



**GOOD SAMARITAN**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*welcome home*

**55 Church Street • Ellijay GA 30540**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**April 11, 2021**

**Join us!**

**Daily Masses**

**Monday & Wednesday 9am**

**Tuesday & Friday 5pm**

**Tuesday (en espanol) 7pm**

**Sunday**

**9:00 am English**

**10:30 am en espanol**

**Drive-in masses at Gilmer Civic Center (Gilmer Recreation Center)**

**1363 S Main St Ellijay GA 30540**

Everyone remains in their vehicles for the mass, and we listen through our FM radio. Communion will be brought to your vehicle.

**Saturday Vigil 5pm** in the church

**\*No reservations needed for the 5pm Vigil.**

**Weekday daily masses and Saturday**

**Vigil are livestreamed on**

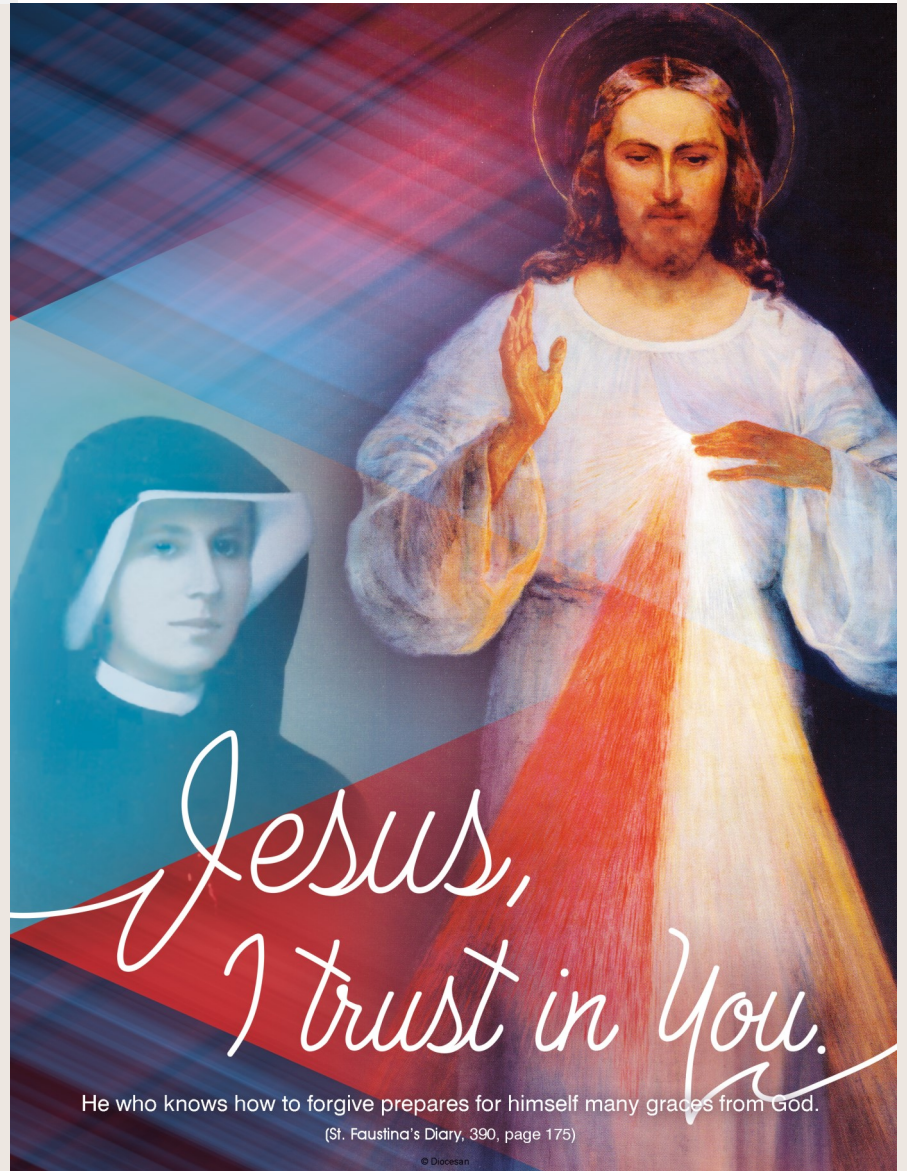
**Facebook and are available for replay anytime!**

**\*\*All Archdiocese guidelines must be followed including 6ft distancing and wearing of masks at all masses and parish gatherings.**

**Adoration on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays**

**9am -4:00pm Join us!**

**Archbishop Hartmayer has suspended the requirement to attend Sunday mass until further notice.**



**Pastor**  
**Rev. Carlos Vargas**

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## INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm	<b>April 10, 2021</b> <b>+Rosalyn Buhring</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00am 10:30am	<b>April 11, 2021</b> <b>+Debby Queen</b> People of Good Samaritan (These are drive in masses only)
<b>Monday</b> 9:00am	<b>April 12, 2021</b> <b>Brian Hawkins Family</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 5:00pm	<b>April 13, 2021</b> <b>+Eugenia Ortiz</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00am	<b>April 14, 2021</b> <b>People of Good Samaritan</b>
<b>Friday</b> 5:00pm	<b>April 16, 2021</b> <b>+Dolores Klopaski</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm	<b>April 17, 2021</b> <b>+Luis &amp; Ana Martinez</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00am 10:30am	<b>April 18, 2021</b> <b>+Debby Queen</b> People of Good Samaritan (These are drive in masses only)

**To schedule  
mass intentions,  
call the office at  
706-636-2772  
or email  
goodsamaritan-  
lij@gmail.com**



### ***Promise to Protect Pledge to Heal***

We are here to Listen and Take Action  
You Matter, You are Family  
Archdiocesan 24 hour  
Abuse Reporting Hotline  
1-888-437-0764

### **Confessions**

**Saturday 4:00 before mass**

**Or by appointment**

**Call Fr Carlos 706-314-8860**

**Good Samaritan Church Office**

**Monday—Friday**

**10am– 2pm**

**Or by appointment**

**Office (706) 636-2772**

**goodsamaritanlij@gmail.com**

***Thank you for supporting your parish through the pandemic this year!***

We have been blessed by your generosity and commitment through this past year as we dealt with a pandemic; through a lockdown and forced closings of our church and activities. Many of you have been able and willing to continuously support our parish and we want to say **THANK YOU!**

If you mail or drop off your offertory, be sure to use your envelopes and a **SEPARATE** check for each envelope, as funds can't be mixed together.

Offertory	Archbishop's 2021 Annual Appeal
<b>March 27 &amp; 28, 2021</b>	<b>Our Goal ..... \$24,800.00</b>
<b>Offertory..... \$4408.00</b>	<b>Total Pledged to date ..\$12,575.00</b>
<b>Online giving .... ...\$522.00</b>	<b>Amount Received . .....\$7,712.50</b>

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*



**OUR FLEA MARKET  
IS  
Closing Down**

For many years, the wonderful Parishioners of Good Samaritan Church have supported our annual Flea Market. Thanks to everyone's efforts, many underprivileged people and our church have benefited.

Thanks to the Boys & Girls Club, we have been able to use their facility for storage at a very nominal price. However, they are soon to begin construction on their new club and have given us notice that we need to vacate our storage space by mid-April.

Because of this, the parish council, Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul had a discussion about the merits of continuing the annual Flea Market. The increase in cost, this year's uncertainty around COVID's impact on the willingness of volunteers to work this Fall and the fact that our core volunteer group is composed of some of our older retired parishioners drove the decision to end the event.

Faith, Hope and Charity has agreed to take much of the items already donated. Other charities will also be invited. The proceeds from items already sold will be equally divided among SVDP, KOC and the Youth Group.

**We want to thank all of you who have so graciously given your time volunteering over the past 20 plus years and those who have donated items.**

A special thank you goes out to Bob and Sue Hughes, who served as sponsors of the event this past year and a half. Also, our gratitude to Debi Slaughter for all of her great work in helping to sell items online.



## ***A letter from Father Carlos:***

Many times, people ask me why our church is not open. They say that stores and restaurants are open, that many of our members have been vaccinated, and other churches seem to be open, so why don't we have masses on Sunday in the church?

Our church doors are open- we are blessed with many weekday opportunities to celebrate Mass and visit with the Lord. We have room for many to join us for morning or evening masses during the week. The Archbishop gave permission weekday masses can satisfy our Sunday obligation.

We have an intimate sanctuary to worship in and that determines how many of us are permitted to attend mass with social distancing. We can have about 50 people; we usually have 100-125 people for 9am and 11am, and 150 or more for the 1pm mass.

I do not want to turn people away or tell them that we are full, and that they cannot celebrate mass with us. The drive-in masses on Sunday allow us to share the mass with everyone who wants to come.

When the guidelines from the CDC and the Archdiocese change, what we are able to do will change.

Until then, we will continue to have drive-in masses on Sundays.

I am open to other ideas. I could celebrate another mass on Saturday at 7pm, or a Sunday morning at 7:30am in the church. We would need to have enough volunteers for the team of lectors, ushers, sacristans, and altar servers for this. If you have ideas, please contact me so we can talk about them.

Celebrating Sunday masses in the church with all the pews filled would make me happy, and I pray that we will be able to do that soon.

Reverend Carlos Vargas



***Join our Earth Day team and help keep Gilmer Beautiful!***

***\*\*This is an outdoor activity!!***

On Saturday, April 24th, Good Samaritan Church will have a team of volunteers who will help with the Gilmer County Great American Clean-up from 9am—12 pm. Join us as we support our community and lend a hand to spruce up our streets, parks, and neighborhoods. All activity will be outdoors, we will stay in teams, and we will be provided supplies.

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

### **Altar Society**

Ann DeStefano..... 770-354-2009

### **Building/Grounds**

Curt Welch..... 404-915-5112

### **Eucharistic Ministers/Lectors/Ushers**

Susan Shaw..... 706-276-1692

### **Eucharist to Homebound**

Susan Shaw..... 706-276-1692

or [sjs3@ellijay.com](mailto:sjs3@ellijay.com)

### **Eucharistic Guardians (Adoration)**

Carole Fay..... 706-889-0727

### **Hospitality**

Sue Hughes .....404-401-6141

### **Knights of Columbus-Grand Knight**

Jack Planchard .....770-329-0390

### **Music Director**

Ray Crock, Jr. .... 770-334-3825

### **Prison Ministry**

Elise Demboski..... 770-856-7138

### **Religious Ed (CCD)**

Cristal Landaverde.....706-889-1786

### **Spanish Ministry**

Ramon & Eladia Nieves 706-273-9323

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

Don Hyde.....706-636-7837

### **Youth Group**

Erick Palacios

### **Funeral Committee**

Susan Shaw [sjs3@ellijay.com](mailto:sjs3@ellijay.com)

706-276-1692

**Consider joining a ministry  
and being a volunteer  
in your parish family!  
WE NEED YOU!!**

### ***Second Collections***

***Our second collection this weekend is for our Building Fund, which is helping to pay for our new parish meeting space and parking area at 218 Spring St.***

***Next weekend, our second collection is for our parish Saint Vincent DePaul Society.***

### ***New Parishioners***

To register, call or email the church office. Registration forms are also available on our website and can be returned by mail, email or fax, or can be dropped in the offertory.

**SVDP HELPLINE  
706-636-7837**