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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5 PM Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:30 AM (English)

12 PM (Tiếng Việt)

Tue, Thur, Saturday: 9:00 AM Mon, Wed, 1st Friday: 6:00 PM

HOLY HOUR / HOLY ROSARY

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

7:00 AM - 8:45 AM

Monday; Wednesday; 1st Friday:

4:00 PM - 5:45 PM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Thursday: After Mass Saturday: 9:45 AM; 4:00 PM Or: by appointment



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Our time is now Let's grow together

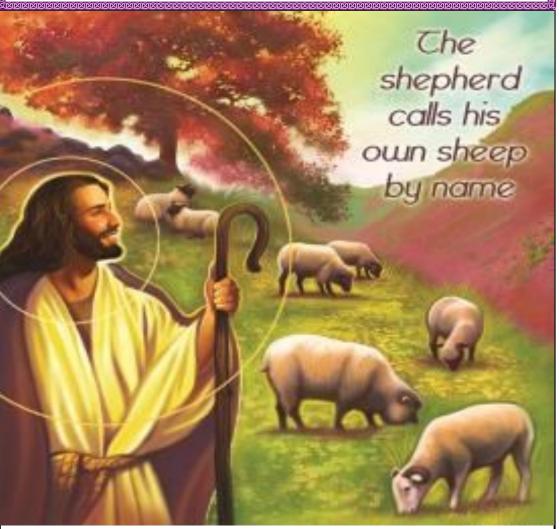
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April 30, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Easter OUR PROTECTOR

Today's readings invite us to recognize our need for one who ensures our safety, nourishes us, and leads us to peace and security, like sheep who rest in the care of a good shepherd. Such a shepherd will protect and save the sheep, even from the most deadly of predators. Today, we ponder the incredible news that Jesus accepted death on the cross in order to open the gates of eternal life with God for us. Through his resurrection, Jesus protects and saves us from the power of sin and death. We need only accept his love and live as God's people in this life, relying on the Lord who is the door to new life for us and for all. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Mass schedule & Intentions Apr 29 - May 06, 2023

SAT: 04/29 (Vigil) FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

5:00 PM Vonnelly C. Smith (D)

Helen Biester

SUN: 04/30 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:30 AM Thanksgiving (L) by Mrs. Van Tran

12:00 PM Thanksgiving (L)

By Hoa & Điệp's Family

MON: 05/01 St. Joseph the Worker

6:00 PM David James (D) by Carey Perriello

TUE: 05/02 St. Athanasius

9:00 AM Thanksgiving for Justin & Trang's

family by Fr. Henry

WED: 05/03 Ss. Philip and James

6:00 PM Thanksgiving (L) Bảo & Trang

THUR: 05/04 National Day of Prayer

9:00 AM Memorial Mass for Msgr. Bill

Hoffman (D) Fr. Henry

FRI: 05/05 First Friday; Cinco de Mayo

Anointing of the Sick

6:00 PM Nancy Cash White (D)

Jeffrey White

SAT: 05/06 First Saturday

9:00 AM Pray for all people in St. Mary's

Parish by Fr. Henry

5:00 PM Don Tirico (D) By Connie Tirico

SUN: 05/07 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 AM Memorial Mass- Vonnelly Smith

(D) By David & Melissa Plaisted

12:00 PM Francisco (D) Mrs. Van Tran

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;

Jn 10:11-18 or, for the memorial,

Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;

Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30 **Wednesday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;

Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;

1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

MAY - THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The month of May (Overview - Calendar) is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the



privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1).

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.

The practice was granted a partial indulgence by Pius VII in 1815 and a plenary indulgence by Pius IX in 1859. With the complete revision of indulgences in 1966 and the decreased emphasis on specific indulgences, it no longer carries an indulgence; however it certainly falls within the category of the First General Grant of Indulgences. (A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who, in the performance of their duties and in bearing the trials of life, raise their mind with humble confidence to God, adding — even if only mentally — some pious invocation. — Excerpted from Enchiridion of Indulgences.

TODAY'S READINGS

- First Reading:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

- Psalm: Psalm 23

- Second Reading:

1 Peter 2:20b-25

- Gospel:

John 10:1-10

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer at the End of the Day

Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake;

watch over us as we sleep,

that awake,

we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MEDITATION: 04/30/2023

"I came that they may have life abundantly". (John 10:1-10)

<u>Meditation:</u> Do you know the peace and security of the Good Shepherd who watches over his own? The Old Testament often speaks of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want (Psalm 23:1). Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! (Psalm 80:1) We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus says he is the Good Shepherd who will risk his life to seek out and save the stray sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4). He is the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls (1 Peter 2:25).

The Good Shepherd and Guardian of our souls

What can shepherding teach us about God and our relationship with him? At the end of each day the shepherd brought his sheep into shelter. They knew the voice of their shepherd and came at his beckoning. So familiar was the shepherd and his sheep, that each was called by a distinct name. In the winter the sheep were usually brought to a communal village shelter which was locked and kept secure by a guardian. In the summer months the sheep were usually kept out in the fields and then gathered into a fold at night which was guarded by a shepherd throughout the night. He was literally the door through which the sheep had to pass.

The Scriptures describe God as a shepherd who brings security and peace to his people. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore (Psalm 120:8). Even the leaders of God's people are called shepherds: they shall lead them out and bring them in; that the congregation of the Lord may not be as sheep which have no shepherd (Numbers 27:17). Just as a shepherd kept watch over his sheep and protected them from danger, so Jesus stands watch over his people as the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls (1 Peter 2:25). Do you know the peace and security of a life fully submitted to God?

Jesus willingly laid down his life for us the sheep he ransomed with his own blood

St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) writes: "He has accomplished what he taught us: He has shown us what He commanded us to do. He laid down his own life for his sheep, that within our mystery he might change his body and blood into food, and nourish the sheep he had redeemed with the food of his own flesh. He has shown us the way we must follow, despite fear of death. He has laid down the pattern to which we must conform ourselves. The first duty laid on us is to use our material goods in mercy for the needs of his sheep, and then, if necessary, give even our lives for them. He that will not give of his substance for his sheep, how shall he lay down his life for them?" (Tr. 46 in John). Do you look to Jesus the Good Shepherd, to receive the strength and courage you need to live and serve as his disciple?

"Lord Jesus, you always lead me in the way of true peace and safety. May I never doubt your care nor stray from your ways. Keep me safe in the shelter of your presence."

(Tác giả: Don Schwager. Nguồn: www.dailyscripture.net. Phó tế Phaolô Vũ Đức Thành, SDD. chuyển ngữ)

Holy Anointing of the sick: (First Friday)

Our Parish will begin the Sacrament of the Holy Anointing of the sick in March on the First Firday after Station of the Cross and first Saturday after 9:00 AM Mass.

An Election for New Officers in May 2023

We will have a Ballot out for the Parish Council Officers and the Election in May. If you are interested to serve the Parish through the Parish Council.

For more details, please contact: Mr. Dave Slezickey at (412)736-7646 or you can talk to Fr. Henry, Pastor.

CHÚA NHẬT BỐN PHỤC SINH SUY NIÊM: 04/30/2023

Ta đến để chúng có được sự sống sung mãn (Ga10:1-10)

<u>Suy niệm</u>: Bạn có biết sự bình an và sự an toàn của vị Mục Tử Nhân lành, Đấng coi sóc đàn chiên của mình không? Cựu ước thường nói về Thiên Chúa như người mục tử của dân Người là Israel. Chúa là Mục tử của tôi, tôi sẽ không thiếu gì (Tv 23,1). Lạy Mục tử nhà Israel, xin hãy lắng tại nghe, Chúa dẫn dắt Giuse như dẫn dắt đàn chiên! (Tv 80,1). Chúng tạ là dân Người, là đàn chiên Người dẫn dắt (Tv 100,3). Đấng Mêsia cũng được mô tả như vị Mục tử của dân Chúa: Người sẽ chăn dắt dân Người như vị mục tử, Người sẽ bồng bế chiên trên tay (Is 40,11). Đức Giêsu nói Người là Mục Tử nhân lành, Đấng sẽ liều mạng sống mình để tìm kiếm và cứu con chiên bị lạc (Mt 18,12, Lc 15,4). Người là vị Mục Tử và Đấng chăm sóc linh hồn anh em (1Pr 2,25).

Vị Mục Tử Nhân Lành và Đấng Bảo Trợ của linh hồn chúng ta

Người mục tử có thể dạy chúng ta điều gì về Thiên Chúa và về mối quan hệ của chúng ta đối với Người? Vào lúc cuối ngày, người mục tử đưa đàn chiên của mình về chuồng. Chúng biết tiếng nói của người mục tử và chạy đến khi họ ra hiệu. Người mục tử và đàn chiên của mình cũng thế, đến nỗi mỗi con được gọi bằng một tên khác nhau. Vào mùa đông, đàn chiên thường được dẫn tới một cái chuồng chung của cả làng, được khóa kín và gìn giữ bởi người bảo vệ. Vào những tháng mùa hè, đàn chiên thường tản ra những cánh đồng và tập trung thành đàn vào buổi tối, được người mục tử canh gác suốt đêm. Đức Giêsu thật sự là cửa mà đàn chiên phải đi qua.

Kinh thánh mô tả Thiên Chúa như người mục tử, đem lại sự an toàn và bình an cho dân Người. Chúa giữ gìn bạn lúc ra vào lui tới, từ giờ đây cho đến mãi muôn đời (121,8). Thậm chí những người lãnh đạo dân Thiên Chúa cũng được gọi là những mục tử: Người sẽ dẫn họ ra vào, để cộng đồng của Đức Chúa đừng giống như đàn chiên không có mục tử chăn dắt (Ds 27,17). Giống như người mục tử canh giữ đàn chiên của mình và bảo vệ chúng khỏi nguy hiểm, Đức Giêsu cũng chăm sóc dân Người như người Mục tử và người Bảo vệ linh hồn chúng ta (1Pr 2,25). Bạn có biết sự bình an và an toàn của cuộc sống hoàn toàn suy phục Thiên Chúa không?

Đức Giêsu sẵn sàng hiến mạng sống mình cho chúng ta đàn chiên Người chuộc bằng giá máu của mình.

Thánh Augustine thành Hippo (354-430 AD) viết: "Ngài đã hoàn tất những gì Ngài đã dạy chúng ta: Ngài đã tỏ cho chúng ta những gì Ngài truyền lệnh cho chúng ta phải làm. Ngài đã hiến mạng sống mình cho đàn chiên, để trong sự bí ẩn của chúng ta, Ngài có thể biến đổi mình và máu Ngài thành lương thực, và nuôi dưỡng đàn chiên Ngài đã cứu chuộc bằng máu của chính thân xác Ngài. Ngài đã bày tỏ cho chúng ta con đường chúng ta phải đi, mặc dầu sự sợ hãi cái chết. Ngài đã đưa ra gương mẫu mà chúng ta phải thích ứng với chính mình. Bổn phận đầu tiên đặt ra cho chúng ta là sử dụng những của cải trần thế của mình trong sự thương xót đối với những thiếu thốn của đàn chiên của Ngài, và rồi nếu cần, thậm chí dâng hiến mạng sống mình cho chúng. Người không cho đi của cải của mình cho đàn chiên, làm thế nào họ có thể hiến mạng sống mình cho chúng?" (Tr.46 trong Tin mừng Gioan). Bạn có nhìn Đức Giêsu như người Mục tử tốt lành, để đón nhận sức mạnh và lòng can đảm cần thiết để sống và phục vụ như người môn đệ của Người không?

"Lạy Chúa Giêsu, Chúa luôn luôn dẫn dắt con trong đường lối bình an và an toàn đích thật. Chớ gì con không bao giờ nghi ngờ sự quan tâm của Chúa, cũng không lạc xa những đường lối của Chúa. Xin giữ con an toàn trong sự hiện diện của Chúa."

MONTHLY MEETING

- 1/ Parish Council will have the meeting on Thursday, May 04, 6:00 PM, at Social Hall. All registered parishioners are invited.
- 2/ The Ladies of St. Mary's will have the monthly meeting on Wednesday 05/10/2023; at 10 AM in Parish Hall. If you need more information, please cotact Co-Presidents: Martha Barrs: (770) 540-6820 Helen Biester: (706) 391-0462

First Communion

First Communion is on May 7th at the 8:30 am Mass. The Ladies of St. Mary will be hosting a Breakfast to celebrate this important occasion for the First Communicants and their families



after Mass. We want this to be a special event and need the help of the Parish. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to bring food and help with the event. Please consider signing up so that we can have a wonderful cel-







Please pray for our communicants!



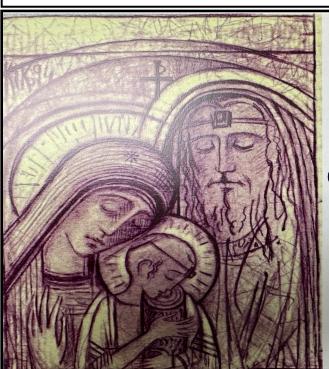
The Knights of Columbus Council 9975 will be making a plea in support of its Pro-Life Initiative for The Toccoa Life Family Resource Center after the Masses the Weekend of May 13 and 14. They will be selling raffle tickets for the Non-Profit Organization the Knights of Columbus Charities of Georgia, a 501c3 that supports Charitable Organizations in Georgia.

The Local Councils, like our Council that serves St. Mary's, is rebated 70% of all proceeds for their designated Charities in the Pro-Life Arena. Thank you.

Hôi Knights of Columbus Council 9975, kính mời tất cả mọi người trong Giáo xứ St. Mary's tham gia ủng hộ cho Pro-Life Initiative, hỗ trợ The Toccoa Life Family Resource Center. Chương trình sẽ được bắt đầu sau các Thánh lễ vào cuối tuần ngày 13 và 14 tháng 5. Xin cùng chung tay ủng hộ sự sống bằng cách mua vé rút thăm may mắn! Toàn bô số tiền thu được sẽ được dành cho tổ chức phi lợi nhuân Knights of Columbus Charities of Georgia, một tổ chức 501c3 hỗ trợ các tổ chức từ thiện tại Georgia. Chúng tôi tin rằng sự tham gia nhiệt tình của quý vị sẽ mang lại nhiều giá trị cho cộng đồng và giúp cải thiện cuộc sống của nhiều người.

Xin lưu ý: 70% số tiền thu được từ sự kiện này sẽ được hoàn lại cho các Local Councils, như Council của chúng tôi phục vụ giáo xứ St. Mary's, để hỗ trợ các tổ chức từ thiện trong lĩnh vực Pro-Life.

Xin cùng đồng hành với chúng tôi trong sứ mạng cao cả này! Chúng tôi trân trọng sự tham gia và sự ủng hộ nồng nhiệt từ quý giáo dân. Xin chân thành cảm ơn!



If you are looking for happiness If you feel alone and confused If you want to deepen your faith and see how much God loves you

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Mondays & Fridays - 7:30 PM

Beginning April 17th in the Parish Hall Babysitting will be provided

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HEAVEN

The goal of religion is not to get us into heaven, but to get heaven into us.

—Anonymous

COUNTING SHEEP

Every person can tell how many goats or sheep one possesses. but not how many friends.

Cicero

Please keep the following people in your prayers

Joe Franzmathes, Laura Barnett, June Webb, Sharon Cook, Eddie Hallford, Jay McAtee, John



Craton, Lucca Fiorillo, Melissa Grigg, James Meyn, Dan Dwyer, Calvin Isbell, Jerry Powell, Alice Marold, Kim Kellams, Danny Carter, Joachim Phạm M.Tường, Tim McGlone Sr., Timothy McGlone Jr., Robert McGlone, Laura Meyh, Christen Cook, Lindsey McDonald, Helen Biester, Rebecca Gonzalez, Joy Powell, Nancy Barbour, Gordon Nash, and for all others not mentioned here.

If you want to submit an individual for Prayer Intentions, please contact Mrs. Ayen Camilli ((706) 886-2819 ext – 1 or Mrs. Gerrie Chalk at: 706 -963-0050 for a oved one who is sick. Our homebound Ministers are please to bring you the Holy Communion and Weekly Bulletin.

Offertory/Contribution Weekend of April 22 & 23, 2023

Weekly Budget	\$3,100.00
Offertory	\$2,166.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 650.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 489.00

The counters for this week are:
Nancy Williamson , Tina Doan & Pat Kassal
The second collection for this weekend is
SVdP St. Mary Conference

Next week is for

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGES

Please remember to keep up with your Capital Campaign Pledge contribution. 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!

Pope Francis' prayer intention 05/2023

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



Chúng ta hãy cầu nguyện cho các phong trào và các nhóm trong Giáo Hội, mỗi ngày có thể tái khám phá sứ mạng loan báo Tin Mừng của họ, biết dùng các đặc sủng riêng để phục vụ cho những nhu cầu của thế giới.

SVdP, St. Mary Toccoa Conference

Next Sunday, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us and hear his words, "I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly."



By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Mary Toccoa Conference, you will reveal the love of the "Good Shepherd" to your suffering brothers and sisters.

Through your generous donations we have been able to assist many in our community with their rent, utility bills, and other needs. Please come to our meetings and hear about individual cases and consider becoming a Vincentian. We meet the first and third Tuesday, at 5 PM in the Religious Education Building.

Religious Education announcement Up Coming Events

- Saturday May 06: First Reconciliation in this chapel
- Sunday May 07: First Holy Communion, at 8:30 am
- Sunday, May 28: The Graduation Mass
- ♦ June 19-23. Vacation Bible School this summer
- July 7-9: Steubenville Conference for high school students. We need to register soon with a \$50 deposit/ \$210 registration per person. Especially, WE NEED SPONSORS
- ◆ Saturday September 09: Rescue Atlanta from 8:00 AM 5:00PM . In response to the call for a Eucharistic Revival, the Archdiocese of Atlanta is grateful to be partnering with ACTS XXIX in bringing Rescue Atlanta to this local Church. Register early (18 yrs +). The Parish agree with Mrs. Michel, Director of PCL to pay a portion of the tickets. If you need for information, please contact: Mrs. Jessica Burger:

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The Knights of Columbus Joseph M. Malik Council 9975 Joseph M. Malik

The Knights of Columbus is a worldwide organization of Catholic Men who are in communion with the Church and function under the four principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The members of Council 9975 are a hardy "Band of Brothers" to coin a phrase, that are dedicated to support our Pastor Fr. Henry Pham in his efforts as leader of our parish here at St. Mary's.

For more information please look for any parishioner that is wearing a Bright Yellow Name Tag for more information.

Meeting & Activities

Membership Meetings the 4th Tuesday /1 month **Parish Breakfasts:**

on the 1st or 2nd Sunday/1month

Ladies of St.Mary's

The Ladies of St. Mary serve to provide a community of fellowship and growth in faith, reaching out to serve



and support our pastor, parish families and the community. We serve God through a commitment and uniting our members through prayer, work and service.

Meet: 2nd Wed/ month (Sept—May) at 10 AM in Parish Hall

Co-Presidents:

Martha Barrs: (770) 540-6820 Helen Biester: (706) 391-0462









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