

# St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church

Prayer for Priests

Lord God, most holy, we approach you in gratitude for your holy ordained priesthood.

You have called these men to be set apart and to shepherd your people, as you shepherd your entire church.

We pray for them in their daily work.

Grant to them an increase in spiritual gifts and grace, so they may be prepared for the tasks at hand.

Lead them not into temptation and protect them from the grasp of the evil one.

It is through the sacraments they confer that we encounter the divine in a real and profound way.

May your church never lose sight of these, your special sons, and may we, the body of Christ,

never fail to cherish the gift of their lives, which they have freely given to you and your holy church.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son.

Amen.



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## What is "Priesthood Sunday"?

Priesthood Sunday, the last Sunday of October, is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one.

In the wake of the clergy sex abuse scandal, there has been concern that the image of all priests has been tainted by the actions of a few. Priesthood Sunday sends a message to all that the sins of a few do not reflect the innocent majority, and that the parish priest, as the instrument of Christ's ministry on earth, is loved and respected by those in the parish community.

This nationwide event is coordinated by the USA Council of Serra International. It is sponsored by the USA Council of Serra International and the Serra International Foundation.

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## Halloween Party –

The annual Halloween party will be held on Sunday, November 1st from 6:00-8:00pm. We will have tricks, treats, games, goodies and lots and lots of fun.

We do need your help. 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.

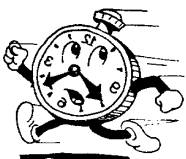
If you have any questions or would like to sign up to participate in Trunk or Treats contact [Brendampatterson@gmail.com](mailto:Brendampatterson@gmail.com). There will be a sign up sheet in the Gathering Hall for the Trunks or Treats contestants. There will also be a Halloween basket for those of you who would like to donate sweets, treats, or goodies for the party.



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Just a reminder to move you clocks it is time to fall back on  
Sunday, November 1st.

Starting the weekend of November 7th & 8th 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 people with disabilities:  
 May those around them recognize that every person is a good and perfect gift and treat them accordingly;  
 We pray to the Lord:



**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:**  
 Rom 8:12-17  
 Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday:**  
 Rom 8:18-25  
 Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday:**  
 Eph 2:19-22  
 Lk 6:12-16

**Thursday:**  
 Rom 8:31b-39  
 Lk 13:31-35

**Friday:**  
 Rom 9:1-5  
 Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday:**  
 Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29  
 Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Next Sunday:**  
 Rv 7:2-4, 9-14  
 1 Jn 3:1-3  
 Mt 5:1-12a



Offertory	\$4,004.00
Combined Missions Collections	\$ 419.00
Alms Fund	\$ 10.00

<b><u>Mass Intentions:</u></b>	<b><u>Requested for:</u></b>	<b><u>Requested By:</u></b>
Oct. 24 Saturday	Bernadette LaFlamme †	LaFlamme Family
Oct. 25 Sunday	Our Parishioners	
Oct. 28 Wednesday	Darlene Vela-Lewis	Gozdick Family
Oct. 29 Thursday		
Oct. 30 Friday	Leonila A. Natad †	Stark Family
Oct. 31 Saturday	Ron Sicina	Gozdick Family
Nov. 1 Sunday	Our Parishioners	
Nov. 2 Monday	All Souls	

“When I meet another parent of a child with Down syndrome, there is usually a moment of instant recognition and understanding. ... The secret we share is the fundamental truth of our existence: every life is a good and perfect gift. ... Our love for them has nothing to do with what they can or can't do. We love them simply because of who they *are*.”

- USCCB 2015-16 Respect Life Program “A Perfect Gift”  
 (www.goo.gl/ARzBL6)



**Saturday, October 31, 5:00 PM**

**Lectors:** Tom O'Bryon  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** LaDonna O'Bryon and Tod Stark  
**Altar Servers:** Any Available  
**Ushers:** Tom Matelski and Ron Sicina

**The Flowers on the Altar this weekend**

were generously donated in  
 Loving Memory of  
 Ronnie Mitchell †



**Sunday, November 1, 9:00 AM**

**Lector:** Bill Myles  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Kathy Abood, Mike Palka, Adam Marlowe, Margarita Moreno, and \*\*Bill Hunter  
**Altar Servers:** Andrew Chapko and Kaylee Pappa      **Crucifer:** Chloe Patterson  
**Gift Bearers:** Tim and Tammy Chapko  
**Ushers:** Dennis Ordyna and Jerry Holland  
**Greeters:** Tim and Tammy Chapko

**Liturgical Schedule**

## St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church

### **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

Yes, I am getting older. I am reminded every time I try to sing at Mass, cook a meal, take medication, assemble a newly purchased product, or even read my child's report card. I cannot see! I used to get so frustrated and even feel helpless. Now I have reading glasses everywhere. I used to have one pair, but that was ridiculous. I never had them when I needed them. So now I have them everywhere: each room of my house, each vehicle, etcetera. If I find myself in a situation where I cannot see and I have no glasses nearby, I have only myself to blame.

We can often be blinded in situations that call for a response of stewardship. We find ourselves oblivious to the needs of others. We miss the signals that we are being called to give of ourselves to a cause, a community, or an individual. The seemingly important things in life block our vision to the smaller everyday callings that Jesus places in our path.

The main reason why this occurs is that we fail to avail ourselves of the help that Jesus offers. Do we really think that we can be good stewards all on our own? I think of the words of Psalm 119 (or more truthfully the words of an old Amy Grant song), "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Just like Bartimaeus, without Jesus Christ, we can't really see a thing. Some of life is obvious, but most of life is far from it. When we look at things through the lens that Jesus provides, stewardship opportunities are everywhere. Jesus provides this lens when we dedicate ourselves to prayer, study, and virtue. The good news is you can then take the lens wherever you go. If you find yourself in a situation where you cannot see, you have only yourself to blame.

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*

## St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church

Speak Up!

1. CEHER \_\_\_\_\_
2. GEGBING \_\_\_\_\_
3. GHIST \_\_\_\_\_
4. TEQIU \_\_\_\_\_
5. EDAELH \_\_\_\_\_
6. ECMYR \_\_\_\_\_
7. AHFIT \_\_\_\_\_
8. NBDLI \_\_\_\_\_



On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."

Mark 10:47

Unscramble the letters and write the words correctly in the space provided. Answers below.

HEALED SIGHT	CHEER FAITH	MERCY QUIET	BLIND BEGGING
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### **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more." The blind Bartimaeus was a courageous fellow. Not only was he bold enough to call out to Jesus who was passing by, but he also had the guts to keep on calling, even when people were telling him to be quiet. Clearly, this man knew that he needed Jesus--and he wasn't about to let popular opinion convince him otherwise.

What were those people thinking who tried to silence the poor beggar? Perhaps they thought that Jesus was too busy for a stop along the way. Maybe they bought into the prevalent idea that Bartimaeus' blindness was a punishment for sin and that he was therefore a lost cause. Or it could be that they were just annoyed by his persistence. Whatever the case, these folks tried to pressure Bartimaeus into giving up. But he didn't. And the reward for his steadfastness was priceless: "Immediately he received his sight."

Immediately, that is, after he encountered Christ. But let's not forget that he had to invest all that time and energy earlier in order to arrive at that precious encounter. And we may have to do the same. Our persistence in prayer is often a necessary first step to the gift of God's intervention in our lives. We, like Bartimaeus, may have to call out time and time again, making our requests known to Jesus even when it may seem he isn't looking our way. We too may need to be faithful in the face of doubters and detractors who tell us that our prayers are pointless, that God doesn't really care, or that we deserve to be stuck in our own misery. Let us seek to be like this man who heard Jesus say, "Your faith has saved you."

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)

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First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

Ingles Advantage Card Number (PLEASE USE ALL 12 NUMBERS) | School Code: 10063

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**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!!!

**Upcoming events here at St. Mary, Mother of God for the week of Oct. 26 - Nov. 1**

Monday, October 26	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	7:00pm
Tuesday, October 27		
Wednesday, October 28	Novena Mass	6:15pm 6:30pm
Thursday, October 29	Reconciliation Rosary Mass Prayer Group	11:00am 11:35am 12:00 noon 1:15pm
Friday, October 30	Rosary Eucharistic Adoration Reconciliation Mass	10:45am 11:00am 11:00am 12:00 noon
Saturday, October 31	Mass	5:00pm
Sunday, November 1	<i>All Saints Day</i> Choir Rosary Mass Knights of Columbus Breakfast Faith Formation Halloween Party	8:20-8:50am 8:30-8:45am 9:00am  10:20-11:20am 6:00-8:00pm