



St. William Catholic Church

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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 7:45 a.m.
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

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

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Grotto Religious Goods

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Adoration

Maureen Bowen - 912-222-6775

Adult Ed Bible Study

Tom McIntyre - 279-0526, 996-8752

Altar Servers

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

Bloomers

Therese Raimondo - 912-230-7313

Coffee and Doughnuts

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.

Jo Orr - 706-238-2609
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Ushers

Ron Casler - 912-434-9635



MASS INTENTIONS

Liturgy of the Hours Week II

SAT., MAR. 22	8:15AM	(L) JUDITH SPANOS
	5:30PM	+ERNIE SHEARER
SUN., MAR. 23	8:00AM	PRO POPULO (for the people)
	10:30AM	+SUSAN ERNO
MON., MAR. 24	8:15AM	+BILL LIGHTBOWN
TUES., MAR. 25	8:15AM	(L) JEANNE HESSELING
	6:00PM	+POOR SOULS
WED., MAR. 26	8:15AM	+ALICE MARIA FONSECA
THURS., MAR. 27	8:15AM	+BERNARDINE HANLY-CASSON
FRI., MAR. 28	8:15AM	COMMUNION SERVICE
SAT., MAR. 29	8:15AM	+PATTI SCHRECK
	5:30PM	+ERNIE SHEARER
SUN., MAR. 30	8:00AM	PRO POPULO (for the people)
	10:30AM	+BARBARA HERNANDEZ



Susan & Lee Burt, Trent C., Michael Costa, Fr. Jack Davis, Barbara DeRatto, Cathy Dowdy, Mary Eckerd, Bill Friedrich, Milann G., Charlotte Ann Gaubert, Rebecca Gaylor, Louise Grady, John Grimsley, Lesley Hanly, Nova Henshke, Bill Jerome, Doc Jones, Mark Kelso, Timothy Kite, Ben Koreski, Kathleen Koreski, Mike Krueger, Marsha Marderosian, David Mathieu, Judy Mattie, Mary McCaughey, Emily Melton, 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.

*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.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are looking for the following volunteers:

- ✠ Religious Ed teachers for Kindergarten - 8th Grade for the 2025-26 school year.
- ✠ Help with CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) on Sundays at the 10:30 Mass.
- ✠ Volunteers for VBS to happen this summer.

Religious Education class (kindergarten thru 8th grade, and First Communion & Confirmation registration for the 2025-26 school year is open. Please register by August 31, 2025. Please use this link to register: <https://www.osvhub.com/stwill/forms/faith-formation-1>, or go to stwill.net and download a registration form.

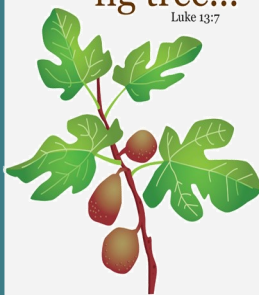
STEWARDSHIP

MARCH 16, 2025 - \$12,092.00

(MARCH 17, 2024 - \$17,826.66)

Parishioner Envelopes/Checks - 141

"I have come
in search of fruit
on this fig tree..."
Luke 13:7



We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous; we are called to develop and nurture our gifts; and return them with increase. We are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.



Next week our parish will take up The **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

This is the most popular of Catholic devotions. As we pass from Station to Station, we are moved to renounce sin and accept Jesus as our Savior. Join us in the Church for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 12pm, and afterwards for a **Lenten Lunch** in the parish hall.

We are still in need of a group to host the Lenten Lunch on **Friday, April 4**. Please call the office, if you are interested.



The **EDUCATION CAMPAIGN** for our twin parish, **ST. JOSEPH**, in Côtés-de-Fer, is underway. Education is critical if the children of St Joseph are to have a chance for a better life. \$80 will pay for one elementary student to attend school next year. \$130 will pay for a high school student to attend a Catholic high school. \$210 will pay for one elementary and one high school student. Your donation is a gift of hope for the children of our twin parish. You can donate online at www.helpinghugsinc.org or mail your check made payable to Helping Hugs Inc to P.O. Box 24477 St Simons Island, GA 31522.



The **COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW)** offer scholarships annually to students registered at St William and who actively participated in Parish ministries, in youth events and regularly attend masses. Students who will graduate in Spring 2025 and anticipate attending a trade school, or a 2 or 4 year University can apply. Applications were mailed out. If an application wasn't received and one is desired, contact Rosie Mohn at (912)230-3154 or by email at mohnrosemarie@gmail.com. Interviews will follow.

Dinner and Doctrine

Wednesday, April 2, 5-6:30pm

Dinner at 5pm, followed by Father Emmanuel.

**"A BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING OF GRATITUDE"
GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, WHO IS GOOD"**

Email RSVP for dinner by Thursday, March 27, \$10 per person to: Nancy Power at religiousd@stwill.net, or 638-2651





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., MAR. 23	9am - Adult Ed Bible Study 9am - Creed & Confirmation Classes 9am - OCIA
MON., MAR. 24	9am - Monday Morning Marthas 6pm - Kenpo 7pm - HOA
TUES., MAR. 25	9am - Adoration 10am - Bloomers Meeting 10:30am - Tuesday Morn. Women's Disc 11am - Mindful Movement 1pm - Rosary for Peace 6:30pm - Men's Bible Study
WED., MAR. 26	9am - Spiritual Direction 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal
THURS., MAR. 27	11am - Handbell Rehearsal 11am - Mindful Movement 6pm - Kenpo
FRI., MAR. 28	8:45am - Hour of Great Mercy (Rm 2) 12pm - Stations of the Cross 12:30pm - Lenten Luncheon
SAT., MAR. 29	10am - Kenpo 9:30am - Baptism 4:30pm - Reconciliation
SUN., MAR. 30	CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES 9am - Adult Ed Bible Study 9am - OCIA

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 23, 2025

Today's Gospel passage reminds us that life is precious and the gift of time on this earth is just that — a gift. None of us knows how much time will be granted to us, so we must use this gift intentionally to glorify God and serve our neighbor.

Jesus offers the parable of the fig tree to further illustrate this truth. The owner of the orchard came searching for fruit on a fig tree he had planted in his orchard. Finding no fruit on the tree after three years, he told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener intercedes and asks for one more year to cultivate and fertilize the tree in hopes it would bear fruit in the future. The fig tree was not dying; it simply wasn't doing much of anything at all. Can this be said of us and our lives as well?

The season of Lent is a time to carefully reflect on the way we spend our time. Do we make God our first priority, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give the next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens, or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or of misplaced priorities on our use of time. God is merciful but just. Let's turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)



THIRD SUNDAY
in
LENT

On the Sea of Galilee

St. William Parish Lenten Retreat
April 5, 2025



Retreat Title: "Practicing the Presence of God"

Retreat Description: It is said that God is closer to us than we are to ourselves and yet He can seem so far away. How can we be more aware of His loving presence in our daily lives? Join us in this retreat as we listen to the simple wisdom of Brother Lawrence on practicing the presence of God.

Retreat Speaker:

Sister Gabriella Yi, O.P., is a Dominican Sister of Saint Cecilia from Nashville. Originally from Seoul, she grew up near Philadelphia. Having received her Doctorate from the Angelicum in 2013, she teaches at Aquinas College. In addition to teaching theology, Sister loves leading retreats, eating dark chocolate, and being by the ocean.



RSVP to (912) 638-2651 or religiouse@stwill.net by March 30th, so we may accurately plan for attendance.

May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

AAPI Month Mass with Bishop Parkes

April 26, 2025, 11 am
Sacred Heart Church, Warner Robins
Reception to follow

Optional: Bring a dish to share
Optional: Wear your culture's
traditional outfit



The ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY is seeking donations of grits, pancake mix, syrup, oatmeal, breakfast bars, and pop tarts. Our neighbors in need are truly grateful for everyone's generosity. Items may be put in the bins in the back of the church marked St. Vincent de Paul.

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ATTENTION ALL MINISTRIES!

We have a quite few **unfilled positions** for Palm Sunday and Holy Week.
If you are available to help with any of the following,
please let the office know as soon possible.

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| APRIL 13, PALM SUNDAY, 8am | 1 Usher |
| APRIL 17, HOLY THURSDAY, 8pm | 1 Usher |
| APRIL 18, GOOD FRIDAY, 3pm | 1 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
1 Usher |
| APRIL 19, HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL, 8pm | 3 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
2 Ushers
1 Altar Servers |
| APRIL 20, EASTER, 8am(Church) | 1 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
1 Usher |
| APRIL 20, EASTER, 8:15am(Parish Hall) | 5 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
4 Ushers
1 Altar Server |
| APRIL 20, EASTER, 10am(Church) | 1 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
1 Ushers
1 Altar Server |
| APRIL 20, EASTER, 10:15am(Parish Hall) | 5 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
4 Ushers
1 Altar Server |

**6 Volunteers are needed for foot washing on
Holy Thursday.
Please contact the office at 638-2647
if you would like to participate.**



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.



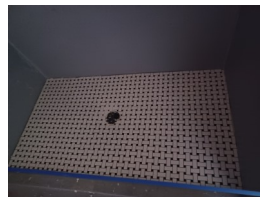
We have been fortunate to have enthusiastic response, and had commitments in hand for over 83% of the total project costs before beginning this capital campaign.

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) - \$1,366,600.21

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



March 12, 2025 - Bathroom shower tile is being installed. Floor leveling compound has been poured in preparation for flooring. Sheetrock should start going up next week.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Donation Amount: \$50,000 _____ \$25,000 _____ \$15,000 _____ \$10,000 _____
\$5,000 _____ \$1,000 _____ \$500 _____ Other _____

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