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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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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 16, 2023

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Charlemagne, crowned Holy Roman Emperor on Christmas Day, 800, had a major interest in shaping the worship life of the church, and began a long period of reform and regulation. We owe many confirmation policies and practices to his rule. A baptized person was required to be confirmed as soon as the bishop's presence made it possible. Priests were expected to do their best in seeing to it that a newly-baptized child received the Eucharist. One twelfth-century ritual insists that if the child is not yet capable of eating or drinking, then the priest might give him or her some of the Precious Blood on a leaf or a finger.

Despite the best efforts of the Empire to hold liturgical life together, the rules were not always lived out with great beauty. St. Richard of Chichester of thirteenth-century England, for example, was canonized for his holy life as a bishop. One of the remarkable signs of his sanctity was his willingness to climb down from his horse to confirm "merely baptized" layfolk who crossed his path! This praiseworthy practice points a finger of blame at less zealous bishops, whose casual attitudes revealed a sacrament in need of rescue. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS: - First reading: Is 55:10-11; - Psalm: 65
 - Second reading: Rom 8:18-23; - Gospel: Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Mass schedule & Intentions 07/15 –22/ 2023

SAT: 07/15 (Vigil)	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM	Gordon (Georgie) Nash (D) <i>By Richard & Gerri Chalk</i>
SUN: 07/16	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM	Yuen Yung & Chau Shui Ying <i>By Derrick Li</i>
12:00 PM	Lh. Cêcilia (D) <i>by AC Hòa - Điệp</i>
MON: 07/17	Weekday
6:00 PM	Mrs. June Webbs (A Veteran) on her 95's birthday (L) <i>Rev. Henry</i>
TUE: 07/18	Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest
9:00 AM	Marlys Honeyman & Karen Thole (L) for Help & Protection <i>By Eileen Helgeland</i>
WED: 07/19	Weekday
6:00 PM	Tạ ơn Chúa và cầu bình an <i>By GD Dương và Huyền</i>
THUR: 07/20	Saint Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr
9:00 AM	Carla Lomax & Gretchen Holme(L) for Help and Protection <i>By Eileen Helgeland</i>
FRI: 07/21	Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
SAT: 07/22	
9:00 AM	Veronica Arias (L) for Help & Protection <i>By Eileen Helgeland</i>
5:00 PM	Renee McCawley, Joe Fritz (L) for Help & Protection <i>By Eileen Helgeland</i>
SUN: 07/23	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM	Tạ ơn Chúa và cầu bình an <i>By Mr. James Mrs. Nguyễn Thanh</i>
12:00 PM	Lh. Phaolô và Lh. Giuse <i>By GD Ông Bà Lê</i>

READINGS FORTHE WEEK

Monday:	Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday:	Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30 (392) 31
Friday:	Ex 11:10—12:14/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Sunday:	Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

JULY - THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF

Symbols of the Precious Blood



Adam is sleeping an ecstatic sleep. God opens his side, removes a rib and forms Eve, the mother of all the living. But our view transcends this action and in spirit we behold the second, the divine Adam, Christ. He is sleeping the sleep of death. From His opened side blood

and water flow, symbols of baptism and the Eucharist, symbols of the second Eve, the Church, the Mother of all the living. Through blood and water Christ willed to redeem God's many children and to lead them to an eternal home.

At Jerusalem a service in Yahweh's honor is taking place on the Day of Atonement. The high priest is making his annual entrance into the holy of holies to sprinkle the blood of bucks and bulls upon the covenant in expiation for the sins of the people. The Church shows us the higher meaning of this rite. Our divine High Priest Christ on the first Good Friday entered that Holy of Holies which is not made with hands nor sprinkled with the blood of bucks and bulls; there He effects, once and for all, with His own Blood man's eternal redemption.

A finale. Holy Church transports us to the end. The heavenly liturgy is in progress. Upon the altar is the Lamb, slain yet alive, crimsoned by His own Blood. Round about stand the countless army of the redeemed in garments washed white in the Blood of the Lamb. Hosts of the blessed are singing the new canticle of redemption: "You have redeemed us out of every tribe and tongue and nation by Your Blood."

Now from vision to present reality. How fortunate we are to have divine Blood so near to us, to offer it to the heavenly Father for the sins of the whole world!

Excerpted from The Church's Year of Grace , Pius Parsch

Pope Francis' prayer intention 07/2023

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



Cầu cho việc sống mẫu nhiệm Thánh Thể

Chúng ta hãy cầu nguyện để người Công giáo biết đặt việc cử hành Thánh Thể vào trung tâm đời sống của mình, nhờ đó biến đổi các tương quan nhân loại một cách thâm sâu, và mở ra để gặp gỡ Thiên Chúa cùng anh chị em mình.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 16, 2023

Meditation: “... the one who hears the word of the kingdom”. (Matthew 13:19)

What was “the word of the kingdom” that Jesus refers to in today’s Gospel passage (Matthew 13:19)? Simply this: “The kingdom of heaven is at hand” (4:17). It’s the “word” that Jesus proclaimed when he launched his public ministry. He had come to usher in God’s kingdom, and he wanted his disciples – and all of us – to help it expand and grow and bear fruit. So let’s look at this familiar parable of the sower and the seed from the perspective of bearing fruit for God’s kingdom.

Jesus doesn’t want us to be the seed that falls on the path – the people who never really understand the scope of God’s call to them. Our faith isn’t just a matter of following a set of rules. Jesus invites us to something greater: cooperating with him in making his kingdom a reality wherever we live and work. And if we think we aren’t worthy or talented enough, he wants us to recognize that those thoughts are from the evil one!

Jesus also warns us not to become the seed that falls on rocky soil – those who feel overwhelmed by the hardships and sacrifices involved when we say yes to God’s call. He knows that we can persevere only when we are rooted in him and focus not just on the difficulties but also the blessings of following him.

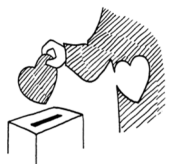
Finally, taking up Jesus’ call to bear fruit for his kingdom means making it the most important priority in our lives. He doesn’t want us to be like the seed among thorns and let other concerns distract us from his own concerns.

Today at Mass, ask yourself, How is Jesus calling me to bear fruit for his kingdom? How will I respond? Remember, you’re not on your own! Jesus is with you always, giving you the grace day by day to help you make his heavenly kingdom a reality, right where you are!

“Jesus, help me to understand how I can bear fruit for you.”

Nguồn: WAU, July 2023 Sr. Maria Trần Thị Ngọc Hương chuyển ngữ

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!

CHÚA NHẬT XIII THƯỜNG NIÊN

Ngày 16 tháng 07,, 2023

Meditation: (Mt 13,19)

“... ai nghe lời rao giảng Nước Trời”.

“Lời rao giảng Nước Trời” (Mt 13,19) mà Chúa Giêsu đề cập đến trong đoạn Tin Mừng hôm nay là gì? Đơn giản là thế này: “Nước Trời đã đến gần” (Mt 4,17). Đó là “lời” mà Chúa Giêsu đã công bố khi Người bắt đầu sứ vụ công khai của mình. Người đã đến để mở ra vương quốc của Thiên Chúa, và Người muốn các môn đệ của Người – và tất cả chúng ta – giúp vương quốc ấy mở rộng, phát triển và sinh hoa kết trái. Vậy chúng ta hãy xem dụ ngôn về người gieo giống quen thuộc này và hạt giống từ góc nhìn sinh hoa trái cho Nước Thiên Chúa.

Chúa Giêsu không muốn chúng ta là hạt giống rơi xuống vệ đường – những người không bao giờ thực sự hiểu ý định của lời mời gọi của Thiên Chúa dành cho họ. Đức tin của chúng ta không chỉ là vấn đề của việc tuân theo một loạt những quy tắc. Chúa Giêsu mời gọi chúng ta đến một điều gì đó cao cả hơn: cộng tác với Người để làm cho vương quốc của Người thành hiện thực ở bất cứ nơi đâu chúng ta sống và làm việc. Và nếu chúng ta nghĩ chúng ta không xứng đáng hay không đủ tài năng, Người muốn chúng ta nhận ra rằng những suy nghĩ đó đến từ kẻ xấu!

Chúa Giêsu muốn cảnh cáo chúng ta đừng trở nên những hạt giống rơi xuống đá sỏi – những người cảm thấy choáng ngợp bởi những gian nan khổ khó và những hy sinh liên lụy khi chúng ta thưa vâng với lời mời gọi của Thiên Chúa. Người biết rằng chúng ta chỉ có thể kiên vững khi chúng ta được bén rễ trong Người và không chỉ tập trung vào những khó khăn nhưng còn vào những phúc lành của việc đi theo Người.

Cuối cùng, đón nhận lời mời gọi của Chúa Giêsu để sinh hoa trái cho vương quốc của Người nghĩa là làm cho lời mời gọi ấy trở thành mối ưu tiên quan trọng nhất trong cuộc sống của chúng ta. Người không muốn chúng ta giống như hạt giống giữa bụi gai và để cho những mối lo lắng, bận tâm khác làm chúng ta xao lãng khỏi những mối bận tâm của Người.

Hôm nay trong Thánh Lễ, hãy tự hỏi, Chúa Giêsu đang mời gọi tôi sinh hoa trái cho vương quốc của Người như thế nào? Tôi sẽ đáp lại như thế nào? Hãy nhớ rằng, bạn không đơn độc một mình! Chúa Giêsu luôn luôn ở cùng bạn, ban cho bạn ân sủng mỗi ngày để giúp bạn làm cho vương quốc thiên đàng của Người thành hiện thực, ngay ở nơi bạn đang hiện diện!

“Lạy Chúa Giêsu, xin giúp con hiểu làm thế nào con có thể sinh hoa trái cho Chúa”.



Thanks Be To God!

Thank you Deacon Greg, our Sponsors who supported our Youths & the Team Leaders for the Atlanta-Steubenville High-Schoolers Retreat. Thank you to the Parents who encourages their Children to participated into this significant annual event. We are sure that when anyone saves time to be with God, they will be supported by God:

***"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest",
and Learn from Me and you will find rest for your soul".***





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

St. Mary's Ladies

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 Wednesday of each month, in Social Hall

- **7:00 PM:** Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov
- **10 AM:** Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec

Co-Presidents:

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Offertory/Contribution

Weekend of July 08 & 09, 2023

Weekly Budget	\$ 3,100.00
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Save the date!

1/ Watching the Laser Show on Stone Mountain:

- ◆ Please join St. Mary's Youth as they travel to Stone Mountain on Thursday, July 20th to watch the Laser Show on Thursday, July 20th
- ◆ We will meet at the church at 5:00pm to ride the bus to the park where a picnic lunch will be served.
- ◆ Feel free to bring a blanket/ lawn chair.
- ◆ Please sign up in the Narthex so that we can plan.
- ◆ **Donations are appreciated to help cover the cost of admission, transportation, and food.**

2/ St. Mary's Craft and Arts Fair

- * inside the Toccoa Elks Lodge
 - * on Saturday, August 19th
 - * from 9 AM to 4 PM.
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3/ Rescue Atlanta:

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4/ Parish Picnic of our Church:

St. Mary Parish will have 2 annual picnics at Tugaloo State Park: **The first Picnic** will be on **August 6th hosted by the Vietnamese Community.** **The second one** will be on **September 24th. hosted by the KoC of St. Mary**

All are welcome to both picnics, and you may bring your favorite plates to share, particularly we need volunteers to create games and supervise recreations in the water and other games for the children.

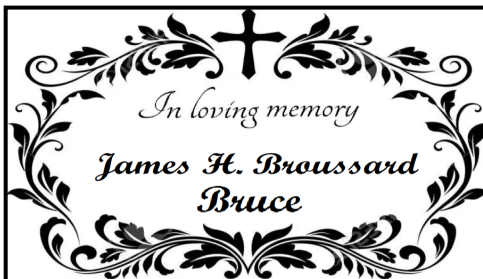
The Picnic will be at Tugaloo State Park, main Pavilion., the same location as last year. it is located right next to the swimming area, so bring your swimsuits and enjoy the water if you like. The park has a parking fee of \$5.00 per car, or you can purchase an annual permit which is good for all Georgia State Parks.

5/ The Neocatechumenal Way Mission: was formed a new group and we continue to gather every Monday Nights throughout July at 7 PM after Mass for Studying Scriptures and Fellowship. The meeting will take place in the Narthex.

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 Pham M.Tường, Tim McGlone Sr., Timothy McGlone Jr., Robert McGlone, Christen Cook, Lindsey McDonald, Rebecca Gonzalez, Joy Powell, Nancy Barbour, Mr Joaquin Fejeran & NH- Madeline Mary Singer, Connie Tirico, Tammy Tweedy, Nancy Sterling 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 loved one who is sick. Our home-bound Ministers are please to bring you the Holy Communion and Weekly Bulletin.



In Memory of

Matilde Saavedra



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SATURDAY, AUG 19, 2023

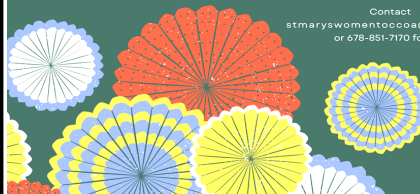
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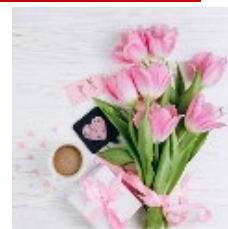
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