



# GOOD SAMARITAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*welcome home*

**55 Church Street ▪ Ellijay, GA 30540**

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

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### Mass Times

Mon. and Wed.: .....9:00 AM  
Tues. and Fri.: ..... 6:00 PM  
Saturday Vigil:..... 5:00 PM  
Sunday: ..... 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

### Misa en Espanol

Martes .....6:30 PM  
Domingo ..... 1:00 PM  
Domingo ..... 6:30 PM

### Eucharistic Adoration

**1st & 3rd Friday of Every Month**  
**9:00 AM to 5:45 PM**

### Confessions

**Saturday 4:00 PM before Mass**  
**or by appointment**

**Good Samaritan Catholic Church Office**  
**10:00 am – 2:00 pm Monday-Thursday**  
**10:00 am – 1:00 pm Friday**

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**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
Patroness of the Americas  
December 12  
Spanish Mass 7 p.m.  
Gilmer Middle School

## Christmas

**Christmas Eve Vigils**  
**Monday December 24**  
6 pm  
7:30 pm (Spanish)  
10 pm  
**Christmas Day Mass**  
**Tuesday December 25**  
11:00 am

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**Tuesday January 1**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**  
**Vigil Masses Monday 12/31**  
6pm  
7:30pm (Spanish)  
**Mass 11 am Tuesday Jan 1**

### We pray to the Lord..For our Community

Debby Queen, Buddy Armstrong, William Rogers, Randy Siko, Nancy Hussian Bambrick, Matthew Curtis, Robert Hughes, (Marsh's son-in-law), Gene White, Keren Clay, Marie Raisig, Cathy Sindon, Margaret Fraley, Shirlene McCormick, (Rich Howard's sister), Anna Berry, Jack Loftus, Ana Elba Bochicchio, Mike Zager, Baby Samuel Garrison, Sarah Flanagan, Liz Schueth, Camille Berry, Justin McGregor, Drew Dappen, Debbie Farr, Mary Mucci, Carol Santangelo, Bryson Stephens, Sean O'Donnell, Emily Keating, Scott Anderson, Kelsey Weyrauch, Emily Springer, John Flynn, Jerry Kernea, Tony Maciejewski, Joyce Myers, Elisabeth Lacedonia, Robert Pachenko, Inge Greenwall, Ed Elie, Margaret Fraley, Steven Richardson, William Kaiser, Samantha Swinamer

## INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

### Saturday - December 8, 2018

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

5: 00PM **Debby Queen**

### Sunday - December 9, 2018

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

9:00AM **Donald Sponholz**  
 + **Colleen Rajk**  
 11:00 AM  
 1:00 PM + **Robert E Long**  
 6:30 PM **People of Good Samaritan**

### Monday - December 10, 2018

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

9:00 AM + **Rita Gutierrez**

### Tuesday - December 11, 2018

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

6:00PM + **Harry Bills**  
 6:30PM **People of Good Samaritan**

### Wednesday - December 12, 2018

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

9:00 AM **Jayden Freeze**

### Thursday-December 13, 2018

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

### Friday - December 14, 2018

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

6:00PM + **Souls in Purgatory**

### Saturday - December 15, 2018

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

5: 00PM + **Colleen Rajk**

### Sunday - December 16, 2018

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

9:00AM + **Carmen A Paz**  
 11:00 AM **Kathryn Carr**  
 1:00 PM + **Souls in Purgatory**  
 6:30 PM **People of Good Samaritan**

If you have information to be published in the bulletin, contact Judy at 706-636-2772 or [gsam@etcmail.com](mailto:gsam@etcmail.com). Parish news is always welcome. All items to be published must be received by noon, **nine** days prior to bulletin publication.

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

To report abuse by church personnel: 888-437-0764  
 Archdiocese of Atlanta 24 Hour Reporting Hotline. We want to help you get your life back. YOU matter. YOU are family. **We are here to listen and take action!**

## Reflections

### **Pensando en el Evangelio**

“La obra de penitencia que Juan anuncia es un proyecto de justicia. Es lo que evocan las palabras poeticas de Isaias. Los caminos rectos, los hoyancos rellenados y las cuevas empinadas rebajadas son imagines de la igualdad que la ley de Dios buscaba. La equidad es la gran transformacion que la Palabra de Dios promueve en lad Sociedad humana y en su historia. Esta es la conviccion que mueve Tambien a la iglesia en estas semanas de Adviento.

### **Stewardship Reflection**

The stewardship way of life is very much a journey. We don't have to have every aspect of our life perfectly nailed down; we are all “works in progress” called simply to take one step at a time closer to Christ. Second, it is *God* who started this good work in us — on the day of our Baptism — He cares deeply about this journey of ours and He will give us all the grace and strength we need to stay faithful to Him and continue growing in love and imitation of Christ. This Advent let's turn away from any bad habits or sin that may have crept in to our lives and turn our hearts and minds back to Christ. This is what the stewardship way of life is all about — moving ever closer in relationship with Christ and imitation of Him, ready to celebrate His birth, with eyes fixed on eternal life with Him.

### Offertory

### Archbishop's 2018 Annual Appeal

December 1 & 2, 2018

Offertory ..... \$5480.00  
 Building Fund..... \$1857.00

Our Pledge..... \$20,700.00  
 Total Pledged..... \$20,793.00  
 Amount Received ..... \$17,965.54

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

### **BE FORMED. SEAN FORMADOS.**

“Prepare the Way of the Lord. Preparen el camino del Senor” Luke 3:4  
 Dig Deeper at **formed.org: faith formation; Opening the Word.**  
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### **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12, 2018**

The word awesome has lost its zing. “Webster’s dictionary defines awesome as ‘anything that leaves you in awe and wonder.’ Like winning the lottery - twice,” comedian Bill Engvall once said. “That would be awesome.” Know what else would be awesome? Seeing an apparition of Mary, then having her grow roses in the middle of winter to prove it to the archbishop, then converting 9 million Aztecs within seven years. That would be - wait - that was awesome. **Join us at Gilmer Middle School at 7 pm for our parish multicultural celebration.**

### **Volunteers needed for Christmas Decorating**

We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:00 am. We would appreciate any parishioners that are willing to help us out. Thank you for volunteering!

### **Calendar of Events**

<b>Cookie Walk</b>	<b>December 15</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. -?</b>
<b>Advent Penance Service</b>	<b>December 17</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Youth Night at Shane's</b>	<b>December 18</b>	<b>4:30-8:00 pm</b>
<b>Adoration</b>	<b>December 21</b>	<b>9 am—5:45pm</b>
<b>Church Decorating</b>	<b>December 22</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Parish Administrator**

Judy Fabiniak ..... 706-636-2772

**Altar Society**

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

Mary Ellen Deck..... 317-752-9468

**Building/Grounds**

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

**Cookie Walk**

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

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Greg Altman ..... 706-202-9970

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John & Summer Adams 754-581-1159

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**SVDP Help Line for Assistance**

**706-636-7837**

**Cookie Walk**

Cookie Walk will be held on Dec. 15th from 8:00 am until sold out.

The cookie walk committee will be baking & decorating cookies in the Parish Hall during the week 12/10-12/14 starting at 9:00 am. Come join us. (Exception- Not on Tuesday, 12/11/2018)

Parishioners may drop off their cookie donations during this week from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please use the labels that were placed in the bulletin, and provide your name, the type of cookies you baked, and the number of dozens you are donating. Also, place your name on your containers if you wish to have them returned. They can be picked up after 12/15. Thank you in advance for your cookies and monetary donations. You always make this fundraiser exciting and profitable. Ann DeStefano 770-354-2009

**Hospitality**

Many thanks to Mary Ann and Richard Byers for organizing all the chefs to create a delicious Christmas breakfast!

The Hospitality Committee is responsible for light refreshments after 9:00 mass as well a funeral receptions and occasional breakfasts.

If you are interested in helping with this fun ministry please call Sue Hughes at 404-401-6141.

**First Annual Golf Tournament**

The Ellijay Council of The Knights of Columbus will be hosting our first annual benefit golf tournament on **April 24th**, at the Whitepath Golf Course. All proceeds will benefit our local charities. We are seeking potential sponsors. Major sponsorship is \$300 and Hole sponsorship is \$75. If you are a business owner, or if you know a business owner, and you feel that you can help with sponsorship, please contact Dave Bennett at: [ljidave69@gmail.com](mailto:ljidave69@gmail.com) or 706-889-4776.

**Advent Penance Service**

**Nuestro Servicio de Penitencia**

Our Advent penance service will be **Mon. Dec. 17th at 7:00 pm.**

We will start with a prayer service and will conclude with the sacrament of reconciliation. Several priests will be available to hear confessions in English and Spanish.

Nuestro servicio de penitencia sera **el lunes 17 de Diciembre a las 7 pm.**

Varios sacerdotes estaran disponibles para escuchar confesiones en espanol e ingles.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Usher	Acolyte	Altar Server
<b>Saturday / Sabado Diciembre 15 / December 15, 2018</b>					
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Sue Hughes Fred Copeland	Dorothy Berry Linda Bennett	Bob Bills Bob Hughes	John Queen	
<b>Sunday / Domingo Diciembre 16 / December 16, 2018</b>					
<b>9 AM</b>	John Miles Sue Walter	Tom Deck Larry Kropff	Jim Famolaro Shirley McMahan	Jim Walter	
<b>11 AM</b>	Louis Salinas Nancy Gessling	Mary Vick Betsy Schueth	Mike Kirkpatrick Bill Slaughter		