



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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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

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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

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Martial Arts Ministry - Kenpo

Jim Keane - 638-0763

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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. 3	8:15AM +CECILIA KEMP 5:30PM +BARBARA PELLETIER
SUN., DEC. 4	8:00AM PARISHIONERS 10:30AM (L)CAMILLE MRAZ
MON., DEC. 5	8:15AM +KEITH KENNETH STOCKER
TUES., DEC. 6	8:15AM +GERRARD IMAR HANLY 6:00PM +POOR SOULS
WED., DEC. 7	8:15AM +JANET DENNIS 6:00PM +CRAIG BOLINT
THURS., DEC. 8	10:00AM (L)SHARON CRAW
FRI., DEC. 9	8:15AM +MARGARET GREEN
SAT., DEC. 10	8:15AM +CRONIN FAMILY 5:30PM +SHIRLEY KRUEGER
SUN., DEC. 11	8:00AM +BETTY FERLING 10:30AM PARISHIONERS



Anna Arbo, Mary Katherine Arens, Louise Barber Crosby, 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 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 FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

celebrates the conception of the Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. It is considered one of the most important celebrations in the Roman Catholic Church's Liturgical Year, is a Holy Day of Obligation which is celebrated with a Holy Mass. Mass schedule for this Holy Day of Obligation is **Wednesday, December 7, at 6pm Vigil Mass** **Thursday, December 8, at 10am** (no 8:15am Mass.)



"The true measure of all our actions is how long the good in them lasts... everything we do, we do for the young."
- Elizabeth II

STEWARDSHIP

NOVEMBER 27, 2022 - \$10,309.85 (NOVEMBER 28- \$13,439.78)
PARISHIONER ENVELOPES/CHECKS - 148
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - \$350.00

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.
Retirement Fund for Religious

LIGHTEN THE LOAD An abbot writes, "Your gift helps ease our worldly burdens and allows us to continue living out our mission of seeking God and serving the Church." Donations to next week's **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS** collection help hundreds of

US religious communities to provide for their aging members. Envelopes are in your monthly envelope packet or in the pews of the church. You may also give online here by clicking [online giving](#). Please be generous.



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

The CCW Advent Luncheon will be held Wednesday, December 14, at 11:30am at Delaney's. Tickets are available in the parish hall after weekend Masses on December 3/4 and 10/11 and in the parish office beginning December 5. Tickets are \$35 each and limited to CCW members.



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

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. 4	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Coffee & Doughnuts after Masses 9am - Creed 9am - St. Nicholas Day Celebration 9am - Adult Ed Bible Study 9am - RCIA 11:30am - CIA Youth Group 6pm - Sea Scouts
MON., DEC. 5	9am - Monday Morning Marthas 6pm - Kenpo
TUES., DEC. 6	ELECTION DAY - VOTE! 9am - Adoration 10:30am-Tuesday Morning Women's Disc 11:30am - Spiritual Direction 1pm - Rosary for Peace 10:30am - Sew & So
WED., DEC. 7	6pm - Feast of Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 9am - SFO
THURS., DEC. 8	10am-Immaculate Conception Mass 1:30pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal 6pm - Kenpo
FRI., DEC. 9	3pm - Hour of Great Mercy
SAT., DEC. 10	10am - Defibrillator Training 11am - Kenpo 4:30pm - Reconciliation
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

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.



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



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.



ATTENTION ALL MINISTRIES

Please provide the office with January and February unavailable dates for your ministry by **Wednesday, December 14**.

SCHEDULE

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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 4, 2022



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On this Second Sunday of Advent, our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans encourages us to focus our Advent preparations in this way: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." And how does Christ welcome us? With unconditional love.

This is the essence of Christian hospitality, a vital aspect of stewardship living. Fully embraced, it has the power to transform our lives and lives of those who experience it through us.

The practice of Christian hospitality is also a way for us stewards to answer the call of John the Baptist, in our Gospel passage from Matthew. His words apply just as much to us today as they did to the people awaiting the Savior's arrival. John says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" And he recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." There is a definite connection between repentance and effective hospitality.

So how can we make repentance a regular part of our everyday lives? We can make an "examination of conscience" a daily part of our prayers, thanking God for the times we said "yes" to Him, and asking forgiveness for the times we chose our own will. We can (and should!) go to Confession this Advent. We can reach out to a family member or friend where there is distance or discord and make peace.

As we "straighten the paths" of our own hearts and minds, we become more hospitable people, better stewards of God's grace and mercy, and far more open and ready to invite others into our lives, homes, and parish. This is preparation fitting for our merciful Savior.

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.



TWIN PARISH NEWS - Helping Hugs, Inc., has a goal to increase our spiritual connection with St. Joseph, our twin parish in Haiti. To that end, during this second week of Advent, we recall and celebrate our rebirth in grace, and our mission to prepare the way for the Lord. We ask you to pray that God's grace makes this season a time of renewal and blessing for all the people of our twin parish. We ask that you please include a prayer for peace and security for the people of Haiti in your daily devotion. Our parish prayer to St. Joseph for our twin parish is located on the back of the Music Issue book in the church.

Sympathy & prayers . . .

To Carol Johnson and friends upon the death of CRAIG BOLINT.

To Kathleen, Nicholas, Kate, Hannah and Nichols Riccio upon the death of their father and grandfather, THOMAS COX.

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

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