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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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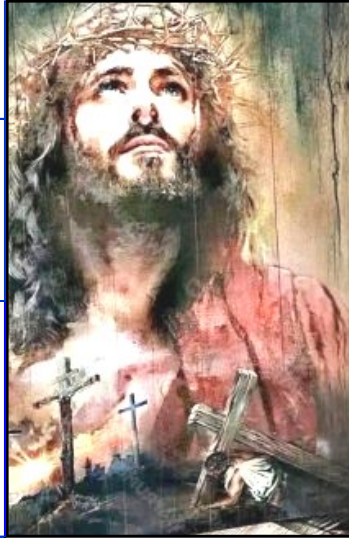
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Chúa Nhật 31 Thường Niên - Năm C

LỄ CÁC ĐANG LINH HỒN

Ái Tín vào Người
SẼ ĐƯỢC SỐNG LẠI TRONG NGÀY SAU HẾT
(Ga 6, 37-40)

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) November 02, 2025

**“Every one who believes in him
will be raised up at the last day”. John 6:37-40**

The Pope Leo's Intention In Nov 2025

For the prevention of suicide: Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



Cầu cho việc phòng chống vấn nạn tự tử : Chúng ta hãy cầu nguyện để những người đang có ý định tự tử sẽ tìm được sự hỗ trợ, chăm sóc và tình yêu thương mà họ cần trong cộng đoàn và đồng thời cởi mở đón nhận vẻ đẹp của sự sống.

Mass Intentions Nov 01–08. 2025

SAT: 11/01	(Vigil) THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls' Day) - Wis 3: 1-9 Rom 6: 3-9/ Jn 6: 37-40
5:00 PM	All Souls & All St. Mary's parishioners who passed away <i>By Fr. Henry</i>
SUN: 11/02	THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls' Day) - Wis 3: 1-9 Rom 6: 3-9/ Jn 6: 37-40
8:30 AM	All Souls & All St. Mary's parishioners who passed away <i>By Fr. Henry</i>
12:00 PM	I Souls & All St. Mary's parishioners who passed away <i>By Fr. Henry</i>
MON: 11/03	Saint Martin de Porres, Religious Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14
6:00 PM	Lh. Đaminh và Lh. Maria - Lễ giỗ <i>By Bà Hoàng Ánh Nguyệt</i>
TUE: 11/04	Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24
9:00 AM	Paula Morgan <i>By Eileen Helgeland</i>
WED: 11/05	Weekday - Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33
6:00 PM	Lh. Augustinô và Lh. Maria <i>By Bà Hoàng Ánh Nguyệt</i>
THU: 11/06	Weekday-Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10
9:00 AM	Janet Doak For healing <i>By Eileen Helgeland</i>
FRI: 11/07	Weekday-Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8
6:00 PM	For All The Sick <i>By Fr. Henry</i>
SAT 11/08	Weekday - BVM Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15
9:00 AM	Don Cook <i>By Helen Biester</i>
5:00 PM	Max Biester <i>By Helen Biester</i>
SUN: 11/09	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA - Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
8:30 AM	Peace in families <i>By Eileen Helgeland</i>
12:00 PM	Lh. Vincente & các linh hồn <i>By Cô Lãnh</i>

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed fit well at the beginning of November. The liturgical readings of this final month in the Church year are keyed to the end of time and the fulfillment of Jesus' saving acts. Nowhere is this more fully celebrated than in Mexico, where November 2 is the "Day of the Dead." Missionaries moved an ancient Aztec festival from midsummer to November, linking the festival to Christian themes. Today, it is a time for remembering the dead and celebrating the continuity of life, principally by festive picnics in cemeteries. There are special foods and games, and people socialize with other families and tell favorite stories about their dear ones. The sweetness of life is honored by sugary desserts and treats. Flowers, music, lights, and feasting assure that the day is not at all morbid. Traditionally, the day begins with Mass, a procession to the cemetery, and a morning feast. Most families have a special dinner with the pan de muerto, or "bread of the dead." A toy skeleton is baked into the loaf, and the one who bites into it is considered lucky indeed. The dead are not feared, but deeply loved, and this joyful family feast points both to age-old customs and Resurrection faith. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Please keep the following People in your prayers

Teri Creighton, Diane Schubring, Carey Perriello, Martha Barrs, David Dessauer, Mr. Ben White, Mr. Steve Dessauer, Mary Wheeler, Angela Hanh, Nguyễn Lành, Harold Alexander, Tom Snider, Bill Dineen, Laura Barnett, Pearline Smith and Doug Pickens, Sharon 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, 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, Joseph Schork, 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 #7204** for a loved one who is sick. Our homebound Ministers are please to bring you Holy Communion and the Weekly Bulletin.



Sunday, Nov 02, 2025

“Every one who believes in him will be raised up at the last day”. John 6:37-40

Meditation: Is your hope in this present life only? What about the life to come after our physical death? God puts in the heart of every living person the desire for unending life and happiness. While physical death claims each of us at the appointed time, God gives us something which death cannot touch – his own divine life and sustaining power.

God does not abandon us to the realm of the dead

One of the greatest examples of faith and hope in the promise of everlasting life with God is the testimony of Job in the Old Testament. God allowed Job to be tested through great trial, suffering, and the loss of everything he had. In the midst of his sufferings Job did not waver in trusting God. In chapter 19 of the Book of Job, he exclaims:

“For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another” (Job 19:25-27).

Through testing and purification God strengthened Job in faith and abundantly rewarded him for his trust and hope in God’s promises.

King David also expressed his unwavering hope in the promise of everlasting life with God. In Psalm 16 David prays, Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand (Psalm 16:9-11 NIV translation).

We wait with hope for the Lord to raise us up to everlasting life

Jesus made an incredible promise to his disciples and a claim which only God can make and deliver: Whoever sees and believes in Jesus, the Son of God, shall have everlasting life and be raised up at the last day (John 6:40)! How can we see Jesus? The Lord makes his presence known to us in the reading of his word (John 14:23), in the breaking of the bread, and in his church, the body of Christ.

The Lord Jesus reveals himself in many countless ways to those who seek him with eyes of faith (Hebrews 12:2, 11:27). When we read the word of God in the Bible the Lord Jesus – who is the Word of God – speaks to us and reveals to us the mind and heart of our heavenly Father. When we approach the table of the Lord, Jesus offers himself as spiritual food which produces the very life of God within us (I am the bread of life, John 6:35). He promises unbroken fellowship and freedom from the fear of being forsaken or cut off from everlasting life with God. And he offers us the hope of sharing in his resurrection – being raised again with him to abundant life that will never end. Do you recognize the Lord’s presence in your life and do you long for the day when you will see him face to face?

The Holy Spirit is the key to growth in faith

What is the source of faith and how can we grow in it? Faith is an entirely free gift which God offers us through his Son Jesus Christ. We could not approach God if he did not first approach us and draw us to himself. The Lord Jesus gives us his Holy Spirit who works in us to open our ears to hear God’s word and to respond to it with trust and submission. The Holy Spirit is the key to our growing in faith. The Holy Spirit is our teacher and guide who makes our faith come alive as we cooperate with his help and and to his wisdom and instruction.

To live, grow, and persevere in faith to the end we must nourish it with the word of God. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) said: I believe, in order to understand; and I understand, the better to believe. Jesus promises that those who accept him as their Lord and Savior and submit to his word will be raised up to everlasting life with him when he comes again at the close of this age. Is your life securely anchored to the promises of Christ and his kingdom of everlasting peace, joy, and righteousness?

“Lord Jesus Christ, your death and resurrection brought life and hope where there was once only despair and defeat. Give me unwavering faith, unshakeable hope, and the fire of your unquenchable love that I may know you fully and serve you joyfully now and for ever in your everlasting kingdom.”

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 Thursday 9am – 4pm send an email to **stmarystoccoa@gmail.com**; or call the parish office at **706-886-2819**.
Ext: # 7204

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)

Message of the Holy Father
Leo XIV for the 40th World Youth Day 07. 10. 2025

(Continuing last week Fourth part)

Friends, therefore witnesses
Witnesses, therefore missionaries

In this way, dear young people, with the help of the Holy Spirit, you can become missionaries of Christ in the world. Many of your peers are exposed to violence, forced to use weapons, separated from their loved ones, and compelled to migrate or flee. Many lack education and other essential goods. All share with you the search for meaning and the insecurity that accompanies it, the discomfort of growing social and work pressures, the difficulty of dealing with family crises, the painful feeling of a lack of opportunities, as well as the remorse for mistakes they have made. You can stand alongside other young people, walk with them and show that God, in Jesus, has drawn close to each person. As Pope Francis often said, “Christ shows that God is closeness, compassion and tender love” (Encyclical Letter *Dilexit nos*, 35).



Granted, it is not always easy to bear witness. In the Gospels, we often find tension between acceptance and rejection of Jesus: “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (Jn 1:5). Similarly, the disciple-witness experiences rejection firsthand and sometimes even violent opposition. The Lord does not hide this painful reality: “If they persecuted me, they will persecute you” (Jn 15:20). However, it becomes an opportunity to put into practice the greatest commandment: “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” (Mt 5:44). That is what the martyrs have done since the beginning of the Church.

Dear young people, this is not a story that belongs only to the past. To this day, in many places around the world, Christians and people of good will suffer persecution, deceit and violence. Perhaps this painful experience has marked you as well, and you may have been tempted to react instinctively by putting yourselves on the same level as those who have rejected you, adopting aggressive attitudes. But let us recall the wise advice of Saint Paul: “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” (Rom 12:21).

So do not be discouraged: like the saints, you too are called to persevere with hope, especially in the face of difficulties and obstacles.

(....Continuing next week)

POPE XIV - From the Vatican, 7 October 2025,
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Holy Rosary

NOVEMBER



The month of November is dedicated to pray for the Dying

November 2nd is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, also known as All Souls Day, a day set aside to pray for all the dead. All Souls Day shifts the Church's focus on praying for the Faithful Departed throughout November. The need and duty of prayer for the dead has been acknowledged by the Church. It is recommended in the Scriptures of the Old Testament: "It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins" (2 Macc. 12: 46). This duty is expressed in public and private prayers but especially in the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the repose of souls.

The prayers are particularly directed for the souls who are being purified in Purgatory, waiting for the day when they will join the saints in heaven. The celebration of Mass is the highest means the Church can provide for charity for the dead, but we can also relieve their sufferings through our prayers, sufferings and penances. We can particularly help the Poor Souls by doing acts and prayers that have indulgences attached to them.

Please Save the Dates for a Special Opportunity to Help the Holy Souls in Purgatory November 1-8

From Nov 1-8, you have a special opportunity to gain a plenary indulgence for a soul in purgatory each day by visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead. This indulgence is a powerful act of mercy that helps release souls undergoing purification and bring them closer to Heaven. Here's what you need to do:

1. Visit a cemetery
2. Pray for the deceased, offering your prayers for the souls in purgatory.

To receive the plenary indulgence, the usual conditions must also be met:

- ♦ Be in the state of grace and free from all attachment to sin, even venial sins (make an act of the will for this).
- ♦ Receive Holy Communion
- ♦ Pray for the traditional intentions of the Holy Father (not just any intention). An Our Father and a Hail Mary are common prayers for this. The 6 objective intentions of the Holy Father are as follows:

- ⇒ The Exaltation of the Church.
- ⇒ The Propagation of the Faith.
- ⇒ The Extirpation of Heresy.
- ⇒ The Conversion of Sinners.
- ⇒ The Concord between Christian Princes.
- ⇒ The Further Welfare of the Christian People.

- ♦ Receive Sacramental Confession (within 20 days)

Additionally, on All Souls' Day (November 2), there's another way you can seek a plenary indulgence— visit any church and pray an Our Father and the Creed for the faithful departed.

Mark your calendars and make a plan to visit a cemetery each day from November 1-8!

Offertory/Contribution
Weekend of October 25 & 26, 2025

Weekly Budget	\$ 3,100.00
Offertory	\$ 6,142.00
Unscheduled	\$ 455.00
Total deposit	\$ 6,597.00

**Second Collection for next weekend is
BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS**

Thank you for your generosity!

A Gift Anyone Can Make



November focus: Donor Advised Funds (DAFs), Thanksgiving, and Advent Use this opportunity to plant the seed for parishioners to increase their charitable giving and 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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November 9: Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

A donor advised fund provides an immediate tax benefit and a long-term giving strategy. These funds are housed and grow tax-free at the Catholic Foundation until you're ready to direct them to the causes close to your heart, including your parish. Use a DAF for offertory, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, and more. Contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation (jgreco@cfnga.org or 404.497.9440) to learn more.

All Souls' Day (November 2)
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week we have in All Souls' Day a commemoration that is linked to the Halloween customs. The big-spending sugar shock holiday is a long way removed from November second's grateful remembrance of the souls who are hidden from our sight, but alive to Christ. Old pagan superstitions might find us holding our breath when going by the graveyard, whereas others might actually go to the cemetery to tend the family graves, to share good food, and remember dear ones. Nowhere does a culture embrace this day as fully as in Mexico. The "Day of the Dead" is a national holiday that unfolds over three full days.

For three thousand years, the indigenous people of Mexico have been mocking death in an annual festival, and the invading Spaniards were shocked at the spectacle. To the Aztecs, life was a dream, and death was the entry into full life. Skulls were thus a symbol of joy and release from life's sorrows. The missionaries found all this a bit creepy, but they moved the three-day feast from August to synchronize it with the Christian calendar. So today, graves are decorated, altars are built in the home to honor the family dead, children feast on candy skulls, and people dress up in elaborate skeleton outfits. The devout spend hours in the cemetery, and there is a lively sense of the communion of saints, the living and the dead.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

The Tribunal Advocate Program

Are you interested in becoming a Tribunal Advocate for St. Mary? Please, contact Fr. Henry for more information of how to join the Tribunal Advocate Training Program.

The Tribunal Advocate Program is a group of trained deacons and laypersons who provide canonical counsel to the lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Atlanta seeking a declaration of nullity in our Tribunal. Advocates have a formal role in the canonical trial and work to defend their party's rights and advance their interests in the marriage nullity process. Please, contact Fr. Henry

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The Knights of Columbus Joseph M. Malik Council 9975



Grand Knight Leon Womack

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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 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-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 Narthex. 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: ltalley@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 to our Church on every Friday and Saturday, from 12:00 AM to 4:00PM. 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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