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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

ADORATION & ROSARY

Monday to Thursday, & Saturday
8:00AM—8:45AM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Saturday 8:30 AM
Sunday 8:00 AM

RECONCILIATION

Monday -Thursday after Mass
Saturday: 10 AM & 4 PM
Or by appointment

BAPTISM & MATRIMONY

Contact Deacon Greg

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sharon Cook (706) 297-8344
Jessica Burger (904) 219-1129

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Greg Ollick (404) 918-7472

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary

October 11, 2020



**Through the greatness of God's love, we have access
to his house; let us give thanks and praise!**

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

- SAT: 10/10 Vigil Mass, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 5:00 PM- Barbara Dover (D)
 ~given by Ken & Jan Dover
- SUN: 10/11 28th Week in Ordinary Time**
 8:30 AM - John Le Van Hau (D)
 ~given by Dao Nguyen
- 11:00 AM - Jessica Williamson (L)
 ~given by Nancy Williamson
- Giuse Hường Trần (D)**
 ~given by Pham T. Yen & Cong
- MON: 10/12 28th Weekday in Ordinary Time**
 9:00 AM- Thanksgiving (L)
 ~given by Luạ Thị Vũ
- TUES: 10/13 28th Weekday in Ordinary Time**
 9:00 AM- Giuse Triều V. Nguyễn (D)
 ~given by Thom T. Năm
- WED: 10/14 Saint Callistus I, Pope, Martyr**
 9:00 AM- Gioan (D)
 ~given by Đệ
- THUR: 10/15 Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church**
 9:00 AM - Giuse Châu V. Đồng (D)
 ~given by Trang & Định
- SAT: 10/17 Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr**
 9:00 AM - Anna (D)
 ~given by Đinh Bá Công

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 Narthex and place in the offertory basket.

Offertory/Contributions

Weekend of October 4th, 2020



Weekly Budget	\$ 2,300.00
Offertory	\$ 3,346.62
Building Fund	\$ 1,942.52

Thank-you for your contributions!

The counters for this week are: David Faucett, Mary Beverly & Flora Butler.



*Please keep the following people
in your prayers:*

Joe Franzmathes, Laura Barnett, June Webb,
 Sharon Cook, Carol Womack, Nancy Cash
 White, The Mark Gearhart Family & Eddie Hallford

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.

Please notify the church office or Gerri Chalk of a sick loved one or homebound wanting/needing Holy Communion

Parish Ministries

Finance Committee:

Paul Sobel, 770-313-1110

Parish Council:

Dave Slezcick, 706-779-1833

Ladies of St Mary:

Maggie Rousseau, 770-982-0001

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Sharon Cook, 706 297-8344

Jessica Burger, 904-219-1129

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David DePaul, 706-963-8000

Maintenance Committee:

Larry Barbour, 706 244-1410

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Christa O'Barr, stmarystoccoa@gmail.com

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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 October

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

In attendance: Fr. Henry Pham, Deacon Greg Ollick, Dave Slezcick, Deanna Holmer, Nancy Williamson, Richard Chalk, Steve Dessauer, Jessica Burger, Tony Vu, and Quyen Ha.

Fr. Henry opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes were reviewed by members. Correction to minutes; change wording of b. Filled by the Pastor to be Filled by the Pastor's appointee. Richard made motion to approve minutes as corrected, approved.

Unfinished Business

The parish council constitution updates were discussed. Nancy Williamson made motion to accept, approved. The amendment shall read as the following.

Article V Section 5

Any vacancy, other than the Pastor, occurring on the Council by reason of resignation, death, or disqualification of any member shall be:

- a. Filled by the nominee with the next greatest number of votes from the past election, or
- b. Filled by the Pastor's appointee.

Paul Sobel will replace Bob Defenbaugh on the Parish Council and as head of the Finance Committee.

Vacant positions on the flow chart were clarified with job description and discussed possible candidates for those positions. Updated flow chart will be distributed to members.

New Business

Dave asked that all committee heads contact their sub-committee heads and be ready to have a report to present next meeting.

Richard Chalk brought up the subject of needing to replace the aging organ the church and asked what procedure he would need to follow to see this matter is addressed. Richard had a figure of \$15,000 for an estimate to replace organ. This item is needed to be brought before the finance committee. Richard will do some further research and will be invited to the next finance meeting to present.

Committee Reports

Report from Jessica Burger on state of Religious Education. Classes will begin September 20th and because of the COVID risk, classes will be held on alternating weekends. Materials have been ordered; Pflaum Weeklies Curriculum will be utilized. Also, supplemented information from Formed. At this time, it is projected that there will be approximately 40 students in the program this year, Pre-K through and including Confirmation.

Dave reported on the Capital Campaign, that there will be a Kick-off campaign September 26 & 27. It will include refreshments.

Steve Dessauer gave his report on the building committee. He informed the council that on September 18th he and Tony Vu would be replacing the ceiling tiles in the church.

Fr. Henry closed the meeting with the parish prayer.

Next meeting will be October 1st 6:00pm.

MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

Pope Francis calls the rosary a "simple contemplative prayer, accessible to all, great and small, the educated and those with little education". The Holy Rosary is especially honored throughout the month of October when we turn to the Virgin Mary so that she may guide us to an even closer union with her Son, Jesus.



Please, consider joining us **Monday through Thursday each week at 8:30 AM** before Holy Mass to open ourselves to God while saying this powerful prayer. Mary does answer your prayers – just wait and see!! Pope Francis says, "Each time we pray the Rosary, we are taking a step forward, towards the great destination of life --- Heaven."

GOD REVEALED TO THE NATIONS

What wonderful images we have today of the reign of God! Isaiah speaks to us of a great feast—a heavenly feast—a feast of abundance with rich foods and choice wines. It is the Lord's own affair, Isaiah explains, when God will unite all nations, dry every tear, and destroy death forever. Then, too, will the entire earth rejoice in the Lord and bask in God's saving grace.



Jesus speaks of heaven in terms of a feast as well. Here, the kingdom of heaven is likened to a king's wedding feast given for his son. This is a feast of abundance also, with the fattened cattle prepared just so. But many of the people invited don't want to come, so the king invites anyone who would honor his son by their presence there. And Paul tells us that whether we live abundantly or in humble circumstances, we can do all things in the Lord who strengthens us.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon:** Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
- Tues:** Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41
- Wed:** Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
- Thurs:** Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54
- Fri:** Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
- Sat:** Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12
- Sun:** Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21



OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Please say YES to volunteer for the Capital Campaign! We need volunteers to make phone calls. Please call Dave Slezcicky at (706) 779-1833 to volunteer or ask questions.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Saint Mary Conference members will meet this Tuesday, October 13th at 5PM in the Social Hall. We now have 12 new members and welcome all those who would like to join us. The purpose of St Vincent De-Paul is to empower people, regardless of their background, ethnicity or faith. Our mission is to achieve stability and self-sufficiency by offering financial, material, educational and spiritual support and by collaborating with others to develop and deliver programs and services. For more information please contact Ethan Owenby (706) 599-6815 or Nancy Williamson (706) 886-9554.

Back to School Bash



The Stephens County Sheriff's Office in partnership with Hill Street Baptist Church will host a back to school bash **Sunday, October 11 from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**. It will be located at **Hill Street Baptist Church** Family Life Center parking lot. The address is **151 South Hill Street in Toccoa**. They will jointly have a community drive through where deputies and church members will be giving away pre-packaged bags containing school supplies, junior deputy badges, ink pins, child ID records kit, whistle-flashlight combination for parents, caps, rulers, and many more surprises.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes this Sunday are for pk-1 and 6-7 from 9:40 AM til 10:45 AM



Notice

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for those at risk will remain in place until further notice. We will continue to monitor guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and the Georgia Department of Public Health and make changes as needed. Fr. Henry and I still urge everyone who is able and feels safe to attend Mass and receive Our Lord in Holy Communion. This is as close as we can get to Him this side of heaven.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 11, 2020

THE KING SAID TO HIS SERVANTS, "THE FEAST IS READY,
BUT THOSE WHO WERE INVITED WERE NOT WORTHY TO COME.
GO, THEREFORE, INTO THE MAIN ROADS
AND INVITE TO THE FEAST WHOMEVER YOU FIND."

MATTHEW 22:8-9

Jesus' parable of the king's wedding feast sounds extreme to our modern ears. After all, if a king—a beloved celebrity, say—were to invite us to his son's party, which one of us would refuse, much less murder the messenger? In Matthew's Gospel, the chief priests and elders obstinately refuse to acknowledge Jesus' mission as the anointed Son of God. Today's parable suggests that God will punish this stubbornness by burning their city. The extreme violence of this parable seems to be aimed at Jesus' stubborn first-century audience, but falls short of hitting us.

RESTORING RELATIONSHIPS, BUILDING BRIDGES

Instead of dismissing or quaintly smiling at today's parable, we can let the word of God work in our hearts. Jesus, who is the Word of God, exists in all time and knows each of us intimately. He speaks to us today through this very parable. The king's invitation applies to us. The Creator of the universe calls us, and we must respond. Eternal life is at stake.

Today's liturgy is a rich opportunity to identify the invitation extended by God. The liturgy itself is our collective glimpse into heaven. Perhaps the Lord is calling us to be more attentive to the liturgy, or to enter more deeply into a parish's weekend experience. Or perhaps our liturgical prayer time today will reveal a call to service, an invitation to care intentionally for strangers in need or for people we know. Perhaps, too, we might discern a call to repair brokenness. Most of us do not witness murder or burning cities on a daily basis, but we surely know of relationships in need of repair. Once we hear the invitation to reconcile with others, we can pray for the strength to respond. Instead of ignoring the summons by filling our time with busyness, we can ask the Lord to help us apologize, or forgive, or begin a difficult conversation. "Many are invited," Jesus tells us. He will help us respond.

Today's Readings: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

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SAINT TERESA OF JESUS (1515-1582)

October 15



Let nothing disturb you; let nothing frighten you. Gifted with a passionate spirit, young Teresa dreamed of converting Muslims and becoming a martyr. All things are passing; God never changes. But her mother's death when Teresa was fourteen inspired lifelong devotion to Our Lady, and Teresa entered the Carmelites, Mary's order, despite her father's objections and

her own fragile health. Patience gains everything. Initially, she enjoyed her lax convent's sociability and "busyness," but mystical prayer and John of the Cross's collaboration inspired her to reform the Carmelites. Whoever has God, lacks nothing. To nuns demanding less work and more prayer in the convent schedule, she retorted: "What we really need around here are fewer starry eyes and more strong arms!" God alone is enough! The italicized sentences here are her "Breviary Bookmark," the simple, profound prayer of Teresa, the first woman Doctor of the Church.

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I can do all things in him who strengthens me.

— *Philippians 4:13*

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY



If you would like to have your birthday and/or anniversary announced on WNEG radio/Connie Gaines, please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Questions? Contact Gary Cortellino (678) 360-2545 or garycortel@aol.com

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