

CHRIST OUR KING AND SAVIOR

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mission Statement

United in Christ,

All for the Glory of God

Unidos en Cristo,

Todo para la Gloria de Dios

6341 LAKE OCONEE PKWY.
GREENSBORO, GEORGIA 30642

PHONE: 706-453-7292

FAX: 706-453-7095

WWW.COKAS.ORG

PASTOR:

REV. ROBERTO HERRERA

FATHERHERRERA@GMAIL.COM

EMERGENCY (24/7) 678-608-7829

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL 5:00 PM

SUNDAY MASS 9:00 AM

SPANISH MASS 11:45 AM

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

NO MONDAY MASS

TUESDAY 9:00AM

WEDNESDAY 6:00PM (ENGLISH)

7:30PM (SPANISH)

THURSDAY 9:00AM

FRIDAY 9:00AM

PARISH OFFICE

MON - FRI. 9 AM - 2 PM

BUSINESS MANAGER

JOHN STEADMAN

COKAS.BUSINESS@GMAIL.COM

ACCOUNTANT

MILLIE BROWNING

COKAS.FINANCE@GMAIL.COM

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

BEV FOX

COKAS.DRE@GMAIL.COM

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

GINA MURPHY

COKAS.MEDIA@GMAIL.COM

PASTORAL ADMINISTRATION

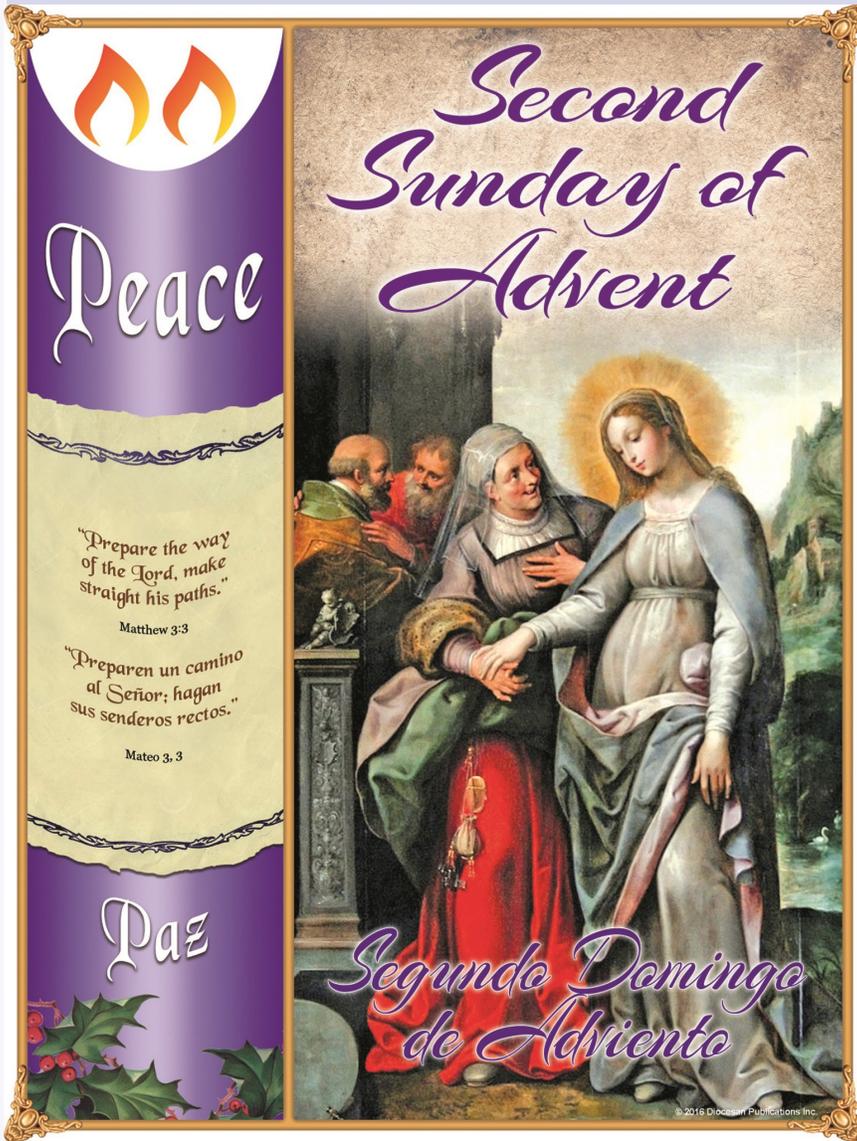
LILY VAUGHN

COKAS.OFFICE@GMAIL.COM

MAINTENANCE

CLARENCE DRINKWINE

COKAS.MAINTENANCE@GMAIL.COM



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 7 (No 9am Mass)

Vigil Mass 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Thursday, December 8

Mass at 9:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY - 4:00 - 4:45PM
CALL FOR APPOINTMENT

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1ST FRIDAY 9 AM - 6 PM

SVDP HOTLINE

706-453-4744

ROSARY

BEFORE MASS 8:40AM

DECEMBER 4, 2016

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The belief means that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was preserved without sin for her entire life. It was Mary's closeness to Christ that made her receive God's "fullness of grace" to be sinless. Without God's grace, it would have been impossible for Mary to be sinless, and she too would be like the rest of humanity. However, because of her decision to say, "yes" in giving birth to Christ, she was given a special privilege by having no sin touch her. Catholics believe that God wanted a perfectly pure woman to carry His Son, the God of the universe, for nothing else short of perfection would do.

Evidence from the Scriptures:

"And the angel came in unto her, and said, hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." - Luke 1:28 It is the term "full of grace" that is emphasized by the Church when dealing with Mary's Immaculate Conception. The title "full of grace" comes from the Greek word *kecharitomene*, which describes a "perfection" and "abundance" of grace. In other words, Mary was proclaimed by the angel to be with a perfection of grace, which was a very powerful statement.

"the Holy Ghost shall come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of you shall be called the Son of God." - Luke 1:35. Luke 1:35 shows Mary as the Ark of the New Covenant. According to the Old Testament, the Ark of the Covenant was the pure and holy vessel that held the Ten Commandments (the Old Covenant). The Ark was so holy in fact, that if anyone were to touch it they could actually fall down and die! It was housed in the Holy of Holies, which was a perfectly clean place where the Jewish high priests could enter only once a year according to their law (See Lev. 16:2-4). So how are Mary and the Ark related? The same language that describes God's "dwelling" place for the Old Ark is used again for Mary's overshadowing by the Holy Spirit. Put another way, the Old Ark held God's Ten Commandments and could not be touched by human hands because of its holiness. Mary, the New Ark, holds the New Covenant in her womb, which is Jesus Christ. How much holier is Christ than the Ten Commandments? It only makes sense that for Mary to hold God in her womb, she too would be completely pure and without any sin.

Christmas and New Year's Masses

Saturday, December 24

THE VIGIL CHRISTMAS

3:30p.m. Children's Mass

5:30p.m. Mass

7:30p.m. Spanish Mass

10:00p.m. Christmas Midnight Mass

Sunday, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00a.m. Mass

January 1, 2017

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

5:00p.m. Vigil Mass (Saturday, December 31)

9:00a.m. New Year's Mass

11:45a.m. New Year's Spanish Mass



Immaculate
Conception
of the
Blessed
Virgin Mary
December 8

SOLEMNITY OF MARY
MOTHER OF GOD

1ST JANUARY



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

5PM BISHOPS, PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS OF
THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

9AM BISHOPS, PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS OF
THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA

11:45AM BISHOPS, PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

No Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

9AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

6PM TOM WOJNAS †

7:30PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

9AM JAMES LETTIERE †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

9AM ALICE STERLING †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

5PM MORGAN DARRAH EGGERT †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

9AM GILLIAN SWITALA

11:45AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



The Parish Pastoral Council met on November 8, 2016. The Council discussed the nomination and election process for three open elected positions on the PPC. Nominations have been invited, and the list of candidates with bios and photographs will be printed in the parish bulletin in December. Elections will be held in

January. With the election in January, the PPC will consist of five elected members, five appointed members, and three members serving by virtue of their office as Chair of the Finance Council, Stewardship Committee, or Liturgy Committee.

Also discussed were the plans for the nominations and selection of both the Woman of the Year and Youth of the Year. This year the Woman of the Year will be recognized in our parish, but not at the Archdiocese. This is because we do not have a local chapter of the Council of Catholic Women. Nominations for Woman of the Year have been solicited.

The COKAS Trunk or Treat event and Time & Talent Fair were reported to be very successful. Over \$1,200 was raised at Trunk or Treat from the sale of tamales. These funds will be used for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12, with any remaining funds being donated to the parish.

Based on the Archdiocese Pastoral Plan outline, the Stewardship Committee has identified two parish needs on which to focus: 1) More opportunities to participate in parish life as a family, and 2) Prioritize adult catechesis.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Military Personnel	John Piler
Tarah Thompson	Steve Piler
Diane Desmond	Trevor Spiess
Linda Chelana	Larry Patient
Harriette Thompson	Cathleen Bozzella
Vickie Abbott	Lani Dwyer
Connie Jean Anderson	MaryEllen Brown
Sonya Stephenson	Pam Quinn
Fabiola Whisenhunt	Rosemary Sheedy
Charlean Ferguson	Jackie Scalzo

For those in critical need of daily prayers.

Note: Names will stay on the Prayer list for 6 weeks and then they will be removed. Call 706-453-7292 x 4 or email cokas.media@gmail.com with updates.

GUADALUPE CELEBRATION



**Feast of our Lady
of Guadalupe**
Monday, December 12th
Please join us!

6am to 8am: Morning Prayer in Sanctuary
Breakfast /Mariachi Band in Social Hall

7pm: Mass (Bilingual)

8pm: Reception in the Social Hall



**Children's Liturgy of the
Word is celebrated at the
9:00 and 11:45 a.m.
masses for children
Pre-K through 3rd grade.
NO SIGN-UP REQUIRED**



*Flowers adorning the
Blessed Virgin Mary
have been donated by
Jim Collins for Mary's intercession
for the cure of Breast Cancer.*

LOOKING AHEAD

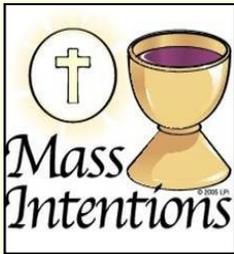
DECEMBER

4TH	DONUTS	
4TH	FAITH FORMATION (K-5TH)	10:30AM-11:30AM IN THE PLC
5TH	MONDAYS IN THE WORD BIBLE STUDY	10:00AM-12:00PM IN THE PLC ROOM 212
5TH	STROKE SCAN	BY APPT IN THE PLC 110/111
6TH	STROKE SCAN	BY APPT IN THE PLC 110/111
7TH	EDGE/LIFE NIGHT	6:30PM-8:00PM IN THE SOCIAL HALL
9TH	CHILDREN/YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL	4:00-5:15PM IN THE SOCIAL HALL
10TH	CONFESSIONS	4:00PM IN THE SANCTUARY
11TH	BREAKFAST WITH SANTA	AFTER 9:00 MASS IN THE SOCIAL HALL



Please join us for coffee and donuts in the Social Hall following the 9am Mass

Mass Intention Schedule



If there are specific dates that you would like to have a mass offered for loved ones or friends, please come by the office to schedule. We have the Record Book for 2017 ready, so please don't wait until the last minute to schedule your masses. We want to make sure you get the dates you want.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS



Nominations for Parish Pastoral Council members will **close this weekend (Sunday, December 4)**. Nomination forms and drop-off box are located in the vestibule.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

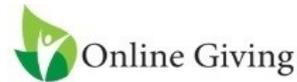
One of the greatest gifts God gives us is the 24 hours we get at the start of each day...A gift of time is a good place to start living as a Christian steward. One of the best uses of our time is in prayer.

Offertory

At Masses 11/19-11/20/16.....	\$ 9,522.
Online Giving 11/14-11/20/16.....	<u>2,730.</u>
Total	\$ <u>12,252.</u>

DECEMBER second collections:

12/4/16—St. Vincent de Paul
12/11/16—Retirement Religious
12/25/16—Catholic Charities



Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

Go to: www.cokas.org. At the top right side of the home page, click on the icon. Call or email Millie Browning with any questions 706-453-7292, ext. 9, cokas.finance@gmail.com

Deadlines for the Holiday Bulletin Publication dates:

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Office Deadline</u>
Dec. 18th	December 5th
Dec. 25th/Jan. 1st (combined)	December 9th
Jan. 8th	December 27th

COKAS GIVING TREE

The **COKAS Giving Tree** is up with tags for the less fortunate. Please pick up a tag **by December 4th** and help brighten this Christmas for a needy child.

When you take a tag, please record the tag number along with your name and phone number on the clipboard located near the tree. Please bring a new and wrapped gift back to the church **no later than**

December 11th and place under the tree. Thank you for your continued support!





Second Sunday of Advent

ATTENTION EDGE/LIFE TEEN STUDENTS:

Join us for Mass at 6pm on December 7th to celebrate the Vigil of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) followed by our Christmas Celebration in the Social Hall.

NO Edge/Life Night

on
Wednesday,
December 21,
2016



ADVENT

Advent is a Latin word that actually means "coming." In the Christian church, advent is time of preparation and waiting for the birth of Jesus. Advent officially begins four Sundays before Christmas, which means it often begins the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

So how can you celebrate Advent? One way is to buy or make an Advent wreath to lay on your table. An Advent wreath typically consists of greenery with four candles, three purple and one pink. Each candle on the Advent Wreath has a specific meaning:

- Candle one (purple) represents hope. It is often called the prophets' candle.
- Candle two (purple) represents peace. It is often called the angels' candle.
- Candle three (pink) represents joy. It is often called the shepherds' candle.
- Candle four (purple) represents love. It is often called the Bethlehem candle.

Many advent wreaths also include a Christ candle in the middle of the wreath.

To celebrate with an Advent wreath, you light a candle on each Sunday of Advent. The first Sunday, you light candle one; the second Sunday you light candles one and two, etc. You can often find readings to go along with the candle lightings on the internet or at Christian bookstores, or find a Christmas book that represents the theme of the week and read it with your children.

Feast Day: December 08



On December 8, we honor the Immaculate Conception of Mary our Mother.

Our first parents offended God by sinning seriously. Because of the fall of Adam and Eve, every baby is born into the world with original sin.

We are all children of our first parents so; we all inherit their sin. This sin in us is called original sin.

But the Blessed Virgin Mary was given a marvelous gift. She was conceived in the womb of her mother, St. Anne, without this original sin.

Our Lady was to be the mother of Jesus, God's only Son. The evil one, the devil, should have no power over Mary. There was never the slightest sin in our all-beautiful mother.

That is why one of the Church's favorite hymns to Mary is: "You are all-beautiful, O Mary, and there is no sin in you."

This great favor that God blessed Our Lady with is called her Immaculate Conception.

One hundred and fifty years ago, in 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed to the whole world that there was no doubt at all that Mary was conceived without sin. Four years later, she appeared to Bernadette at Lourdes. When St. Bernadette asked the lovely lady who she was, Mary joined her hands and raised her eyes toward heaven. She said, "I am the Immaculate Conception."

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Pancakes and Pies with Santa

Join us for a delicious pancake breakfast with Santa, compliments of The Knights of Columbus on December 11th following the 9:00 Mass in the Social Hall.

***** Have your picture made with Santa and bring him your Wish List *****



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

In Solidarity with Our Priests

The Knights of Columbus was founded on four principles—charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. There is a fifth principle which unites our members—respect for the priesthood. Without our priests, there is no Mass. Without the Mass there is no Eucharist. Without the Eucharist, there is no Church.

Our Council has arranged for Masses on December 3 & 4 be said for the intentions of the Bishops, Priests, and Seminarians of the Archdiocese of Atlanta.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Happy 2nd week of Advent!



STEWARDSHIP SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



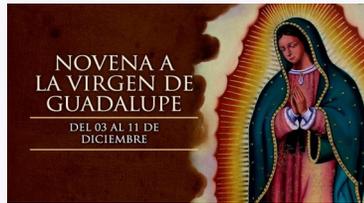
A SVdP CHRISTMAS PLEA

Christmas reminds us that God gave us the greatest gift of all, his son. With the holidays drawing near, we ask that you please find a place on your Christmas list for the needs of our SVdP clients. Our funds are running critically low, while the number of requests remains very high. Without increased funding, the weekly operation of our Society will be in jeopardy. We want to continue to help as many people as possible, particularly at this time of year. Please say "yes" to helping us, so that we won't have to say "no" to anyone in need. Thank you for your support and God bless you and your families during this Holiday Season!



"ANUNCIOS PARROQUIALES"

Novena todas las noches a las 7:00 pm



El Sacramento de la Confesión es todos los Sábados de 4:00 pm a 4:45 pm

CUIDA TU FE



Esta es una época del año en la que vamos a estar "bombardeados" por la publicidad para comprar todo tipo de cosas, vamos a estar invitados a muchas fiestas. Todo esto puede llegar a hacer que nos olvidemos del verdadero sentido del Adviento. Esforcémonos por vivir este tiempo litúrgico con profundidad, con el sentido cristiano. De esta forma viviremos la Navidad del Señor ocupados del Señor de la Navidad.

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

"Preparad el camino del Señor, enderezad sus sendas"
Mc 1, 3

Segundo Domingo de Adviento

La venida de Cristo exige una continua conversión. El tiempo del Adviento, es una llamada a la conversión para preparar los caminos del Señor y acoger al Señor que viene. El Señor ya no quiere nacer en una cueva, el Señor quiere nacer, ahora, en cada uno de los corazones de los hombres.

Encendemos nuevamente la vela morada, recordando que a veces nos alejamos de Dios, pero que él no deja solos: nos promete un Salvador, Jesús.

Encendemos la roja, que representa el amor de Jesús.

Esta semana, vamos a ver como podemos convertir nuestro corazón para amar cada día más. Pensamos en cómo podemos amar más a nuestros amigos, hijos, padres, familiares, vecinos...

No hace falta pensar en grandes cosas. Casi siempre fallamos en lo más pequeño y tratamos peor al que tenemos más cerca o más queremos.

Quizás, sólo sería suficiente ayudar a un compañero de tareas o colaborar un poco más en las cuestiones del hogar, para hacer que en nuestra familia reine el amor y la paz.

Oración para rezar al encender la segunda vela

Te damos gracias Dios padre por estar siempre a nuestro lado y enviarnos a Jesús para que nos enseñe el camino del amor. Te pedimos que nos hagas más comprensivos, más generosos, más solidarios y que crezca nuestra capacidad de escuchar y descubrir qué necesitan nuestros hermanos, padres, abuelos... Queremos un corazón que crezca día a día, en su capacidad de amar.

**COKAS
WOMAN OF
THE YEAR
2016**

Nominations for **Woman of the Year** will be accepted beginning the weekend of December 10th & 11th, 2016.

Nominate a woman of our Parish whose outstanding qualities and service to our Church are deserving of our recognition.

Nominations for **Youth of the Year** will be accepted beginning the weekend of December 10th & 11th, 2016.

Nominate a high school age youth from our Parish whose outstanding qualities and service to our community or our Church are deserving of our recognition.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
★ **COKAS** ★
★ **YOUTH OF** ★
★ **THE YEAR** ★
★ **2016** ★
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Nomination forms for both honors will be available in the vestibule of the Church, at the Church office or can be downloaded on-line from the COKAS website.

Deadline to submit Nominations December 20, 2016.

ALL NOMINATIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL

COKAS
MUJER DEL
AÑO
2016

Las nominaciones para la **Mujer del Año** serán aceptadas a partir del fin de semana del 10 y 11 de diciembre de 2016.

Por favor, nominar a una mujer de nuestra parroquia y que por sus cualidades y servicio a nuestra parroquia se merezca que le reconozcamos.

Las nominaciones para el/la Joven del Año serán aceptadas a partir del fin de semana del 10 y 11 de diciembre de 2016.

Por favor, nomina a un/una joven de nuestra parroquia que este cursando la High School y que por sus cualidades y servicio a nuestra parroquia se merezca que le reconozcamos.

COKAS
JOVEN
DEL AÑO
2016

Los formularios de nominación para ambos honores estarán disponibles en el vestíbulo de la parroquia, en la oficina parroquial o se pueden descargar en línea desde el sitio web de COKAS.

Fecha límite para presentar las nominaciones
20 de diciembre de 2016

TODAS LAS NOMINACIONES SON CONFIDENCIALES