

# St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church

## Attention all K of C!

The Knights have scheduled a clean up outside the Church Oct. 18th, 9AM.

Volunteers are needed. Yes or Yes!!



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## GRACE Scholars' Pre-Registration is in Full Swing!

GRACE Scholars' Early Bird pre-registration for 2015 for education tax credits is in full swing. The response has been terrific!

GRACE has also introduced a new online pre-registration form. The form has reduced two forms to one. It is simple, easy, and takes about three minutes to complete, sign, and submit – all done online with no paper. Make sure your browser is up to date!

You can access the online form on the home page of the GRACE website. For those who prefer it, a paper form is also available on the website by clicking on the For Donors menu and selecting Contribution Process.

For more information, please contact:

GRACE Scholars

gracescholars@archatl.com

404-920-7900

www.gracescholars.org

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St. James the Apostle Parish is hosting a Seniors Expo and Health Fair on Tuesday, October 7 from 9:00am until 1:00pm in their parish hall.

There will be free flu shots, exhibitors, and door prizes and a lot of good information about many services for seniors. For more information see the flyer posted..... or call Meg Atkinson at St. James.... (770) 957-5441 ext. 101

## Governor's Glen Senior Expo & Health Fair



**12th Annual Pro-Life golf tournament will be held at  
Hickory Hill Golf Course, Jackson, GA.**

**SAVE THE DATE!**



This year's event will be Oct 15th, 2013. Sign-in starts at 7:30am with a 9:00am "tee time".

Registration fee includes donuts, green fee, golf cart, lunch & much more!

All proceeds from this Charitable Event will go to support Georgia Right To Life. Last year we kept the 1-800-395-HELP number available to young ladies with the golf tournament proceeds of \$9612.00 after expenses.

If you would like to become a member of GRTL, go on website at [www.grtl.org](http://www.grtl.org)

Contact Mike Patterson at 770-294-0612 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support!



**Intercessions for Life**

For the world:  
That all people may recognize and treat each person as a  
masterpiece of God's creation;  
We pray to the Lord:



Offertory \$ 4,737.00  
St. Vincent dePaul Society \$ 573.00

**Next weekend our second collection is for the  
Alms Fund.**

This is our outreach program to help those in need in our  
Church family and the local community.



**The Flowers on the Altar this weekend**

were generously donated in  
Loving Memory of Marcella Glidewell †

**Mass Intentions:**

**Requested for:**

**Requested By:**

Oct. 4	Saturday	Tim Robinson †	
Oct. 5	Sunday	Our Parishioners	
Oct. 8	Wednesday		
Oct. 9	Thursday		
Oct. 10	Friday		
Oct. 11	Saturday	Kris Stark †	Ann Gasses
Oct. 12	Sunday	Our Parishioners	

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:**

Gal 1:6-12  
Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:**

Gal 1:13-24  
Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:**

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14  
Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday:**

Gal 3:1-5  
Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:**

Gal 3:7-14  
Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:**

Gal 3:22-29  
Lk 11:27-28

**Sunday:**

Is 25:6-10a  
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20  
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



**Saturday, October 11, 5:00 PM**

**Lector:** Bill Hunter

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Kathy Abood and LaDonna O'Bryon

**Ushers:** Ron Sicina and Tom Matelski

**Liturgical Schedule**

**Sunday, October 12, 9:00 AM**

**Lector:** Ryan Butterfield

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Jesse Watson, Rita Zinner, Eva White, Carlton Turner, and \*\*John Lueken

**Altar Servers:** Dominic Villano and Anthony Villano

**Crucifer:** Chloe Patterson

**Ushers:** Andrew Chapko and K.C. Edwards

**Gift Bearers:** Emma Hennessey, Abby Hennessey, and Darby Hennessey

**Greeters:** Melina Patterson and Adrianna Chapko

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**Please remember the following people in your prayers:** Joe & Bevley Deptula, Jan Jost, Butch Corcoran, Patricia Tideswell, Loretta Zach, Pat Eldred, Mack Goins, Margarita Rodriguez, Joe Mausser, Jimmy Collins, Rick Hines, Bonny Boyd, Andrew Payne, Danny Foster, Tech Dipalma, Vanessa Atkinson, Jenn, Julian Myers, Bob Abood, Jesse Petrella, Lucile Gardner, Marianne Beating, Bill Wagner, Pat Zimmerman, Lisa Steele, Alvin Crusan, Edna Kelley Daniels, Christine Horton, Tony Davison, Tommy Glidewell, Margaret Gates, Sue Samp, Yvonne Truett, Diane Davis, Leony Natad, Lucas Holland, Lidia Lower, Ashlynn Geringer, Patsy Burdette, Jeanel Wehner, Bob Lipscomb, Teresa Giambalvo, **Cameron Taylor, and Strickland Family .**



If you know of a person whose name should be added or deleted from this prayer list, please let someone in the church office know. If you or a loved one is in need of prayers and/or the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the office at 770-775-4162. If you are unable to reach Fr. Natad, and you are in Griffin/Spalding please call the office of Sacred Heart 770-227-2378. If you are in Henry Co. please call the office of St. James 770-957-5441.

## **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.

**Archdiocesan Mass for Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

Archbishop Wilton Gregory recently said that “Domestic violence occurs in affluent homes as well as in poor ones. It can be physical and verbal. It speaks every language and can be found in every cultural context. It deserves our attention, our prayers and our resolve to address it.” The Archdiocesan Mass for Domestic Violence Awareness Month will be celebrated by Bishop Luis Zarama and hosted by Holy Cross Catholic Church on Saturday, October 25, at 5:00 pm. Holy Cross is located at 3175 Hathaway Court, NE, Atlanta 30341. Mass will be interpreted in American Sign Language. For information, contact [justpeace@archatl.com](mailto:justpeace@archatl.com) or 404-920-7898.

**Finally fall and time to think about the changes in our lives.**

When was the last time you reviewed your will? Do you even have a will? Now is the time to get caught up. You can go to The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia’s website, go to Planned Giving and click Plan Your Will. When you have finished filling out all the information you can print a PDF to give to your lawyer to complete your will. If you are an adult, then you need a will. If you don’t have a will, the state of Georgia has one for you and you probably will not like it. While planning please remember to include the parish building fund, capital campaign or the parish endowment fund in your will. For more information please contact Diane Duquette, Director of Gift Planning at the Catholic Foundation, 404-497-9440 or [dduquette@cfnga.org](mailto:dduquette@cfnga.org). Visit the website: [www.cfnga.org](http://www.cfnga.org)



**Word of Life**

“If we understand the human person as the ‘temple of the Holy Spirit’—the living house of God—then these latter issues fall logically into place as the crossbeams and walls of that house. *All direct attacks on innocent human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, strike at the house’s foundation.* These directly and immediately violate the human person’s most fundamental right – the right to life. Neglect of these issues is the equivalent of building our house on sand.”

— “Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics” (A Statement by the Catholic Bishops of the United States), no. 22, (USCCB)

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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.

**Prayer & Study Group**

St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church, Thursdays, at 1:15pm. Come join us for fellowship, knowledge, and prayer. 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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the stone that the builders  
 rejected has become the  
**corner stone ...**  
 Matthew 21:42

## **The Parable of the Tenants**

Last of all, he sent his son to them.  
 'They will respect my son,' he said.  
 Matthew 21:37 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 21:33-46 (NIV)

LISTEN	WATCHTOWER	PARABLE	SON	SERVANTS
SENT	WALL	HARVEST	KILLED	COLLECT
BUILT	LANDOWNER	LAST	TIME	FARMERS
DUG	FRUIT	REJECTED	VINEYARD	JOURNEY

### Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance." The tenants in today's parable murdered because of their greed. They had no respect for either the servants or the son of their landlord. Motivated only by their desire to own the property they cultivated, they did whatever was necessary to further their cause. But they were fools. They only thing they inherited was a death sentence in return for their wickedness.

Greed can act like poison to an otherwise healthy mind. Instead of allowing one to think clearly, an obsession with having "more" can cloud a person's judgment. Certainly it won't always lead to murder, but more often than not it leads to using people for our own ends or dismissing those who cannot help us get what we want. Treating others this way is never acceptable. It is an offense to human dignity and to God who made us in his own image. Greed can also have a blinding influence, preventing us from seeing the blessings that surround us. When our focus is on what we want instead of what we have, the tendency is to forget that we have anything at all. The only thing we can see is that which we don't yet possess.

Ultimately, greed makes us miserable. It fosters discontent for our life and disrespect for the lives of others. It is certainly not a fruit of the kingdom of God. Belonging to this heavenly realm means living a life of generosity instead of greediness. It means looking for ways to share what we have to improve the lives of others instead of hoarding more to "improve" our own lives. Jesus tells us that his kingdom belongs to those who produce its fruit. May we root out the weed of greed and instead cultivate generosity in the vineyard of our hearts.



Every month Pope Francis announces his monthly prayer intentions, and requests that we include the intentions in our personal prayers. For the month of October please remember these:

**Universal - Peace.**

That the Lord may grant peace to those parts of the world most battered by war and violence.

**For Evangelization - World Mission Day.**

That World Mission Day may rekindle in every believer zeal for carrying the Gospel into all the world.



Please join the Archdiocese of Atlanta's Disabilities Ministry for a Faith and Sharing Mass on October 19 at 2:30 pm at St. Monica's Catholic Church in Duluth, GA. A Pot Luck dinner will follow in the St. Augustine Hall.

Please bring a dish to share. (Q-Z: Simple Main Dish / A-H: Sides / I-P: Deserts) Drinks will be provided. All are welcome. For more information please Maggie Rousseau [mrousseau@archatl.com](mailto:mrousseau@archatl.com) (*Disabilities Ministry*)

**Upcoming events here at St. Mary, Mother of God for the week of October 6 - October 12**

Monday, October 6

Tuesday, October 7

Wednesday, October 8

Novena	6:15pm
Mass	6:30pm
Choir	7:00pm

Thursday, October 9

Reconciliation	11:00am
Rosary	11:35am
Mass	12:00 noon
Prayer Group	1:15pm
OCIA	7:00pm

Friday, October 10

Reconciliation	11:00am
Rosary	11:35am
Mass	12:00 noon

Saturday, October 11

Reconciliation	4:00-4:45pm
Mass	5:00pm
Anointing of the Sick	

Sunday, October 12

Choir	8:20-8:50am
Rosary	8:30-8:45am
Mass	9:00am
Anointing of the Sick	
Youth Fundraiser Breakfast	
Faith Formation classes	10:20-11:20am