



# St. William Catholic Church

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**Very Reverend Mark Van Alstine, VF, Parochial Administrator**

**Reverend Emmanuel Antwi, Parochial Vicar**

## 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.

### **Parochial Administrator**

Very Rev. Mark Van Alstine, VF  
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### **Parochial Vicar**

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### **Finance Committee**

Dan Hannon - 710-410-1697

### **Sacristan**

Jo Orr - 706-238-2609

### **Grotto Religious Goods**

Laura Nies - 912-638-1991

### **Adoration**

Maureen Bowen - 912-222-6775

### **Adult Ed Bible Study**

Tom McIntyre - 279-0526, 996-8752

### **Altar Servers**

Doug Klilnowski - 407-319-9280  
Ryan Shanahan - 401-585-8140

### **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

### **Twin Parish & Helping Hugs, Inc.**

Evy Marshall - 404-895-8831

### **Ushers**

Ron Casler - 912-434-9635



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Liturgy of the Hours Week I

|                |         |                                 |
|----------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| SAT., DEC. 28  | 8:15AM  | +WENDY ARMSTRONG                |
|                | 5:30PM  | PRO POPULO                      |
| SUN., DEC. 29  | 8:00AM  | +WENDY ARMSTRONG                |
|                | 10:30AM | +LEO & GERRY GOULETTE           |
| MON., DEC. 30  | 8:15AM  | +BARBARA HERNANDEZ              |
| TUES., DEC. 31 | 8:15AM  | +WENDY KALEY                    |
|                | 6:00PM  | +CHARLES DETULLEO               |
| WED., JAN. 1   | 9:00AM  | (L) JANICE CAPANO               |
| THURS., JAN. 2 | 8:15AM  | (L) MYRIUM SCHUMACHER           |
| FRI., JAN. 3   | 8:15AM  | COMMUNION SERVICE               |
| SAT., JAN. 4   | 8:15AM  | +LOUIS CAPANO                   |
|                | 5:30PM  | +STEPHEN NICK & JIMMY NICK, III |
| SUN., JAN. 5   | 8:00AM  | +JOHN MCCONNELL                 |
|                | 10:30AM | PRO POPULO                      |

See what great love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called CHILDREN OF GOD.

1 John 3:1

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God’s children, it’s in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

### STEWARDSHIP

DECEMBER 22, 2024 - \$  
(DECEMBER 24, 2023 - \$)

Parishioner Envelopes/Checks -



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

Prayer Requests

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



Vigil Mass  
Tuesday,  
DECEMBER 31, 2024  
6PM

Day of Mass  
Wednesday,  
JANUARY 1, 2025  
9AM

### EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING CHALKING KIT

A beautiful way to literally mark the Epiphany within our homes is the tradition of chalking of the doors. Above the lintel of the door in chalk the following is written: 20 + C + M + B + 25 The symbols represent the initials of the traditional names of the 3 Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words **Christus mansionem benedicat** meaning "May Christ bless the house." The plus sign symbolizes the Cross and the number at the front and back represents the year 2025. Our Confirmation class has put together, and Father has blessed, house blessing kits containing chalk and instructions that will be available in the narthex and in the parish hall at all the Epiphany Masses for our parishioners..



### 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).



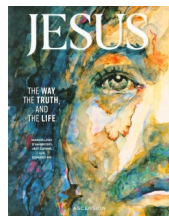
### CALLING ALL NURSES WHO LUNCH

Please join us on January 9, at noon, at TUP TIM THAI in Brunswick.

If interested, please call, text, or email Janice Capano, so that we may have an accurate headcount. Email [jcapano06@hotmail.com](mailto:jcapano06@hotmail.com) or call (770)500-5468. Carpooling is available.

**THE GROTTA RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOP  
WILL BE CLOSED  
DECEMBER 28/29 AND JANUARY 4/5.**

**PRIMETIMERS** will be meeting on January 9, 2025, at 12:15pm in the parish hall. Our special guest speaker will be Mr. Al Brown. Many will know him as a prominent local realtor. He will be discussing his book "Notes from my father's Bible". Lunch will be provided for this meeting so please do not bring anything but your appetite.



### Tuesday Women's Discussion Group

will resume meeting on  
Tuesday, January 7, 2025, 10:30am  
in Room 1 of the parish hall.

We will be starting the Ascension Press program, "**Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life.**"

There are 10 video episodes.

All women are welcome to join us on this journey.

### Support Our Twin Parish in Haiti

Next weekend, January 4 and 5, volunteers from Helping Hugs, Inc. will outside after Masses collecting donations to support our twin parish, St. Joseph in Haiti. This collection is part of the ongoing bi-monthly collection taken up the first weekend of every other month. Contributions to this collection directly fund the operating expenses of St. Joseph Parish and the essential Food for Families Campaign, which St. William helps sustain each month.

Every donation from this collection is sent directly to St. Joseph's bank account, empowering the pastor to assist the most vulnerable members of the community. Father Faustin extends his heartfelt gratitude for your prayers and ongoing support. Together, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need. We invite you to pray for the people of Haiti, especially the parishioners of St. Joseph, and to give generously.

**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. 29**      **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**  
Coffee & Doughnuts after Masses  
12:30am - Office Closed  
6pm - Kenpo
- MON., DEC. 30**      **New Year's Eve - Office Closed**  
No Adoration  
8:15am - Daily Mass  
6pm - Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary
- TUES., DEC. 31**      **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**  
**New Year's Day - Office Closed**  
9am - Mass  
9am - Manna House
- WED., JAN. 1**      11am - Mindful Movement  
9am - Twin Parish Admin Meeting  
11am - Mindful Movement  
11:30am - Handbell Rehearsal  
6pm - Kenpo  
6:30pm - Knights of Columbus
- THURS., JAN. 2**      8:45am - Hour of Great Mercy (Rm 2)  
7:30am - 1st Saturday Devotions  
10am - Kenpo  
4:30pm - Reconciliation
- FRI., JAN. 3**      **HELPING HUG'S COLLECTION**
- SAT., JAN. 4**      9am - Adult Ed Bible Study  
9am - OCIA
- SUN., JAN. 5**

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - DECEMBER 2, 2024**



The Holy Family experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience today. And, so, we can look to this Family for help in our own family lives and see in them a model of stewardship in family life.

The Gospel passage from Luke starts by telling us something about Jesus' parents: "Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when he was 12 years old, they went up according to festival custom." This Family took seriously the traditions and practice of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family, and with their faith community. And they did so faithfully.

We can take their example to heart by making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, by making prayer with our family a priority every day, by making sure that we regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and by observing in our family life the feasts and fasts appropriate to the liturgical calendar. When we, as families, prioritize our Time with God and worship of Him we will be imitating the Holy Family.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let's commit to steward our families well in the coming year, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

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**THERE IS STILL TIME!**  
**Redirect your Georgia tax dollars to GOAL and help St. Francis Xavier Catholic School students access life-changing educational opportunities. Tax credit applications must be submitted before year-end. Sign up today at [goalscholarship.org](http://goalscholarship.org)!**

**DONATIONS & ONLINE GIVING** - We thank you for your continued support of our parish through our envelope program, mail, online giving, etc. In order for a donation to be eligible for a 2024 tax deduction, it must be received on or before December 31, 2024. All donations made to the offertory collection basket on or before Tuesday, December 31 will be eligible. If a donation is made by any form, other than offertory basket, please note:

- Mailed donations must be postmarked on or before December 31.
- Credit card donations must be made by midnight, for a transfer to occur.
- Online giving is available through this [link](#) or go through the 'Online Giving' tab at [www.stwill.net](http://www.stwill.net). Anything received prior to midnight December 31 will be counted as 2024.



**Dinner and Doctrine**

**Wednesday, January 8, 5-6:30pm**

**Dinner at 5pm**

**followed by Father Emmanuel.**

**"CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP: ROLE OF HOLY SPIRIT IN EVANGELIZATION"**

**Email RSVP for dinner by Thursday, January 2, \$10 per person to: Nancy Power at [religiously@stwill.net](mailto:religiously@stwill.net), or 638-2651**


**St. William Parish offices are closed for holiday break and will reopen on Thursday, January 2, at 8:30am. If there is an emergency, please call the office and leave a message as they will be check daily.**



# GOLD *and* SILVER JUBILEE

Anniversary Mass  
 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries in 2025  
 February 8, 2025, 10 am  
 Savannah Cathedral

RSVP by January 25: 912.201.4068  
[diosav.org/gold-and-silver](http://diosav.org/gold-and-silver)

**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 parish hall in the office, on our website, [stwill.net](http://stwill.net), or [here](#).

*As each one has received a gift,  
 use it to serve one another  
 as good stewards of God's varied grace.  
 -1 Peter 4:10*

Would you like to get more involved at Mass? As we begin to bring back the reception of the Precious Blood at all weekend Masses we are finding that we could use more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We invite you to prayerfully consider volunteering to be an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**. The priest is considered the ordinary minister of the Eucharist. The laity participate in this ministry as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, assisting the priest in the distribution of Holy Communion. This ministry is open to practicing Catholics over the age of 18.

There are a number of jackets, umbrellas, sunglasses, etc., that have been left in the church. They are in a basket outside of the office. If you are missing something, please stop by and look in the basket. Anything not picked up by January 15, will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul. Also, if you borrowed the blue tool box and/or a white power strip from the parish hall kitchen. Would you return them at your earliest convenience, please.



**We are Here to Listen and Take Action**



DIOCESAN 24-HOUR CHILD ABUSE REPORTING HOTLINE  
 888-357-5330

Abuse hotline for bishops only:  
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 To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, (912)201-4074. The diocesan policy on abuse is available at [www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection](http://www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection).

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*Happy New Year!*

Praying you see the blessing of God's plans this new year.





# 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 had 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) - \$1,022,444.68**

**RECTORY RENOVATION (Pledged) - 278,100.00**

Thank you for your consideration,  
Capital Campaign Committee  
David Hanna, Chair  
Jack Markley  
Burt Davitte

Please return your form and donation to the Church :  
St. William Catholic Church  
2300 Frederica Road  
St. Simons Island, GA 31522



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Donation Amount:** \$50,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$15,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$10,000 \_\_\_\_\_

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Online contributions may be made securely through our OSV online-giving link at [stwill.net](http://stwill.net), or by using the QR Code to the right.



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