

St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church

'Call to Action: Pope Francis Challenge' Pope Francis and Atlanta Habitat for Humanity Need YOU!

Join Atlanta Habitat for Humanity in the Pope Francis Challenge at

<http://www.atlantahabitat.org/pope-francis-challenge!>

Atlanta Habitat for Humanity is seeking Catholic schools, colleges, parishes and other groups to partner for a home build in honor of Pope Francis. Building a house for a low-income Atlanta family aligns with Pope Francis' commitment to social justice and reinvigorating the Catholic Church.

Thanks to a very generous supporter, the majority of the funds have been raised to fund the Pope Francis Build. Now we need your assistance filling in the gaps! This is a unifying, celebratory opportunity for both Catholic and non-Catholic volunteers to work and donate towards a common goal and to further Atlanta Habitat's affordable housing mission.

The build will take place over seven Saturdays beginning on November 14, 2015 and ending on January 30, 2016. If you are interested in participating, please contact Haley Hart, sponsorship associate with Atlanta Habitat, at **haley.hart@atlantahabitat.org** or call **404-223-5180 ext. 171**.

As Pope Francis says "Work confers dignity." Why won't you join us and help build a better Atlanta!?



POPE FRANCIS HOUSE



Holy Spirit College is offering two classes for people who are seeking to delve deeper into Catholic teaching.

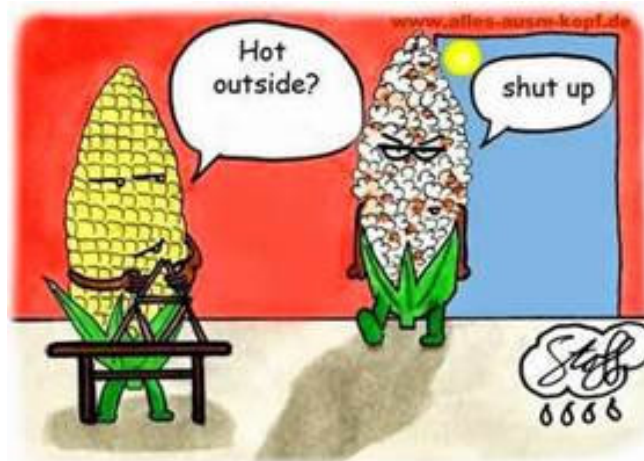
1. *Introduction to Catholic Spirituality* explores the monastic spirituality of the Greek fathers and the various spiritual traditions of the Western religious orders. The class is offered on Monday mornings from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in Malta Hall of Holy Spirit College with Fr. Josh Allen, STL. Classes begin August 24th.

2. *Bioethics* offers a review of Catholic teachings on the ethics of medical care, including reproductive and end of life health care. The class will be held eight Saturday mornings, from 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. at St. Jude the Apostle Church with Fr. Paul Burke, JCL. Classes begin August 29th.

For more information, contact Kim Schulman at kschulman@holyspiritcollege.org or visit the College's website: www.holyspiritcollege.org.

Thank you to those of you who signed up to begin Online Giving. If you have not yet signed up for Online Giving, please prayerfully consider this option. Not only can it be used along with our offering envelopes, it will also help decrease busy work for our wonderful volunteers, reduce expenses, and allow the parish to count on a steadier stream of income. You can visit the parish website at www.stmaryjackson.parishesonline.com to sign up or receive more information.

For those of you who use our online giving program thank you. If you have any questions please feel free to call Cathy at 770-775-4162.



Intercessions for Life

For our Christian community:
That, through the celebration of the Eucharist, we may be inspired to practice respect and to show gratitude for others;

We pray to the Lord:



Offertory

\$ 4,224.00

<u>Mass Intentions:</u>	<u>Requested for:</u>	<u>Requested By:</u>
Aug. 15 Saturday	Philis Myles †	
Aug. 16 Sunday	Our Parishioners	
Aug. 16 Sunday	Harry Zimmerman †	Pat Zimmerman
Aug. 19 Wednesday		
Aug. 20 Thursday		
Aug. 21 Friday		
Aug. 22 Saturday	Kristopher Stark †	Stark Family
Aug. 23 Sunday	Our Parishioners	

“Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm;
For Love is strong as Death.”

~~Song of Songs 8:6
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Readings for the Week

Monday:
Jgs 2:11-19
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:
Jgs 6:11-24a
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:
Jgs 9:6-15
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:
Jgs 11:29-39a
Mt 22:1-14

Friday:
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:
Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday:
Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32
Jn 6:60-69

Saturday, August 22, 5:00 PM

Lectors: Becky Glidewell
Extraordinary Ministers: Jim Jost and Teresa Miller
Altar Servers: Any Available
Ushers: Ron Sicina and Tom Matelski

Sunday, August 23, 9:00 AM

Lector: Bill Myles
Extraordinary Ministers: Bill Lewis, Carlton Turner, Eva White, Adam Marlowe, and ** Mike Palka
Altar Servers: KC Edwards and Adriana Chapko
Crucifer: Melina Patterson
Gift Bearers: Jim and Dottie Lally
Ushers: Dennis Ordyna and Jerry Holland
Greeters: James and Dottie Lally

The Flowers on the Altar this weekend

were generously donated in



Loving Memory of
Harry Zimmerman †

Liturgical Schedule

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Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Jan Jost, Sue Samp, Jeanel Wehner, Ron Sicina, John Potat III, Tommy Glidewell, Gage Van Dyck, Jon Peters, Patsy Burdette, Ashlynn Geringer, Barbara Lynch, Lu Davis-Moore, Vivian Hutton, Tammy Hotchkiss, Robert Dube, Frank Fross, Gary Bennett, and Tripp Kelly.



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.

Our 2014 tournament was a great success.

SAVE THE DATE October 21st 2015

Place: Hickory Hills, Jackson

Sign-in time: 7:30 AM

Tee Off time: 9:00 AM

Free Range Balls til Tee Off

We'll all have a great time and saves lives too. Please Thank the Representatives for their Pro-Life stance, when you see them.



If you have any questions please contact **Mike Patterson**

[770-294-0612](tel:770-294-0612)



EMPTY INK CARTRIDGE?

We will take it! Please recycle your used computer ink cartridges to the church. The church receives credit for every cartridge that is donated. That money is used for church supplies and materials. There are donation baskets in the armoire in the gathering hall. Thank you everyone who have donated their used cartridges.

Please pray for the efforts of our parish. Those desiring to participate in any way, especially through prayer, as we discern a plan, should contact Turner Duffey: 770-305-9032 or turnerduffey@hotmail.com

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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Making Music to the Lord



Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:15-20

L B H R R T S F H L T G N M P
K Y Y H M Y D J I T O D I C Y
Q S M X A E W R N L T R Z V P
L S N D F U M I U W L F D T E
W D S H W I T F N N O E R W D
I I Q Z L E E N L E K A D Z R
T C D J A R Q I Z T E R V I E
H A A M A A V Y C H L I V E Z
A P I C Z E K G F O O L I S H
N O P P O R T U N I T Y V I S
K D V V K R B W K W I S E M C
S E V E R Y T H I N G U L I O
X U J W H S P I R I T A S C E
P T U C I P N K D F S U P M X
Y S S O N G S U M P M Y S W I

FILLED	DRUNK	LORD	SONGS	EVERYTHING
MUSIC	THANKS	OPPORTUNITY	HYMNS	LIVE
CAREFUL	HEART	SPIRIT	WINE	DAYS
PSALMS	GIVE	WISE	EVIL	FOOLISH

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'" Today's Gospel continues Jesus' Bread of Life discourse where he emphasizes over and over again that his followers are to "eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood." Not surprisingly, his listeners don't know what to make of this mysterious teaching. So the quarrels begin. We can imagine what was being said: "He's just using analogies," one man would suggest. "No! He says it's 'true food' and 'true drink,'" another would reply. Others would accuse Jesus of blaspheming, while still others would assert that they believe every word he says. And so it went.

This scene is all too common. People encounter a difficult teaching of the faith--one that is challenging to fulfill or difficult to believe--and so they argue about it or rationalize it away instead of just accepting it and living according to it. On a large scale, these sorts of arguments are what lead to the breakdown of Christian unity. Time and time again in history, when a group of people disagrees about a Christian teaching, they splinter off and define their own set of beliefs. Not only does this harm the harmony of the Christian community, but it makes it too easy to avoid the tough parts of the faith.

Some of the things Jesus wants us to do are difficult--like respecting God's plan for sexuality or controlling our urges for unrestrained pleasure, power, or profit. Some of the things Jesus taught us are mysterious--like the teaching that the Eucharist is truly his body and blood. But thankfully he has given us his Holy Spirit to help us understand and do what we should. Let's not waste our time arguing about the faith. Let's just live it.

On Saturday, August 15th, the Rosary Evangelization Apostolate is launching the 2015 National 54 day Rosary Novena for the family and marriage. These are key issues of our day, especially with the upcoming World Meeting of Families and the Synod on the Family. This Novena will conclude on October 7, 2015, on the Memorial Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

What: Pray the rosary for 54 straight days for the Novena Intentions
 27 days in petition from August 15 through September 10, 2015
 27 days in thanksgiving from September 11 through October 7, 2015

Where: Pray the rosary individually or as a family in your home or as part of your parish community

Primary Novena Intention: "For the Family & Marriage" including for peace, human life and religious freedom

Please mark your calendars and spread the word. You may also visit the website for more information and for promotional material www.54days.org.

If you have further questions please contact Patrick Metts at pmetts@archatl.com or at 404.920.7643.

COUPLES CELEBRATING 50th AND 60th ANNIVERSARY IN 2015

Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory would like to honor couples married in 1965 and 1955 with an invitation to a Golden/Diamond Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday October 3rd, 2015 at 12:00 Noon at Saint Brigid Catholic Church. A reception will follow the Mass for the anniversary couples and their families. Space is limited.

Please go to <http://tiny.cc/anniversarymass> to RSVP for this event and for additional information.



Upcoming events here at St. Mary, Mother of God for the week of Aug. 17 - Aug. 23

Monday, August 17

Tuesday, August 18

Wednesday, August 19	Novena	6:15pm
	Mass	6:30pm
	Pastoral Council Mtg.	7:00pm

Thursday, August 20	Reconciliation	11:00am
	Rosary	11:35am
	Mass	12:00 noon
	Prayer Group	1:15pm

Friday, August 21	Reconciliation	11:00am
	Rosary	11:35am
	Mass	12:00 noon

Saturday, August 22	Reconciliation	4:00-4:45pm
	Mass	5:00pm

Sunday, August 23	Choir	8:20-8:50am
	Rosary	8:30-8:45am
	Mass	9:00am
	Faith Formation Classes	10:20-11:20am