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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



St Mary Catholic Church

Our time is now - Let's grow together

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Chúa Nhật 24 Thường Niên - Năm C
Lễ Suy Tôn Thánh Giá

Con Người
CŨNG PHẢI ĐƯỢC GIỮNG CAO NHƯ VẬY
(2-3-14)



TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

09. 14. 2025

“So must the Son of Man be lifted up”. John 3:13-17

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. .



Cầu cho mối tương quan của chúng ta với toàn thể công trình sáng tạo: 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. 13 - 20. 2025

SAT: 09/13	(Vigil)	TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
5:00 PM		Lh. Phanxicô Xaviê Phan Văn Thăng <i>Fr. Henry</i>
SUN: 09/14		TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
8:30 AM		Healing for Ron & Karen Thole (L) <i>Eileen Helgeland</i>
12:00 PM		Tạ ơn Chúa, Đức Mẹ và cầu bình an <i>Bà Ánh Nguyệt</i>
MON: 09/15		Our Lady of Sorrows— Memorial 1 Tm 2:1-8/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
6:00 PM		Tạ ơn Chúa và cầu bình an <i>AC Thắm & Lan</i>
TUE: 09/16		Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs—Memorial 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17
9:00 AM		Lh. Giuse Tuấn Huỳnh <i>Fr. Henry</i>
WED: 09/17		Weekday - Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
6:00 PM		George F. Lincoln <i>Joyce</i>
THU: 09/18		Weekday - 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
9:00 AM		Kathy Strivens - Eileen Helgeland
FRI: 09/19		Weekday—Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr—1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
6:00 PM		No Mass
SAT 09/20		Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest, and Paul Chõng Ha-sang, red and Companions, Martyrs Memorial 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
9:00 AM		Lh. Cha Bê-nê-dictô và Thầy Phê-rô <i>By Fr. Henry</i>
5:00 PM		Lh. Maria Nguyễn Thị Thái Lh. Martino Công Chính - Ông Minh
SUN: 09/21		TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
8:30 AM		Lh. Gioakim & Lh. Maria <i>ÔB. Ngõn Nguyễn</i>
12:00 PM		Tạ ơn Chúa, Đức Mẹ và cầu bình an <i>AC Thắm và Lan</i>

Twenty—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although New Year's Day has been fixed firmly on January 1 for several hundred years, Labor Day has the feel of a great dividing line between leisure and routine. The pace of life has since picked up, and new schedules and commitments crowd us. In the background is God's call to consider the third commandment, still life-giving and binding, to make holy the Lord's Day by worship and rest. Jews see the Sabbath, Saturday, not so much as a day of worship, but as a day of rest, a day of renewing friendship with God by delighting in the beauty of creation and the joy of family and friends. It is a day for contemplating the wonder of God's creation, but not disturbing it.

For Christians in the first three centuries, the Lord's Day, Sunday, was not for rest, but worship. It was a regular work day. People met before dawn, and after Eucharist hurried off to daily routines. Today we come to Mass, but many hurry off to essential work, not a day of rest. The Lord's Day is not the Sabbath, but we can enhance Sunday's ability to transform us if we consider embracing some Sabbath values: having a family meal, going for a walk in a beautiful place, making room in our lives to open ourselves more fully to holiness of life in Christ. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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 14, 2025

“So must the Son of Man be lifted up”. John 3:13-17

The proof of God’s love for us

There is no greater proof of God’s love for us than the sending of his Son to become one with us in our humanity and to lay down his life for us. “To ransom a slave God gave his Son” (an ancient prayer from the Easter vigil liturgy). God sent his Son to free us from the worst of tyrannies – slavery to sin and the curse of death. Jesus’ sacrificial death was an act of total love through self-giving. Jesus gave himself completely out of love for his Father. And he willingly laid down his life out of selfless love for our sake and for our salvation. His death on the cross was both a total offering to God and the perfect sacrifice of atonement for our sin and the sin of the world.

John tells us that God’s love cannot be limited because it is boundless and encompasses all of creation (John 3:16). His love is not limited to a single nation or a few chosen friends. His love is limitless because it embraces the whole world and every individual created in “his image and likeness”. God is a persistent loving Father who cannot rest until all of his wandering children have returned home to him. Saint Augustine says, *God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love.*

The love of God is rooted in truth, goodness, and mercy

God gives us the freedom to choose whom and what we will love and not love. We can love the darkness of sin and unbelief or we can love the light of God’s truth, goodness, and mercy. If our love is guided by truth, goodness, and that which is truly beautiful, then we will choose for God and love him above all else. What we love shows what we prefer. Do you love God who is the supreme good above all else? And do you seek to put him first in all your thoughts, cares, choices, and actions?

God’s love sets us free to love and serve others

God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). Do you allow God’s love to purify your heart and the way you treat others? Do you allow God’s love to transform your mind and the way you think of others? Do you allow God’s love to conquer every unruly passion and addiction that would enslave you to sin and harmful behavior? The Holy Spirit gives us his seven-fold gifts of wisdom and understanding, right judgment and courage, knowledge and reverence for God and his ways, and a holy fear in God’s presence (see Isaiah 11) that we may live God’s way of life and serve in the power and strength of his enduring love and mercy. Do you thirst for *new life* in the Spirit?

“Lord Jesus Christ, your death brought life for us. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may walk in freedom and joy as a child of God and as an heir with Christ of an eternal inheritance.”

Chúa Nhật, ngày 14.09.2025

Suy niệm: “Nên Con Người cũng phải được giương cao như vậy”. Ga 3, 13-17

Bằng chứng tình yêu của TC dành cho chúng ta

Không có bằng chứng nào lớn hơn tình yêu của Thiên Chúa dành cho chúng ta bằng việc sai Con của Người đến để trở nên một với chúng ta trong bản tính nhân loại và hiến mạng sống Người cho chúng ta. “Để cứu chuộc một người nô lệ, Thiên Chúa đã ban Con của mình” (lời cầu nguyện xưa từ giờ kinh chiều vọng Phục sinh). Thiên Chúa đã sai Con mình đến giải thoát chúng ta khỏi sự tội tệ nhất của những sự thống trị – nô lệ cho tội lỗi và sự dữ của cái chết. Cái chết hy sinh của Đức Giêsu là một hành động của tình yêu cho đi hoàn toàn. Đức Giêsu đã hoàn toàn hiến mình vì tình yêu Chúa Cha. Và Người sẵn sàng hy sinh mạng sống mình với tình yêu quảng đại vì mưu ích và phần rỗi chúng ta. Cái chết của Người trên thập giá vừa là lễ toàn hiến cho TC, vừa là lễ đền tội hoàn hảo cho tội lỗi chúng ta và tội lỗi của thế gian.

Thánh Gioan nói với chúng ta rằng tình yêu Thiên Chúa không có giới hạn (Ga 3,16). Tình yêu của Người không chỉ dành riêng cho một dân tộc hay một số người được tuyển chọn. Tình yêu của Người không biên giới bởi vì nó ôm ấp toàn thể giới và từng người đã được tạo dựng “giống hình ảnh của Người”. TC là người Cha yêu thương cách kiên trì, không thể yên nghỉ cho tới khi tất cả những người con đi hoang của mình được trở về nhà. Thánh Augustinô nói, TC yêu thương mỗi người chúng ta như thể chỉ có một người duy nhất để yêu.

Tình yêu của Thiên Chúa được xây dựng trên sự thật, lòng nhân, và thương xót

Thiên Chúa ban cho chúng ta tự do để chọn lựa ai và cái gì chúng ta sẽ yêu và không yêu. Chúng ta có thể yêu thích bóng tối của tội lỗi và hoài nghi, hoặc chúng ta có thể yêu thích ánh sáng chân lý, nhân hậu, và thương xót của Chúa. Nếu tình yêu của chúng ta được hướng dẫn bởi sự thật, lòng nhân, và những gì thật sự đẹp đẽ, thì chúng ta sẽ chọn lựa Thiên Chúa và yêu mến Người trên hết mọi sự. Những gì chúng ta yêu thích cho thấy những gì chúng ta mong muốn. Bạn có yêu mến TC, Đấng toàn thiện trên hết mọi sự khác không? Bạn có tìm kiếm Người trước tiên trong tất cả mọi tư tưởng, bận tâm, lựa chọn, và hành động của bạn không?

Tình yêu TC giúp chúng ta tự do yêu thương và phục vụ người khác

Tình yêu Thiên Chúa tuôn đổ vào lòng chúng ta qua ơn sủng của Thánh Thần (Rm 5,5). Bạn có để cho tình yêu Thiên Chúa thanh tẩy tâm hồn và cách thức bạn đối xử với người khác không? Bạn có để cho tình yêu Thiên Chúa biến đổi tâm trí bạn và cách thức bạn nghĩ về người khác không? Bạn có để cho tình yêu Thiên Chúa thống trị mọi đam mê phóng túng và nghiện ngập, có thể làm cho bạn thành nô lệ cho tội lỗi và hành vi tai hại không? Chúa Thánh Thần ban cho chúng ta bảy ơn sủng của Người: khôn ngoan, hiểu biết, biện phân đúng đắn, can đảm, biết lo liệu, nhiệt thành với Chúa và đường lối của Người, và lòng kính sợ sự hiện diện của Chúa (Is 11), để chúng ta có thể sống lối sống của Chúa và phục vụ trong uy lực của tình yêu và lòng thương xót bền vững của Người. Bạn có khao khát sự sống mới trong Thần Khí không?

Lạy Chúa Giêsu Kitô, cái chết của Người đem lại sự sống cho chúng con. Xin Chúa lấp đầy lòng con Thần Khí của Chúa, để con có thể bước đi trong tự do và vui mừng như một người con của Chúa và như người thừa tự sản nghiệp đời đời với Đức Kitô.



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. **Mass Intention:** 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. **Prayer Box or Prayer List for the sick (living Parish members only).** 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

PLEASE NOTE

**The Church Administration Office Has Moved
Into The Parish Life Center.**

THANK YOU



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Ladies Guild is planning an outing to St. Paul the Apostle Church in Cleveland on Sept. 24th to view the reliquarium of first class relics, celebrate Mass at 12:15 & then lunch if you would like to join us. This is open to everyone in the parish. Please contact **Michelle Wright: 404-375-5958** or **Connie Tirico 678-464-3214** for more details.



Offertory/Contribution
Weekend of September 06 & 07, 2025

Weekly Budget	\$ 3,100.00
Offertory	\$ 3,310.00
HML (Debt Reduction Program)	\$ 872.00
Unscheduled	\$ 40.00
Total deposit	\$ 4,222.00

The counters for the week of 09/15 are:
 Cathy Staley , Jack Marcinek and Michelle Wright

Second collection of next week is for
Diocese of Atlanta St Vincent De Paul

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.**
- * **Juliet Greco VP, Development and Donor Relations**
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September 21 –25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
A Gift Anyone Can Make

Want to support your parish but think you cannot afford to give? There are ways to give today and not impact your cash flow. A gift of appreciated stock to the parish endowment fund helps the parish and provides you with tax benefits. Contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation at jgreco@cfnga.org or visit cfnga.org to learn more.

September 28 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Increase your retirement income, receive a tax deduction, and leave a gift to the parish.

If you are 65 or older, you can use appreciated stock to create a charitable gift annuity and receive quarterly payments for life. To receive a personalized illustration of how this could work for you, please contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation: jgreco@cfnga.org or 404.497.9440.

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Learn more
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[catholicismobilizing.org/
 conference-2025](https://catholicismobilizing.org/conference-2025)



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 at
www.catholicismobilizing.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

The Knights of Columbus Joseph M. Malik Council 9975



Grand Knight Leon Womack
Phone: 706-491-7110
Email: leonw8251@gmail.com

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 God through a commitment and uniting our members through prayer, work and service.

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.svdpgorgia.org/join-svdpg. 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. 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**

3/ Volunteer to help take care St. Mary Church's Garden

If anyone wants to help to clean the garden around of St. Mary, especially the garden at the back yard of our Church. We would like to invite you to come on every Friday, from 9:30 AM to 12PM. If you're interested or want more information, **Please call or text Mr. Jose Hose at 706 - 244 - 5089**

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Bulletin Submission are to be sent to: **stmarystoccoa@gmail.com NO LATER THAN noon on Wednesday** for the bulletin. Late submissions may not be able to be placed.

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: 678)360-2545/garycortel@aol.com**



SIGN UP FOR ST MARY'S FLOCKNOTE COMMUNICATIONS

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