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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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chúng ta ...

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
November 09, 2025



"The Lord of hosts is with us". (Psalm 46:8)

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 08 –15. 2025		Highlights - Prayer of the Month Prayer for the Dying	NOVEMBER  
SAT: 11/08	(Vigil) THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA - Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22 5:00 PM Max Biester <i>By Helen Biester</i>	<p>O most merciful Jesus, Lover of souls, I pray Thee, by the agony of Thy most Sacred Heart, and by the sorrows of Thine Immaculate Mother, cleanse in Thine Own Blood the sinners of the whole world who are now in their agony and who are to die this day. Amen.</p>	
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>		
MON: 11/10	Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6 14:12-14 6:00 PM NO MASS	<p>The month of November (Overview - Calendar) is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise.</p>	
TUE: 11/11	Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop Wis 2:23—3:9/Lk 17:7-10 9:00 AM NO MASS		
WED: 11/12	Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19 6:00 PM NO MASS	<p>The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought "well and religiously concerning the resurrection." It was believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them" and that "it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." We know that a defiled soul cannot enter into heaven.- Excerpted from <i>Liturgical Meditations</i>, The Sisters of St. Dominic</p>	
THU: 11/13	USA: Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin Wis 7:22b—8:1/Lk 17:20-25 9:00 AM NO MASS		
FRI: 11/14	Weekday - Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37 6:00 PM NO MASS	<p>Please keep the following People in your prayers</p> <p>Teri Creighton, Diane Schubring, Martha Barrs, David Dessauer, Mr. Ben White, Mr. Steve Dessauer, Mary Wheeler, Angela Hanh, Nguyễn Lãnh, Harold Alexander, Tom Snider, Bill Dineen, Laura Barnett, Pearline Smith and Doug Pickens, Sharon Cook, Mary Ann Coughlan, Ronny Murphy Eddie Halford, 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.</p>	
SAT 11/15	Weekday [Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM] Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8 9:00 AM NO MASS 5:00 PM Kathy Zelwak (D) 10 year Anniversary Zack Zelwak		
SUN: 11/16	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12 Lk 21:5-19 8:30 AM Caitlin Morris <i>Joyce Sigler</i> 12:00 PM Lh. Phêrô Hoàng Ngọc Phương <i>Cô Kim Lan</i>		

Sunday, Nov 09, 2025

"The Lord of hosts is with us". (Psalm 46:8)

Meditation: The Basilica of St. John Lateran is named for the Lateran hill on which it stands. This cathedral church of Rome is dedicated to both John the Baptist and John the Evangelist and stands as a symbol of the persistence of the entire Church. Dedicated in AD 324, soon after Emperor Constantine allowed Christians to meet without persecution, the Lateran Basilica also reminds us of God's enduring faithfulness to his people. It has remained for more than seventeen hundred years as a sign that "the Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob" (Psalm 46:8).

Consider the significance of this building. This was the first place where God's people could assemble publicly and testify to Jesus' presence in the celebration of the Eucharist. Here, and at every Mass, Jesus himself is present under the appearances of ordinary bread and wine. He comes to us in this humble way so that he can be with us in the ordinary circumstances of our everyday lives. This tremendous miracle is a consoling reality and a spiritual stronghold for each of us: Jesus is present, in lowly Eucharistic form, in every tabernacle in the world!

This is why we design churches to be beautiful sacred spaces: to mark them as fitting dwellings for Jesus and to remind us that he is always with us. He dwells among us and offers himself to us every day.

Today, let's thank God for all the astounding things he has done. But above all, let's rejoice in his constant faithful presence among us! And let's open our hearts to receive and adore him, present in the Eucharist.

"Thank you, Jesus, for the gift of your Body and Blood. You are my stronghold, Lord, and you will never leave me."

Chuyển ngữ: Sr. Maria Trần Thị Ngọc Hương
Theo the Word Among us

Chúa Nhật ngày 09/11/ 2025

"Đức Chúa ở với chúng ta". (Tv 46,8).

Suy niệm: Is Vương cung thánh đường Thánh Gioan Latêranô được đặt tên theo tên ngọn đồi Latêranô trên đó nó được tọa lạc. Nhà thờ chính tòa này của Roma được cung hiến cho cả Thánh Gioan Tẩy Giả và Thánh Gioan – tác giả Tin Mừng, và tồn tại như một biểu tượng về sự kiên vững của toàn thể Giáo Hội. Được cung hiến vào năm 324 sau Công Nguyên, ngay sau khi Hoàng đế Constantine cho phép các Kitô hữu gặp gỡ nhau mà không bị bách hại, Vương cung thánh đường Latêranô cũng nhắc nhở chúng ta về sự trung tín bền bỉ của Thiên Chúa đối với dân Người. Nhà thờ ấy đã duy trì hơn một ngàn bảy trăm năm như một dấu chỉ rằng: "Chính Chúa Tể cần khôn ở cùng chúng ta. Thiên Chúa nhà Giacóp là thành lũy bảo vệ ta" (Tv 46,8).

Hãy suy gẫm ý nghĩa của tòa nhà này. Đây là nơi đầu tiên mà dân Thiên Chúa có thể quy tụ cách công khai và làm chứng cho sự hiện diện của Chúa Giêsu trong việc cử hành Thánh Thể. Ở đây và trong mỗi Thánh Lễ, chính Chúa Giêsu hiện diện dưới hình bánh và rượu bình thường. Người đến với chúng ta cách khiêm nhường để Người có thể ở với chúng ta trong những hoàn cảnh bình thường của cuộc sống hằng ngày. Phép lạ vĩ đại này là một thực tại an ủi và là một thành trì tinh thần cho mỗi người chúng ta: Chúa Giêsu đang hiện diện, dưới hình thức Thánh Thể khiêm hạ, trong mọi nhà tạm trên thế giới!

Đây là lý do tại sao chúng ta thiết kế các nhà thờ thành những không gian thánh thiện xinh đẹp: để đánh dấu chúng là những nơi cư ngụ xứng đáng cho Chúa Giêsu và nhắc nhở chúng ta rằng Người luôn luôn ở với chúng ta. Người cư ngụ giữa chúng ta và ban chính mình Người cho chúng ta mỗi ngày.

Hôm nay, chúng ta hãy tạ ơn Chúa về tất cả những điều kỳ diệu mà Người đã thực hiện. Nhưng trên tất cả, chúng ta hãy vui mừng về sự hiện diện trung thành liên lỉ của Người giữa chúng ta! Và chúng ta hãy mở lòng lãnh nhận và tôn thờ Người, đang hiện diện trong Bí tích Thánh Thể.

"Lạy Chúa Giêsu, cảm ơn Chúa vì quà tặng Mình và Máu Thánh Chúa. Lạy Chúa, Chúa là thành lũy của con và Chúa sẽ không bao giờ bỏ con".



Once again, thank you so much to St. Mary Parishioners with your generosity, for Mougel family Mr. Leon, a representative of the Knights of Columbus and Fr. Henry visited and presented them with a check of \$3,677.00.

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome (November 9)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

What is the name of the pope's cathedral? If you said the Vatican, or St. Peter's, you were off by a few miles, since the answer is the Basilica of St. John, the Lateran, the "Mother Church" of all the churches of the world and the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome. It takes its name from the Lateran family, the Trumps of their day, who somehow ran afoul of the Emperor Nero. He seized all their property, including their vast Roman palace and estate. We don't know how Plautius displeased Nero so badly, but eventually all the Lateran property came to Constantine, the first Christian emperor, through his wife, Fausta. Early in the fourth century, when Christianity was at last legalized, Constantine gave the property to the church. Soon the great meeting halls were expanded and adapted.

Over the centuries, the church building has been sacked by armies, ruined by fire, torn down, and rebuilt. The oldest and most unchanged part of the Lateran is a vast, separate baptistery with steps leading down to a huge green basalt pool. Imagine what a triumphal moment the dedication of this public church building was for a community that had worshiped in secret for so long! This week's feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica is really about the tradition of consecrating space for worship, and so by extension, a feast for your parish church building and, given the beautiful second reading, for its baptistery as well. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

New religious faith gives fresh lenses for viewing human customs, and the wisdom to transform them. In the ancient world, the Romans feared the dead. Funeral customs were designed to hasten the departure of souls to the next world. Cremation was the rule, although burial increased in popularity in the second century. Procession from the place of death to the place of cremation or burial was the most important part of the funeral. Those who carried the funeral bier carried it low, close to the ground, to promote the soul's departure to the nether world.

Christians, on the other hand, did not fear the dead, but cherished them as they consigned them to Christ's love and protection. Gradually, they began to reject customs rooted in fear. Christians carried their dead to their resting places singing, with the bier carried high, away from the ground and toward the heavens. For the Christian, the grave was a sign of hope and a place of remembrance. Superstitious Romans feared burial places, and so the Christians cherished them as places of remembrance and prayer, and in time, even celebrated the Eucharist there. In November, many of us visit the cemetery for prayer and the autumn clean-up. By cherishing our dead, we are responding in faith to a vital part of our Christian tradition. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPER'S 2026 FROM LAVERNE TILLEY

I will be creating the schedule for the upcoming year. We need more helpers to clean the church. We work in pairs and if there are enough volunteers your commitment is 4 times per year. Cleaning the church takes about one hour and is such a blessing and peaceful ministry. Supplies and cleaning equipment are provided. You only need to volunteer an hour to vacuum, dust, and light cleaning. If you would like to be part of this ministry there are forms in the Narthex to complete for your contact information (left side). The schedule will be out in late January. Please let me know if you have any questions.
Lhtilley@gmail.com cell: 770-539-0460



Offertory/Contribution

Weekend of November 01 & 02, 2025

Weekly Budget	\$ 3,100.00
Offertory	\$ 3,342.00
Honoring Mary's Legacy	\$4,372.00
Building Improvements	\$574.05
Unscheduled	\$ 1,182.00
Total deposit	\$ 9,470.00

**Second Collection for next weekend is
HONORING MARY'S LEGACY**

Thank you for your generosity!



Parish safety workshop

We are pleased to announce an upcoming training session facilitated by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA), focused on developing a comprehensive safety plans for our parishes. This session is designed specifically for pastors, directors of operations, maintenance supervisors/directors and all other positions who are responsible for maintenance and facilities. This session will provide critical guidance on preparing for and responding to emergencies.

Your participation is strongly encouraged. If you are unable to attend, please ensure a qualified representative from your parish or department is present. The safety and preparedness of our parish communities depend on informed leadership and proactive planning.

Parish Safety Seminar Agenda

- ◆ **Date:** November 10, 2025
- ◆ **Time:** 9:00AM - 2:00PM
- ◆ **Location:** St. Mary Catholic Church in Toccoa - **Building:** Parish Life Center
- ◆ **Lunch will be provided**
- ◆ **Doors open at 8:30 am**
- ◆ **8:45-8:50:** Welcome and Prayer
- ◆ **8:50-9:15am:** Archdiocesan Policies review, Marguita Richburg, Chief Human Resources Officer & Maureen Smith Chief Communication Officer
- ◆ **9:15-10:15am:** Preventing Targeted Violence, Mr. T Mike Williamson, FBI
- ◆ **10:15-11:15am:** Praise and Preparedness, Mr. Lawrence Miller, GEMA
- ◆ **11:15-12:15pm:** Lunch
- ◆ **12:15-1:45pm:** CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event), Mr. Lawrence Miller, GEMA
- ◆ **1:50-2:50pm:** BTAM (Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management) Introduction, Mr. Dave Shanks, GEMA
- ◆ **2:50-3:00pm:** **Final** Points and Q&A, Prayer
- ◆ Contacting your local law enforcement agency to assess and provide feedback for emergency planning.
- ◆ Having an office Lock Down drill and Lock Down in Church

This training is a vital step in strengthening our collective readiness and ensuring the well-being of our parishioners, staff and facilities. Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your continued commitment to safety. If anyone is interested in it . Please go to St. Mary's Parish Life Center at 9:00AM. Thank you

**Message of the Holy Father , Leo XIV for the
40th World Youth Day 07.10.2025**
(Continuing last week Fifth part and finish

Fraternity as a bond of peace

From friendship with Christ, which is a gift of the Holy Spirit within us, there arises a way of life that bears the character of fraternity. Young people who have encountered Christ bring the “warmth” and “flavor” of fraternity wherever they go, and anyone who comes into contact with them is drawn into a new and profound dimension, made up of selfless closeness, sincere compassion and genuine tenderness. The Holy Spirit enables us to see our neighbor with new eyes: in the other person there is a brother, a sister!



The witness of fraternity and peace that friendship with Christ awakens in us casts off indifference and spiritual laziness, helping us to overcome closed-mindedness and suspicion. It also builds bonds between us, urging us to work together, from volunteerism to “political charity,” to build new living conditions for all. Do not follow those who use the words of faith to divide; instead, make plans to remove inequalities and reconcile divided and oppressed communities. To that end, dear friends, let us listen to the voice of God within us and overcome our selfishness, becoming active artisans of peace. That peace, which is a gift of the risen Lord (cf. *Jn* 20:19), will become visible in the world through the common witness of those who carry his Spirit in their hearts.

Dear young people, in the face of the world’s sufferings and hopes, let us fix our gaze on Jesus. As he was dying on the cross, he entrusted the Virgin Mary to John as his mother, and John to her as her son. That ultimate gift of love is for every disciple, for each of us. I invite you to welcome this holy bond with Mary, a mother full of affection and understanding, and to cultivate it in particular by praying the Rosary. That way, in every situation of our life, we will experience that we are never alone, for as children we are always loved, forgiven and encouraged by God. Bear witness to this joyfully!

*From the Vatican, 7 October 2025,
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Holy Rosary*

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 at (770) 561 3918

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**St. Mary Catholic Church
AAA Reminder Speech**

As we approach the end of the year it is an appropriate time to provide an update regarding the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal, or AAA. As a reminder, the Appeal kicked off in February and reflects the requirements of parishes to contribute to the many important efforts of the Archdiocese. For those of you who have already contributed to AAA, we thank you for your donations. Because of the generosity of parishioners we have already hit our goal for the year. Which means that every additional dollar donated comes directly back to the parish.

For those of you who have not yet paid your pledge, or for others who did not have a chance to pledge but would like to give, this is a reminder that the AAA runs through the end of December so please make your contribution by then. As mentioned, every dollar donated now will come back directly to St. Mary’s. We have many needs for those funds, the most notable of which is paying off the debt we incurred to finance the Parish Life Center and Religious Education building. So your donations will very much help this parish.

Thank you for your time.

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

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

CELL PHONE # _____

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