

St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church

It is getting close to that wonderful time of year again...the Giving Tree will be in place the weekend 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 17th they can be distributed to the families. God Bless



Upcoming Women's Guild Events:

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.* ALL are invited to attend. ~ Tammy H.

Ladies, You are invited to



Advent by Candlelight

St Pius Parish Council of Catholic Women will be hosting a special event for all women to prepare for the birth of Jesus, ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT. It will be on Saturday, December 5, 2015 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

The cost will be \$10:00 per person. Reservation will be required. For more information or to make a reservation contact me no later than November 29, 2015 at 770-775-2000 or e-mail me at egozdick@mindspring.com.

The Way for Women is a 3-day retreat for adult female survivors of abuse offered by the Archdiocese of Atlanta's Victim Assistance Program. It will be December 11-13, 2015 at Carmel Retreat Center in Hoschton, GA. The registration deadline is December 4, 2015. Please contact Sue Stubbs at 404-920-7554 or stubbbs@archatl.com for more information.

GRACE Scholars' deadline is December 15th

Attention Donors! Please submit your 2016 tax credit pre-registrations by December 15th. You can either pre-register online at the GRACE Scholars' home page or use the paper form. Your contribution will help deserving children and youth enjoy the blessings of a Christ-centered Catholic education.

For more information, contact:

GRACE Scholars

gracescholars@gracescholars.org

404.920.7900

www.gracescholars.org



Mission Statement - The mission of GRACE Scholars, Inc. is to provide children from families with financial need throughout the State of Georgia with greater opportunities to secure a quality PK-12 Catholic education.

Goal - Our goal is to afford qualifying families a quality education while providing donors with an opportunity to use their tax dollars towards Catholic school scholarships.

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 those who continue to experience the pain of a past abortion:
May God's mercy and forgiveness restore their hope and heal their wounds.

We pray to the Lord:



Readings for the Week

Monday:

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday:

2 Mc 6:18-31
Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday:

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday:

1 Mc 2:15-29
Lk 19:41-44

Friday:

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59
Lk 19:45-48

Saturday:

1 Mc 6:1-13
Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday:

Dn 7:13-14
Rv 1:5-8
Jn 18:33b-37



Offertory
Archdiocesan Seminarians

\$3,814.00
\$ 421.91

Mass Intentions:

Requested for:

Requested By:

Nov. 11	Wednesday	Elizabeth Wheeler †	Margaret Ward
Nov. 12	Thursday	Charlotte Fisher †	Stein Family
Nov. 13	Friday		
Nov. 14	Saturday	Tod and Cathy Stark	
Nov. 15	Sunday	Our Parishioners	
Nov. 15	Sunday		
Nov. 18	Wednesday	Arthur Wheeler †	Margaret Ward
Nov. 19	Thursday		
Nov. 20	Friday	Bev Stark	Stark Family
Nov. 21	Saturday	Connie DeLoach †	Emily Ryan
Nov. 22	Sunday	Our Parishioners	

“Every life is a good and perfect gift.”

“A Perfect Gift”, 2015-16 Respect Life Program,
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
www.goo.gl/ARzBL6

Saturday, November 21, 4:00 PM

Lectors: Craig Breyne

Extraordinary Ministers: Richard McPhee and Bill Hunter

Altar Servers: Any Available

Ushers: Tom Matelski and Ron Sicina

**The Flowers on the Altar
this weekend**

were generously donated in
Honor of
Tod and Cathy Stark
for their anniversary



Sunday, November 22, 9:00 AM

Lector: LaDonna O'Bryon

Extraordinary Ministers: Rita Zinner, Tammy Hotchkiss, Teresa Miller, Margarita Moreno, and **Eva White

Altar Servers: KC Edwards and Miranda Salinas

Crucifer: Kaylee Pappa

Gift Bearers: Erma Gozdick and Marilyn Potat

Ushers: Dennis Ordyna and Jerry Holland

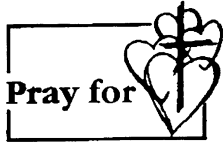
Greeters: Erma Gozdick and Darlene Vela-Lewis

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, 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

When I was younger I was so intrigued by movies like "The Omen" and "The Final Conflict" and others that told stories of the end-time and an Antichrist person that would usher in the second coming. The movies were extremely loose with their interpretation of the Bible. They depicted events and signs that would give evidence that the end of the world as we knew it was near. Of course, some people watch those films and even some of the fundamentalist movies of today and actually think they have a better idea of how the end of times will take place.

Too bad every one of those movies misses the point.

People ask the question, "What would you do today if you knew that Jesus was coming again tomorrow?" If we think that is a hard question to answer, we have missed the point as well. If you are a good steward of all that God has given you and you are living life as a mature intentional disciple, the answer is simple: "I would do the same thing I did yesterday!" That is the answer, of course, because we cannot be a disciple one day and not a disciple the next. Yes, we are never saved by our works, so what we do that last day before Jesus returns has no greater value than what we did the day before. As the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship points out, we are called to become mature disciples. When there is maturity, it is no longer about what we do but instead it is about who we have become.

These movies I mentioned are sometimes classified as horror films. But there is nothing to fear. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." We are never called to focus on what will pass away. If we keep our eye on what lasts forever, then we shall be ready to answer the call today, tomorrow, or whenever. That's a better ending than any Hollywood movie.

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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



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.



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)

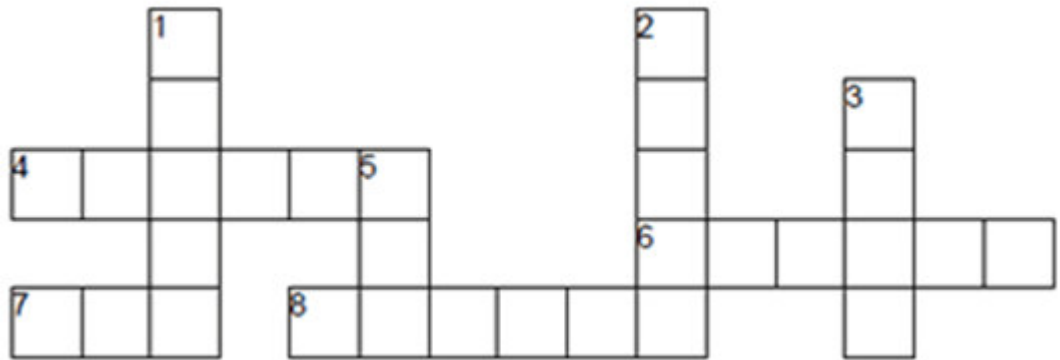
PATH: If you need help in healing from an abortion. Brochures can be found in the Armoire. Please call Mary Ann McNeil at 404-896-6521.

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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ACROSS

4. White fluffy items that float in the sky
6. To come back
7. A period of twenty-four hours.
8. Heavenly beings that serve God

"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

DOWN

1. A position of high honor
2. Twinkling bodies in the night-time sky
3. A time period of sixty minutes
5. The source of light during the day

Mark 13:32

NRN	SNO	DAY	STARS
RETURN	CLOUDS	GLORY	ANGELS
HOUR	SUN		

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." It may strike us as odd that there are things that the angels don't know. But it's even more surprising that Jesus --the Son of God--would have been unaware of the divine schedule for the end of the world. Given all of this, should it come as any surprise that there are things that God chooses not to reveal to us right now?

In his wisdom, God knows when the timing is right to reveal his plans to us. The fact that we don't know everything helps us remember that we are not God. We are his creatures, dependent upon him for our existence, our sustenance, and for the hour of our death too. In this era of instant Internet information, advanced diagnostic medical tests, and statistical surveys predicting future trends, it's hard to accept the fact that there are some things we just can't know. But this reality should keep us humble, reminding us that we don't have to know everything because we are in the powerful hands of a loving God.

Thus, any attempt to "see the future" through psychic mediums like palm reading, tarot cards, or astrology suggests a kind of distrust in God. As the catechism states, such practices "contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (§2116). As much as we might want to know when the world will end, when our dreams will come true, or when our problems will cease, we are called to walk in faith, accepting what God chooses to reveal and trusting that even our moments of uncertainty are part of his benevolent plan for us. As today's psalm declares, "you will show me the path to life." What else do we really need to know?



Please welcome as the newest member of
St. Mary, Mother of God.

Nelson Barber

RESOLUTIONS

SHOW KINDNESS...

It's a choice. Please choose it.

SHOW PATIENCE...

Just remember, you're not perfect either.

SHOW ENCOURAGEMENT...

if you do, people will strive for more.

SHOW COMPASSION...

Put yourself in someone else's shoes.

SHOW WISDOM...

It's in short supply these days.

SHOW FAIRNESS...

Don't stack the deck in anyone's favor.

If you attend St. Mary, Mother of God on a regular basis and have not registered we ask you to complete the following and drop it in the offertory basket. A parish registration form will be mailed to you. Or if your information has simply changed let us know. Thank you.

Name_____

Address_____

Change of Address_____

Email Address_____

Phone Number_____

Pennies for Heaven:

Pennies for Heaven is a charitable program to support the monks at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, Georgia. The Monastery is a community of more than 40 monks spanning several generations, who live, work and pray together.



Upcoming events here at St. Mary, Mother of God for the week of Nov. 16 - Nov. 22

Monday, November 16

Tuesday, November 17

Wednesday, November 18

Novena 6:15pm
Mass 6:30pm

Thursday, November 19

Reconciliation 11:00am
Rosary 11:35am
Mass 12:00 noon
Prayer Group 1:15pm

Friday, November 20

Rosary 10:45am
Eucharistic Adoration 11:00am
Reconciliation 11:00am
Mass 12:00 noon

Saturday, November 21

Mass 4:00pm

Sunday, November 22

Choir 8:20-8:50am
Rosary 8:30-8:45am
Mass 9:00am
Women's Guild Mtg. following mass