



St. William Catholic Church

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Rev. Monsignor Christopher J. Schreck, *Pastor*

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.
Information may be found at stwill.net, or by contacting the
Director of Religious Education, 912-638-2651.

Marriage

Arrangements should be made six months in advance.

Creed Classes (PreK-8th Grade) - Sundays 9:00 - 10:15am.

Children's Liturgy - Sundays during 10:30am Mass.

CIA Youth Group (9th-12th Grade) - Sundays at 11:30a.m.

RCIA - Sundays at 9:00am, September thru Easter.

Parish Administrator

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Director of Religious Education

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Parish Council

Burt Davitte - 269-0756

Finance Committee

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Grotto Religious Goods

Laura Nies - 638-1991

Adoration

Maureen Bowen - 222-6775

Adult Ed Bible Study

Tom McIntyre - 279-0526, 996-8752

Altar Servers

Mike Cherne - 223-9048

Bereavement

Laura Nies - 638-1991

Bloomers

Therese Raimondo - 230-7313

Coffee and Doughnuts

RaeAnn Allen - 404-791-1043

Council of Catholic Women

Joyce Callahan - 770-653-9509

Divine Mercy

First Saturday Devotion

Norma McIntyre - 279-0526

Twin Parish & Helping Hugs, Inc.

Aidine Kiernan - 912-399-6800

Manna House

Kevin & Joyce Callahan- 770-653-9509

Martial Arts Ministry - Kenpo

Jim Keane - 638-0763

Primetimers

Wayne Ciano - 914-419-6535

Spiritual Direction

Janice Capano - 770-500-5468

Outreach Ministries

Bill Horn - 638-4538

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Store- 262-6027
Sheila Ryan - 912-996-7755

Secular Franciscan Order

Lois Cutia - 912-580-8158

Tuesday Women's Discussion

Valerie Kehoe - 996-0723

Ushers

Ron Casler - 434-9635

MASS INTENTIONS

Liturgy of the Hours Week I

SAT., DEC. 10	8:15AM	+CRONIN FAMILY
	5:30PM	+SHIRLEY KRUEGER
SUN., DEC. 11	8:00AM	+BETTY FERLING
	10:30AM	PARISHIONERS
MON., DEC. 12	8:15AM	+FRED LEWIS
TUES., DEC. 13	8:15AM	(L) GREGORY FEDORKO
	6:00PM	+CECILIA KEMP
WED., DEC. 14	8:15AM	+RALPH HEIM
THURS., DEC. 15	8:15AM	IN THANKSGIVING
FRI., DEC. 16	8:15AM	+RUTH HOLMES
SAT., DEC. 17	8:15AM	+JOHN 'JACK' L. BENSON
	5:30PM	(L) BRYAN KRULL, M.D.
SUN., DEC. 18	8:00AM	PARISHIONERS
	10:30AM	(L) DR. MICHAEL BUTLER



Anna Arbo, Mary Katherine Arens, Louise Barber Crosby, Lois Cutia, Mark Davis, Barbara DeRatto, Rebecca Gaylor, John Girmsley, Charlotte Guido, Mark Hanly, Cheryl & Larry Hutchinson, Veronica Joseph, Nadine Keane, Mark Kelso, Caroline K., Timothy Kite, Joni Klein, Ben Koreski, Kathleen Koreski, Jim Loisel, Denise Margavich, David Mathieu, Mary McCaughey, Nancy Moore, David Morton, Nina & Ralph Murphy, George Nies, Fran Owen, Patricia Reilly, Richard Sedlacek, Sheila Smith, Louise Viaggio, Kay Welch, Richard Wine-man, the priests serving St. William, and our service men and women.

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 912-638-4287 or by email at stwilliamsprayerline@gmail.com.

The CCW ADVENT LUNCHEON will be held

Wednesday, December 14, at 11:30am at Delaney's. Father Nicholas Reynolds will be the guest speaker.

Tickets are available in the parish hall after Masses this weekend and in the parish office until December 12. Tickets are \$35 each and limited to CCW members.



Christmas flower envelopes and names for the bulletin must be in the office by Wednesday, December 14 to be in the bulletin for Christmas.

"One filled with joy preaches without preaching."
- St. Theresa of Calcutta

STEWARDSHIP

DECEMBER 4, 2022 - \$14,523.10 (DECEMBER 5- \$16,720.00)
PARISHIONER ENVELOPES/CHECKS - 184
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - \$235.00

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.



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CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES	DECEMBER 24	• 4:00pm - Outdoors in the Parking Lot • 8:00pm in the Church (Carols at 7:30pm)
CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES	DECEMBER 25	• 8:00am & 10:30am
NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES	DECEMBER 31	• 4:30pm Confessions • 5:30pm Vigil Mass
SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD NEW YEAR'S DAY	JANUARY 1	• 8:00am & 10:30am

ONLY 8PM CHRISTMAS EVE WILL BE LIVE STREAMED



FILLED WITH GRACE - Fr. Nicholas Reynolds, OP, a Dominican friar of the Province of St. Martin de Porres, will do a three evening Advent Parish Mission, here at St. William, titled "Filled with Grace". Beginning Tuesday, December 13 and continuing December 14 and 15. Each evening will begin with a Mass at 6pm, followed by the Advent mission. Following the Dominican Tradition of the Rosary and welcoming the Word of God in our lives, Fr. Nicholas will expound upon the joyful expectation that comes in Advent. It is a time to meditate on receiving the gift of Grace, who is Christ, and bearing the fruit of grace through the manner of our lives.

EXTRA RECONCILIATION TIMES - St. William is offering extra times for Reconciliation for Advent in addition to the normal Saturday Reconciliation time of 4:30 to 5:15pm times. Additional times are:

Tuesday, December 13, 5:00-6:00pm
Wednesday, December 14, 5:00-6:00pm
Thursday, December 15, 5:00-6:00pm



TWIN PARISH NEWS - Saturday, December 17 is the 16th anniversary of Father Islaire Faustin's ordination. Helping Hugs, Inc., and St. William are very fortunate to be working with such a dedicated servant of God in our twin parish ministry. Please ask the Lord to continue to bless him in his work with the people of St. Joseph parish and pray for the peace and security for the people of Haiti in your daily devotion.

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ARTICLES

All articles for in the bulletins between December 24 and January 3rd, must be in the office by Monday, December 19 at noon. The office will be closed December 23 to January 3.

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY - SATURDAY AT 8:15 AM, TUESDAY AT 6 PM

SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5:30 PM & SUNDAY AT 8 AM & 10:30 AM

- SUN., DEC. 11** **3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLL.
Coffee & Doughnuts after Masses
9am - Creed
9am - Adult Ed Bible Study
9am - RCIA
5pm - CIA Progressive Dinner
- MON., DEC. 12**
9am - Monday Morning Marthas
6pm - Kenpo
- TUES., DEC. 13**
9am - Adoration
9am - SFO
10:30am-Tuesday Morning Women's Disc
11am - Yoga
1pm - Rosary for Peace
6pm - Advent Mission Mass & Program
- WED., DEC. 14**
6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal
6pm - Advent Mission Mass & Program
- THURS., DEC. 15**
1pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal
6pm - Kenpo
6pm - Advent Mission Mass & Program
6pm - WHO(Widowed Helping Others)
- FRI., DEC. 16**
3pm - Hour of Great Mercy
- SAT., DEC. 17**
11am - Kenpo
4:30pm - Reconciliation
- SUN., DEC. 18** **4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLL.
Coffee & Doughnuts after Masses
9am - Adult Ed Bible Study
9am - RCIA
6pm - Sea Scouts

LIVE STREAMING MASS!

Live streaming of weekend Masses is available either by clicking the **red** YouTube icon to the right, or STWILLIAMONSSI, or by going to our parish website, stwill.net.



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.

Join the Jekyll Singers for their Holiday Concert "SNOWFLAKES AND SLEIGH BELLS" on Tuesday, December 13, at 7pm at the Jekyll Island Convention Center

WHO St. William's 'Widowed Helping Others' group will hold our Christmas gathering/dinner on December 15, at 6pm. We will be meeting in the home of Barbara Lyon. Please bring a dish to share and the beverage of your choice. More information will be sent out in an email to the group. If you have questions, please call Barbara Lyon at 404-247-4902. We hope to see many of you there.

Register now for your 2023 Georgia state tax credit that benefits Catholic education. GRACE Scholars provides scholarships to children from families with financial need in grades PreK-12 for use at participating Catholic schools located in the State of Georgia. You will receive a 100 percent state of Georgia tax credit for your donation. This gift helps deserving students in Georgia receive an excellent Catholic education at no cost to you! Visit www.gracescholars.org for more details and to register. Don't miss out on this tax credit opportunity. Register Early!



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 11, 2022



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Good news, Christian stewards — we are gaining ground on our Advent mountain climb and it is time to take a moment to rejoice in the Good News that our Savior will come again in triumph one day. Today's readings on this Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday are filled with reminders of God's final victory over suffering and injustice, and encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to live as faith-filled disciples.

Such a day almost seems too good to be true, especially when we look around at the dire circumstances we face in our world at present. But by faith, we know this day is coming. Lest we grow weary as we await the glorious day of Christ's return, St. James, in our second reading, offers wise counsel. "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord... Make your hearts firm... Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged."

This is excellent advice for us Christian stewards as we face the challenges of everyday life in our broken world, especially in the hectic days that precede Christmas when stress can make us and those around us less than our best selves. St. James reminds us that we can choose our response to both the great strains and the minor annoyances of life. In other words, we can be good stewards of our attitude, "making our hearts firm" by practicing patience with others and refusing to give in to the temptation to complain.

We can choose to see and rejoice in God's presence with us, no matter the circumstances surrounding us.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)



THE GROTTTO IS OPEN!
The Grotto religious goods shop, in the breezeway to the parish hall, is open after all weekend Masses.



A wonderful selection of Advent wreaths and candles as well as Christmas merchandise is available.



ANGEL TREE - Please have gifts wrapped and under the tree by **December 15**. Gifts for angels marked **SH** (Safe Harbor) should not be wrapped, but may be placed in a decorative Christmas gift bag. Please make sure the angel is attached (taped) to the gift when you put it under the tree. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Power at (912)638-2651 or Powernancy@comcast.net.

The nursery will NOT be available during Masses on Sunday, December 18, Christmas Eve, December 24 or Christmas Day, December 25.



ATTENTION ALL MINISTRIES
Please provide the office with January and February unavailable dates for your ministry by **Wednesday, December 14**.
The schedule will be out by December 21.

The office will be closed from December 23 to January 3, so please try to get your unavailable date to the office on time.

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