

THE GLORIES OF THE PAST AND THE HOPES OF TOMORROW

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USCCBLOG



By Archbishop Wilton Gregory

Our nation is in the midst of observing a series of uniquely important historic moments that mark the 50th or 60th anniversaries of the Civil Rights movement. Last year we recalled the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington, this year, the 60th anniversary of the Supreme Court ruling *Brown vs. the Board of Education* that outlawed school segregation. Recently, we recalled the signing of the 1964 Civil Rights Bill. These were defining moments for our nation. They should be recalled and we must recommit ourselves to the goals they established. They marked glorious and hard fought events for our nation.

These moments stand among the social accomplishments achieved during my youth, and I remember the excitement and the protests that they engendered. As a youngster from the North, I recall that much of the attention was then focused on the South where segregation was an institutionalized convention. I knew that the North also had the very same defects, but in a much more subversive manner. As a bishop in the South today, I marvel at the progress that has been made as I hear people from my own generation describe the life they once knew. I also hear them speak of the need to be vigilant constantly and ever dedicated to the principles that led to those social victories. They often express concern that their own children who never lived under the oppressive restrictions of segregation will now forget the forces of dedication and the sacrificial offerings of those whose tenacious pursuit of Civil Rights laid the foundation for today's freedoms. These oldsters view today's eruptions of vulgar lan-

guage and violent social conflicts through the lenses of those who cannot remember when such language and conduct were condoned, even considered mainstream. They also tell me at those moments: "Remember, you're in the South, Archbishop!"

As a child of the North, I also recall that similar events occurred throughout this great nation of ours – even 60 years after some stunning victories of social justice. What was most painful for me as a young man in those days of struggle were the hateful voices in the North that belonged to Catholics who denounced the advancement of social justice. Today we must remember that what we are commemorating with these anniversaries is not the end of injustice, but the ongoing transformation of society that is still an unfinished task. Our process of conversion of hearts is a work in progress. Sadly there are moments of relapse throughout this great nation of ours and even within this Church of Christ. The challenge of looking back 50 or 60 years with well-deserved pride is that we must also continue to look forward in hope for the fulfillment of the promises of yesterday in spite of relapses that still unfortunately surface today. Anniversaries offer many reasons to rejoice and to recommit to the principles they recall.

Archbishop Wilton Gregory was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago and is now the archbishop of Atlanta.

Intercessions for Life

For all married couples:
That they may be open to receive courage from the Lord to be open to new life;
We pray to the Lord:

Readings for the Week

Monday:
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday:
1 Cor 6:1-11
Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday:
1 Cor 7:25-31
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday:
1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13
Lk 6:27-38

Friday:
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday:
1 Cor 10:14-22
Lk 6:43-49

Sunday:
Nm 21:4b-9
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

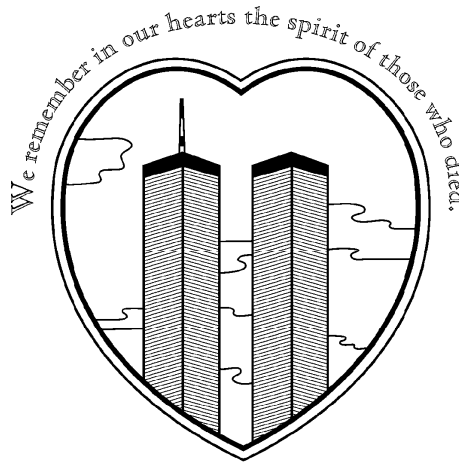


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Warren and Marilyn Dahlin †



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Mass Intentions:

Requested for:

Requested By:

Sept. 6 Saturday

Lauren Steil

Stark Family

Sept. 7 Sunday

Our Parishioners

Sept. 10 Wednesday

Sept. 11 Thursday

Sept. 12 Friday Louis, Elizabeth, and Carolyn Pesce†

Vera Pesce

Sept. 13 Saturday Marie Drescher †

Barbara Hellinger

Sept. 14 Sunday Our Parishioners



Saturday, September 13, 5:00 PM

Lector: Becky Glidewell

Extraordinary Ministers: Kathy Abood and LaDonna O'Bryon

Ushers: Ron Sicina

Sunday, September 14, 9:00 AM

Lector: Chloe Patterson

Extraordinary Ministers: James Watson, Teresa Miller, Eva White, Bob Lipscomb and **Gwen Brown

Altar Servers: Andrew Chapko and Rachel Weaver

Crucifer: Sharon Chan

Ushers: JR Salinas and Melina Patterson

Greeters: Anthony Villano and Jacob Leto

Liturgical Schedule

St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church

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, Jacob Owens, 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, and Teresa Giambalvo .



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.

Ingles Tools for Schools -- It's that time of year again, if you would like to link your Ingles card (which you must do every year) to the St. Mary's School of Religion program please fill out this form and we will do the rest. You may drop this form in the collection basket or give to Eva White. Monies earned will go toward purchasing equipment for the Faith Formation Programs. Thanks everyone!!!



Fill Out This Form To Link The Ingles Advantage™ Card To help St. Mary, Mother of God, Faith Formation Dept.

Mr. _____
Ms. _____
Mrs. _____

Last Name (PLEASE PRINT IN ALL CAPITAL LETTERS)

First Name

M.I.

Ingles Advantage Card Number (PLEASE USE ALL 12 NUMBERS)

School Code: 10063

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Word of Life

"...the Gospel calls for rehabilitation, reconciliation, and restoration and teaches us to respect the dignity of all human beings, even those guilty of committing horrendous crimes."
— *Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life*, p. 24, (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'Bryon 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.

Thank you.



St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church

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When Someone Hurts You

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you.

Matthew 18:15a (NIV)

Based on Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV)



TRUTH	HEAVEN	BIND	FAULT	FATHER
AGAINST	EARTH	SINS	LOOSE	SHOW
CHURCH	WITNESSES	REFUSES	HEAVEN	LISTENS
YOU	AGREE	TESTIMONY	WON	BROTHER

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone." Gossip has become a modern pastime. We publish magazines with the latest celebrity chatter, and create websites and blogs that reverberate with "opinions" about public and private personalities alike. Many people utilize social media to rant about the behavior of others, and the good old-fashioned coffee break still provides ample opportunity to reveal the offenses we have suffered or to dish out dirt about people who aren't present.

Although it can take many forms, at its core, gossip is about tarnishing people's reputations without giving them a chance to defend themselves. Today, Jesus recommends a different approach. He encourages us to deal directly with people, which in effect means to treat them with dignity and respect. Rather than making preconceived judgments about another's behavior, Jesus asks us to talk to the person involved ... first. Instead of running around venting our frustrations elsewhere, or even "tattling" on someone who has legitimately wronged us, we are called to address our concern head-on, with charity and compassion.

As Jesus suggests, "If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." In other words, by speaking directly to those who have offended us, we actually have the chance to resolve the situation before it grows out of proportion. Of course this doesn't always work; that's why Jesus mentions the other steps to take if necessary. But we will be the ones to blame for the continuation of the conflict unless we follow the Lord's advice and give peace a chance.

- * You will see a display at the entrance "Pennies for Heaven". Proceeds go The Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers. Your loose change (or any amount) will be greatly appreciated.



Please help support Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hospice Home by purchasing raffle tickets. Proceeds go directly to OLPH for the hospice patient at no cost to their families. Tickets are \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. There are generous prizes available.

- * Gentlemen: Perhaps you want to know more about the Knights of Columbus, maybe considering joining. There will be a table with representatives before and after Mass to discuss your inquires. Faith based fund raising and fellowship has something for everyone. Come talk to us.

Drawing is October 25th.

A gift that anyone can make:

After all bequests have been made in a will I have found in working with estates that there is always something left no one wants. Did you know you can have the remainder of your estate sold and the proceeds go to the parish? That is why there are so many estate sales. There are always things children and relatives do not need or want so please consider making a codicil to your will stating the remainder of your estate be sold and go to the parish. This is an easy change to make. If you would like more information on this method of giving please contact Diane Duquette, Director of Gift Planning at the Catholic Foudation of North Georgia, 404-497-9440 or dduquette@cfnga.org. Visit our website: www.cfnga.org for information about creating a Catholic legacy.



Upcoming events here at St. Mary, Mother of God for the week of September 8 - September 14

Monday, September 8	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	7:00pm
Tuesday, September 9		
Wednesday, September 10	Novena Communion Service Choir	6:15pm 6:30pm 7:00pm
Thursday, September 11	Rosary Communion Service Prayer Group OCIA	11:35am 12:00 noon 1:15pm 7:00pm
Friday, September 12	Reconciliation Rosary Mass	11:00am 11:35am 12:00 noon
Saturday, September 13	Reconciliation Mass Anointing of the Sick Movie Night	4:00-4:45pm 5:00pm
Sunday, September 14	Choir Rosary Mass Anointing of the Sick Faith Formation	8:20-8:50am 8:30-8:45am 9:00am 10:20-11:20am