



# 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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Jim Spaeder - 912-399-7145

### **Parish Council**

Burt Davitte - 912-269-0756

### **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., JAN. 4	8:15AM	+LOUIS CAPANO
	5:30PM	+STEPHEN NICK & JIMMY NICK, III
SUN., JAN. 5	8:00AM	+JOHN MCCONNELL
	10:30AM	PRO POPULO
MON., JAN. 6	8:15AM	+PETER HANSEN
TUES., JAN. 7	8:15AM	+WENDY ARMSTRONG
	6:00PM	PEACE IN SYRIA
WED., JAN. 8	8:15AM	+JIMMY BRADLEY
THURS., JAN. 9	8:15AM	ALBERT HOCHWALD
FRI., JAN. 10	8:15AM	COMMUNION SERVICE ALBERT HOCHWALD
SAT., JAN. 11	8:15AM	+MARION MCVEY
	5:30PM	+CECILIA ANTWI
SUN., JAN. 12	8:00AM	+JACK O'HERN
	10:30AM	+JIMMY BRADLEY



### Prayer Requests

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 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, 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.

### 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).



### NURSES LUNCHEONS

#### 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 JANUARY 4/5.**

## STEWARDSHIP

CHRISTMAS - \$45,390.00  
DECEMBER 29, 2024 - \$27,669.40  
(DECEMBER 30, 2023 - \$41,214.21)  
Parishioner Envelopes/Checks - 439  
DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - \$4,723.00  
SOLEMNITY OF MARY - \$3,521.35

*What gifts do you give to the Lord?  
Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day.  
Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships.  
Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God.  
Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.*



### BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION OFFICE EST. 1884

Next weekend our parish will take up the 140th annual **BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION**. The Black and Indian Mission Collection exists to help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to the real and pressing needs of these communities on the ground. Please give generously.

### CCW

The St. William Council of Catholic Women January program previously scheduled for January 14, has been rescheduled to Tuesday, January 21, at 6pm. We will be having a fun bunko night. If you have never played bunko, don't worry, it is easy and requires no set of skills. It is pure luck. Mark your calendars. More details will follow in next week's bulletin.



### WHO

Our widowed helping others group, will meet on Thursday, January 9 at 6 o'clock at the home of Lee Norvell. Please bring a dish to share and the beverage of your choice. For any questions please contact Barbara Lyon at 404-247-4902.

### 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.



### Support Our Twin Parish in Haiti

This weekend, January 4 and 5, volunteers from Helping Hugs, Inc. will be 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., JAN. 5**      **HELPING HUG'S COLLECTION**  
9am - Adult Ed Bible Study  
9am - OCIA

**MON., JAN. 6**      **EPIPHANY**  
9am - Monday Morning Marthas  
6pm - Kenpo

**TUES., JAN. 7**      9am - Adoration  
10:30am - Tuesday Morn. Women's Disc.  
11am - Mindful Movement  
1pm - CCW Board Meeting  
1pm - Rosary for Peace  
6:30pm - Men's Bible Study

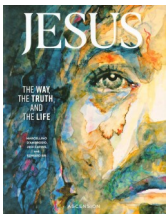
**WED., JAN. 8**      5pm - Dinner & Doctrine  
6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal

**THURS., JAN. 9**      9am - Twin Parish General Meeting  
11am - Mindful Movement  
11:30am - Handbell Rehearsal  
12pm - Nurses Who Lunch  
12:15pm - Primetimers  
6pm - Kenpo  
6pm - WHO (Widowed Helping Others)

**FRI., JAN. 10**      8:45am - Hour of Great Mercy (Rm 2)

**SAT., JAN. 11**      10am - Kenpo  
4:30pm - Reconciliation

**SUN., JAN. 12**      **BLACK & INDIAN COLLECTION**  
9am - Adult Ed Bible Study  
9am - OCIA  
9am - Creed & Confirmation Classes



**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.



**PRIMETIMERS** will be meeting on Thursday, 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 by John J. Loughlin for this meeting. There is no need to bring anything but your appetite. We thank Mr. Loughlin very much for his generosity.

**UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION FOR 2025!**

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.

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - JANUARY 5, 2025**



Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. For centuries we as Catholics celebrated this Feast on January 6, but the decision was made a number of years ago (at least in the United States) to celebrate the Epiphany on the Sunday which falls between January 2 and January 8.

"Epiphany" means "manifestation." It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Officially Christmas is not over. In fact, the recommendation of the Church is that on this day those who display a crèche, a nativity or manger scene, should replace the shepherd and sheep with the Magi and their likely animals on which they traveled as well as their gifts. However, that is all secondary to the real meaning of this day.

At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honor and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be.

The poet William Cullen Bryant captures the significance of the star the Magi followed very well when he wrote, "O Father, may that Holy Star, Grow every year more bright, And send its glorious beams afar, To fill the world with light."

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

To any Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist who has not been trained since the updated procedures have been initiated - please attend one of the following 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](mailto:joorr1313@gmail.com).

**Sunday, January 12, 11:30am**  
**Monday, January 13, at 10:30am**

**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 religiouslystwill.net](mailto:nancy.power@religiouslystwill.net), or 638-2651

**Sympathy & prayers . . .**

To **Monsignor Christopher Schreck**, his family and friends upon the death of his mother, **PATTY SCHRECK**. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 2025 at Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist. A reception will be held in Regina Coeli Hall immediately following the Funeral Mass.

To **Jim Hartnett, Jim, Sheila, Matthew & James Hartnett, Martin & Marie Artman, Mary Margaret Schlosser, Neil, Margaret & Erin Goodman**, upon the death of their wife, mother and grandmother, **NORMA HARTNETT**.

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

**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) - \$1,080,910.18**

**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 :  
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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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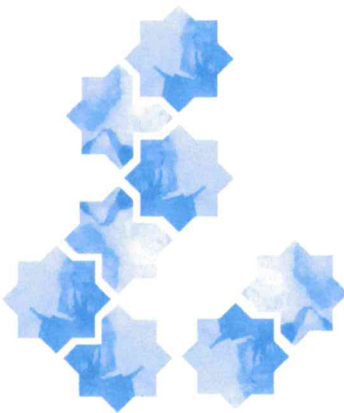


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