

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.

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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 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.

> 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

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<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u> iturgy of the Hours Week

Liturgy of the Hours week I		
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	5:30PM	+ROBERT JAMES GLIDDEN
SUN., DEC. 8	8:00AM	+TUE DOAM
	10:30AM	PRO POPULO
MON., DEC. 9	8:15AM	+LESLIE HANLY
	6:00PM	CELEBRANT'S INTENTION
TUES., DEC. 10	8:15AM	+TUE DOAM
	6:00PM	+POOR SOULS
WED., DEC. 11	8:15AM	+LISA FOWLER
THURS., DEC. 12	8:15AM	(L) BECKY BOLL
FRI., DEC. 13	8:15AM	COMMUNION SERVICE
SAT., DEC. 14	8:15AM	(L) LAUREN COLLINS
	5:30PM	PRO POPULO
SUN., DEC. 15	8:00AM	(L) MYRIUM SHUMACHER
	10:30AM	+ROBERT JAMES GLIDDEN



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 Henshke, Bill Jerome, Doc Jones,

Mark Kelso, Timothy Kite, Ben Koreski, Kathleen Koreski, David Mathieu, Carlotta Martz, Judy Mattie, Mary McCaughey, Marilyn McConnell, 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 <u>stwilliamschurch@comcast.net</u>. *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.

DLD *and* SILVER JUBILEE

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

RSVP by January 25: 912.201.4068 diosav.org/gold-and-silver



STEWARDSHIP DECEMBER 1, 2024 - \$22,029.05 (DECEMBER 3, 2023 - \$41,959.42) Parishioner Envelopes/Checks - 254

The LORD has done great things for us; We are glad indeed. PSALM, 126:3

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person.

Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

"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."

> Mass Schedule Monday, December 9 - 8:15am & 6:00pm

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS Support those who have given a lifetime.

Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious at this weekend's special collection. <u>https://</u>



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)

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



Light the *H*dvent 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 is in the narthex of the church, or call the office to let us know which Mass you would like.

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.

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 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUN., DEC. 8 RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLL. No Coffee & Doughpute after Masses

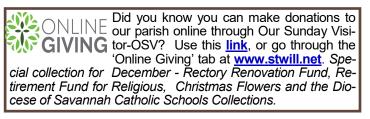
	No Coffee & Doughnuts after Masses
	9am - Adult Ed Bible Study
	9am - Creed & Confirmation Class
	9am - OCIA
	9am - KoC Pancake Breakfast
	11:30am-Childrens Gospel Portrayal Prac
	11:30am- Eucharistic Minister Training
MON., DEC. 9	IMMACULATE COMCEPTION
	9am - Monday Morning Marthas
	10:30am - Extraordinary Minister Training
TUES., DEC. 10	10:30am-Tuesday Morning Women's Disc
	11am - Chair Yoga
	1pm - Rosary for Peace
	6:30pm - Men's Bible Study
WED., DEC. 11	5:45pm-Childrens Gospel Portrayal Practice
	6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal
THURS., DEC. 12	11am - Handbell Choir Rehearsal
THURS., DEC. 12	11:30am - Chair Yoga
	12pm - Nurses Who Lunch
	6pm - Kenpo
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FRI., DEC. 13	8:45am - Hour of Great Mercy (Rm 2)
SAT., DEC. 14	8:15am - ADVENT RETREAT
	4:30pm - Reconciliation
SUN., DEC. 15	3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	BAMBINELLI SUNDAY
	ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLL.
	Coffee & Doughnuts after Masses
	9am - Adult Ed Bible Study
	9am - Creed & Confirmation Class
	9am - OCIA
	11:30am-Childrens Gospel Portrayal Prac.



Please bring ANGEL TREE gifts to either the Parish Hall, or the Church no later than Thursday, December 12. Make sure you have wrapped each item separately and attached the angel information tag, very securely. If you pick ed an angel with "SH" on it, please DO NOT wrap this gift, just bag it. If you have any questions, please

contact Nancy Power at (912) 638-2651 or PowerNancv@comcast.net

There will be no Coffee & Doughnuts this Sunday, December 8, because of the Knight of Columbus pancake & sausage breakfast for the children and their parents for St. Nicholas Day.





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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 8, 2024



The readings for the Second Week of Advent offer both encouragement and challenge as we reflect and prepare for the two 'comings" of Christ — His coming as a baby on the great feast of Christmas, and the anticipation of His second coming at the end of time.

Our First Reading, from Baruch, is a wonderful reminder that God has triumphed over sin and death and that we — His faithful disciples - will live in the light of His glory one day. Until He comes again, we must remain faithful to Him as true disciples and good stewards of all the gifts He has given us. While it can be tempting to give in to the materialism and calls for self-indulgence that surround us, (ironically more than ever at this time of year), this reading calls us back to the spiritual reality that this life is passing and that we are made for eternal life with God. We are called to prepare for eternal life by the way that we use our time, our talents, and our treasure now.

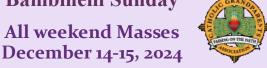
The Gospel reading from Luke shows us how personal and detailed is God's love for humanity as He prepared the way for Christ's coming among us. We are told the precise time, place, and person, John the Baptist, He appointed to announce the arrival of our Savior. John tells us how to celebrate to the fullest this first "coming" on the feast of Christmas and how to prepare for the second coming through repentance.

Let's turn away from any bad habits or sin that may have crept into our lives and turn our hearts and minds back to Christ this Advent. This is what the stewardship way of life is all about - moving closer ever closer in relationship with Christ and imitation of Him, ready to celebrate His birth, with eyes fixed on eternal life with Him. Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants





Bambinelli Sunday



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.



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



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; <u>Online giving</u>; 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) - \$928,064.68 RECTORY RENOVATION (Pledged) - \$261,100.00



CALLING ALL ANGELS AND SHEPHERDS!

Reminder that this week's practices for the children participating in the Christmas Eve portrayal of the Gospel will be Sunday, December 8 after 10:30 Mass and Wednesday, December 11 at 5:15PM. If you have questions, please contact Terri Mikowski, 912-223-0293 or <u>fishssi@comcast.net</u>, or simply come to the November 10 meeting.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GA This month's collection is next weekend, Decem-

ber 14-15. Please make your check out to St. Vincent de Paul.

Please Help Us Fill the Unfilled Positions in the MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 8 8am - 1 Usher 10:30am - 1 Extraordinary Minister Saturday, December 14 5:30pm - 2 Ushers Sunday, December 15 8am - 1 Usher 10:30am - 1 Usher Saturday, December 21 5:30pm - 4 Extraordinary Ministers Sunday, December 22 8am - 1 Extraordinary Minister, 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 - 2 Extraordinary Ministers, 3 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 - 1 Usher

10:30am - 4 Extraordinary Ministers



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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.



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 f" or "in memory of" your loved ones

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BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENTS

Have you ever wondered who handles advertising for our parish bulletin? Do you have a business or service you would like advertised in our bulletin? DIOCE-SAN, our bulletin publishing partner, can help you with the answers to these questions. Contact DIOCESAN at (800)997-4986, or advertising@Diocesan.com, our bulletin number is 4462. All advertising helps offset St. William's cost of publishing the bulletin.

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.

RSVP by December 8, 2024 to religioused@stwill.net



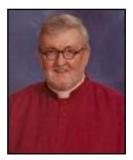
St. William Parish Bulletin Edition

We hope this monthly bulletin insert will acquaint you with our twin parish outreach ministry to St. Joseph Parish, Côtes-de-Fer, Haiti.

How did the Haiti outreach ministry get started?

In 2008, Msgr. John Kenneally, pastor of St. William, contacted the Parish Twinning Program of the Americas (PTPA). He asked for and was assigned a twin parish on the south coast of Haiti, St. Joseph in Côtes-de-Fer.

"PTPA is a Catholic, non-profit organization whose mission is to live the Gospel by seeking, building and maintaining twinning relationships between Catholic parishes in the U.S. and Catholic parishes in Haiti and Latin America."



Msgr. John Kenneally

Currently there are 300 U.S. parishes twinned with a parish in Haiti or Latin America. St. William is the only parish in the Diocese of Savannah with a twin parish in Haiti.



Diane, Carol, Fr. Jude, Bill, Theresa

2009 Three parishioners, Diane Smith, Carol Roberts and Bill Horn traveled to Côtes-de-Fer with Theresa Patterson, Executive Director of PTPA, to meet the pastor, Father Jude Fils-Aimé.

Thus began the relationship between St. William and St. Joseph parishes.

This ministry at St. William functioned as the Haiti Committee until 2013 when, at Msgr. Kenneally's direction, it became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation named, Helping Hugs Inc.

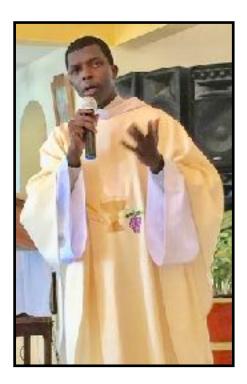
ABOUT St. Joseph Parish of Côtes-de-Fer



St. Joseph Parish of Côte-de-Fer is located on the south coast of Haiti mid-way between Jacmel on the east and Les Cayes on the west. It is located in the Diocese of Jacmel. As of 2021, the diocese is populated by 591,470 people, 65.5% of whom are Catholic. There are 31 parishes and 51 diocesan priests. There are 7,314 Catholics per priest.

The photo at left, taken on March 19th, shows the church's location at the base of a hill on the main street of the village. The church is filled to capacity on St. Joseph's feast day.

Father Islaire Faustin was assigned pastor of St. Joseph parish in 2016. He provides spiritual direction to the people of Côtes-de-Fer and ten rural communities of the parish. A chapel is located in each of these communities. They are under the direction of a lay leader, the chapel director, who receives monthly instruction and support from Father Faustin.



How do we help the poor in St. Joseph Parish?

The pastor of St. Joseph Parish sets the priorities for the projects we fund. Each December we ask Father Islaire to identify the needs for the upcoming year. In January we establish a budget, based on the money raised at the fall fundraiser, the Fête for Haiti. This guides the project funding for the year.

Since 2011 we've developed five major program areas:

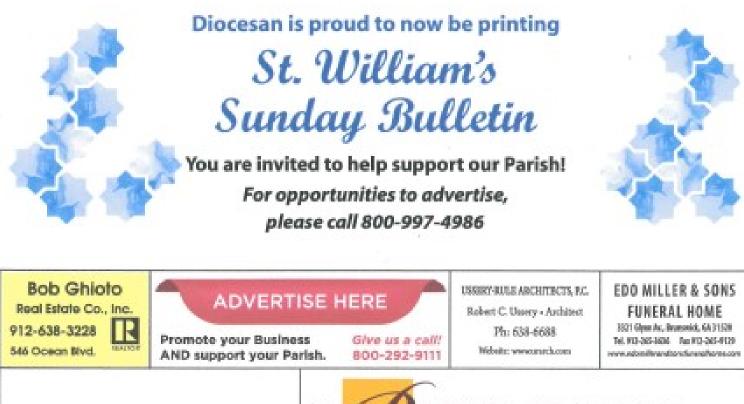
Education - Healthcare - Infrastructure - Clean Water - Agroforestry

Our generous contributions continue to support these five program areas plus other Emergencies as they arise.

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