



# *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**

Stacey Bristol - 638-2647  
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#### **Director of Religious Education**

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#### **Music Minister**

Kate Hamer - 634-5040

#### **Parish Engineer**

Jim Spaeder - 399-7145

#### **Parish Council**

Burt Davitte - 269-0756

#### **Finance Committee**

Jack Welch - 571-0489

#### **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

<b>SAT., DEC. 24</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>+BARBARA PELLETIER</b>
	<b>8:00PM</b>	<b>+CRAIG BOLINT</b>
<b>SUN., DEC. 25</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>(L) JANICE CAPANO</b>
	<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>PARISHIONERS</b>
<b>MON., DEC. 26</b>	<b>8:15AM</b>	<b>+SALLY JONES</b>
<b>TUES., DEC. 27</b>	<b>8:15AM</b>	<b>+HENRY KNOEFLER</b>
	<b>6:00PM</b>	<b>+DREW MULDERIG</b>
<b>WED., DEC. 28</b>	<b>8:15AM</b>	<b>+BENEDICTE SYLVIE VIGOUREAX</b>
<b>THURS., DEC. 29</b>	<b>8:15AM</b>	<b>+PATRICIA &amp; CHARLES LUCIE</b>
<b>FRI., DEC. 30</b>	<b>8:15AM</b>	<b>+BARBARA HERNANDEZ</b>
<b>SAT., DEC. 31</b>	<b>8:15AM</b>	<b>+CRAIG BOLINT</b>
	<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>+GERRY O'BRIEN</b>
<b>SUN., JAN. 1</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>+DAVID NICHOLS</b>
	<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>PARISHIONERS</b>



Anna Arbo, Mary Katherine Arens, Louise Barber Crosby, David Clarke, Lois Cutia, Mark Davis, Barbara DeRatto, Rebecca Gaylor, John Grimsley, 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 Wineman, Gerry Youmans, 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](mailto: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](mailto:stwilliamsprayerline@gmail.com).

### UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION FOR 2023!

If you have moved, changed your email, changed your phone number, cancelled your landline, had an addition to your family, please send the office an email at [stwilliamschurch@comcast.net](mailto:stwilliamschurch@comcast.net) with your current information. We will need current information for tax donation letters.

If you have **never** registered, please fill out a registration form. You will find these on our website or on the credenza in the church vestibule.

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

*"The most worth-while thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others."  
- Robert Baden-Powell*

## STEWARDSHIP

DECEMBER 18, 2022 - \$27,222.85 (DECEMBER 19 - \$.00)  
PARISHIONER ENVELOPES/CHECKS - 185  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - \$6,874.00

*God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus - the best gift we could ever receive.*



<b>CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES</b>	DECEMBER 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00pm - Outdoors in the Parking Lot</li> <li>8:00pm in the Church (Carols at 7:30pm)</li> </ul>
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES</b>	DECEMBER 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00am &amp; 10:30am</li> </ul>
<b>NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES</b>	DECEMBER 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:30pm Confessions</li> <li>5:30pm Vigil Mass</li> </ul>
<b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>	JANUARY 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00am &amp; 10:30am</li> </ul>

ONLY 8PM CHRISTMAS EVE WILL BE LIVE STREAMED

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DECEMBER 24-25

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### TWIN PARISH COLLECTION

Volunteers from Helping Hugs, Inc. will be outside after Masses collecting for our twin parish, St. Joseph, in Haiti, next weekend, December 31 and January 1. The proceeds from this collection help support St. Joseph, our twin parish in Haiti.



*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from  
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL!*





## 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. 25	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY!</b> <b>DIOCESAN SCHOOL COLLECTION</b> 8am - Mass 10:30am - Mass
MON., DEC. 26	<b>Office closed</b> 6pm - Kenpo
TUES., DEC. 27	<b>Office closed</b> 9am - Adoration 11am - Yoga 1pm - Rosary for Peace
WED., DEC. 28	<b>Office closed</b>
THURS., DEC. 29	<b>Office closed</b> 6pm - Kenpo
FRI., DEC. 30	<b>Office closed</b> 3pm - Hour of Great Mercy
SAT., DEC. 31	<b>NEW YEAR'S EVE!</b> 4:30pm - Reconciliation
SUN., JAN. 1	<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY!</b> <b>MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</b> <b>Helping Hug's Inc.'s Collection</b>

### LIVE STREAMING MASS!

Live streaming of weekend Masses is available either by clicking the **red** YouTube icon to the right, or [STWILLIAMONSS](https://www.stwilliamonss.com), or by going to our parish website, [stwill.net](https://www.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.

**St. William Parish offices will be close at 12pm on Thursday, December 22 and reopen on January 3.**

- **If there is an emergency, please call the office and leave a message as they will be check daily.**
- **All Contributions for 2022 should be in the office, or postmarked, by December 31 to count toward this tax year.**



**PRIMETIMERS** will meet on Thursday, January 5, at noon. We will have a pot luck lunch, so please bring something to be enjoyed by all. Our guest speaker will be Ms. M.C. Halbrook from the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension. She will be discussing lawns and gardens, and ways to make our little corners of St. Simons and Sea Island, more beautiful. She may even bring some flower seeds with her.



**There will be no Coffee & Doughnuts on Christmas Day or on New Years Day.**

If you would like to volunteer to help with the Coffee & Doughnuts Ministry, please call the office or RaeAnn Allen at 404-791-1043. We could sure use your help!



### MSGR. JOHN A. KENNEALLY SCHOLARSHIP

Contributions to the Monsignor Kenneally Scholarship can be added to at any time. The funds received are invested in the Catholic Foundation of South Georgia and will continue to grow to help support students entering the 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School who showed a financial need. If you would like to make a contribution, envelopes are available in the back of the church, in the office, on our website, [stwill.net](https://www.stwill.net), or [here](#).

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT CHRISTMAS DAY - DECEMBER 25, 2022



It is Christmas! Our Gospel reading on this festive holy day is the opening words of the Gospel of John. St. John says, "The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him." That is why we celebrate today. Pope Francis opened his sermon on Christmas day last year by saying this: "In the darkness, a light shines. An angel appears, the glory of the Lord shines around the shepherds and finally the message awaited for centuries is heard."

At Mass on Christmas Eve we hear, "I proclaim to you good news of great joy; today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord." It is this joy we need to feel, this joy we need to carry to others. Many have expressed the joy of today. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI once said this about Christmas: "Joy is the true gift of Christmas. We can communicate this joy simply: with a smile, a kind gesture, a little help, forgiveness. And the joy we give will certainly come back to us... Let us pray that this presence of the liberating joy of God shines forth in our lives."

The angel Gabriel greeted our Blessed Mother Mary with the Greek word, *Kaire!* That means "Be joyful." God is near us today; He is so near that He became a child. Let us take that joy and share it with others; let us take that joy and change our lives and the lives of others. When we say "Merry Christmas" let us mean it with every fabric of our being.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

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and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive!

That Man is You! is an amazing program that will help encourage fellowship among our brothers in the Church and help men to lead their families in a spiritual way that might currently be lacking. All men 18 and older are encouraged to attend this morning retreat on Saturday, January 7, 6:30am - 12 noon, at St. Francis Xavier. Please click [here](#) to register



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