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Tuesday through **Thursday:**
10AM - 2PM

LITURGY SCHEDULE
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
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Saturday: 8:30 AM
Sunday: 8:00 AM

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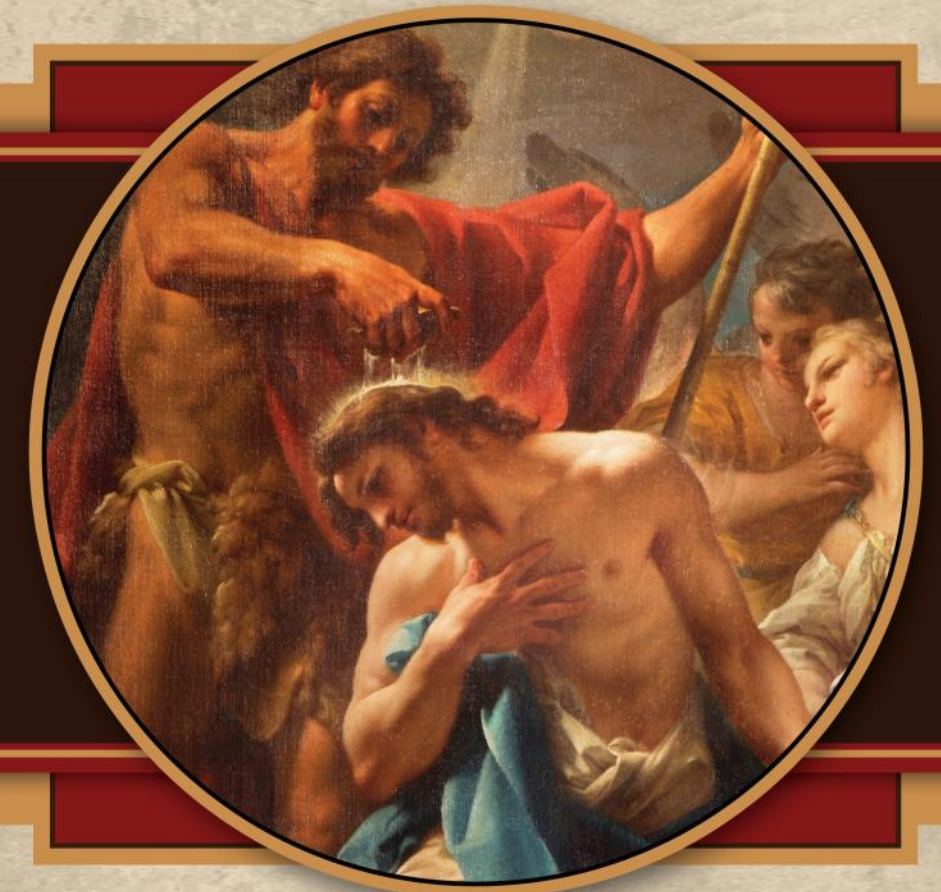
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St Mary Catholic Church

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 9, 2022



A voice came from heaven,
"You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased."

Luke 3:22

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY:	1/8 Baptism of the Lord Vigil 5:00 PM Carol Womack (D) <i>(The Ladies Guild)</i>
SUNDAY:	1/9 Baptism of the Lord 8:30 AM Aaron Nichols (D) <i>(Eileen Helgeland)</i> 11:00 AM Ancestors (D) <i>(Hùng & Hương)</i>
MONDAY:	1/10 5:00 PM Adoration 6:00 PM Vinneté(D) <i>(Tiên Trần & Chan Kim)</i>
TUESDAY:	1/11 7:00 AM Adoration 9:00 AM (Dominic) Thái Bình Nguyễn (D) <i>(Mrs. Hạnh Nguyễn)</i>
WEDNESDAY:	1/12 5:00 PM Adoration 6:00 PM Giuse - Thụ V. Phạm (D) <i>(Dương Phạm)</i>
THURSDAY:	1/13 St. Hilary 7:00 AM Adoration 9:00 AM Dominic (D) <i>(Mr. Đạt & Mrs. Binh)</i>
FRIDAY:	1/14 FIRST FRIDAY ONLY 5:00 PM Adoration 6:00 PM
SATURDAY:	1/15 9:00 AM Poor Souls (D) <i>(Nguyen Doan)</i>
Vigil	5:00 PM New Year Peace (L) <i>(Hoa & Diep Family)</i>
SUNDAY:	1/16 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM 27 th Wedding Anniversary Mr. Đức Trương & Mrs. Duyên Nguyễn <i>(Fr. Henry)</i> 11:00 AM Martha (D) <i>(Mrs. Lan & Mr. Ha Tran)</i>

Please keep the following people in your prayers:



Joe Franzmathes, Laura Barnett, June Webb, Sharon Cook, Eddie Hallford, Bill Dineen, Jay McAtee, Fred Defenbaugh, John Craton, Joan Akins, Rita & Gordie Nash, Connie Tirico, Denis Burk, Alice Marold, David James., Lucca Fiorillo, Gia-cô-bê Nguyễn Thanh, Yvonne Dessauer 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 January 2 , 2022

Weekly Budget	\$ 2,800.00
Offertory	\$ 2,283.00
Soleminty of Mary	\$ 1,111.00



This week's second collection is for our

Building Fund

Thank you for your generosity!

The counters for this week are: Jerry Bronikowski, Connie Tirico and Bill Mercure.

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 the

Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministries

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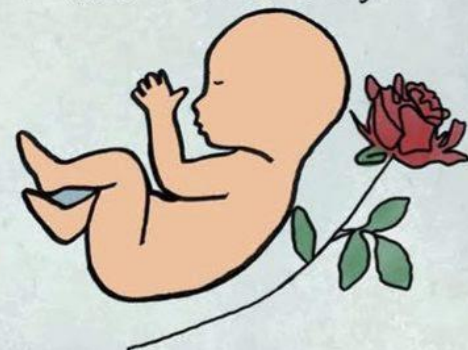
PARISH MINISTRIES

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

 <p>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</p> <p>Joseph M. Malik—Council 9975</p> <p>Membership meeting—4th Tuesday of each month Parish breakfast on 1st of 2nd Sunday each Month</p>	 <p>Ladies of St. Mary's</p> <p>We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am & 6:00 pm from September to May</p>	<p>In Memory of</p> <p>Matilde Saavedra</p> 
<p>In Memory of</p> <p>James H. Broussard</p> <p>“Bruce”</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of</p> <p>Don Cook</p> 	<p>Alexander's Flowers & Gifts</p> <p>147 Center Plaza Dr. Toccoa, Ga 30577 (706) 886-9431</p> 
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THE ESSENTIAL PRO-LIFE EDUCATIONAL EVENT

Where: Atlanta Airport Marriott • Atlanta, Georgia

When: June 24-25, 2022

Why: Because YOU can impact your community

Speakers to be announced Spring 2022

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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;
Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11;
Jn 2:1-11



The **Ladies of St. Mary** will be having their monthly meeting, this Wednesday, January 12th at 10:00 AM in the Social Hall. All women are invited.

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
GENEROUS
SUPPORT!

The Ladies of St. Mary and the Pro-Life Committee want to thank the parish for their generous support of the Baby Bottle Boomerang Fund-raiser for the Toccoa Life Center! Through your support we raised almost \$1000. This will truly make a difference for the Center! If you still have a Baby Bottle at home – we will gladly accept it. Please bring it in and place it in the Sacristy. Thank you again for your support and please keep the Center in your prayers!



Parish School of Religion Classes

January 8th	Confirmation Class
January 15	No Confirmation Class
January 9th	PSR Classes
January 16th	PSR Classes

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE



Please remember to keep up with your Capital Campaign Pledge payments. By doing this, it will help to keep us on track to make this a successful build. Please make your checks out to **St. Mary's Building Fund**. Thank you!

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY



If you would like to have your birthday and/or anniversary announced on WNEG radio/Connie Gaines, please use the signup sheet in the narthex. Questions? Contact Gary Cortellino (678) 360-2545 or garycortel@aol.com

Knight of Columbus

The Council will be having it's Sunday Pancake Breakfast this Sunday after the 8:30 AM Mass.



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

**Chili Dinner
January 30,
2022– 4:00pm**



Sponsored by the Ladies of St. Mary
All proceeds will go to Capital Campaign
Cost \$10 Adults \$5 Children
Children under 3 Free
Chili and Fixins'
Dessert Beverage
We will also have a Chili Contest!
Winner will receive braggin' rights and a **SPECIAL PRIZE!**
Tickets will be sold at the door!

REFLECTIONS

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS CHRIST, THE MESSIAH AND SON OF GOD

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Who is Jesus Christ?

It is a question people asked as they witnessed him preach, heal the sick, and work other wonders. It is a question people have asked through the centuries as they studied the gospels and tried to pattern their lives on his example of self-giving love. If we are to be his followers and pass on the good news to the next generation of believers, it is a question we must constantly ask ourselves.

Today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord and, in particular, the beautiful reading from the gospel of Saint Luke teach us that Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God.

First, Jesus is the Messiah. The words "Messiah" and "Christ" both mean "Anointed One." Throughout their history, the people of Israel have awaited the one anointed by God to lead them to freedom. This anointing meant that the Messiah would save them not by his own power, but by the power of God.

At his baptism, the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in the form of a dove. The Heavenly Father was anointing Jesus with power to preach the good news, to give sight to the blind, and to bring freedom to captives. Jesus received this anointing to make it clear that he is the Messiah.

What does that mean for us today? It means that we have no other Savior than Jesus Christ. If we are to find true and lasting freedom, it is only through him. If we are to experience true and lasting justice and peace it can only be through Jesus Christ. As Saint Peter declares on Pentecost Day in the Acts of the Apostles, "No other name is given to us in heaven or on earth by which we are to be saved." This means that in everything we do, whether as individuals, as a Church or as a nation, we must look to Jesus if we are to find the justice, truth, freedom, and peace our hearts yearn for.

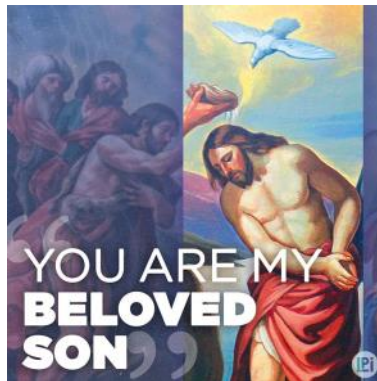
Secondly, Jesus is the Son of God. After the Holy Spirit descends on Jesus, God's voice from heaven is heard, "You are my beloved Son."

When we call Jesus, "Son of God", we are not saying that he is like God, or that he is very close to God. Rather, we are saying that Jesus IS God. As we say in the Creed, he is God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God. Whatever we can say about God, we can say about Jesus. He is eternal. There has never been a time when he has not existed. He is All-Powerful. There is nothing he cannot do. And he is All-Knowing. He knows the future and knows our hearts. There is no limit to his power.

For this reason, we do not only revere Jesus as a great man, but we worship him as our God. We bow our heads when we hear his name. We kneel when he appears before us in the Eucharist. We pray to him, entrust our needs to him, and praise him.

Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Son of God. We look to him to save us and we worship him as Almighty God. Just as John the Baptist pointed to him, so we must point him out to others as the only Savior of the World. Just as John the Baptist led others to him, we are to lead our family and friends to recognize him as the Messiah our hearts long for. Just as God from heaven declared that he is the beloved Son, so we are to declare to others that Jesus is the God we should follow and obey.

Douglas Sousa



Prayer for a Blessing on the New Year

O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen.

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