotline**  
**1-888-437-0764**  
**(24 hours a day)**

**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.

  
*Article Deadlines*

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### **The Beatitudes**

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me.

Matthew 5:11

KINGDOM	MERCY	EARTH	FILLED	MOURN
HUNGER	HEART	SPIRIT	BLESSED	INHERIT
THIRST	MEEK	PURE	POOR	HEAVEN

### **Solemnity of All Saints**

- On this solemnity of All Saints, let us turn to the saints' reflections upon Christ's beatitudes. Blessed are...
- ... the poor in spirit: "Not even God can put anything in a heart that is already full" --Blessed Teresa of Calcutta.
  - ... they who mourn: "They who weep for their own sins are blessed" --St. Thomas Aquinas.
  - ... the meek: "There is nothing as strong as true meekness; there is nothing as gentle as true strength" --St. Francis de Sales.
  - ... they who hunger and thirst for righteousness: "First of all, we must be just towards God. Let this fact be firmly impressed in our hearts, so that it shows in our behavior, for it is the touchstone of the true 'hunger and thirst for justice'" --St. Josemaría Escrivá.
  - ... the merciful: "If a soul does not exercise mercy in one way or another, it will not obtain [Christ's] mercy on the Day of Judgment" --St. Faustina Kowalska.
  - ... the clean of heart: "The pure soul is a beautiful rose, and the Three Divine Persons descend from Heaven to inhale its fragrance" --St. John Vianney.
  - ... the peacemakers: "Peace is not just the absence of war ... Like a cathedral, peace must be constructed patiently and with unshakable faith" --St. John Paul II.
  - ... they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness: "This is the teaching of Jesus Christ in the Gospel. How, then, can it be said, that those believe in the Gospel who say: 'Blessed are those who have money; blessed are those who suffer nothing ... pitiable is the man that suffers persecution and ill-treatment from others'?"
  - ... Either they do not believe the Gospel, or ... they believe only a part of it" --St. Alphonsus Liguori.

## St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

invites you to join us for a  
"Meet the Principal" coffee event.

Hear a brief presentation from our principal, take a personal tour of the campus, and experience the faith filled community at St. John the Evangelist Catholic School.

November 5<sup>th</sup> - December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
8:30 a.m.

**Reverence, Respect, Responsibility**

www.sjecsc.org  
404-767-4312



### Mark your Calendars.

Advent Family Wreath night is Saturday, November 14th. We will provide an Advent Wreath, candles, decorating supplies and dinner for each family. If you already have a wreath, bring it and add to or change it's decorations. Plan on joining us to learn more about our Advent Season.

### Halloween Party –

The annual Halloween party will be held on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. We will have tricks, treats, games, goodies and lots and lots of fun. We will have our second annual Trunks or Treats contest this year. So gather your bats, ghouls, cauldrons and potions and start planning your décor and more so that you can win the prize of

**BEST MONSTER TRUNK.**



### **Upcoming events here at St. Mary, Mother of God for the week of Nov. 2 - Nov. 8**

Monday, November 2	All Souls Day Mass in the Jackson City Cemetery	12:30pm
Tuesday, November 3		
Wednesday, November 4	Novena Mass	6:15pm 6:30pm
Thursday, November 5	Reconciliation Rosary Mass Prayer Group	11:00am 11:35am 12:00 noon 1:15pm
Friday, November 6	Rosary Eucharistic Adoration Reconciliation Mass	10:15am 10:30-11:45am 11:00am 12:00 noon
Saturday, November 7	Mass Anointing of the Sick	4:00pm
Sunday, November 8	Choir Rosary Mass Anointing of the Sick Youth Fundraiser Breakfast Faith Formation	8:20-8:50am 8:30-8:45am 9:00am  10:20-11:20am