

## St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church



Parent and grandparent meeting with Katherine Angulo.

Friday, January 29th at 6:30 pm.

This meeting is strictly to find out how the church can help parents become evangelist for their families. Here is a link for more information on this program:

The Domestic Church Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vVhcaEEmDHo&feature=youtu.be>

Please come and let us know how we can help you turn your  
home into your domestic church.

Food, refreshments and child care will be provided.

Please sign up on the signup sheet in the gathering hall or send me a message at  
[brendampatterson@gmail.com](mailto:brendampatterson@gmail.com)

### **Knights of Columbus**

Sunday Rosary Prayer Service - The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a rosary service following the 9 am Mass on Sunday the 31st of January. All parishioners are invited to participate in this rosary service.

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a food drive during the month of February for food to be donated to the CERF house in Jackson, Georgia. Food items donated should not be perishable and have not gone by the expiration dates on the items. A collection point will be established in the parish hall. The Knights thank you in advance for your support of this program and all the programs that you supported that our council conducts.

Our council is now sponsoring a seminarian who will be ordained to the priesthood in June of 2016. His name is Rev. Gerado Ceballos Gonzalez and he is enrolled at the Pontifical College Josephinum located in Columbus, Ohio. Rev. Gonzalez is a seminarian of the Archdiocese of Atlanta and expects to be assigned to the archdiocese after his ordination. He will be receiving a monthly stipend from our Knights council.

The Pontifical College Josephinum can be located on line at [www.pcj.edu](http://www.pcj.edu). As always, the Knights thank you for your support of our council and our activities.

### **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.

**Intercessions for Life**

For all Catholics:

May our hearts be open to God's call to bring comfort to those who are vulnerable and oppressed;

We pray to the Lord:



**Readings for the Week**



Offertory \$2,550.00  
Catholic Charities \$ 335.00

**Monday:**

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22  
Ps 117:1-2  
Mk 16:15-18

**Tuesday:**

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5  
Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10  
Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:**

2 Sm 7:4-17  
Ps 89:4-5, 27-30  
Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:**

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29  
Ps 132:1-5, 11-14  
Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:**

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17  
Ps 51:3-7, 10-11  
Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:**

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17  
Ps 51:12-17  
Mk 4:35-41

**Next Sunday:**

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19  
Ps 71:1-6, 15-17  
1 Cor 12:31--13:13 or 13:4-13  
Lk 4:21-30

**Mass Intentions:**

**Requested for:**

**Requested By:**

Jan. 23	Saturday	
Jan. 24	Sunday	Our Parishioners
Jan. 27	Wednesday	
Jan. 28	Thursday	Leony Natad †
Jan. 29	Friday	
Jan. 30	Saturday	
Jan. 31	Sunday	Our Parishioners

Stein Family

**Word of Life**

"[Jesus] showed us the self-sacrificial nature of love when he laid down His life for us, and we are called to follow in his footsteps. We are called to be his hands and feet, caring for and loving others."

— USCCB 2015-16 Respect Life Program

Prayer and Program Guide ([www.goo.gl/2nrphg](http://www.goo.gl/2nrphg))



On the First Friday of each month the schedule is Rosary 10:15am, Reconciliation 11:00am, Adoration 10:30-11:45am, and Mass at 12:00 noon.

The remaining Friday's during the month we will say the Rosary at 10:45, Adoration 11:00, followed by Mass at 12:00 noon.

**Saturday, January 30, 4:00 PM**

**Lectors:** Tom O'Bryon

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Richard McPhee and LaDonna O'Bryon

**Altar Servers:** Any Available

**Ushers:** Tom Matelski and Ron Sicina

**Sunday, January 31, 9:00 AM**

**Lector:** Michael Jackson

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Bill Hunter, Mike Palka, Bob Lipscomb, Adam Marlowe, \*\*John Lueken

**Altar Servers:** Andrew Chapko and Evan Miller

**Crucifer:** Melina Patterson

**Gift Bearers:** Erma Gozdick and Marilyn Potat

**Ushers:** Jerry Holland and Dennis Ordyna

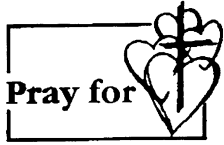
**Greeters:** Erma Gozdick and Darlene Vela-Lewis

**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, Rebecca Geringer, Robert Dube, Frank Fross, Gary Bennett, Tripp Kelly, Bill Nelson, Steven Mitchell, Bill Bush, Matt Brown, George Roberts, and The Abbott 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 often tell people that perhaps my favorite author on stewardship is usually not thought of as a stewardship writer at all: Catherine Doherty. She was like a Russian-Canadian Dorothy Day, starting the Madonna House Apostolate of lay men and women and clergy who work with and live with the poor. Doherty wrote about a spiritual life where God permeates our everyday lives. Of course, this resonates with me and my writing about everyday stewardship spirituality.

She wrote, "Yes, stewardship pertains to everything, and I am responsible for my part of that everything." This sense of responsibility for our own little slice of God's universe is so very important in an imperfect reality of human life. The consequence of not taking care of our little "part of that everything" is that those who could have heard or witnessed the good news of Jesus Christ might not get that chance. We are created so uniquely, it is folly to always assume that someone else can take care of things if we choose to bow out. We sometimes even fall into a trap where we say, "It is God who touches people's hearts, not me," because it may very well be that God's plan was to touch them through YOU.

There are many implications of Paul's use of body imagery in his First Letter to the Corinthians. Yes, the body of Christ has many parts and they are all unique. All of us baptized into his body have been called to be an active part in that body. But if we choose to neglect our role or we don't feel responsible to be the best member of that body we can be, the body cannot function as it needs to. Good stewardship spirituality sees all the gifts in that body as precious. For our important role, we are called to grow and cultivate our part of that body.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © Liturgical Publications Inc

### Evangelization Committee:

Please pray for the efforts of our parish. Those desiring to participate in any way to help spread the catholic faith, especially through prayer, as we discern a plan, should contact Turner Duffey: 678-508-2745 or turnerduffey@hotmail.com

### Bulletin Mailing List

If you would like to be added to the list to receive our weekly bulletin by email, please email Cathy at: stmarysinjackson@bellsouth.net Please know that your email will be kept confidential.



### 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 "The Transformative Power of Faith" Author: Grayson Warren Brown. For more information please call the facilitator LaDonna O'Bryon at (706)468-8905 or Rita Zinner at (770)775-1888.



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.

Thank you.

*Article Deadlines*

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### Jesus in the Synagogue

"Today this Scripture passage is  
fulfilled in your hearing."



poor	prophet	Galilee	power	news
Sabbath	good	scroll	prisoners	today
synagogue	freedom	taught	anointed	scripture
Spirit	proclaim	sight	preach	blind

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"So that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received." St. Luke began his Gospel by explaining why he wrote it. His intention was to provide a written account "of the events that have been fulfilled among us." But he didn't write simply to make a historical record; he wrote in order to bolster the confidence of the Christian community. He wanted to offer them a resource for realizing that what they had been taught was legitimate. This is why he investigated "everything accurately anew" and wrote it down "in an orderly sequence."

This passage helps us understand the relationship between sacred tradition and sacred Scripture. As Catholics, we believe that the Bible is an essential part of divine revelation that goes hand in hand with the teachings that were established by Jesus and passed on by his apostles. The "Catechism of the Catholic Church" tells us that the church "does not derive her certainty about all revealed truths from the holy Scriptures alone. Both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honored with equal sentiments of devotion and reverence" (#82). Here, Luke emphasizes that what he writes is a confirmation of what was already being taught.

This fact should help us appreciate the gift of the Bible. This inspired collection of books exists to help us practice our faith and to bring us into a deeper understanding of the revealed word of God. Although the Bible is not the only source of revelation, it does help us to have what Luke calls "certainty" regarding our faith. We do hear Bible readings at Mass, but we would do well to read the Bible on our own as well. Let us not miss the opportunity to hear God's word speaking to us every day.

The Women's Guild would like to announce Our First Fundraiser this year :

**A Romantic Candlelight Spaghetti Dinner & Dance**  
**Valentines Day Sunday, February 14 at 6pm**  
*\$14 a couple or \$8 for singles*

Just think! Where can you go on **Valentines Day** and **eat dinner for two for \$14** ? Where with **NO LONG LINES** to endure? HERE at St. Mary, Mother of God. Tickets will be on sale in the Lobby Following mass.

*\* \* Please see Tammy Hotchkiss for tickets. \* \**

On February 6, The Women's Guild of St. Mary, Mother of God will be hosting the Archdiocese of Atlanta Conference of Catholic Women's (AACCW) Southeast District Meeting.

The cost to attend is \$10. Half of the funds collected will go to The Women's Guild of St. Mary, Mother of God for hosting the event. We have hosted in the past. Our obligation as host is to provide breakfast and lunch at the event.

I will have a sign up sheet for volunteers to bring food items we will need at our meeting on January 24.

For breakfast we will need: pastries, fruit, donuts, breakfast items, etc.

For lunch we will need: Chicken Salad, Croissants, pasta salad, broccoli salad, brownies, cookies, lunch items, etc...

When I contacted Jean Driscoll, the SE District Chairperson, she advised that they are collecting donation items for Women Veteran's and would like to extend this information to anyone wanting to bring donation items to the event.

Here is a list of suggested items: Shampoo, Conditioner, Body lotion, Emery boards, Comb, Hairbrush, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Dental floss, Liquid hand sanitizer (2 to 6 ounce bottles), Chapstick, Soap (bar or liquid), Ball point pen, Pocket-size spiral notebook, Pocket size mirror, Pair of socks: Knee highs or ankle, black or white, Two or 3 quart size plastic bags (to store open items, toothbrush, etc.)

Thank you for your continued support.

**Upcoming events here at St. Mary, Mother of God for the week of Jan. 25 – Jan. 31**

Monday, January 25	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	7:00pm
Tuesday, January 26		
Wednesday, January 27	Novena	6:15pm
	Mass	6:30pm
Thursday, January 28	Reconciliation	11:00am
	Rosary	11:35am
	Mass	12:00 noon
	Prayer Group	1:15pm
Friday, January 29	Rosary	10:45am
	Eucharistic Adoration	11:00am
	Reconciliation	11:00am
	Mass	12:00 noon
	Faith Formation Parents and Grandparents Mtg.	6:30pm
Saturday, January 30	Mass	4:00pm
Sunday, January 31	Choir	8:20-8:50am
	Rosary	8:30-8:45am
	Mass	9:00am
	Faith Formation classes	