

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*

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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

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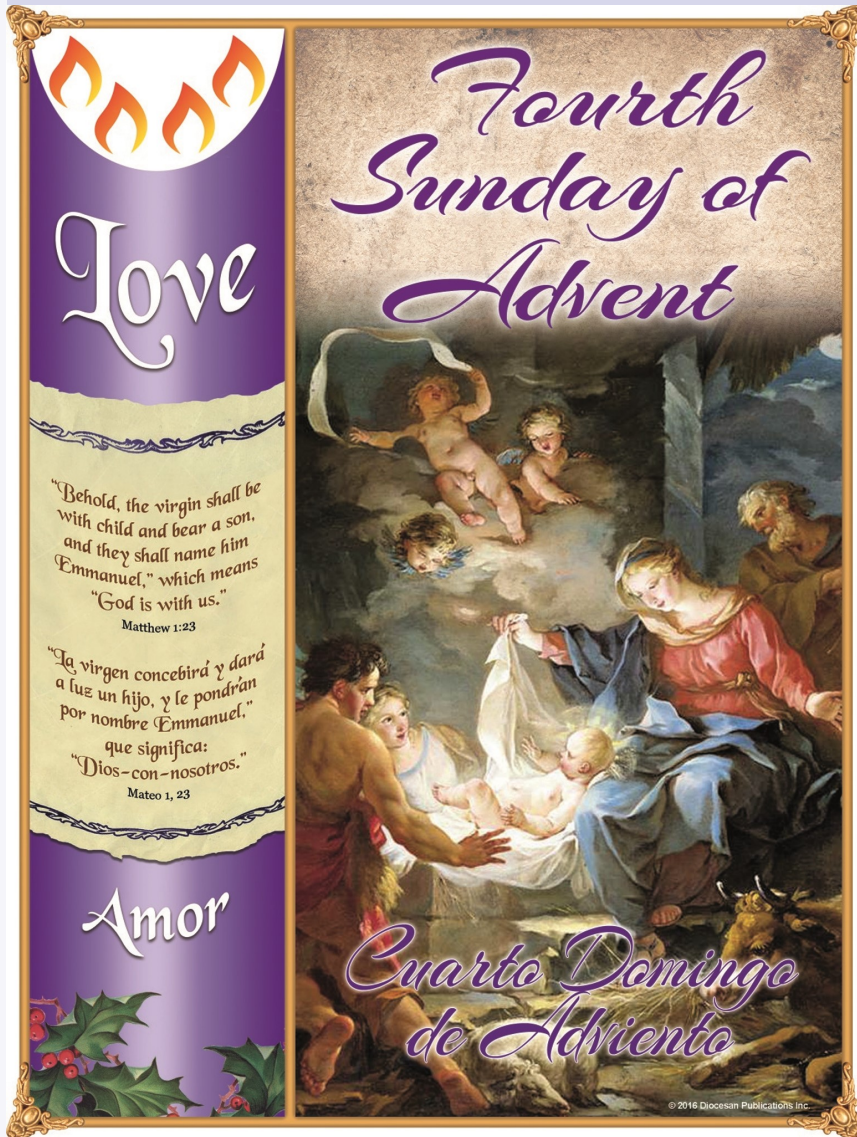
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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24: 3:30 PM (CHILDREN'S) , 5:30PM
7:30 PM (SPANISH), 10:00PM (MIDNIGHT MASS)

*CHOIR & CAROLS 30 MINUTES BEFORE 5:30 & 10:00 MASS

DECEMBER 25 : 9:00AM ONLY

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 18, 2016

“Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory”

Psalms 24

My Dear Parishioners and Visitors:
Welcome to Christ Our King and Savior Catholic Church!

We are happy that you have chosen to celebrate the Christmas Liturgies with us and we hope you will find warmth and hospitality here, next weekend. By now, we all have received many Christmas wishes and Christmas cards. Some people even say that one of their favorite Christmas traditions is sending out Christmas cards. I have 6 good reasons why sending cards is a wonderful thing:

1st It gives us a chance to reflect on our year: When we sit down to write up our Christmas newsletter, a humorous one-page summary of what's been going on with us over the past twelve months, we are amazed at how much God has done in our lives in a single year!

2nd It's easier now than ever: There are tons of businesses like Shutterfly and Snapfish that let us create Christmas cards online for a reasonable price. If we weren't able to get everyone together for a family portrait, there are also plenty of options for cards that bring together individual photos to form a collage of family pictures.

3rd It lets others know what's going on with us: Printing out a brief summary of our family's year is a great way to give others a snapshot of the most important things going on in our lives right now.

4th It gives your friends and family something to display: I love it when I go to my parishioners' houses during the holidays and I see pictures of their friends and family all over their mantles. In the Rectory, I have a special wall holder that can display up to 50 cards, and every time I pass by it I think of how blessed I am to have such wonderful friends and parishioners at COKAS.

5th It blesses people who aren't tech savvy: One of my favorite Christmas card stories is when I accidentally sent a card to the old address for some friends who had moved. An elderly lady had moved into the house, and she sent me a long, hand-written note about how lonely she's been since her husband died and how much it blessed her to receive my card.

6th It's an opportunity for evangelization: Every year we receive a surprising amount of positive feedback about Christmas cards. In particular, many of our non-Catholic friends remark about how interesting it is that we seem to have joy-filled lives, even though many aspects of our Catholic lifestyle go against what the world tells you that you need in order to be happy.

My parish Staff and I Wish You a ***Merry Christmas*** and a ***Happy 2017!***

Fr. Roberto Herrera,
Pastor

 **THANK YOU!** 

“Thank you to Rose and Jerry Robertson and their team for their hard work to make our 2016 Christmas Dinner Dance Party a huge success. Everything, including the food, the fellowship, the music, and the décor was wonderful!”
~Fr. Roberto Herrera



The COKAS Choir will be singing Christmas Hymns 30 minutes before the 5:30pm and 10:00pm masses on Christmas Eve (December 24). We invite you to come and sing with them.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

5PM DR. PAT PATTERSON †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

9AM IN HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH †

11:45AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

No Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

9AM PEGGY PANETOCOEK †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

6PM **No Mass**

7:30PM **No Mass**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

9AM **No Mass**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

9AM **No Mass**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

3:30PM THOMAS M. FRICANO †

5:30PM JOHN PHILIP FRICANO †

7:30PM ANTHONY & MARY BELLETIERI †

10PM JEANELLE CLARK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

9AM LINDA ENNIS †

11:45AM **No Mass**

PRAYER REQUESTS


Military Personnel	Nicholas Piller
Tarah Thompson	Rod Piller
Diane Desmond	Barbara Koch
Linda Chelana	Deborah Stritt
Harriette Thompson	Larry Patient
Vickie Abbott	Cathleen Bozzella
Connie Jean Anderson	Lani Dwyer
Sonya Stephenson	MaryEllen Brown
Santiago Rodriguez	Pam Quinn
Charlean Ferguson	Rosemary Sheedy
Joan Piller	Jackie Scalzo
Steve Piller	Deidre Slifko

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.*



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



A special thanks to all of the C.O.K.A.S parishioners, who through their generosity and kindness, purchased a gift for a child in our local community and/or parish. A total of 172 tags were placed on our C.O.K.A.S "Giving Tree" for a gift. A total of 96 winter coats were donated from the Knights of Columbus. These gifts are a manifestation of the love our parish has for those who are in need this Christmas season.

Giving Tree Committee

SAVE THE DATE

Women of COKAS Ladies' Day-Retreat

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

*Featured Speaker: Sister Barbara Young
Of the Cenacle Sisters*

We will accept reservations in January.

Questions: Call Robyn Morgan 404-281-7910



If you left a black scarf at the Christmas Dinner Party on December 3, please come by the church office to claim it.

Deadlines for the Holiday Bulletin Publication dates:

Bulletin Date


January 8th

Office Deadline

December 29th



Please give a warm welcome to Father John Adamski, who will be our celebrant at the 5:30pm and 7:30pm Masses on Saturday, December 24th.



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

LOOKING AHEAD

DECEMBER

18TH	DONUTS	AFTER 9:00 MASS IN THE SOCIAL HALL
18TH	FAITH FORMATION (K-5TH)	10:30AM-11:30AM IN THE PLC
18TH	CHILDREN/YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL	3:00-4:15PM IN THE SOCIAL HALL
18TH	POSADA (PRAYER SERVICE)	6:00PM IN THE SANCTUARY
19TH	NO MONDAYS IN THE WORD BIBLE STUDY	
21ST	NO MASS	
22ND	NO MASS	
23RD	NO MASS	
23RD	OFFICE CLOSED	
23RD	CHILDREN/YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL	4:00-5:15PM IN THE SOCIAL HALL
24TH	NO CONFESSIONS	
24TH	NO ANOINTING OF THE SICK	
25TH	NO ANOINTING OF THE SICK	
26TH	OFFICE CLOSED	



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

HOLY SPIRIT MONASTERY TREATS TODAY

The Knights of Columbus are selling fruitcakes, fudge, biscotti & coffee from the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, Ga. Visit the tables **in front of the church this weekend after the 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. Masses.** Sales will also be **in the Social Hall after 9 a.m. Mass.** All net proceeds collected by The Knights of Columbus are donated to local charities and also go to support the monks and their good works.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

*The life of Jesus is a life for others.
It is a life of service.*

Offertory

At Masses 12/3 -12/4/16.....	\$ 12,660.
Online Giving 12/1-12/4/16.....	3,625.
Total	\$ 16,285.

DECEMBER second collections:

12/3/16—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

Thank You For Your Support!

Thank you for your support of our parish this year! We are so grateful for all of your support and dedication to the work we are doing for our parish and in the community. If you haven't signed up for Online Giving yet, now is a great time to set up your end of year donation and a weekly offertory gift.

Check out our
NEW WEBSITE!

At www.cokas.org, lots of new useful features, forms and information can be found. In addition to

the bulletin, weekly announcements and the parish calendar can be found on the website. Any of the office staff can be contacted via email directly from the website. Take a look around and let us know what you think!



The Church office will be closed December 23, 26, 30 and January 2.

**May Joy be your gift at Christmas
and may Faith, Hope and Love
be your treasures in the New Year.**

From all of us in the Church office...

John

Millie

Clarence

Father Herrera

Lily

Bev

Gina

Happy 4th week of Advent!




Fourth Sunday of Advent
IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 18: Final class before Christmas

Jan 1: NO Sunday classes K-5

Jan 4: EDGE/Life night

Jan 8: Classes resume K-5

Jan 11: Confirmation classes begin

**NO Edge/Life Night
on
Wednesday,
December 21,
2016**


WHAT SEASON IS IT?

Have you ever wondered why you see different colors at Mass? Why does the priest sometimes wear green vestments? Why sometimes purple or other colors? Although he might like a change of pace he has little choice in the colors he wears.

The change of colors signifies a change in the church seasons—a bit like oranges, reds, and browns tell us it is fall.

There are six liturgical seasons:

1st -Advent

2nd -Christmas

3rd—Ordinary time

4th -Lent

5th -Easter Triduum

6th -Easter

The First of the six seasons of the Church (the beginning of the Liturgical year), begins on the first Sunday of Advent.

Advent is the season of preparation and waiting with the emphasis on the threefold coming of Christ—His Incarnation and Birth; His coming into our lives through grace and the Sacraments and His Second Coming at the end of time.

Sometimes called a "little Lent," Advent is a period of joyful expectation but also of penance, as the liturgical color of the season, purple, indicates.

● Antiphons - "O WHAT?!?!?"

The "O Antiphons" are sung on the last seven days of Advent and are part of the song "O Come O Come Emmanuel". Each antiphon, or short refrain, begins with the word "O". Each one also calls Jesus, the Son of God, by a different name. Listed below are the short prayers for each day.

Dec. 17: O Wisdom

Prayer: O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, show us the way to salvation.

Dec 18: O Leader of the House of Israel

Prayer: O Leader of the House of Israel, you gave the law to Moses. Come save us with your power!

Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse's Stem

Prayer: O Root of Jesse's stem, you are the sign of God's love. Come Save us!

Dec. 20: O Key of David

Prayer: O Key of David, you open the gates of Heaven. Come free all people from darkness!

Dec 21: O Radiant Dawn

Prayer: O Radiant Dawn, come and shine on all people who live in darkness.

Dec. 22: O king of All Nations

Prayer: O King of all nations, come and save all people! Come and bring peace to the earth.

Dec. 23: O Emmanuel

Prayer: O Emmanuel, you are our King! Come to save us, Lord our God!


CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2018

Confirmation classes begin Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Social Hall. Students in grades 9th—11th must be registered for Life Teen and Confirmation Class prior to January 11th. On our website (www.cokas.org), select "Children & Youth" under the "Faith Formation" tab. Questions? cokas.dre@gmail.com

HELP NEEDED!

NEEDED: Confirmation Class helpers

Do you have a desire to help our youth grow in their faith? Are you willing to share your time with our Confirmandi?

We are looking for willing individuals to help prepare our youth for Confirmation. Minimal time is required to have a major impact on the faith formation of these great teens.

Interested? Questions? Please contact Kasey at cokas.youthministry@gmail.com. Thank you in advance!!!

STEWARDSHIP SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and his mother, Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

SUPPER CLUB

SupperClub
FOOD & FRIENDS

Supper Club is back for Winter, 2017!

Calling all parishioners, single or married! Come

on out and join the parish Supper Club! You will be divided into groups of six, to meet once a month *during January, February and March 2017*. There are no requirements other than a desire to share good food and fellowship. This is a great opportunity for renewing friendships or making new ones, and you might even find a new recipe to enjoy at home! To learn more about Supper Club or to sign up, call Jim or Sharon Liebeck (706-999-1669) or email at hliebeck@plantationcable.net.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



The Knights of Columbus held their annual pancake breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 11th. More than 275 parishioners had a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, and eggs while Santa was visited by more than 100 children. Pictures with Santa were taken for all the children, and some adults, too. The Knights thank everyone for supporting us throughout the year and wish everyone the happiest and most blessed Christmas ever.

"ANUNCIOS PARROQUIALES"

VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE



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Muchas Gracias al José Manuel & Claudia Almanza, a todo el Comité Guadalupano y a todas las personas que ayudaron con la organización de la Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Gracias a todas estas personas, la celebración fue un éxito.

POSADA PARROQUIAL

HOY, Domingo, 18 de diciembre, a las 6:00p.m.

Significado de la tradición: Las posadas son un medio para preparar con alegría y oración nuestro corazón para la venida de Jesucristo, y para recordar y vivir los momentos que pasaron José y María antes del Nacimiento de Jesús. **Algo que no debes olvidar:** Debemos vivir las tradiciones y costumbres navideñas con el significado interior y no sólo el exterior para preparar nuestro corazón para el nacimiento de Jesús. **Cuida tu fe:** Algunas personas te podrán decir que estas costumbres y tradiciones las ha inventado la gente para divertirse y los comercios para vender. Recuerda que hay mucho significado detrás de cada una y trata de vivir estas tradiciones con el sentido profundo que tienen. Así, el 24 de diciembre no solo será un festejo más, sino que habrás preparado tu corazón con un verdadero amor a Dios y a tu prójimo.

FECHAS IMPORTANTES

BENDICIÓN PARA LAS MUJERES EN CINTA
SABADO, 17 DE DICIEMBRE Y DOMINGO, 18 DE DICIEMBRE
DURANTE TODAS LAS MISAS

POSADA
HOY, DOMINGO, 18 DE DICIEMBRE A LAS 6:00 PM

NAVIDAD
SABADO, 24 DE DICIEMBRE
3:30 PM—MISA DE NIÑOS -
5:30—MISA -
7:30—MISA DE NAVIDAD EN ESPAÑOL—
10:00PM—MISA DE MEDIANOCHE

DOMINGO, 25 DE DICIEMBRE
9:00 AM — SOLEMNIDAD DE NAVIDAD

DOMINGO, 8 DE ENERO
ROSCA DE REYES EN EL SALON SOCIAL A LAS 12:45 PM

**Dejen que el Señor entre:
EL ES EL REY DE LA GLORIA.**

Ministerio de Niños y Jovenes Fechas Importantes

DOMINGO, 18 DE DICIEMBRE:
ULTIMO DOMINGO DE CLASES
PARA K-5 ANTES DE NAVIDAD

DOMINGO, 1º DE ENERO:
NO HAY CLASES DE K-5

DOMINGO, 8 DE ENERO:
CLASES DE K-5 COMIENZAN
DE NUEVO

MIÉRCOLES, 11 DE ENERO:
PRIMERA CLASE DE
CONFIRMACIÓN—DEBEN ESTAR
REGISTRADOS—ESTA CLASE ES
MANDATORIA PARA LA
CONFIRMACIÓN



Un agradecimiento especial a todos los feligreses de la parroquia que gracias su generosidad y amabilidad compraron un regalo para un niño en nuestra comunidad local y / o parroquia. Un total de 172 tarjetas fueron colocadas en "Árbol Generoso" de la parroquia para comprar un regalo para un niño(a). Un total de 96 abrigos de invierno fueron donados por los Caballeros de Colón. Estos regalos son una manifestación del amor que nuestra parroquia tiene para aquellos que están en necesidad esta temporada de Navidad.

Comité del árbol generoso

**NO Habrán Confesiones
el Sábado, 24 de diciembre
NO habrá misa de 11:45 am
el domingo, 25 de diciembre**

REFLEXIÓN DE CORRESPONSABILIDAD

Cuando José descubrió que María estaba embarazada, resolvió terminar su compromiso con la mínima desgracia posible. Pero obediente a la voz de Dios, cambió sus planes y se convirtió en el protector del niño Jesús y de Su madre María. ¡Dios permita que yo esté igualmente abierto a la dirección del Espíritu Santo!