



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. - 5:45 p.m. in church.

Rosary

Monday - Saturday at 7:45 a.m., Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

Faith Formation Classes

Elementary (K-5th Grades) - Sundays 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

EDGE - Middle School (6th-8th) - Sundays 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

Confirmation Class (9th Grade) - Sundays 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

LIFE TEEN - High School (9th-12th Grades) - Sundays 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (K-2nd Grade) - During 10:30 a.m. Mass

OCIA - Sundays at 9:00 - 10:15 a.m., August thru April

Baptism

Parents are to be registered and attend preparation class.
(By appointment - Call the Director of Faith Formation 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.

The Grotto Religious Goods Shop is open after weekend Masses. Call the office during the week.

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MASS INTENTIONS
Liturgy of the Hours Week IV

SAT., AUG. 15 8:15AM +AMALIA AUZIAS-MARTINI
5:30PM +BOBBY HANSEN
SUN., AUG. 16 8:00AM PRO POPULO
10:30AM +GEORGE RUEHLING
MON., AUG. 17 8:15AM +PETER JOHN COLLETTE
TUES., AUG. 18 8:15AM +ELAINE LAWLESS
6:00PM (L) CECILIA & RICHARD
COLOSI'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY
WED., AUG. 19 8:15AM +MARTIN TURBIDY
THURS., AUG. 20 8:15AM +JEAN MORRIS
FRI., AUG. 21 8:15AM COMMUNION SERVICE
SAT., AUG. 22 8:15AM +JANE MANNING
5:30PM +FRANCIS TOKAR
SUN., AUG. 23 8:00AM +JACK O'HERN
10:30AM PRO POPULO



Fr. John Allen, Fr. Joey Buen-camino, Mimi Boal, Stacey Cofield, Michael Costa, David Davitte, **Tom Delaney**, Barbara DeRatto, Carolyn DiCaprio, Luana Dickey, Erin, Robert Ferrell, Charles Furness, Milann G., Rebecca Gaylor, Louise Grady, John Grimsley, Mike Gutelius, Lauren Hawkins, Gordon Jackson, Doc Jones, Jason Jones, Caryl Kehoe, Marge Kelso, Mark Kelso, Timothy Kite, Ford Koles, Mike Maher, Emily Melton, Marguerite Moore, Joyce Owsley, Mike Owsley, Judson Powell, Hayden Putre, Faye Ruehling, Analise Schafer, Joyce Schlossberg, Msgr. Chris Schreck, Richard Selacek, Cassi Schneider, Diane Smith, Christine Teston, Chad Yelverton, 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 admin@stwill.net.

Names in bold are new to the prayer list. Names stay on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise requested.

TELEPHONE & EMAIL PRAYER LINE

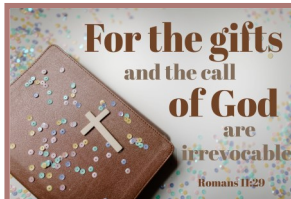
St. William Prayer Line is a group of people who pray daily for the intentions received from voice mails left at 912-638-4287 or by email at stwilliamsprayerline@gmail.com.

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To donate to special collections, including St. Vincent de Paul, please use the designated QR codes provided one to two weeks before each special collection.



STEWARDSHIP

AUGUST 9 - \$15,878.00

Parishioner Envelopes & Checks - 211 (all collections)
CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA - \$2,383.00

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."
- ROMANS 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God's salvation plan.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY COLLECTION is this weekend, August 15-16. Parishioners should include their donation envelope in the regular parish collection at any Mass. All donations will be processed through St. William.

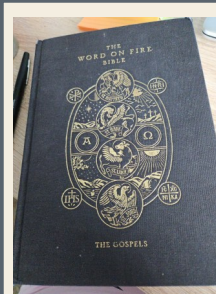
• Please make checks payable to **ST. WILLIAM**
• In the memo line, write: **St. Vincent de Paul**

There will be envelopes in the pews if you wish to contribute cash. To give online, use this [link](http://www.stwill.net), or go to www.stwill.net and click on "Online Giving" tab.

HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS – FRIENDLY REMINDER!

Hey High School Parents! Just a reminder that we will have our High School Parent Meeting following the 8:00 AM Mass this Sunday in the Parish Hall. We'll go over what's coming up for our teens this year—including **Life Teen, Confirmation, retreats, summer opportunities, Steubenville, DYC, and more!**

- Come for Mass.
 - Stay for the meeting.
 - Leave knowing what's happening this year!
- We'd love to see you there!



MONDAY MORNING MARTHAS will begin on Monday, August 31. This program, open to all the women in the parish, encourages you to explore the mysteries of our faith. We are using Bishop Barren's04 Word on Fire Bible, "The Gospels." We are presently reading the Gospel of John. Homework is given in the form of reading the chapter and coming prepared to share with the class. This year we will meet in classroom 1. Our class meets from 9am until 10:30am every first, second and fourth Monday of the month. We welcome you to join us as there is always room at our table.

ATTN: MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS
PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW YOUR UNAVAILABLE DATES FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER BY AUGUST 19.



Nursery Volunteers Needed - Do you love working with children? The parish nursery is looking for volunteers to care for our little ones during weekend Masses. By sharing your time, you give parents the peace of mind to fully focus on the Liturgy. Please

contact the office if you are interested admin@stwill.net or 638-2647.

Schedule: Sundays, 8am to 11:30am

Requirements: The nursery requires two volunteers be present at all times, one of which is an adult (18+) who is safe environment trained and has a current background check.

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
TUESDAY - BENEDICTION AT 5:45PM, MASS AT 6PM

SUN., AUG. 16	ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION 9am - Parent Meeting - High School 9am - OCIA(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)
MON., AUG. 17	9am - Manna House 11am - Mergl Funeral 6pm - Kenpo
TUES., AUG. 18	11am - Mindful Movement 1pm - Rosary for Peace 6:30pm - Men's Bible Study 6:35pm - Spiritual Direction
WED., AUG. 19	1:45pm - Intercessory Prayer Group 6pm - Knights of Columbus Officer Mtg.
THURS., AUG. 20	9:30am - Handbell Choir Rehearsal 11am - Mindful Movement 6pm - Kenpo
FRI., AUG. 21	8:45am - Hour of Great Mercy (Church)
SAT., AUG. 22	10am - Kenpo 4:30pm - Reconciliation
SUN., AUG. 23	FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 9am - OCIA(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) 9am - Elementary Grades 9am - EDGE - Middle School Grades

ST. WILLIAM LIFE TEEN IS BACK!

Alright Life Teen... summer is officially OVER. It's time to get back together! And we're kicking off the year with PIZZA, CAPTURE THE FLAG, AND A COLOR WAR.

Yes. You read that correctly.

You're going to run.

You're going to compete.

You're going to laugh.

You're going to get covered in color.

And yes... someone is going to take Capture the Flag WAY too seriously.

Join us Sunday, August 23 from 4:00-6:00 PM for an afternoon of fun, friendship, and kicking off another incredible year of Life Teen at St. William.

Bring your friends. Bring your competitive spirit.

Wear clothes you don't mind getting colorful.

The question is...

Are YOU ready for the Color War?

Let's make the first Life Teen night of the year one we won't forget!

Let's Pray



House of Prayer Intercessory Group

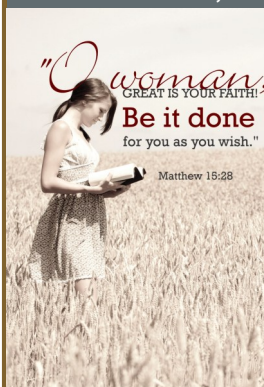
will meet Wednesday, August 19 at 1:45pm in the Chapel (keypad 2300*).

Please join us as we pray for the needs

of: The world, the country, our parish, our clergy, our ministries, our families and each other. All are welcome. If you have any questions, contact Janice Capano at (770) 500-5468 or jcapano06@hotmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

AUGUST 16, 2026 -20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Today's Gospel from Matthew reminds us to trust the Lord even when it seems He is not answering our prayers.

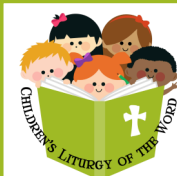
God desires to lead us to the joy of heaven and eternal life with Him. To prepare us for that day, He calls us to grow in faith and to live each day as a grateful response to His goodness. In other words, He is forming us into saints. This is what the stewardship way of life is meant to accomplish. At times that process is difficult. Often, it stretches us beyond our comfort.

Jesus certainly challenged the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel. She cried out to Him on behalf of her daughter, who was tormented by a demon. How did Jesus respond to this desperate mother's plea? At first, He "did not say a word in answer to her." Undeterred, she continued to seek Him, and He continued to test her faith.

She responded with such remarkable trust that Jesus proclaimed, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." Imagine hearing those words spoken to us by our Lord. There could be no greater affirmation of a life lived in faithful discipleship.

The stewardship way of life will test our trust in God at times. But those are often the moments when He is doing His greatest work within us. Let us persevere in faith, trusting that His plan is always leading us toward the joy He has prepared for us.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship](#) Consultants.



CLOW - Children ages four and up are welcome to attend Children's Liturgy of the Word, in the chapel during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass each weekend. Children are dismissed before the readings and return to the church during the Presentation of the Gifts to witness the Liturgy of the Eucharist with their families.



ROSARY RETREAT AT NATIVITY OF OUR LADY

All are invited to join us for a Rosary Retreat at Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church in Darien on **Saturday, September 5, 2026, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM**. This day will include Adoration, time for Confession, and Mass. After Mass, there will be a light brunch, teaching on the Rosary, testimony, and prayer—an opportunity for all to grow closer to Christ through the Rosary and to be renewed in faith and grace. **Please RSVP by clicking on this [link](#)**, call the parish office at 912-437-4750.

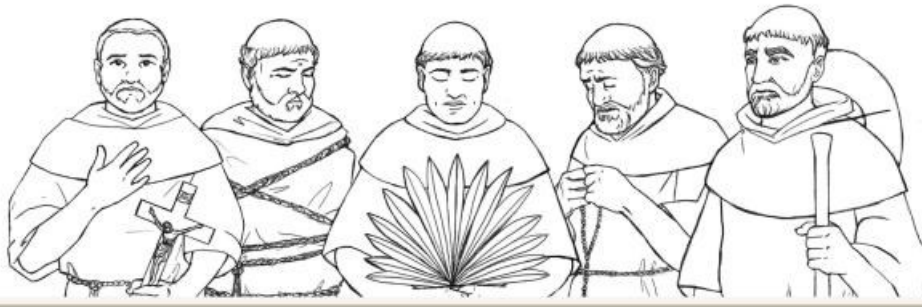
Sympathy & prayers . . .

*To Terry and Christopher Mergl, and Ellie & Jim Snow, upon the death of their wife, mother and daughter, **LAUREL ANN SNOW MERGL**. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. William on Monday, August 18, at 11am.*

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



Flowers have been placed at the altar in honor of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Mass of Beatification PEDRO DE CORPA AND FOUR COMPANIONS

Saturday, October 31, 2026, at 11 a.m. | Savannah Convention Center

Doors open at 8 a.m.

REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 1!

Visit [theGeorgiaMartyrs.org](https://thegeorgiamartyrs.org)

The beatification of the Venerable Servant of God Pedro de Corpa and his Four Companions, known as the

Georgia Martyrs,

will take place on

**All Hallows Eve, Saturday, October 31, 2026,
at 11am in Savannah, Georgia.**

Cardinal Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, will serve as Papal Legate, representing the Holy Father and presiding over the liturgy.

This will be the first beatification in Georgia and the first in the American South.

ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION

**Registration is required,
but there is no cost to attend.**

Register at thegeorgiamartyrs.org.

Registration does not guarantee a specific seat but helps with event planning and provides email updates.

ST. WILLIAM PARISH BUS TRAVEL

St. William Parish has chartered two buses (56 seats each) for parishioners.

- Cost: \$40 per person
- Capacity: 112 total seats
- Departure: ~8:00 a.m. from St. William
- Return: ~6:00 p.m.
- Deadline: Tuesday, September 8

To reserve a seat on the bus, call the church office or email admin@stwill.net. Specific details on exact itinerary will be announced later.

Important: If riding the parish bus, please do not register individually online. The parish will handle registration for bus riders.

Those driving independently may register directly at thegeorgiamartyrs.org.

Join us for this historic celebration of the beatification of the Georgia Martyrs!



School News

Our mission

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Good News at SFXCS!

We're excited to welcome our students, faculty, and families back for another incredible year!



Please keep our entire school community in your prayers as we grow in faith, knowledge, and service together.

As a new school year begins, we are seeking an **Admissions & Enrollment Coordinator** to help welcome new families to our community. Experience in sales, recruiting, customer relations, or relationship-based work would be especially valuable. Please keep this search in your prayers and share the opportunity with anyone who may be a great fit.



Scan this QR code or visit linktr.ee/sfxcs to learn more!

Thank You, GOAL donors!

Applications for the Georgia GOAL Tax Credit are now open! Thank you to everyone who has already applied to help provide scholarships for SFXCS students.

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