



St. William Catholic Church

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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-Thursday, and Saturday at 8:15 a.m. and Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Saturday Vigil at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Communion Service on Fridays at 8:15 a.m.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

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

Rosary

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

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

Children's Liturgy (thru 2nd Grade) - Sundays during 10:30am Mass

CIA Youth Group (6th - 12th Grades) 3rd Wednesday of the Month, 4-6pm

OCIA - Sundays at 9:00am, September thru April

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)

Reconciliation

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

Marriage

Arrangements should be made six months in advance.

Funerals

Family or funeral homes should contact the Church office to set up dates and times for funerals. The Church Office will work with the family and the funeral home.

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Maureen Bowen - 912-222-6775

Adult Ed Bible Study

Tom McIntyre - 279-0526, 996-8752

Altar Servers

Doug Klilnowski - 407-319-9280
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Bloomers

Therese Raimondo - 912-230-7313

Coffee and Doughnuts

RaeAnn Allen - 404-791-1043

Council of Catholic Women

Jan Mansfield - 912-266-3417

Divine Mercy

First Saturday Devotion

Norma McIntyre - 912-279-0526

Knights of Columbus

Tony Rosa - 732-996-0257

Manna House

Kevin & Joyce Callahan - 770-653-9509

Martial Arts Ministry - Kenpo

Jim Keane - 912-638-0763

Primetimers

Wayne Ciano - 914-419-6535

Monday Morning Marthas

Janice Capano - 770-500-5468

Outreach Ministries

Bill Horn - 912-638-4538

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Store - 912-262-6027

Tuesday Women's Discussion

Valerie Kehoe - 912-996-0723

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Evy Marshall - 404-895-8831

Ushers

Ron Casler - 912-434-9635

MASS INTENTIONS

Liturgy of the Hours Week I

SAT., NOV. 30	8:15AM	+CHARLIE GLOWACKI
	5:30PM	+BARBARA HERNANDEZ
SUN., DEC. 1	8:00AM	+JANINA OSMANSKA
	10:30AM	PRO POPULO
MON., DEC. 2	8:15AM	+SHIRLEY KRUEGER
TUES., DEC. 3	8:15AM	+BOB SHEPHERD
	6:00PM	+THE CHESS FAMILY
WED., DEC. 4	8:15AM	+VERA TERMINI
THURS., DEC. 5	8:15AM	+SHIRLEY KRUEGER
FRI., DEC. 6	8:15AM	COMMUNION SERVICE
SAT., DEC. 7	8:15AM	(L) BECKY BOLL
	5:30PM	+ROBERT JAMES GLIDDEN
SUN., DEC. 8	8:00AM	+TUE DOAN
	10:30AM	PRO POPULO



Prayer Requests

Trent C., Fr. Jack Davis, Barbara DeRatto, Cathy Dowdy, Mary Eckerd, Bill Friedrich, Milann G., Charlotte Ann Gaubert, Rebecca Gaylor, Louise Grady, John Grimsley, Lesley Hanly, Norma Hartnett, Nova Hen-shke, Bill Jerome, Doc Jones, Mark Kelso, Timothy Kite, Ben Koreski, Kathleen Koreski, David Mathieu, Carlotta Martz, Judy Mattie, Mary McCaughey, Marilyn McCon-nell, Emily Melton, Dennis O'Conner, Kathy Oechsle, Fran Owen, Faye Ruehling, Matt Schneider, Msgr. Chris Schreck, Richard Selacek, Emily Smith, Peggy Starr, Elizabeth Van Tilborg, Seth Tripp, the priests serving St. William and our twin parish, St. Joseph, and our service men/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.

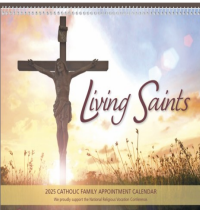
TELEPHONE & EMAIL PRAYER LINE

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.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

New procedures have been initiated in order to bring uniformity to our process at Holy Communion. Please plan to attend one of the two training new sessions being offered. If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister please attend to begin the process. Questions contact Jo Orr at joorr1313@gmail.com.

Sunday, December 8, 11:30am (Chapel)
Monday, December 9, at 10:30am (Church)



2025 Calendars are here! Calendars are in the church vestibule, the Grotto and the church office, please help yourself to one.



I wait for the LORD
my soul doth wait, and
in His word do I HOPE.

PSALM, 130.5

What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same?

Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you.

Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

STEWARDSHIP

NOVEMBER 24, 2024 - \$14,388.85
(NOVEMBER 26, 2023 - \$36,706.10)

Parishioner Envelopes/Checks - 247
Campaign for Human Development - \$2,066.00

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus,

His first coming, as we await His second coming.

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RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS Aging religious need your help.

"Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement," says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious at next weekend's special collection. <https://retiredreligious.org>

Please join us for First Saturday Devotions immediately before 8:15am Mass on Saturday, December 7, at 7:30am.



PRIMETIMERS - Primetimers, St. William's 50 and over group, is having their annual Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 5, 12:15pm, at Delaney's Bistro. As always everyone will be responsible for their own lunch tab. Please call or text Wayne Ciano at (914) 419-6535, as a headcount is needed for the restaurant. Good times and Christmas cheer will be had by all!!!



Knights of Columbus

BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICK

St. William Knights of Columbus Council 18427 cordially invites families with children, and parishioners of all ages, to join us as we host a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast with St. Nick on Sunday, December 8, 9am-10:15am, in the Parish Hall. Parents are encouraged to take their children shopping for a small, inexpensive toy that they can help their children wrap and bring with them to hand to St. Nick. This toy will be given as a gift to another child on Christmas Day. It's a wonderful way of teaching our children the joy of giving to others!

As our gift to everyone at St. William, there will be no charge for the breakfast. A basket will be set out for donations to help us cover the cost of this event. Please make checks payable to "KofC Council 18427".

RSVP to Tony Rosa, trosa_mb@yahoo.com, so we can get an approximate headcount of how many we can expect on December 8. We look forward to seeing you all on the 8th! Thank you & God bless you all!



CALLING ALL NURSES WHO LUNCH! Please join us on Thursday, December 12, at noon, at Delaney's. If interested, please call, text, or email Janice Capano, so that we may have an accurate headcount. (770)500-5468, jcapano06@hotmail.com

FROM THE DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH - "The Vatican has clarified that the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation this year, despite being transferred to a Monday. USCCB's calendar has not yet been updated, but please make sure that you attend Mass that day."

St. William Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule
Monday, December 9 - 8:15am & 6:00pm Masses

Friendly Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that our church dumpster is for church office and maintenance use only. If you need to dispose of personal trash, please check with our local recycling center for options.

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5:30 PM & SUNDAY AT 8 AM & 10:30 AM
MONDAY - THURSDAY & SATURDAY - 8:15AM MASS
TUESDAY - ADORATION - 9AM-5:45PM,
BENEDICTION AT 5:45PM, MASS AT 6PM

- SUN., DEC. 1** **1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Coffee & Doughnuts after Masses
9am - Adult Ed Bible Study
9am - Creed & Confirmation Class
9am - OCIA
11:30am-Childrens Gospel Portrayal Prac.
- MON., DEC. 2**
9am - Monday Morning Marthas
11:30am - CCW Advent Luncheon
6pm - Kenpo
7pm - GACA
- TUES., DEC. 3**
10:30am-Tuesday Morning Women's Disc
11am - Chair Yoga
1pm - Rosary for Peace
6:30pm - Men's Bible Study
- WED., DEC. 4**
9am - Manna House
5pm - Dinner & Doctrine
5:45pm-Childrens Gospel Portrayal Practice
6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal
- THURS., DEC. 5**
9am - Twin Parish Admin. Meeting
11am - Handbell Choir Rehearsal
12:15pm - Primetimers (Delaney's)
4pm - Wedding Rehearsal
6pm - Kenpo
6:30pm - Knights of Columbus
8:45am - Hour of Great Mercy (Rm 2)
4:30pm - Wedding
- FRI., DEC. 6**
8:45am - Hour of Great Mercy (Rm 2)
4:30pm - Wedding
- SAT., DEC. 7**
7:30pm - 1st Saturday Devotions
10am - Kenpo
4:30pm - Reconciliation
- SUN., DEC. 8** **2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLL.
Coffee & Doughnuts after Masses
9am - Adult Ed Bible Study
9am - Creed & Confirmation Class
9am - OCIA
11:30am-Childrens Gospel Portrayal Prac
11:30am- Eucharistic Minister Training

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 1, 2024



We have arrived at the powerful season of Advent, a season to prepare with awe and wonder for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus — born to us as Savior and Brother. It is a season to prepare for His return at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our individual judgment day is coming, too, when we will be called to give an account for all that God has given to us during our lifetimes. In other words, Advent is a steward's season!

Our readings for the first week of Advent waste no time in calling our urgent attention to these themes of reflection and preparation. They seem to shout, "Wake up! Get ready!" and offer us some practical advice as we enter into this season.

The Gospel, from Luke, warns, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives. During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying on my "stuff" or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord?

Get ready Christian stewards! He's coming! Let us prepare with awe and wonder.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)



THE
GOLDEN ISLES COMMUNITY CHORUS
WILL ONCE AGAIN BE PERFORMING
HANDEL'S MESSIAH
ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT 4 PM
AT
ST SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
FOUR OF OUR MEMBERS
ARE SINGING IN THE EVENT.

THE GROTTA RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOP IS OPEN.
Advent wreaths and candles are here!
Christmas items are arriving daily.
The Grotto religious goods shop is open after all weekend Masses!



Bambinelli Sunday

All weekend Masses
December 14-15, 2024



For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, children (and adults) bring their Baby Jesus figures from the crib at their homes to St. Peter's Square where the Pope blesses both the people and the figurines during the Angelus.

This year as we celebrate "**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY**", all are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their homes to Mass to be blessed. Families can even make their own "bambinelli" if they want.

Following the blessing, take the "bambinelli" home, placed it in a gift box and wrap it in Christmas wrapping, and save for Christmas morning. Let this be the first gift your family opens on Christmas, when together you place your Baby Jesus figure in his crib, and have a home blessing of the Nativity for your whole family.

WHO Our Widowed group, will have our December meeting and Christmas celebration at the home of Sara Sheffield. We will meet on Thursday, December 19, at 6 o'clock. Please bring an appetizer or finger food to share and the beverage of your choice. For more information about our group please contact Barbara Lyon at 404-247-4902.

Sympathy & prayers . . .

To **Yolanda O'Hern**, upon the death of her husband, **JACK O'HERN**. And,

To **Janice and David Capano**, upon the death of her sister, **MARION MCVEY**.

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



The sign-up sheet for altar flowers is on a pedestal in the narthex of the church. There are several openings available for next year. Please sign-up if you would like to dedicate the Altar Flowers "in honor of" or "in memory of" your loved ones.




ST. WILLIAM RECTORY RENOVATION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We are excited to have kicked off the Capital Campaign for our Rectory Renovation! When completed in 2025, the residence will be large enough to house our pastor and other clergy that may be assigned to St. William, and retired priest(s). The facility will have three one-bedroom suites plus two additional bedrooms and baths.


We have been fortunate to have enthusiastic response, and have commitments in hand for over 50% of the total project costs before beginning this capital campaign.

We ask that you prayerfully consider giving to this capital campaign as an investment to the continued success of St. William. There are many avenues in which to donate to the capital campaign: Cash or Check; [Online giving](#); Pledges; Stocks or Planned Gifts (please call the office). There is a booklet in the church narthex, under the rectory rendering, with more information. If you have any questions, please contact any members of the Capital Campaign Committee or call the office.

RECTORY RENOVATION (In Hand) - \$853,560.68
RECTORY RENOVATION (Pledged) - \$261,100.00

 Did you know you can make donations to our parish online through Our Sunday Visitor-OSV? Use this [link](#), or go through the 'Online Giving' tab at www.stwill.net. *Special collection for December - Rectory Renovation Fund, Retirement Fund for Religious, Christmas Flowers and the Diocese of Savannah Catholic Schools Collections.*

THANK YOU to everyone who baked, helped sell, and bought our goodies at the CCW Bake Sale this past weekend. It was a little chilly Saturday evening and Sunday morning, but parishioners and visitors braved the cold, purchased items and helped make this bake sale a sell out! **\$1,447** was raised. Your support has brought us closer to reaching our financial commitments for our scholarships and local charities. It really does take our entire church family to make it happen. Thank you!

 **HELP WANTED!** We could really use your help with **Coffee & Doughnuts after the 10:30 Sunday Mass**. We only have one person for this shift and would like to form at least 4 rotating groups of 2 people to help serve after the 10:30 Mass. Please call the office, or RaeAnn Allen, (404) 791-1043, if you would like to volunteer.

RaeAnn will be retiring as head of our Coffee & Doughnuts ministry at the end of this year. If you are interested in taking up this ministry, please either let RaeAnn or the office know.



Light the Advent Candles!

Join us in celebrating the Advent season by helping light the Advent Wreath Candles at St. William! We invite individuals, families, and groups to participate in this wonderful tradition during all weekend Masses. Available Masses are as follows:

- 2nd Sunday in Advent,
December 7, 5:30pm / December 8, 8am & 10:30am
- 3rd Sunday in Advent,
December 14, 5:30pm / December 15, 8am & 10:30am
- 4th Sunday in Advent,
December 21, 5:30pm / December 22, 8am & 10:30am
- Christmas Eve at 5pm and 8pm Masses

A sign-up book will be in the narthex of the church or call the office to let us know which Mass you would like to sign up for.

Please Help Us Fill the Unfilled Positions in the MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 8

8am - 2 Extraordinary Ministers, 1 Usher
10:30am - 1 Extraordinary Minister

Saturday, December 14

5:30pm - 2 Ushers

Sunday, December 15

8am - 1 Usher
10:30am - 1 Extraordinary Minister, 1 Usher

Saturday, December 21

5:30pm - 4 Extraordinary Ministers, 2 Ushers

Sunday, December 22

8am - 3 Extraordinary Ministers, 1 Usher
10:30am - 3 Extraordinary Ministers, 2 Ushers

Tuesday, December 24

5pm - 3 Ushers
8pm - 3 Extraordinary Ministers, 3 Ushers, 1 Server

Wednesday, December 25

8am - 4 Extraordinary Ministers, 4 Ushers,
2 Altar Servers
10:30am - 6 Extraordinary Ministers, 4 Ushers,
2 Altar Servers

Saturday, December 28

5:30pm - 3 Extraordinary Ministers, 3 Altar Servers

Sunday, December 29

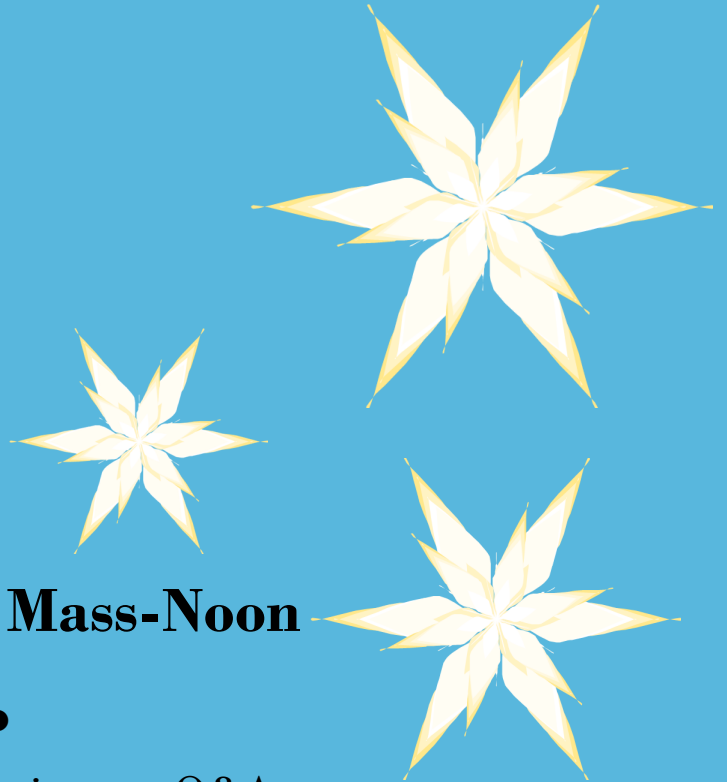
8am - 2 Extraordinary Ministers, 1 Usher
10:30am - 4 Extraordinary Ministers



The **ANGEL TREE** is up and filled with Angels. Please pick an angel (or two), take as many angels as you would like. Some wishes are small and some are very specific. After you purchase the angel wish, wrap each item separately and attach the angel information tag, very securely, so we can get that item to the right person. *The one exception to wrapping a gift is if you pick an angel with "SH" on it, please **DO NOT** wrap this gift, just bag it.* Bring gifts to either the Parish Hall, or the Church no **later than Thursday, December 12**. If you have any questions, please contact **Nancy Power** at (912) 638-2651 or PowerNancy@comcast.net

ST WILLIAM'S

PARISH ADVENT RETREAT



December 14, 2024 • 8:15 Mass-Noon

Schedule: 8:15 Mass • Breakfast •

Father Emmanuel • Breakout Sessions • Q&A •
Closing Prayer

Matthew 5:14 “You are the Light of the World”.

THE SIMILES OF SALT AND LIGHT

(Mark 9:50; Luke 14:34-35)

You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampshade, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

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