

St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church

Everyday Stewardship

I no longer participate in the Black Friday rituals of waiting for stores to open at five or six in the morning, just so I could get the deal of a lifetime. When I was younger, that held a certain fascination for me, but today, sleep is my best friend and maddening crowds are just that: maddening. Besides, the times my wife or I ever got a deal that amazing were few. Most of the time you struggled to be the first in line so you could find great treasure, only to walk away with more stuff to put in the garage next to last year's stuff. You paid less for the stuff than normal, but in the end, it wasn't worth a whole lot anyway.

It seems to be human nature to want to be first, the best, or the greatest. We think there is a great value to be on top. We are sure if we can be better than everyone else, the prize waiting for us will ultimately satisfy. Jesus' disciples argued about which one of them was the greatest. Jesus explained to them that the greatest was the one who chose to be last by serving all. The prize apparently awaits us after we have allowed all others to step ahead of us. We must be completely humbled in order to rise up victorious.

Good stewardship is about giving all we have so that others might not want for anything. This is truly being gracious and offering hospitality to all we encounter. Throughout our lives there are so many people to whom we have the chance to offer our time, talent, and treasure. This is where the real reward lies: in the love of others and God. Besides, we always have heard it is better to give than receive. How great was it to get that DVD player I didn't need that sits in my garage anyway?

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP HOME AUXILIARY

75th Anniversary

If you would like to help support the OLPH Cancer Home please see **Bill Wagner or Rita St. John** to purchase your raffle tickets. The donation is \$1.00 per ticket or book of 6 tickets \$5.00. The possible prizes for this raffle are Samsung Galaxy Tablet, \$500.00 Cash, and \$600.00 Gift Card for Gas. The drawing for this raffle is October 3, 2015.

The Role of Women in the Church, Event Hosted by The Saint Thomas More Society

The St. Thomas More Society will host a presentation called, "Changing Roles of Women in the Church" on November 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hudson Grill in Midtown. The discussion will be presented by Sister Susan Arcaro, an adjunct lecturer for the Spring Hill College Certification in Spiritual Direction program.

Sister Susan is a member of the order of Cenacle Sister; holds a B.A. in Education from Assumption College in Worcester, MA; a M.A. in Spirituality and Spiritual Direction from Fordham University; and a diploma from the Association Montessori Internationale. She is an experienced educator, spiritual and retreat director, and facilitator of related spiritual programs. Her special interests include sacred liturgy, church history, RCIA, family ministry and adult faith formation.

This free event is open to all members of the legal profession. Registration is required. For more information and to register, please visit www.stm-atlanta.org.

There will be a Parish clean up of the grounds on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 9 am to 12 pm. All are invited to help if you can.

Bring a rake, weed whacker, hedge trimmer, or your garden tool of choice. If there are any questions, contact Ken White at 404-787-0586.



Intercessions for Life

For all those whose lives are in danger: May God uphold their lives and continue to keep and protect them;

We pray to the Lord:



Readings for the Week

Monday:

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13
Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday:

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday:

Ezr 9:5-9
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday:

Hg 1:1-8
Lk 9:7-9

Friday:

Hg 2:1-9
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday:

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday:

Nm 11:25-29
Jas 5:1-6
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



Offertory (week of 9/6) \$5,426.00

Offertory (week of 9/13) \$4,985.00

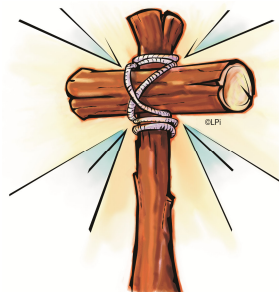
Mass Intentions:

Requested for:

Requested By:

Sept. 19	Saturday	Thomas Zinner †	Rita Zinner
Sept. 20	Sunday	Our Parishioners	
Sept. 20	Sunday		
Sept. 23	Wednesday	Denis R. LaFlamme †	LaFlamme Family
Sept. 24	Thursday	Fr. Mark Fischer	Lueken Family
Sept. 25	Friday	Communion Service	
Sept. 26	Saturday	Catherine Connell †	McPhee Family
Sept. 27	Sunday	Our Parishioners	

“Man is called to a fullness of life which far exceeds the dimensions of his earthly existence, because it consists in sharing the very life of God. The loftiness of this supernatural vocation reveals the greatness and the inestimable value of human life even in its temporal phase. Life in time, in fact, is the fundamental condition, the initial stage and an integral part of the entire unified process of human existence



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Saturday, September 26, 5:00 PM

Lectors: Billy Glidewell

Extraordinary Ministers: Eva White and Tod Stark

Altar Servers: Any Available

Ushers: Tom Matelski and Ron Sicina

Sunday, September 27, 9:00 AM

Lector: Bill Myles

Extraordinary Ministers: Bill Lewis, Carlton Turner, Teresa Miller, Adam Marlowe, and ** Mike Palka

Altar Servers: KC Edwards and Adriana Chapko

Crucifer: Kaylee Pappa

Ushers: Dennis Ordyna and Jerry Holland

Greeters: Jim and Dottie Lally

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, Vivian Hutton, Rebecca Geringer, Robert Dube, Frank Fross, Gary Bennett, Tripp Kelly, Ron Sicina, Bill Nelson, Darlene Vela-Lewis and Mark Cole.



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 21, 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)



The annual second collection for St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Georgia will happen during all Masses next weekend, September 26th and 27th. This collection helps people in our area, and families and individuals in need across the state. A large network of volunteers, community partners and a central support staff allows SVdP Georgia to provide life-changing programs and services; including direct aid assistance, Client Choice Food Pantries and support that helps clients move toward stability and self-sufficiency. With a commitment to compassion and respect, SVdP works tirelessly to help thousands of families and individuals in need.

Last year, St. Vincent de Paul Georgia delivered nearly \$15 million in financial, material, educational and spiritual support to more than 126,000 people. This support helps to keep people in their homes, ensures that their utilities stay on, and puts food on their tables. Please be generous during this special collection, and know that your donation goes directly to help families and individuals move from crisis to stability.



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.

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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Who Is the Greatest?



Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

Mark 9:35

WELCOMES	SERVANT	FIRST	GREATEST	JESUS
LITTLE	ARMS	CHILD	ARGUING	LAST
WHOEVER	ROAD	TWELVE	QUIET	HOUSE

Twentieth-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." This statement from Jesus is actually very similar to the famous passage from Matthew's Gospel where he says, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (25:40). But in Matthew, this idea of serving Jesus by serving others is applied to more dramatic cases: the hungry and thirsty, the sick and imprisoned, the naked and the stranger. Isn't it interesting to note that caring for children can also be a way of experiencing Christ's presence among us?

For many people, "receiving" a child is part of their daily routine. Those of us who are parents obviously welcome children into our families and continue to serve them throughout their lives. Grandparents, siblings, other relatives, foster parents, and sometimes neighbors and friends also make room in their homes and their hearts to welcome the children God has placed in their circle. Teachers, physicians, therapists, and others who work with children on a professional level are also in the "business" of receiving children. How wonderful to think that all of this normal activity can offer us the opportunity to encounter Christ!

Because dealing with children can become routine, or at times even be filled with challenges and frustrations, we might need to pause to remind ourselves about the blessings that they bring. Certainly their joy and innocence is a gift in itself, but in today's Gospel we are reminded that their presence brings more than that. When we serve children in a spirit of generosity, when we "receive" them as they are--with all that entails--we are in turn receiving Jesus ... who first came to us as a child.

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)

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 Sept. 21 - Sept. 27

Monday, September 21

Tuesday, September 22

Wednesday, September 23	Novena	6:15pm
	Mass	6:30pm

Thursday, September 24	Reconciliation	11:00am
	Rosary	11:35am
	Communion Service	12:00 noon
	Prayer Group	1:15pm

Friday, September 25	Reconciliation	11:00am
	Rosary	10:45am
	Eucharistic Adoration	11:00am
	Communion Service	12:00 noon

Saturday, September 26	Reconciliation	4:00-4:45pm
	Mass	5:00pm

Sunday, September 27	Choir	8:20-8:50am
	Rosary	8:30-8:45am
	Mass	9:00am
	Women's Guild Meeting following Mass	