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## PARISH OFFICE

Monday through Thursday

10 AM - 2 PM

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 5 PM *Vigil Mass*

**Sunday:** 8:30 AM; 11 AM

**Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat:** 9 AM

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## ADORATION & ROSARY

Monday through Thursday

8:00AM—8:45AM

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## DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Saturday 8:30 AM

Sunday 8:00 AM

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## RECONCILIATION

**Monday -Thursday** after Mass

**Saturday:** 10 AM & 4 PM

Or by appointment

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## BAPTISM & MATRIMONY

Contact Deacon Greg

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sharon Cook (706) 297-8344

Jessica Burger (904) 219-1129

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## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Greg Ollick (404) 918-7472

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*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*August 16, 2020*



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## Mass Schedule & Intentions

- SAT: 8/15 Vigil Mass, 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**5:00 PM– Helgeland Family (L)**  
*~given by Eileen Helgland*
- SUN: 8/16 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**8:30 AM - Sharon Cook (L) ~given by June Webb**  
**Confirmation Candidates**  
**11:00 AM - Ancestors of Mrs. Phuong Vu Family**
- MON: 8/17 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Weekday**  
**9:00 AM- Alexander Diệm Sỹ Hồ (D)**  
*~given by Mr. Thế Phạm*
- TUES: 8/18 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Weekday**  
**9:00 AM– Giuse Kỳ Đào (D)**  
*~given by Nguyệt Đào*
- WED: 8/19 Saint John Eudes, Priest**  
**9:00 AM– Grace Loidolt (D)**  
*~given by Pat & Bob Defenbaugh*
- THUR: 8/20 Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church**  
**9:00 AM - Man Cheong Li (D)**  
*~given by Cynthia & Derrick Li*
- SAT: 8/22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**9:00 AM - Poor Souls (D)**  
*~given by Mrs. Lan & Mr. Thang Nguyen*

### Mass Intentions

Remember your loved ones, both living and deceased, by Mass Intention offerings. Please see Christa to schedule or complete the available envelopes in the Sacristy and place

### HELP MAKE OUR ALTAR BEAUTIFUL

Envelopes are available in the Narthex for parishioners to donate Altar flowers in memory or honor of their loved ones. Please place in the collection basket or give to an usher or Father.



### Offertory/Contributions

#### Weekend of Aug. 9th, 2020



Weekly Budget	\$ 2,300.00
Offertory	\$ 2,384.00
Building Fund	\$ 95.00

*Thank-you for your contributions!*

The counters for this week are Nancy Williamson, Flora Butler & Connie Tirico.



*Please keep the following people in your prayers:*

Carl Dowell, Joe Franzmathes, Laura Barnett, June Webb, Barbara Watson, Susan Alexander, Tony Argento, Bill Bisig & Barbara Bisig, Barbara Wetzel, Sharon Cook, G.K. Meier, Carla Watson, Carol Womack & Baby Leo

If you want to submit an individual for Prayer Intentions, please contact Christa (706-886-2819). Update Christa at least every four weeks if you wish to continue with community prayers.

## Parish Ministries

### Finance Committee:

Bob Defenbaugh, 706-244-0795

### Parish Council:

Dave Slezcick, 706-779-1833

### Ladies of St Mary's:

Open Position

### Religious Education Co-directors:

Sharon Cook, 706 297-8344

Jessica Burger, 904-219-1129

### Knights of Columbus:

David DePaul, 706-963-8000

### Maintenance Committee:

Larry Barbour, 706 244-1410

### Bulletin Editor:

Christa O'Barr, [stmarystoccoa@gmail.com](mailto:stmarystoccoa@gmail.com)

### Multi-purpose Building Committee:

Steve Dessauer, 706 201-1185

### Extraordinary Ministers/Lectors Coordinator:

Deanna Holmer, 706 297-7493

### Offertory Tabulators (Counters):

Nancy Williamson

### Vietnamese Ministry:

Tony Vu, 706-599-4278

### God's Housekeepers:

LaVerne Tilley, 706-886-5691

### St. Mary's Capital Campaign:

Dave Slezcick, 706-779-1833

### Adult Faith Formation & Christian Initiation (RCIA):

Deacon Greg Ollick, (404) 918-7472

(Additional info on [ALL](#) ministries can be found on our website.)

## Pope Francis' prayer intention for August

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

## Help End the Injustice of Abortion

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion. It is observed September 23<sup>rd</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup> through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and peaceful all-day vigils in front of abortion businesses. 40 days is a timeframe God consistently uses throughout salvation history to transform His people.

The crisis of abortion is enormous – a tragedy of epidemic proportions!!! It is the leading cause of death in the world, taking an estimated 40 million lives every year. Did you know that in our country abortion clinics are primarily placed near or in neighborhoods of color? It is our duty as Catholics and Christians to bring this tragic injustice to an end.

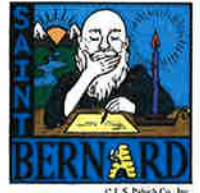
Since the first coordinated 40 Days for Life campaign took place in 2007, they have reached over 1000 cities in 63 countries. 17,226 lives have been saved through the 40 days for Life program. Behind these numbers are numerous individual stories. Personal accounts of volunteers, abortion survivors, and pro-life advocates can be read at the following internet site: <40daysforlife.com>. Consider supporting this most worthy cause and, more importantly, observe the 40 days with prayer and fasting and possibly joining a vigil in front of an abortion clinic!

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon:** Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22  
**Tues:** Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30  
**Wed:** Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16  
**Thurs:** Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14  
**Fri:** Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40  
**Sat:** Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12  
**Sun:** Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

## Saint Bernard

Numerous young men responded to Saint Bernard's personal invitation to the monastic life, including one who became Pope Eugene III. His fervent preaching earned him the title Doctor of the Church.



## REMINDER

The Novena in honor of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is prayed August 15<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was published in last weeks bulletin.



**Observe what is right, do what is just;  
 for my salvation is about to come,  
 my justice, about to be revealed.  
 — Isaiah 56:1**

## SPECIAL PAPAL BLESSING

Special Wedding Anniversary Papal Blessing for the couples who are members of St. Mary's Toccoa, and who would like to celebrate their 25th, 50th, 60th, 70th ... Wedding Anniversary— A Parchment certificate will be ordered from Rome as a gift to honor your Marriage. Please contact Christa for detail.



## Capital Campaign Update

The Capital Campaign will start up again this fall. Let's pray our St. Mary's Religious Education and Parish Life Center will be a reality in the near future. "Our Time is Now, Let's Grow Together". We plan two kick off meetings early fall, one after the Saturday Vigil and one between the Sunday 8:30 and 11:00 Masses, with refreshments provided. We will keep you posted on our plans. Please continue your charitable contributions for this most worthy cause.

## Parish Council

St. Mary's Parish Council met August 6th and the following officers were elected: Dave Slezcick, Chairman; Deacon Greg Ollick, Vice-Chairman; and Deanna Holmer, Secretary. It was agreed that council meetings will be held the first Thursday of every month at 6:00PM, and are open to all parishioners.

The Council's Constitution was distributed to all those present along with a Council Flow Chart of committees and subcommittees, and brief descriptions of unfilled subcommittees. It was agreed that some committees required restructuring and subcommittees need to be moved, and will be reviewed by the officers.

Council members were asked to review the constitution and provide additional subcommittee descriptions. It was noted that we need more Vietnamese participation in the committees and subcommittees.

## FEARLESS AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, a Doctor of the Church, wrote that “good people have nothing to fear at the hour of their death. If God holds them in his loving hands, who will be able to snatch them from him? It is true that the powers of darkness (Satan and the evil spirits) try to tempt and attack even saints at the hour of death. But it is also true that God continues to offer help, and even increases his graces for his faithful servants at this dangerous hour.”

Just as Elisha (in 2 Kings 6:15-16) told Donothan, when surrounded by enemy, “Do not be afraid, for there are more of us than there are with them.” Saint Alphonsus Liguori states “so it is with Christians who face death. The devil will come to tempt them, but their guardian angels will come to strengthen them. Their patron saints and protectors will come also, as well as Saint Michael the Archangel whom God has appointed as the defender of his faithful servants at the time of their death. The Blessed Virgin Mary will also come to protect her children who so often prayed to her for help “now and at the hour of our death.”

We Catholics have another very valuable weapon, the Anointing of the Sick, available in times of illness and in danger of death. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1514) states “the Anointing of the Sick is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived”. “If a sick person who received this anointing recovers his health, he can in case of another grave illness receive this sacrament again. If during the same illness the person’s condition becomes more serious, the sacrament can be repeated. It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation. The same holds for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced. (1515).

Saint Alphonsus Liguori finally states, “above all, Jesus himself will come to protest against all temptations those innocent or repentant sheep for whose salvation he died on the cross. He will give them the courage and strength they need in that last struggle. Full of courage, then, the Christian can say: **The Lord is my light and my salvation; who shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom should I be afraid** (Psalm 27:1)

(Taken from: Magnificat, August 2020, Vol 22, No 6 pp. 25-26; and Catechism of the Catholic Church, Second Edition, pp. 379)



## WHAT IS A NOVENA

In Christianity, a Novena is a term designating a spiritual devotion consisting of the recitation of a set form of prayer for nine consecutive days. Novena's are said as petitions for divine favor for in preparation for a liturgical feast (such as the Assumption of Mary) or as participation in an important event such as the 40 Days for Life described in this bulletin.



Petition Novenas are those directed to God or to a Saint, asking for their intervention, a signal or any other type of help. Indulgence Novenas are those prayed for the remission of sins. These Novenas are prayed as an act of Penance for previously committed sins. They are usually done as a compliment to the Sacrament of Confession and to the assistance to Mass. Anticipation Novenas are prayed before or after a funeral asking for the well-being of the person who died or for the comfort of those who are distressed because of their dear one's loss.

It is best to pray a Novena at least once a day over the course of nine days. Choose a time of day to recite your Novena prayer. It is suggested you pray your Novena at the same time each day so you do not forget.

## Vietnamese Corner

Mến Chào Quý Ông Bà Và Anh Chi Em trong Chúa Kitô,  
Hiện nay có nhiều đồng hương Việt Nam của chúng ta đến tham dự Thánh Lễ 11am tại Giáo Xứ Thánh Mẫu Maria. Đây là điều đáng mừng cho Cộng Đoàn tại Giáo Xứ "Saint Mary's Toccoa" nói chung, và cũng là niềm vui của người Việt ở Toccoa cách riêng. Chúng ta hãy đón chào các Anh Chi Em đến tham dự Thánh Lễ từ các nơi xa ngoài thị trấn Toccoa.

Vì nhu cầu phụng vụ Thánh Lễ mà Con đã trình bày sau mỗi cuối Lễ cuối tuần, và cũng chia sẻ với một vài trưởng nhóm của các ban ngành trong Giáo Xứ, Con tha thiết mời gọi mọi người hãy hy sinh và đóng góp tích cực vào chương trình phụng vụ riêng cho tiếng Việt. Hiện Chúng ta cần các Em giúp lễ, người đọc sách, hướng dẫn viên, ca viên, nhạc công ... Đồng thời Cha Cũng khuyến khích các Thanh Thiếu Niên ghi danh giúp đọc Sách Thánh bằng Tiếng Anh và tiếng Việt. (bilingual). Mong rằng trong tương lai, chúng ta sẽ có Lễ cho giới trẻ và gia đình (family Mass, and Praise & Worship)

Con nghĩ rằng nếu chúng ta lập ra ban thường vụ cho người Việt, thì Chúng ta có thể làm việc dễ dàng hơn và cùng đồng hành với giáo dân Mỹ, mà họ luôn tha thiết mời gọi chúng ta cùng đồng hành với họ trong cánh đồng tuyền giáo và trong các chương trình phụng vụ.

Con Sẽ nhờ Soeur Anna Nguyễn T. Ngọc Oanh, Sắp xếp và liên lạc với Quý Ông Bà và Anh Chị Em trong giáo xứ để ghi danh vào các chương trình mục vụ và phụng vụ.

Chúng ta hãy cầu nguyện và xin ơn Chúa Thánh Thần soi sáng và tăng thêm lòng yêu mến đối với Chúa, để rồi chúng ta có thể hy sinh mà phục vụ dân chúa với tinh thần sống đạo và hiệp nhất trong Chúa Giêsu Kitô.

Xin Thánh Cả Giuse và Mẹ Maria trợ giúp Chúng ta,

**Tôi tớ của Chúa Giêsu,**

**LM 'Henry' Phạm M Thắng Toccoa,**

## ATTENTION

There are many lovely gifts available for relatives and friends to purchase for the children receiving the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist and for teens receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please contact Pat Defenbaugh at 706-244-1316. Buying gifts for these young ones in the coming weeks will also support The Ladies of St. Mary's with the proceeds.

## A Reminder to all Liturgical Ministers and volunteers

Please, take an assignment Schedule home!

You may Inform Mrs. Deanna, or look for someone else - to substitute you in case you cannot fulfill your assigned ministry: sacristans, Lectors, Altar servers, etc.

## FORMED

Be sure to sign-up for your subscription to FORMED, donated to St. Marys with grant funds from the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia. Flyers with instructions for accessing the FORMED internet site are

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The following children will receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist Sunday, August 30th at the 8:30 AM Mass: Rachel Burger, Isaac Helgeland, Francis Nguyễn, Nathan Wood, Olivia Grace Pendergrast, Victoria Vu & Jesse Lovell.

Please contact Mrs. Jessica Burger for further information or questions.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are planning for Religious Education for the upcoming year please the complete the registration form at <<https://forms.gle/VKuGJ6GP8e2LMDvo6>>



The form is also available on the website. Please complete as soon as possible so that the correct amount of materials may be ordered. If you have questions please contact

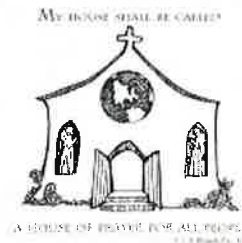
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## WHY PRAY?

The "foreigners" as Isaiah calls them, the "Gentiles" as Paul calls them, or the "Canaanites" as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer.

As we listen to today's readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the

opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely "knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend," but also to "break, blow, burn, and make me new" (Holy Sonnets, XIV). It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, "Knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today's Gospel, the results will follow.



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