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Monday: 12PM – 4PM Tuesday to Thursday

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 PM Vigil Mass Sunday: 8:30 AM (English)

12: PM (Tiếng Việt)

Monday, Wednesday; 1st Friday

6:00 PM

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9:00 AM

HOLY HOUR

Monday; Wednesday; 1st Friday

4:30 PM

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

7:30 AM

WEEKEND HOLY HOUR

Saturday Evening: 4: 00 PM Sunday: 7:00 AM & 11:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

After Mass

Monday - Thursday & Saturday

Or: by appointment



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TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 09, 07, 2025

"The true cost of discipleship". Luke 14, 25-33

The Pope Leo's Intention In September 2025

For our relationship with all of creation:

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

<u>Cầu cho mối tương quan của chúng ta với toàn thể công trình sáng tạo:</u> Chúng ta hãy cầu nguyện để, với cảm hứng của Thánh Phanxicô, chúng ta có thể trải nghiệm sự phụ thuộc lẫn nhau với mọi loài thụ tạo được Thiên Chúa yêu thương và xứng đáng được yêu thương và tôn trọng.

Mass Intentions 09. 06 - 13. 2025			
SAT: 09/07	(Vigil)	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33	
5:00 PM		Tạ ơn Chúa, Đức Mẹ và cầu bình an By Bác Hoa & Chị Lệ	
SUN: 09/08		TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33	
8:30 AM		Pray for all children, especially for al catechists and everyone involve this mission Fr. Henry	
12:00 PM		Tạ ơn Chúa, Đức Mẹ và cầu bình an By Anh Chị Hòa & Mai	
MON: 09/09		The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23	
6:00 I	PM		
TUE: 09/02		USA: Saint Peter Claver, Priest Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19	
9:00 /	AM	Lh. Theresa(D) AC Trinh & Thành	
WED: 09/10 6:00 PM		Weekday - Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26 Lh. Giuse Tuấn Huỳnh (D) Fr. Henry	
THU: 09/11		Weekday - Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38	
9:00	AM	Mr. Robert Lorei Fr. Hery	
FRI: 09/12	~~4	Weekday- The Most Holy Name of Mary - 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/ Lk 6:39-42	
6:00 F SAT 09/13	PIVI	No Mass Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49	
9:00	AM	Lh. Cha Bênêdictô và Thầy Phê rô By Fr. Henry	
5:00	PM	Lh. Phanxicô Xaviê Phan Văn Thăng By Fr. Henry	
SUN: 09/14		TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17	
8:30 AM		Healing for Ron & Karen Thole (L) By Eileen Helgeland	
12:00 PM		Tạ ơn Chúa, Đức Mẹ và cầu bình an By Bà Ánh Nguyệt	

Twenty -Third Sunday in Ordinary Time TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent years, there has been remarkable progress in drawing persons with disabilities into full celebration. Now it is generally accepted that worship places need accommodations such as ramps or elevators, large-print materials for those who are sight-impaired, and perhaps even an assisted hearing system or signing in American Sign Language. American Sign Language is not merely English translated into movement, but a distinct language with its own grammar, syntax (word order), and vocabulary. For this reason, the American Catholic bishops have approved American Sign Language (ASL) as an official language of the liturgy.

Celebrating liturgy in our own language (the vernacular) means that liturgy must be accessible to all languages and cultures. The fact that Mass is celebrated this weekend in some places in total silence, but with the full participation of deaf people praising God in the movements of their hands, and sometimes even with a priest who is deaf, is nothing less than the Church being faithful to the image of Jesus, who made the deaf hear and the mute speak. Remember too that deafness is an invisible disability, and that there may well be people in your parish who are quietly yearning for Mass to be signed for them in ASL.

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Please keep the following People in your prayers

Martha Barrs, David Dessauer, Mr. Ben White, Mr. Steve Dessauer, Mary Wheeler, Angela Hanh, Nguyễn Lành, Harold Alexander, Tom Snider, Bill Dineen Meg Guck, Laura Barnett, Pearline Smith and Doug Pickens, Sharon Cook, Dorothy Cook, Mary Ann Coughlan,



Ronny Murphy Eddie Hallford, Jay McAtee, Melissa Grigg, James Meyn, Dan Dwyer, Calvin Isbell, Jerry Powell, Kim Kellams, Danny Carter, Lori Gasque, Tim McGlone Sr., Timothy McGlone Jr. Robert McGlone, Joe Franz Mathes, Christen Cook, Lindsey McDonald, Rebecca Gonzalez, Nancy Barbour, Connie Tirico, Tammie Tweedy, Nancy Sterling, Geneva Alexander, Alie Smith, Lisa Carothers, Randall Adams, Melissa Dillon, David Boston, Mildred & Hallie Edenfield, Kimberly Simmons, Charlotte Hazel McEvilly, Ray Brueland, Joseph Schork, Brenda Wolfrey, Teresa Jones, and for all others not mentioned. If you want to submit an individual for Prayer Intentions, please call the office at: (706) - 886 - 2819 - ext 1 or Mrs. Gerrie Chalk at: 706 - 963 - 0050 for a loved one who is sick. Our homebound Ministers are please to bring you Holy Communion and the Weekly Bulletin.

Sunday, Sept 07, 2025 "The true cost of discipleship". Luke 14, 25-33

Meditation: Why does the Lord Jesus say we must 'hate' our families and even ourselves (Luke 14:26)? In Biblical times the expression 'to hate' often meant to 'prefer less'. Jesus used strong language to make clear that nothing should take precedence or first place over God. God our heavenly Father created us in his image and likeness to be his beloved sons and daughters. He has put us first in his love and concern for our well-being and happiness. Our love for him is a response to his exceeding love and kindness towards us. True love is costly because it holds nothing back from the beloved it is ready to give all and sacrifice all for the beloved. God the Father gave us his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. His sacrificial death brought us pardon and healing, new life in the Spirit and peace with God.

The cost of following Jesus as his disciples

Jesus willingly embraced the cross, not only out of obedience to his Father's will, but out of a merciful love for each one of us in order to set us free from slavery to sin, Satan, and everything that would keep us from his love, truth, and goodness. Jesus knew that the cross was the Father's way for him to achieve victory over sin and death — and glory for our sake as well. He counted the cost and said 'yes' to his Father's will. If we want to share in his glory and victory, then we, too, must 'count the cost' and say 'yes" to his call to "take up our cross and follow him" as our Lord and Savior.

What is the 'way of the cross' for you and me? It means that when my will crosses with God's will, then his will must be done. The way of the cross involves sacrifice, the sacrifice of laying down my life each and every day for Jesus' sake. What makes such sacrifice possible and "sweet" for us is the love of God poured out for us in the blood of Christ who cleanses us and makes us a new creation in him. Paul the Apostle tells us that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). We can never outmatch God in his merciful love and kindness towards us. He always gives us more than we can expect or imagine. Do you allow the Holy Spirit to fill your heart and transform your life with the overflowing love and mercy of God?

Tác giả: Don Schwager—Nguồn:<u>www.dailyscripture.net</u> Lm. Phaolô Vũ Đức Thành, SDD. chuyển ngữ

Chúa Nhật, ngày 07. 09. 2025 "Cái giá đích thật của người môn đệ". Lc, 14, 25 - 33

Suy niệm: Tại sao Đức Giêsu nói rằng chúng ta phải "ghét" gia đình của chúng ta và ngay cả bản thân (Lc 14,26)? Trong Kinh thánh, thành ngữ "ghét" thường có nghĩa là "yêu ít hơn". Đức Giêsu sử dụng ngôn ngữ mạnh mẽ để làm cho rõ ràng rằng không có gì được quyền ưu tiên hoặc chiếm chỗ nhất hay vượt trên Thiên Chúa. Thiên Chúa là Cha trên trời tạo dựng nên chúng ta giống hình ảnh Người và làm con cái của Người. Người đặt chúng ta lên hàng đầu trong tình yêu của Người và quan tâm đến lợi ích và hạnh phúc của chúng ta. Tình yêu của chúng ta dành cho Người là sự đáp trả lại tình yêu và lòng tốt vượt trổi của Người dành cho chúng ta. Tình yêu đích thật đắt giá vì nó sẵn sàng hy sinh tất cả vì người yêu - sẵn sàng dâng hiến tất cả và hy sinh tất cả cho người mình yêu. Chúa Cha ban cho chúng ta Con một yêu dấu của Người, là Chúa Giêsu Kitô cho chúng ta, Đấng tự nguyên dâng hiến mạng sống mình cho chúng ta trên thập giá làm của lễ đền tội hy sinh vì tội lỗi chúng ta. Cái chết hy sinh của Người đem lại cho chúng ta ơn tha thứ và sự chữa lành, đời sống mới trong Thần Khí và bình an với Thiên Chúa.

Cái giá của người đi theo Đức Giêsu làm môn đệ

Đức Giêsu sẵn sàng đón lấy thập giá, không chỉ vì vâng phục ý Cha, mà còn vì tình yêu thương xót dành cho mỗi người chúng ta để giải thoát chúng ta khỏi tội lỗi, Satan, và tất cả những gì có thể ngăn cản chúng ta khỏi tình yêu, chân lý, và sự tốt lành của Người. Đức Giêsu biết rằng con đường thập giá là con đường của Cha dành cho mình để dẫn đến vinh quang và chiến thắng trên tội lỗi và sự chết – và vinh quang cho chúng ta nữa. Người cân nhắc và thưa "vâng" với ý Cha. Nếu chúng ta muốn chia sẻ vinh quang và chiến thắng của Người, thì chúng ta cũng phải "cân nhắc" và thưa "vâng" trước tiếng gọi của Người để "vác thánh giá mình và theo Người" là Chúa và là Đấng cứu độ chúng ta.

"Con đường thập giá" dành cho bạn và tôi là gì? Tức là khi nào ý tôi đi ngược với ý Chúa, thì ý Người phải được thực hiện. Con đường thập giá liên hệ đến sự hy sinh, sự hy sinh bỏ mình mỗi ngày và mọi ngày vì danh Đức Giêsu. Điều làm cho sự hy sinh như vậy có thể thực hiện và "ngọt ngào" cho chúng ta là tình yêu của Thiên Chúa đã đổ ra cho chúng ta trong máu của Đức Kitô, Đấng thanh tẩy chúng ta và làm cho chúng ta trở thành một thụ tạo mới trong Người. Thánh Phaolô Tông đồ nhắc nhở chúng ta rằng "Tình yêu Thiên Chúa đã được đổ vào lòng chúng ta qua Chúa Thánh Thần, Đấng đã đuọc ban cho chúng ta" (Rm 5,5). Chúng ta không bao giờ có thể vượt trổi hơn Thiên Chúa trong tình yêu thương xót và lòng tốt của Người dành cho chúng ta. Vì Người luôn luôn ban cho chúng ta nhiều hơn chúng ta có thể mong đợi hay tưởng tượng. Bạn có cho phép Chúa Thánh Thần lấp đầy lòng bạn và biến đổi đời bạn với tình yêu và lòng th. xót dạt dào của Thiên Chúa không?

From the Pastor's Desk

"Is anyone among you suffering?
He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits?
He should sing praise." -James 5:13

We have different ways that we can pray together for someone who is sick or has a special intention:

- 1. Mass Petitions: Different from a Mass Intention. During the petitions at Mass, also called the Prayer of the Faithful or Universal Prayer, there is a special petition where we pray for all who are sick and suffering, or for national disasters, or for a tragedy that happens unexpectedly. The names of those whom we are praying for are mentioned. Those who have recently passed away (within a couple of weeks) can also be added to the prayer for the deceased. However, if it is a death anniversary, a Mass intention should be offered instead.
- 2. <u>Mass Intention</u>: A Mass intention can be offered for someone, living or deceased, or as a thanksgiving or special intention. Mass intentions can be requested in any of our regular Masses that we offer.

Mass intentions should be requested weeks ahead. Therefore, the weekend Mass intention can be offered once a month by the same petitioner. This will allow others to offer their intentions unless no one else requests by Wednesday each week. They can be placed for the weekday Mass, too.

Canon Law requires one Mass every Sunday and one Mass on each Holy Day must be reserved for the intention of the "People of the Parish." The Mass is known as "Pro Populo." So, parishioners can schedule a Mass intention during the year and each person can request a maximum of 5 specific intentions per year. Only one intention can be taken for each Mass. A single intention may be for multiple individuals, e.g., for the deceased members of the Smith family.

To request a Mass intention, please stop by the front office Monday through Wednesday, 9am – 4pm send an email to **stmarystoccoa@gmail.com**; **or** call the parish office at **706-886-2819.**

The **recommended** donation for a Mass intention is \$20. (if you want to send a Mass card); \$10 (no card)

3. <u>Prayer Box or Prayer List for the sick (living Parish members only)</u>. If you would like to add a prayer to the prayer list in the Bulletin, simply submit it to the Office in person.(Adapted from: (https://saintjustin.org/prayer-request-and-mass-intentions) - (St. Benedict, Johns Creek)

PSR New Sunday School Year 2025 - 2026

We are excited to begin another season of Parish School of Religion. We will start with Youth Mass on Sunday, September 7th, at 8:30 am. We ask that all catechists and PSR volunteers attend for a special blessing.

After this Mass, we would like students and their families to join us in the Parish Life Center for breakfast and a parent meeting to discuss the schedule, curriculum, expectations, and meet the teachers.

Following the meeting, students will participate in a Protecting God's Children-Virtus lesson. See the Program overview and reach out to Jessica Burger if you have any questions.



PSR IN SEPTEMBER 2025 : 9:30 AM —11:30 AM

Class	Date	Breakfast schedule
PSR	09/07	Tiên Trần's family
PSR	09/14	Tiên Trần's family
PSR	09/21	Ladies Guild
PSR	09/28	Tiên Trần's family

A Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, We pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church. Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Offertory/Contribution Weekend of August 30 & 31, 2025

Weekly Budget	\$ 3,100.00
Offertory	\$ 6,487.00
HML (Debt Reduction Program)	\$ 50.00
Unscheduled	\$ 16.00
Total deposit	\$ 6,553.00

The counters for the week of 09/08 are:

Nancy Williamson, Tina Doan and William King

Second collection of next week is for BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Thank you for your generosity!

September focus:

Supporting the parish endowment fund through gifts of appreciated stock Use this opportunity to plant the seed for parishioners to make a gift to your parish endowment fund.



- Questions? Visit cfnga.org/resources/parish-resources for more, or call us at 404.497.9440.
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September 7: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Tax Benefits of Gifts of Securities:</u> Transferring appreciated stock that you have owned for at least a year is an easy way to support the parish and receive tax benefits. To make a gift to your parish endowment fund by transferring securities, please contact the Catholic Foundation (info@cfnga.org or 404.497.9440) or visit cfnga.org to learn more.

September 14 – Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Facilitate your charitable giving, receive a tax deduction, and avoid capital gains. You can use appreciated stock to create a donor advised fund and give to what you care about, including your parish offertory and the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. To learn more about how this could work for you, please contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation: jgreco@cfnga.org or 404.497.9440.



The 2025 National Catholic Conference on Restorative Justice will highlight practical and innovative ways that people of faith collaborate with local communities and system actors to build hope-filled justice solutions. By working together in these turbulent times, we can create conditions for healing, reconciliation and liberation — for all who are impacted by crime and violence.

More information and registration a www.catholicsmobilizing.org/conference-2025.

PATH's next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat October 17-19, 2025

If abortion is part of your story, you may carry anger, guilt, or regret. Healing after abortion isn't about excusing what happened or forgetting. It's about finding peace. Call today to take that first step toward your healing and wholeness. Join us for PATH's next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat October 17-19, 2025.

For more information or to register, call or text our confidential number

- at 404-717-5557
- or email programdirector@pathatl.com.
- Start where you are. You're so worth it. www.healingafterabortion.org

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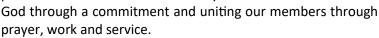
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A Catholic Men's organization whose principles are charity, unity and fraternity: all activities that the council involves itself in are based upon these tenets. We work closely with our Pastor and members are involved in a wide range of church functions in support of the parish family.

- ⇒ Members are required to be practicing Catholics and a minimum of eighteen years old.
- ⇒ Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month @ 6PM, in the Parish Social Hall.
- ⇒ Monthly parish breakfast is sponsored on the first or second Sunday after the morning Mass. For more info please visit: www.kofc.org

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



Meet: 2nd Wednesday of every month

- 10 AM; at the Social Hall

Co-Presidents: - Connie Tirico: (678) - 464 - 3214

- Michelle Wright: (404) -375 - 5958



Saint Vincent de Paul Society St. Mary Toccoa Conference

Help Telephone: 678 - 892 - 6163

St Vincent de Paul Needs you!

Are you looking for ways to experience Christ? Members of St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul conference invite you to share in their ministry of experiencing Christ by serving our neighbors in need. We see Christ in the poor because Jesus told us "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do for me." To learn more: www.svdpgeorgia.org/join-svdp. For more information contact Ethan Owen: (706) - 599 - 6815.

New and Existing Parishioners of St. Mary SIGN UP FOR THE FLOCKNOTE COMMUNICATION

Regarding: Prayer Request, Parish Activities, Reminders, Mass Changes, etc.... Please give us your name, email and cell phone.

The form is in the Nathex. Thank you

Help us keep the Church Clean!

1/ God's Housekeepers:

We are looking for more parishioners to help clean the church. The ministry is called God's Housekeepers and each week 2 people clean the church,



narthex, and restrooms. Your commitment would be four times during the year. We have all of the supplies for you. If you're interested or want more information, please call, text or email Laverne Tilley. Phone: 770 - 539 -0460 or email: ltilley@gmail.com.

Thanks and let me know if you need more information.

2/ Lawn Care Service:

If you are interested to help to care the garden or lawn care of the Church. Please contact Mr. Tony Duong Vu's team at:



- vutony603@gmail.com or 706-599-4278
- Vu12575@gmail.com or 813-966-0688

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY



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

Cortellino: Phone: 678) 360-2545

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