



*Two Parishes,
One Family*



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RECONCILIATION:

5:00-6:00pm Tues. and Thurs. or by appt.

MASS TIMES – HOLY DAYS:

Vigil-5:30pm; 6:00am, 8:15am (school year)
and 5:30pm

ADORATION:

6:30am-4:00pm Fridays in the Chapel

PARISH OFFICE:

Open M-F 8:00AM-3:00PM
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Organists:
Richard Jones,
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Lynn Anderson

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week of 1/29/24-2/4/24
Offertory: \$ 5,092.00



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Week of 1/29/24-2/4/24
Sunday 2/4/24: \$3,722.71
Mailed in: \$298.00
Online: \$9,814.14
Total: \$13,834.85

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Black & Indian Missions
Feb. 18, 2024

February 11, 2024 | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

DAY	DATE	WHERE	WHEN	INTENTIONS
Sat.,	Feb 3	St. Joan	4:00pm	Lori Provost (d)
Sun.,	Feb 4	St. Mary's	6:00am	
		St. Joan	8:30am	Sister Mary Brendan (d)
		St. Mary's	9:30am	Parishioners of St. Mary's
		St. Mary's	11:30am	Elsie Kersh (d)
Mon.,	Feb 5	St. Mary's	NO MASS	
Tues.,	Feb 6	St. Mary's	6:00am	Ruth Gaetz (d)
Wed.,	Feb 7	St. Mary's	6:00am	
Thurs.,	Feb 8	St. Mary's	6:00am	
Fri.,	Feb 9	St. Mary's	6:00am	Jean Rathle (d)



PLEASE PRAY FOR *the Sick*

Christy Blackmon,
Hoagy

Kearns, Janet Pierre, Kathy Wall, Ann Schillings, Karen Clark Andrews, Michael Newburn, Milton Days, Betty Spotswood, Frances Arata, Daniel Lawrence, George Finkbohner, Anne Hall, Laura Cummings, Felice Lomangino, Philip Tapia, Preston Griffith, Karen Johnson, Sandra Edwards, Mary Lou Noletto, Sandi Clark, Guillermo Herrera, Marsena Walsh, Douglas Laird, Bill Klein, Idella Lang, Claire Morrow, Richard Harrington, Carolyn Harrington, Jim Fibbe, Mary Davis Rutledge, Sr. Mary Agnes Nagle, Doris Reed, Westey and Kathleen Hurst, Susan Thornton, Carolyn Simmons, Virgil Graham, Joe Kenny, Kate Myers, Sr. Elizabeth Ann Cannon, Wendy Makiwn, Sharon Laird, Elizabeth Vannees, John Johnson, Louise McPherson, Jackson Johnson, Carol Rathle, Angelle Nagle, Judy Daly, Derise Smith, Geri Barnett, Adele Kearns, Viola Henderson, Eva Haustein, James LeGrone, Coach Phillips Murphy, Nancy Anderson



PLEASE PRAY FOR *the Deceased*

Jean Rathle and
Lori Provost

PRAYER GROUP

WOMEN'S ROSARY GROUP

The WOSM Rosary Group meets twice each month in the Chapel, on the 1st Saturday at 8:30am This group is led by Alexis Talbott. The next meeting is **Sat., March 2.**



Registration IS NOW OPEN!



SCHOLARS
AND LEADERS
IN FAITH

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL focuses on the development of the whole child, meeting the spiritual, intellectual, physical and emotional needs of our children. We provide a diverse yet richly Catholic learning experience for your child, from six weeks old all the way through 8th grade. Come see what St. Mary's has to offer!

Please contact St. Mary Catholic School Office at (251) 433-9904 for more information or visit stmarymobile.org to schedule a personal visit.

Scan here to learn more about St. Mary's and sign up for your tour!



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at the 9:30AM Sunday Mass welcomes children ages 3-8. They'll be led to the chapel for the Liturgy of the Word, to return to their pews after bringing up the gifts at the Offertory.

CCD CLASSES meet on Sundays from 10:30-11:20 in the St. Mary's School building. Please contact Steve Dolan at sdolan@stmarymobile.org for inquiries.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets in the Youth Building at 111 N. Lafayette St. at 12:30 to play games and eat pizza together. At 1:30, the girls and boys separate for their own focus groups, led by Elizabeth Rafferty and Fr. Vrazel.

CALLING ALL 6TH AND 7TH GRADERS!

DAHLONEGA, GA

CAMP HIDDEN LAKE

JUNE 3-8, 2024

LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR CAMP FEBRUARY 15TH

Sign up now for Camp Hidden Lake, open to all current 6th-7th graders. \$100 deposit and waivers are due to secure your spot. **ONLY 10 SPOTS LEFT!** Contact Laurel Wallace to reserve your spot by **FEBRUARY 15th!**

EVENTS

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Fr. Stephen Vrazel will be offering a Bible study from 5:00pm-6:00pm in the Rectory during Lent, on Sundays: Feb. 25, March 3, 10 & 17. All are welcome to attend.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Mark your calendar for St. Joan of Arc's St. Patrick's Day Dinner, on March 17th in the Hall of Angels from 6:00pm-8:00pm. The festive dinner will feature traditional a Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, (Chicken Fingers for the kids), drinks and dessert. Watch the bulletin for more details, to include cost!

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR

Mark your calendar for St. Mary's celebration of St. Joseph's Altar, on Tuesday, March 19th in the St. Mary's gym. In this annual celebration, parishioners bring symbolic foods to the Altar to share. Irish AND Italian foods are welcome to celebrate St. Patrick and St. Joseph since the feast days are so close to one another. Donations and non-perishable goods will be collected to support the poor of our community.

ST. MARY CONFIRMATION CLASS meets next on Wednesday, Mar. 6, at 7:00PM in the Church. The Confirmation retreat is coming up on April 20, look for more details at the class meeting.

RCIA CLASSES meet on Thursdays from 7PM-8PM in the church for any adults interested in learning more about or joining the Catholic faith. Please contact the parish office at (251) 432-8678 for more information.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Save these important dates!
First Communion Parent Meeting: Monday, Feb. 19th, 6:00pm in the Church
First Communion Interviews: April 9-12, 16-19, *more details to come*
First Holy Communion: May 5th, 3:00pm in the Church



THE ADVENTURE AWAITS.

MOSJ OUTBACK

FRI., MAR 1-SUN., MAR 3

The Men of St. Joseph Outback Weekend is about building, restoring,

and strengthening relationships. A spirit-filled, adventurous weekend retreat designed to give parents and teens, husband and wives, and engaged couples a practical strategy for daily living, focused on their relationship with God, their family, friends, the Church, and community. Includes the celebration of Mass, Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**CAMP GRACE
MOBILE, AL**

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GUIDELINES FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal a day. On that day two smaller meals maybe also taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have reached their 14th year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 13 Ash Wednesday

Ashes distributed at:

6:00am, 8:10am Mass

5:30pm (Vespers—not a Mass)

Feb. 16 Stations of the Cross

5:30pm in the Church

5:30pm Fish Fry!

-7:30pm In the SMS Gym

Feb. 18 First Communion Parents Mtg.

6:00pm in the church

Feb. 23 Stations of the Cross

5:30pm in the Church

5:30pm Fish Fry!

-7:30pm in the SMS gym

Mar. 1 Stations of the Cross

5:30pm in the Church

5:30pm Fish Fry!

-7:30pm in the SMS gym

Mar. 6 Confirmation Class

7:00pm in the Church

Mar. 8 Stations of the Cross

5:30pm in the Church

5:30pm Fish Fry!

-7:30pm in the SMS Gym

Mar. 13 Marriage Night

6:00pm Location TBD

Mar. 17 St. Partick's Day Dinner

6:00pm–8:00pm
St. Joan of Arc
Hall of Angels

Mar. 19 St. Joseph's Altar

5:30pm Pasta Dinner, school gym

Mar. 8 Stations of the Cross

5:30pm in the Church

5:30pm Fish Fry!

-7:30pm in the SMS Gym

Sun. Mar 24 Palm Sunday

6:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am Masses

Wed. Mar 27 SMS Living Stations of

6:00pm the Cross, in the Church

Thurs. Mar 28 Holy Thursday

10:00am SMS Living Stations of
the Cross

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:30pm–Adoration at the

Midnight Repository

Fri. Mar 29 Good Friday

3:00pm Passion Liturgy

6:30pm Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Tenebrae

Sat. Mar 30 Holy Saturday

9:00am Tenebrae

3:00pm Confessions

8:00pm Easter Vigil

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GOSPEL MEDITATION (©LPi)

Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don't tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, **"If you will it, you can make me clean."** At this, just before the healing, Jesus was **"moved with compassion."** The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to "his bowels and guts trembled

with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love." In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it feels like to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will *feel what we are feeling*, and thereby heal us. — *Father John Muir*



SUNDAY BRUNCH SOCIAL

We will not have a Sunday brunch this weekend because of the Mardi Gras festivities but everyone is welcome to join us next weekend following the Sunday morning Mass. Thank you to all who prepare this wonderful social. Please contact the office or Helena Smith if you would like to be put on a brunch team.

Schedule:

2/11/24: No Social – Joe Cain Day/

Mardi Gras

2/18/24: Kathleen Gerard, BJ

Robertson

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Thank you to all who participated in the year's Catholic Charities Appeal. So far our pledges total \$28,198.12! It is not too late to turn in your pledge – envelopes are in the pew or text "CCA" to 91999 for a link.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

To sign up please email mjbsjacop@gmail.com

LENTEN REMINDERS

Plan to join us for Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 14th at noon. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics, age 14 and older, on all Fridays during Lent. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday – 1 full meal and 2 small collations (over age 60 are exempt).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome our new parishioners Sharee & Karl Broussard and Shayla & Vincent Jackson. We truly hope you find our community friendly and welcoming. Please plan take advantage of some of the opportunities to share your talents and get involved. If you are a visitor at St. Joan of Arc and would like to join our parish, please fill out a welcome envelope or call the office.