

St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church

ATLANTA RADIO EXCLUSIVE: Archbishop Gregory Opens Up About the New Pastoral Plan for Atlanta Archdiocese

ATLANTA, Ga, May 11, 2015 -- In an exclusive interview, Archbishop Wilton Gregory sat down with "The Catholic Cast" to discuss his feelings about the archdiocesan Pastoral Plan released by his office last month. The new plan will help guide the church in its mission of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in our community over the next five years.

Gregory emphasized that every Catholic in the archdiocese plays a key role in implementing the new plan by actively participating in the life of the Church. He expressed his gratitude to the thousands of Catholics who participated in the two-year study and helped in its development. Gregory said "Our people were anxious to participate and share their views with me and for that, I'm grateful for their response."

In a time when the Archdiocese of Atlanta has seen incredible growth and change, Gregory felt the study was critical to help the church evolve and better serve its parishioners, citing that the last major study was done nearly 50 years ago.

The Archbishop says despite the challenges of today's world, families still need to be the centers of Catholic learning and that new technology must be used to catechize families. He added, "If this plan is going to work, and I believe in my heart it will work, much of it will depend on how effectively we use the vehicles of technology...we know that's the way to go, the only way to go."

The archbishop also stated the biggest challenge facing the archdiocese today is the multicultural nature of its parishes. Although he also believes this challenge is a blessing because, "Catholicism is meant to be universal. We must recognize and respect the faith traditions of all our brothers and sisters in Christ if we're to grow together as a diocesan family." He challenges parishes within the archdiocese to share their successes with other parishes, ensuring a stronger Catholic community on the whole.

The interview with Archbishop Gregory can now be heard on "The Catholic Cast." The full interview with the Archbishop can be accessed online at <http://www.spreaker.com/user/thecatholiccast/show-52-archbishop-gregory-exclusive>.

More information on Archbishop Gregory's Pastoral Plan can be found at PastoralPlan.ArchATL.com.

Father Charles Smiech will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Arica, Asia, Central and South America.



GUARDIANS NEEDED for the Eucharistic Congress 2015:

"I will be with you always" which comes this year to the Georgia International Convention Center Friday, June 5th – Saturday, June 6th.

Anyone coming to the Congress, who would like to be a guardian between 9:00 p.m. Friday night and 6:00 a.m. Saturday morning, is welcome.

Location: Marriott Gateway Hotel (Piper room). Please contact Maureen Alexander to register and for additional information at (678) 3864974 or maureenalexander@bellsouth.net.

Intercessions for Life

For Pope Francis, and all bishops, priests and deacons:
That they may be strengthened to lead our Church into a deeper respect for life, And be witnesses to the goodness of life in Christ;

We pray to the Lord:



Offertory \$ 3,815.00

Mass Intentions:

Requested for:

Requested By:

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| May 16 | Saturday | Mack Goins † | Jean Thomas |
| May 17 | Sunday | Mike and Erma Gozdick | |
| May 17 | Sunday | Our Parishioners | |
| May 20 | Wednesday | Communion Service | |
| May 21 | Thursday | Communion Service | |
| May 22 | Friday | Communion Service | |
| May 23 | Saturday | Kristopher Stark † | Emily Ryan |
| May 24 | Sunday | Our Parishioners | |



"If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him?"
— 1 John 3:17 (NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.)

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."
— John 15:13 (NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.)

Saturday, May 23, 5:00 PM

Lectors: Michael Jackson
Extraordinary Ministers: Jim Jost and Rich McPhee
Altar Servers: Any Available
Ushers: Tom Matelski and Ron Sicina

Sunday, May 24, 9:00 AM

Lector: Craig Breyne
Extraordinary Ministers: Rita Zinner, Margarita Moreno, LaDonna O'Bryon, Dennis Ordyna, and **Mike Palka
Altar Servers: Chloe Patterson and Melina Patterson
Crucifer: Logan Fitz
Gift Bearers: Mike and Erma Gozdick
Ushers: Mark Hofmann and Paul Jewell
Greeters: Chris and Tammy Hotchkiss

Readings for the Week

Monday:
Acts 19:1-8
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday:
Acts 20:17-27
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday:
Acts 20:28-38
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday:
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Jn 17:20-26

Friday:
Acts 25:13b-21
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday:
Morning:
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Jn 21:20-25

Vigil:
Gn 11:1-9
Rom 8:22-27
Jn 7:37-39

Sunday:
Acts 2:1-11
Gal 5:16-25 or
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15 or
Jn 20:19-23



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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.

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

**Dwight and Patricia Morris
Marc and Shannon Zieg**

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 _____



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

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).

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

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.



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Jesus Prays for His Disciples



I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.

John 17:9

The Ascension of the Lord

"So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven ... But they went forth and preached everywhere." What a roller coaster of emotions the disciples must have experienced. First, they had come to know Jesus and had changed their lives to follow him. Then they had watched him die a tragic death on the cross. Following that, they were astonished to experience the glory of his resurrection, and then they enjoyed his company for a while longer. But now, they had to bid farewell again. Now they watched as Jesus ascended into heaven, leaving them with their instructions: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature."

It's inspiring to see how the disciples handled all of this. Even though they must have been struggling with a kind of sadness or disappointment when Jesus left them, they didn't dwell on that. They went out and did what they had been called to do. They "preached everywhere" and shared with others the good news. Focusing on the joy they had come to know through their relationship with Jesus, they were able to share that joy with the people around them.

Like the first disciples, we are also called to share the gospel with others. Certainly through our lived example we should reveal to others the joy that Jesus brings. Even though he is not physically walking amongst us, the lives of Christian believers reveal an ongoing relationship with him. There may be times and situations, however, that require more of us than just being witnesses. Sometimes God calls us to share more directly and more courageously the message of faith. May we follow the example of the disciples, who readily embraced this call.

SONRISE NATIONAL PARK VBS

JUNE 1ST – 5TH.

Get ready for exciting wilderness thrills as you head out to beautiful SonRise National Park June 1st – 5th, 9am until Noon daily.

Your Kids will be awestruck by snow-capped mountains, thundering waterfalls, wildflower meadows bursting with color and amazing animals like soaring eagles, friendly huskies and herds of caribou.

As kids explore SonRise National Park, they'll learn the most important survival skill of all: they can always depend on Jesus and His promises of true peace, true riches, true power, true love and true hope!

We will have crafts, snacks, bible stories, music, fun in the sun and lots, lots more. So put it on your calendar NOW! Bring your friends. Bring your family. Bring your neighbors. Everyone is invited to SonRise.

At SonRise National Park, kids will learn to trust Jesus as their all-powerful guide and Savior!.



Upcoming events here at St. Mary, Mother of God for the week of May 18 - May 24

Monday, May 18

Tuesday, May 19

Wednesday, May 20

Novena 6:15pm
 Communion Service 6:30pm
 Adult Education Class 7:00pm

Thursday, May 21

Rosary 11:35am
 Communion Service 12:00 noon
 Prayer Group 1:15pm

Friday, May 22

Rosary 11:35am
 Communion Service 12:00 noon

Saturday, May 23

Reconciliation 4:00-4:45pm
 Mass 5:00pm

Sunday, May 24



Choir 8:20-8:50am
 Rosary 8:30-8:45am
 Mass 9:00am
 Women's Guild Mtg.