

St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church

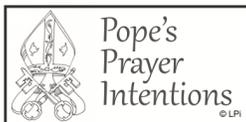
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

"I will not reject anyone who comes to me." Today, as we remember the faithful departed, we can rejoice in these words from Jesus. He promises that he will welcome those who come to him. He is so anxious to embrace us! As the catechism puts it, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation" (CCC §1030).

Jesus' whole message here is important. Eternal salvation is available to all, but it does involve a level of participation on our part. "Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life," Jesus says in today's Gospel. When it's authentic, of course, this belief is more than mere lip service. Understanding that Jesus is our savior and our God is one thing. Coming to him is another; it takes belief to the next level of personal commitment. This involves choices, decisions, and actions. Coming to Jesus means being near him-through a spiritual life that involves a real relationship with him-as well as being focused on him by charting our life's course in the light of faith. This is what we strive to do during the ups and downs of this life.

But it isn't always easy. Even as faithful Christians we often fall short of perfect cooperation with God. But this is not cause for despair! Today we remember that even Christians who die still "imperfectly purified" can ultimately share the blessing of heaven. We pray for these souls in purgatory to come closer and closer to perfect union with the Lord. And meanwhile, we strive to increase our own union with Christ in the hopes of sharing eternity with him and with the whole communion of saints, including our loved ones who have gone before us in faith.

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Every month Pope Francis announces his monthly prayer intentions, and requests that we include the intentions in our personal prayers.

For the month of November please remember these:

Universal: That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

Evangelization: That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

It is getting close to that wonderful time of year again...the Giving Tree will be in place the week-end of November 15th so don't miss out on getting your ornament to help one of the children in need in the community.

The Giving Tree will remain until December 6th after which all of the gifts should be returned so that on December 10th they can be distributed to the families. God Bless



Upcoming Women's Guild Events:

11/13 Chili/Soup and Movie Night from 6-8pm Showing Where Hope Grows, starring Krisoffer Polaha, David DeSanctis, and Danica McKellar. Heartfelt spiritual journey of a former baseball player. Rated PG13. Please join us for a meal; ALL are invited to attend. ~ Tammy H.

11/26 Thanksgiving at Noon We are hosting a Thanksgiving Meal at the church for those who desiring fellowship with parish family. Please make every effort to attend, and/or support by bringing items for the event and/or joining us. *I know many of you have plans with your own families during the holiday season. Please consider supporting this event by letting others know it is being offered to those who do not have plans.*

Starting the weekend of November 7th 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 all those grieving from the loss of a child:
 That they may find in our loving God strength, refuge and help in
 this time of distress;
 We pray to the Lord:



**Readings for
the Week**

Monday:
 Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
 Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday:
 Wis 2:23--3:9
 Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday:
 Wis 6:1-11
 Lk 17:11-19

Thursday:
 Wis 7:22b--8:1
 Lk 17:20-25

Friday:
 Wis 13:1-9
 Lk 17:26-37

Saturday:
 Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9
 Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday:
 Dn 12:1-3
 Heb 10:11-14, 18
 Mk 13:24-32



Offertory

\$5,525.00

Mass Intentions:

Requested for:

Requested By:

Nov. 7	Saturday	Joey Lueken †	Lueken Family
Nov. 8	Sunday	Our Parishioners	
Nov. 11	Wednesday	Elizabeth Wheeler †	Margaret Ward
Nov. 12	Thursday	Grady DeLoach, Sr. †	Emily Ryan
Nov. 13	Friday		
Nov. 14	Saturday	Tod and Cathy Stark	
Nov. 15	Sunday	Our Parishioners	
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“Every human person - no matter how vulnerable or helpless, no matter how young or how old, no matter how healthy, handicapped or sick, no matter how useful or productive for society - is a being of inestimable worth created in the image and likeness of God. This is the dignity of America ... the ultimate test of her greatness: to respect every human person, especially the weakest and most defenseless ones, those as yet unborn.”

— Pope John Paul II, “Apostolic Journey to the United States and Canada: Farwell Ceremony,” September 19, 1987



Saturday, November 14, 5:00 PM

Lectors: Billy Glidewell
Extraordinary Ministers: Kathy Abood and Teresa Miller
Altar Servers: Any Available
Ushers: Tom Matelski and Ron Sicina

**The Flowers on the Altar
this weekend**

were generously donated in
 Loving Memory of
 Joey Lueken †



Sunday, November 15, 9:00 AM

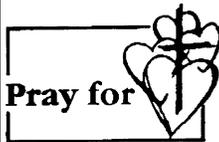
Lector: Jorge Moreno Sr.
Extraordinary Ministers: Bob Lipscomb, James Watson, Bill Lewis, Carlton Turner, and **Bill Myles
Altar Servers: Jim Lally and Brian Leto **Crucifer:** Chris Hotchkiss **Thurifer:** Mike Palka
Gift Bearers: Adam Marlowe and Pat Pappa
Ushers: Dennis Ordyna and Bill Hunter
Greeters: Janice and John Lueken

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, Ron Sicina, Bill Nelson, Darlene Vela-Lewis, Mark Cole, the Natad family, Mickie Hofmann, and Steven Mitchell.



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

Parishes can create major obstacles in developing transformational stewardship spirituality when they proclaim the message is not about money. The message comes out that way usually as a reaction to years of misinformation that stated that stewardship was all about the money. The fact of the matter is that our treasure is an extremely powerful gift from God that can change lives for the better or destroy them. It can never be ignored. And because money holds such a prominent place in human life, what we choose to do with it directly reflects our understanding of what it means to be a good steward and disciple of Jesus Christ.

When one understands that discipleship concerns one's entire life and being, as opposed to what one does on Sundays and an hour of service here or there, then money simply becomes one of the many gifts we cultivate and share in our stewardship. How we use our money reflects more about our understanding of discipleship than our attitude toward wealth. The widow giving her two coins in Mark's Gospel said more about her spirituality than it did her pocketbook. We can assume that her generosity extended beyond the synagogue treasury. Good stewards everywhere understand that a check in the collection basket is not what stewardship is about at all. Stewardship is the acknowledgement that every check and every dollar needs to be used in a mature manner and for the glory of God. Buying clothes for your kids, trips to the grocery store, and paying for lunch with a friend are all ways of exercising good stewardship.

Stewardship is about money and everything else we have been given. If we focus on any of our gifts too much we miss the point. Our goal as an everyday steward is to be like that widow, giving what God called her to give and not counting it as a loss. The call may be for money, time, prayer, skills, talents, or compassion. Our response is a key to transformation.

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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.



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.

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.



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The Widow's Mite



Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything--all she had to live on."

Mark 12:43-44 (NIV)

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." Just two small coins, worth only a few cents--this was the greatest contribution of the day? Jesus explains that this widow's tiny sum was generous in a way that the larger amounts people gave were not. Others made noticeable, "impressive" donations to the Temple treasury, which in fact cost them nothing. These were simply "from their surplus wealth." But the poor widow "contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." She was truly generous, giving what cost her dearly. Her contribution was made out of love, not just out of obligation or for the sake of show.

God has given us all different "livelihoods." Some of us have more money, more talents, more resources. Some of us have less. But of course we know that God's love for us is not based on this external data. He loves the rich and the poor alike. The question is whether this external data affects our love for God. Sometimes, those who are poor are more aware of God's providence and protection. Sometimes, they are bitter. As for those who are rich, it can be tempting to feel so comfortable and complacent that they don't recognize their need for God or his action in their lives. But Jesus' message challenges us all today to gratefully give back to God in thanks for whatever he has given us, be it small or great. We are called not to give from our surplus but to share from our very livelihood. That is to say, we are called to acknowledge that our livelihood itself, no matter the details, is a gift from God. Let us follow the wisdom of the widow who showed gratitude for what she had and was truly generous in spite of what she lacked.

The 13th Annual Pro-Life golf tournament was a huge success. We were able to raise a little over \$11,000 this year. Of the funds collected The Butts County Pregnancy Resource Center received a \$2000.00 check, we will hold around \$1000.00 for our 14th Annual golf tournament for startup costs, with the remaining funds being sent to the Georgia Right to Life office to help keep our organization running well. The awesome folks at the Georgia Right to Life will be lobbying our law makers and keeping us informed of all the Life issues taking place here in Georgia and in the United States. We are really fortunate to have such great Pro-Life Representation in the Georgia legislature. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event possible, you've done it again and lives will be saved that might otherwise not have made it. It's great living in a community like this one.



Mark your Calendars.

Advent Family Wreath night is Saturday, November 14th following mass. We will provide an Advent Wreath, candles, decorating supplies and dinner for each family. If you already have a wreath, bring it and add to or change it's decorations. Plan on joining us to learn more about our Advent Season.

Halloween Party –

The annual Halloween party has been rescheduled and will be held on Sunday, November 8th from 6:00-8:00pm (weather permitting). We will have hay rides, a bouncy house, and trucks for treats.



Upcoming events here at St. Mary, Mother of God for the week of Nov. 9 - Nov. 15

Monday, November 9	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	7:00pm
Tuesday, November 10		
Wednesday, November 11	Novena Mass	6:15pm 6:30pm
Thursday, November 12	Reconciliation Rosary Mass Prayer Group	11:00am 11:35am 12:00 noon 1:15pm
Friday, November 13	Rosary Eucharistic Adoration Reconciliation Mass Women's Guild Social	10:45am 11:00am 11:00am 12:00 noon 6:00pm
Saturday, November 14	Reconciliation Mass Advent Wreath Dinner following mass	3:00-3:45pm 4:00pm
Sunday, November 15	Choir Rosary Mass Faith Formation Mass Youth Meeting	8:20-8:50am 8:30-8:45am 9:00am 10:20-11:20am 11:30am 12:30-2:00pm