



GOOD SAMARITAN
CATHOLIC CHURCH

welcome home

55 Church Street • Ellijay GA 30540

4th Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021



Did you know? Saint Francis of Assisi was the first person that came up with the Christmas Creche in 1223 in Greccio in modern day Italy. He found a cave and brought a donkey and an ox to replicate what he saw during a pilgrimage to Bethlehem. Overtime, lambs were added. All three of these animals can be validated by scripture at the time of his birth. Isaiah 1:3 tells us, "An ox knows its owner, and a donkey its master's manger, *But* Israel does not know, My people do not understand." New American Bible [Revised Edition].

Jesus is referred to as the Lamb of God in the New Testament no less than six times [John 1:29, Revelations 6:16, 12:11, 17:14, 21:27, 22:3]. The Angels of the Lord told the shepherds of the birth of Christ and they went quickly to see the Christ child and they spread the news of his birth [Luke 2:15-20]. The youngest son of the family was typically the shepherd of the family. It would be safe to assume that the shepherds would bring at least more vulnerable lambs with them to safeguard them from human and wild beast predators, just like our Savior would do for us.

Thank you to Gerald Hodge and our Genesis 1 Team for the lesson!

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INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday	December 18, 2021
4pm	+Debby Queen
6pm	All Priests
Sunday	December 19, 2021
9am	+Bill Loftus
11am	+June Fleeger
1pm	People of Good Samaritan
Monday	December 20, 2021
9am	For our parish family
Tuesday	December 21, 2021
5pm	Communion Service
7pm	Communion Service
Wednesday	December 22, 2021
9am	Communion Service
Friday	December 24, 2021
5pm	+June Fleeger
7pm	Paul & Betsy Schueth
Saturday	December 25, 2021
10am	Good Samaritan Parish
4pm	Good Samaritan Parish
6pm	Good Samaritan Parish
Sunday	December 26, 2021
9am	Sharon Williamson
11am	People of Good Samaritan
1pm	All Souls in Purgatory

**To schedule mass intentions,
call the office at 706-636-2772**



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HELP AND HEALING. THERE IS HOPE.

We are here to listen and take action.
The Archdiocese of Atlanta has a
24-hour hotline to report abuse or
victimization by someone representing
the Catholic Church.

Archdiocesan 24-hour
Abuse Reporting Hotline:
1-888-437-0764

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
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Confessions

**Saturday 3:00 before mass
Or by appointment**

**Good Samaritan
Church Office**

**Monday—Friday, 10am– 2pm
Or by appointment
Office (706) 636-2772
goodsamaritanlij@gmail.com**

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please pray for Gladys Long, Bobby Hussian,
Scotty Weaver, Brendan Carstensen,
Joe Winkler, Jack Slep, Pat Swinamer,
Dorothy Weisman, and Kathy Weaver,
Brooke Turner, Susan Kirkpatrick.
Call the office or send an email to add a name to the prayer list.



Offertory

Archbishop's 2021 Annual Appeal

December 4 & 5, 2021
Offertory..... \$5,354.00
Online giving.....\$3,092.00

Our Goal \$24,800.00
Total Pledged to date ..\$24,422.00
Amount Received\$23,669.50

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Amazing! WE are so close to reaching our goal for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal!! YOU have done an amazing job with your response and commitment. Can you help us just a little more?

Second Collections

Our 2nd collection this weekend is for our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. They use these funds to assist Gilmer County residents in need.

Next weekend, Dec 25-26, the second collection is for our Building Fund. Our Building Fund is used to pay for the purchase of the house next to the office, the Elie House. We use this house for meetings and for visiting priests to stay with us.

THANK YOU ...

...for the volunteers who coordinated, cooked, and cleaned up
for our Christmas Breakfast
...for the volunteers who helped out at our parish workday
...for the volunteers who clean our church and hall every
week, and for those who care for the grounds & buildings.
...for those who were able to fulfill a child's wish by purchasing
gifts for the Angel tags this year.



Want to skip the envelopes and give online?

Online giving is available for our offertory and second collections. You can make a one-time donation or sign up for recurring donations (automatic payments either weekly or monthly) It's easy! Go to our website and click on the box that says "DONATE ONLINE" or go to <https://goodsamaritanellijay.churchgiving.com>

Changes in phone numbers or addresses??

Giving statements will be mailed in January. Did you have any changes in your address, telephone numbers or email address? Please update the office by email or phone, or drop a note in the offertory and we will update our records. Thank you!

SVDP HELPLINE 706-636-7837

**SVdP offers "walk-in"
assistance on the 1st & 3rd
Tuesdays of each month
From 11am-12noon in the Parish Hall**



December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Our Lady of Guadalupe 12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mass 9am English Mass 11am English Mass 1pm Spanish	Daily Mass 9am	Communion Services 5pm English 7pm Spanish	Communion Service 9am		Adoration 9am-4:45pm Communion Service 5pm	Mass 4pm English Mass 6pm Spanish
19	20	21	22	23	24	Christmas Mass 10am 25
Mass 9am English Mass 11am English Mass 1pm Spanish	Communion Service 9am	Communion Services 5pm English 7pm Spanish	Communion Service 9am		Christmas Vigils 5pm English 7pm English	Sunday Vigils Mass 4pm English Mass 6pm Spanish
26	27	28	29	30	31	January 1, 2022
Mass 9am English Mass 11am English Mass 1pm Spanish	Daily Mass 9am	Mass 5pm English Mass 7pm Spanish	Daily Mass 9am		Mass 5pm Vigil Solemnity of Mary	Mass 10am English Sunday Vigils Mass 4pm English Mass 6pm Spanish

1. Christmas falls on a Saturday this year. Attend mass on Friday evening or Saturday morning for Christmas, & Saturday evening or Sunday morning for Sunday.
2. January 1st is the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Friday night and Saturday morning masses are for the Holy Day.

Bethlehem Peace Light comes to Good Samaritan



What starts as a small flame from the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the site of Jesus' birth, spreads person to person across the world with the message of promoting peace, harmony and unity. This is the story of the **Bethlehem Peace Light**. Good Samaritan Catholic Church has participated in this wonderful Christmas tradition for several years, as a result of an ecumenical outreach started by Pastor David Smedley and our friends at Hope Lutheran Church in 2019.

The Peace Light comes from oil lamps in the basement of the Church of the Nativity and they have been continuously lit for more than 1,000 years. The Peace light is spread throughout all of Europe and North and South America largely with the help of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

This year, the Peace Light will be shared with other local churches at a brief ceremony at 1:45PM on Saturday December 18, 2021, at Good Samaritan. The flame will remain in our Church and available for parishioners to light their own candles from and take home or share with others. **Merry Christmas!**

Virtus Course at Good Samaritan (English) January 15, 2022 10am -1pm. Register online at www.virtus.org

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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