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Saturday: 5 PM **Vigil Mass**
Sunday: 8:30 AM; 11 AM
Tues, Thurs, Sat: 9 AM
Monday; Wednesday: 6PM
1st Friday Only: 6PM

ADORATION & ROSARY
Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday
7:00AM—8:45AM
Monday; Wednesday; 1st Friday
5PM-5:45PM

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Saturday: 8:30 AM
Sunday: 8:00 AM

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St Mary Catholic Church

NOVEMBER 28, 2021



FIRST Sunday OF Advent

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars.
...When these signs begin to happen,
stand erect and raise your heads
because your redemption is at hand.

Luke 21:25, 28

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SAT: 11/27 1st Sunday in Advent
Vigil 5:00 PM— All Souls Novena

SUN: 11/28 1st Sunday in Advent

8:30 AM— All Souls Novena

11:00 AM— Thanksgiving for Arkin Tran's Baptism (L)
(Father Henry)

MON: 11/29 Monday—
5:00 PM— Phaolô & Giuse (D)
(Lê V. Phạm)

TUES: 11/30 Tuesday— St. Andrew
9:00 AM— All Souls Novena

WED: 12/1 Wednesday—
6:00 PM— All Souls Novena

THUR: 12/2 Thursday—
9:00 AM— Elmer Burk (D)
(Nancy Williamson)

FRI: 12/3 Friday FIRST FRIDAY ONLY St. Francis Xavier
5:00 PM—Adoration
6:00 PM—Maria (D)
(Mr. Dũng & Mrs. Nhung)

SAT: 12/4 Saturday— St. John Damascene
9:00 AM— Dick Burtness (D)
(Father Henry)

2nd Sunday in Advent

Vigil 5:00 PM—For the people of the parish

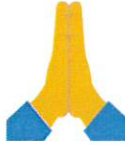
SUN: 12/5 2nd Sunday in Advent

8:30 AM— Babe (Pio) Leo Hongo (D)
(Mrs. Lan & Thắng Nguyễn)

11:00 AM— Thanksgiving (L)
(Tiên Trần & Chan Kim Family)



Please keep the following people in your prayers:

 Joe Franzmathes, Laura Barnett, June Webb, Sharon Cook, Carol Womack, Eddie Halford, Bill Dineen, Jay McAtee, Fred Defenbaugh, John Craton, Joan Akins, Rita & Gordie Nash, Connie Tirico, Denis Burk, Alice Marold, Marilyn & David James, Lucca Fiorillo, Gia-cô-bê Nguyễn Thanh and for all others not mentioned here.

If you want to submit an individual for Prayer Intentions, please contact Christa (706) 886-2819. Update Christa at least every four weeks if you wish to continue with community prayers.

Please notify the church office or Mrs. Gerrie Chalk at (706) 963-0050 of a loved one who is sick. Our home-bound Ministers are please to bring you Holy Communion.

Offertory/Contributions

Weekend of November 21, 2021

Weekly Budget	\$ 2,300.00
Offertory	\$ 1,859.00



Our Second Collection this week is for our local St. Vincent DePaul Chapter.

Thank you for your generosity!

The counters for this week are: Gary Cortellino, William King and Stephanie Cortellino.


If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, contact Nancy Williamson for training via Christa in the office. 706-886-2819.

Next week's Second Collection is for our Capital Campaign

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS are to be sent to Janice Ollick at janiceollick@gmail.com by **Wednesday noon one week prior to the weekend requested** for the bulletin. Late submissions may or may not be able to be placed.

PARISH MINISTRIES

The list of ministries and contact information is available in the Narthex of the Church and published on our Church website: www.stmarystoccoa.org




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Parish breakfast on 1st of 2nd Sunday each Month

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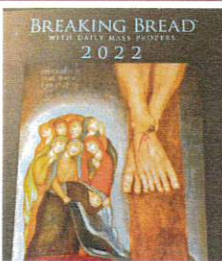
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It is getting that time of year where we start thinking about **Christmas** and decorating the church. If you would like to contribute a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone please fill out a Christmas

Flower Offering Envelope and put into the offertory plate. We are suggesting \$5.00 per plant. Thank you so very much for your help in this beautification project.

If anyone would like to get the new 2022 Breaking Bread Hymnal, please contact, Janice Ollick in the office. We have a limited supply this year. Her email is janiceollick@gmail.com or you can leave a message on the church phone.



Advent Project - Ladies of St. Mary and Pro-Life Committee

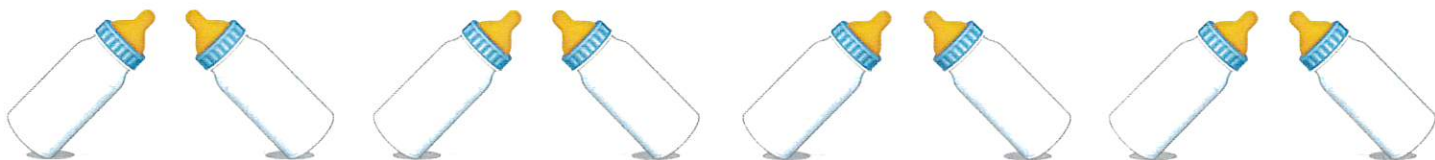
During Advent we will be raising money to support the **Toccoa Life Center**. We will be handing out **Boomerang Bottles** at all masses Nov. 27 & 28. Please take a bottle and fill it with loose change, dollar bills, and/or checks! Bring the bottle back on or before **Dec. 11 & 12**. Parishioners return the bottles filled with coins, dollar bills, checks etc. Once the bottles are returned to us, we take them to the Center, and they do the rest. They will let us know how much money was raised.

Very IMPORTANT – if you write a check – make it payable to Toccoa Life Center.

The center does an amazing job of supporting moms, families, and children in our community. They provide parenting classes, financial classes, resources, free ultrasounds, counseling, and many other important services that provide hope for families! They had over 500 appointments in 2020.

The money we collect will go toward the day-to-day operations of the center. They also have a need for highchairs, walkers, and cribs.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Cortellino 404-353-0475 or Eileen Helgeland 706-886-3508.

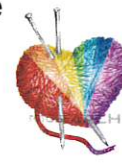


Parish Council will be meeting Thursday, December 2nd at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall. All registered parishioners are invited to attend.



Attn: Crocheters & Knitters! Would you like to be part of a ministry to share in fellowship & use your time & talent to create Prayer Shawls that will be given away to help spread the message of God's mercy, love & compassion? Please call me if you would like to learn more about this wonderful ministry that will start up after the new year. Beginners & experts are welcome!

Connie Tirico 678-464-3214



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

People Who Suffer from Depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

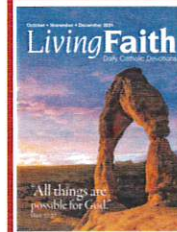
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



If anyone would like to get the next year's Living Faith Daily Catholic Devotions, please contact Janice Ollick in the office. If we have more than 5 people ordering the annual rate is \$6.00.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Occasionally, someone raises a surprised complaint that while Christmas arrives on Santa's sleigh at the Macy's parade on Thanksgiving Day, the Church doesn't catch on too fast. They may even say that Advent is a new-fangled idea. Not so. To trace its beginnings, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul), when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for baptism. The old pagan structures of Rome were collapsing then, and many people sought to be baptized. Since adults always prepared for baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend church frequently beginning on December 17. Soon, artists were imagining ways of expressing the Advent mystery, and in Italy this gave rise to beautiful mosaics of empty thrones awaiting the arrival of the Lord of all creation.

Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers very day of the season.

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Parish School of Religion Classes

November 27th **No Confirmation Class**
December 4th Confirmation Class
December 11th Confirmation Class

November 28th **No PSR Classes**
December 5th PSR Classes
December 12th PSR Classes



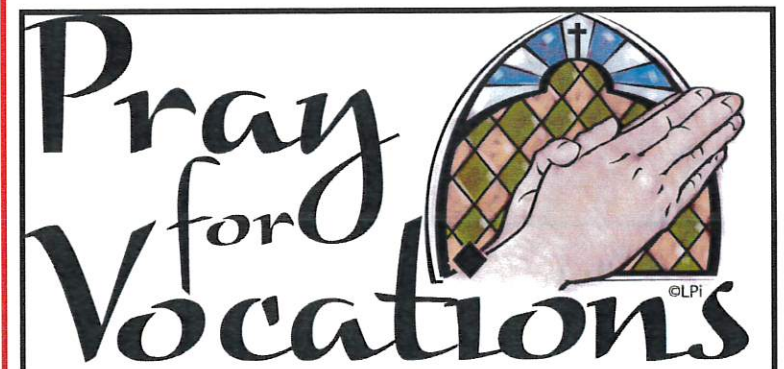
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BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

If you would like to have your birthday and/or anniversary announced on WNEG radio/ Connie Gaines, please use the signup sheet is in the narthex. Questions?

Contact Gary Cortellino (678) 360-2545 or garycortel@aol.com



PREPARING THE MANGER

November 26, 2021 • Tracy Earl Welliver



Where do you fall in the “Christmas-songs-in-November” debate — do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There’s no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it’s not everyone’s cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season — the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way — that you forget to prepare the manger.

Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It’s hard to miss that point — Lent doesn’t even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It’s harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God — and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season — “advent” — encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, “so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap.”

So, let us not forget — our master’s advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger?



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago in northern Europe, the growing dark and winter weather in Advent forced people to remove the wheels from their carts and replace them with snow runners. The wheels were hung high in the rafters of the house, fitted out with lanterns, and wound tightly with evergreen boughs. The first wreaths were windows into heaven, a source of light, a comforting sign of the victory of the light of Christ over our world’s dark wildernesses, its mountainous obstacles, its valleys of need.

The Advent wreath started in the home, and only later appeared in church. Its four candles represent the four Sundays of our journey: typically three purple, one rose. Why not set a wreath in your own home as a place for Advent prayer? Don’t let a shortage of purple candles discourage you: some use a deep blue, others have white candles and weave blue and purple flowers, seashells, and pine cones into the green. When the sun sets tonight, light a single candle, sing a verse of a well-loved Advent hymn, and name a mountain to be leveled, a valley to be filled.

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Advent—Christmas Schedule

November 24, 2021—*Holy Martyrs of Vietnam Mass*
6:00 PM Mass Time

November 25, 2021 — *Thanksgiving Day Mass*
9:00 AM Mass Time

November 28, 2021— *First Week of Advent.*
Normal Mass Times. We would like a family to volunteer for a Mass to light the Advent candle before Mass. A sign- up sheet will be in the narthex.

December 4 & 5, 2021—*Second Week of Advent.*
Normal Mass Times

December 6, 2021—*Penance Service 6:00 PM.*
NO MASS

December 8, 2021—*Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)*
9:00 AM—*English*
6:00 PM—*Bilingual*

December 11, 12, 2021—*Third Week of Advent—*
*Gaudete Sunday and Our Lady of Guadalupe.
Normal Mass Times

December 12, 2021—*Church Christmas Party.*
4:00 PM until...
Ladies of St. Mary’s to provide the meat. Sign-up sheet in the narthex for other food items.

December 18, 19, 2021—*Fourth Sunday of Advent—*
Normal Mass Times

December 24, 2021—*Christmas Eve Program & Mass (Bilingual)*
Children’s Program 6:00 PM
Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 PM

December 25, 2021—*Christmas Day Mass*
10:00 AM—*Bilingual Mass*
NO 5:00 PM VIGIL MASS

December 26, 2021—*Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*
Normal Mass Times

December 31, 2021—*New Year’s Eve Mass*
5:00 PM Mass

January 1, 2022—*New Year’s Day Mass*
9:00 AM Mass Time
NO 5:00 PM VIGIL MASS

January 2, 2022—*Epiphany Masses*
Normal Mass Times

