

St. William Catholic Community

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the community of St. William's Parish, St. Simons Island, led by the power of the Holy Spirit, are committed to serving God and our brothers and sisters in Christ by living the message of the Gospel. We believe we are called to share our time, talents and our material gifts as an outward sign of the Treasure we hold in Jesus."

Mass Schedule

Weekdays: Monday - Saturday at 8:15 a.m., Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday from 9 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. in chapel.

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 4:30 - 5:15 p. m. or by appointment.

Rosary

Monday - Saturday at 7:50 a.m. & after Mass. Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

The Grotto Religious Goods Shop

Open after weekend Masses. Call the office during the week.

Baptism

Parents are to be registered and attend preparation class. (By appointment - Call DRE at 638-2651)

Marriage

Arrangements should be made six months in advance.

Creed Classes - Sundays, 9 - 10:15am. Children's Liturgy - Sundays during 10:30am Mass. Youth Group - Sundays at 5p.m.

RCIA - Sundays at 11:30am, September thru Easter.

Parish Administrator

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Bloomers

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First Saturday Devotion

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Men's Group, Adult Ed

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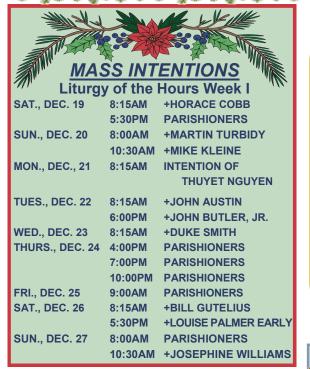
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BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Help us keep our above prayer list current.
You may add a name to the list by calling
the church office at 638-2647 or e-mailing us at
stwilliamschurch@comcast.net.

*Names listed in bold are new to the prayer list.
These names stay on the prayer list for one month
unless otherwise requested.

TELEPHONE & EMAIL PRAYER LINE

St. William Prayer Line is a group of people who pray daily for the intentions received from voice mails left at 638-4287 or by email at stwilliamsprayerline@gmail.com.

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention." - Mother Teresa

Offertory Stewardship

DECEMBER 13, 2020 - \$22,029.00 (December 15, 2019 - \$9,297.00)

PARISHIONER ENVELOPES/CHECKS
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT - \$1599.00

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - \$160.00

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT - \$25.00

REGULAR CHRISTMAS - \$550.00

DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS MASS - \$150.00

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - \$65.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO DATE

Goal - \$2,162,000 Received to Date - \$2,087,072.23

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward.
Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call.
Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given.
Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun,
Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect
Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

The **BELL CHOIR**.

will be playing at all Masses this weekend. The choir is rehearsing in two small groups to meet the demands of social distancing.

We have new music written for six ringers that enables us to continue social distanced rehearsals during this time of pandemic.

Come early to hear our Bell Prelude music.



UNFILLED POSITIONS ON MINISTRY SCHEDULE We still have quite few positions to fill for upcoming Masses this Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and the following week. If you are available and would like to volunteer, please contact the office at 638-2647 or email stwilliamschurch@comcast.net.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - December 24 at 7pm - Need 1
December 24 at 10pm - Need 1

USHERS - December 24 at 7pm - Need 3 December 24 at 10pm - Need 2

LECTOR/COMMENTATORS - December 24 at 10pm - Need 1

DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS COLLECTION - In Advent 2012, Bishop Hartmayer announced that the second collection at Christmas Masses each year would be dedicated solely to Catholic schools in the diocese to provide much needed tuition assistance to school families seeking a Catholic education. Half of the collection would be divided equally among the 17 Catholic schools in the diocese and the remaining half invested in the Catholic Foundation of South Georgia Endowment, designated to ensure long-term sustainability of our schools and the needs of our families. In the 2013 annual report, Bishop Hartmayer indicated that the Christmas collection continues to grow and benefit our school programs and our children. "The best experience a youngster can have is a Catholic education, and the goal of this endowment is to provide the experience for all of our families."

Because we are unable to pass a collection basket at this time, please drop your envelopes in the donation boxes or in the basket as in the narthex.

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ELEM. SCHOOL 1,547 HIGH SCHOOL

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUN., DEC. 20 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Vincent de Paul Collection

8am - Mass 10:30am - Mass

MON., DEC. 21 8:15am - Daily Mass

9am - Manna House

8:15am - Daily Mass TUES., DEC. 22

9am - Adoration in Church

1pm - Rosary for Peace

6:00pm - Mass

WED., DEC. 23 8:15am - Daily Mass

CHRISTMAS EVE THURS., DEC. 24

Office Closed

4pm - Outdoor Mass 7pm - Mass in Church 10pm - Mass in Church

CHRISTMAS DAY FRI., DEC. 25

Diocesan School Collection

Office Closed

9am - Christmas Day Mass

SAT., DEC. 26 8:15am - Daily Mass

4:30pm - Reconciliation

5:30pm - Vigil Mass

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY SUN., DEC. 27

AND JOSEPH

8am - Mass 10:30am - Mass

LIVE STREAMING MASS!

To be able to participate in these Masses from home, you can click on either the red Youtube icon above or go to the parish website, www.stwill.net. Then go to the Live Streaming tab. Click on the blue link StWilliamonSSI, and select either the LIVE Mass or any of the recordings.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00pm Outdoor Parking Lot Mass 7:00pm & 10:00pm Masses in the Church with live stream

(Due to the current occupancy limits of the church and Covid restrictions, we are unable to have the children's portrayal of the Gospel this year.)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY 9am Mass in the Church with live stream

Mary, Mother of God



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 20, 2020



There are just five days left until the celebration of Christmas begins. Let's live these last days of Advent well.

We read in today's Gospel passage from Luke the wonderful words of the Blessed Mother's "fiat," her "yes" to God's plan. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." These are among the most

beloved words in the Gospel. But the next sentence is also important for the Christian steward.

After Mary's fiat, we read, "Then the angel departed from her." Our Blessed Mother was left with a lot of unexplained details about God's plan for her! Yet, she followed God's will perfectly. She gave herself and her life fully to God as a gift. She was the first disciple. We are called to follow her example today.

This Christmas let us resolve to make our whole life a gift to the One Who has given us everything. He will give us all the help and strength we need.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

St. William Parish offices will be close at 12pm on December 23 and reopen on January 4.

- If there is an emergency, please call the office and leave a message as they will be check daily.
- All Contributions for 2020 should be in the office, or postmarked, by December 31 to count toward this tax year.

CHRISTMAS-AT-SEA - Each year, St. William's Council of Catholic Women reach out to sailors through the International Seafarers' Center to provide Ditty Bags filled with personal hygiene items, snacks, hats, and other items as part of their CHRISTMAS-AT-SEA program. Ditty Bags are available in the Narthex and in the library in the parish hall. The list for items is in the Ditty Bag and attached to this bulletin. Please return Ditty Bags to the library or the CCW bin by Sunday, December 20. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Callahan at 770-653-9509.



Thank you to all who have continued to donate to our FOOD DRIVE! The items collected will be delivered to Sparrow's nest, St. Vincent de Paul and Second Harvest on Monday, December 21. We have learned that many give during the Christmas season, but not after, so we will also be collection again in January. Please watch for bulletin announcements regarding this collection.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all the parishioners rpp that so generously donated gifts to the Angel Tree Program. This year over 240 gifts were donated. Your continued support of this program is greatly appreciated and ensures that others less fortunate than us will have a "Merry Christmas"!



DONATION BOXES by the side doors of the church on weekends and in the church and office during the week for your convenience. We thank you for your continued support of our parish church through use of donation boxes, the online giving icon on our website and via mail.

Sympathy & prayers ...

To Susan Portman and family, upon the death of her father, **BILL PORTMAN.**

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19-20, 2020

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, hear our prayer and let our cry come unto you. Bless our Diocese of Savannah with many vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Give the men and women you call the light to understand your gift and the love to follow always in the footsteps of your priestly son. Amen

Gathering: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

- 3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud and majesty and awe.
- 4. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse's stem, from ev'ry foe deliver them that trust thy mighty pow'r to save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
- 5. O come, Thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
- 6. O come, Thou Dayspring from on high and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Reading 1 2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?'"

"'It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them

so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.'"

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29



R. (2a) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever"; in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations."

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. "He shall say of me, 'You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.' Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm."

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Reading 2

ROM 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia <u>LK 1:38</u>

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word. R. **Alleluia**, **alleluia**.

Gospel <u>LK 1:26-38</u>

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Preparation:

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

- 1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; "All hail," said he, "O lowly maiden Mary," "Most highly favored lady!" Gloria!
- 2. "For know a blessed Mother you shall be, all generations praise continually, your Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold." "Most highly favored lady!" Gloria!

3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head; "To me be as it pleases God!" she said. "My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name." "Most highly favored lady!" Gloria!

Communion: Christ, Circle Round Us

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1. Come, O Radiant Dawn, splendor of the morning light. Come, Sun of Justice, turn away the pow'r of night.

Refrain: Christ, circle round us. Christ, may your light surround us. Shine in our living. Fill our hearts with great thanksgiving.

- 2. Come, O Flow'r of Love, holy branch of Jesse's tree. Come, Bough of Blessing, bloom for all the world to see. **Refrain**
- 3. Come, O Word of Truth, font of knowledge from on high. Come, Holy Wisdom, be our faithful friend and guide. **Refrain**
- 4. Come, O Gate of Hope, holy door of heaven's throne. Come, Key of David, open wide the pathway home. **Refrain**
- 5. Come, O Mighty Lord, master of the stars of night. Come, Strength of Pilgrims, keep us in your loving sight. **Refrain**
- 6. Come, Emmanuel, cherished hope of Israel. Come, live among us, ever in our hearts to dwell. **Refrain**
- 7. Come, Lord Jesus Christ, long awaited Prince of Peace. Come, Hope of Nations, ever make our love increase. **Refrain**

Sending: Alleluia! Hurry, the Lord Is Near

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Refrain: Alleluia! Hurry, the Lord is near. Alleluia, alleluia! Hurry, the Lord is near.

- 3. Go out to meet him, shout his name: Hurry, the Lord is near; his mighty kingdom shall never end. Hurry, the Lord is near! **Refrain**
- 4. He is the mighty one, he is the Word: Hurry, the Lord is near; God everlasting, Prince of Peace. Hurry, the Lord is near! **Refrain**

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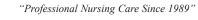
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