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Weekly bulletin articles must be submitted to Mrs. Helen Griffin before **9am on Wednesdays, 10 days prior** to publication.

SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil-5pm: Sunday-8am & 10:30am
Latin Mass: 4th Sundays-12:30pm
Daily Mass: Tuesday-Friday-12:15pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday & Thursday: 11am-12pm
 Saturday 3:30pm-4:30pm
Holy Days of Obligation: 12:15pm & 6:30pm
 (Exceptions: Thanksgiving Day, December 25 & January 1 Mass at 10AM)
Adoration: First Friday 1:00pm with Benediction at 3:00pm
Join our parish in prayer:
 The Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet: Monday-Friday 11:30am
Miraculous Medal Novena: Tuesdays after 12:15pm Mass
Baptisms by Appointment
 Marriages: Inquire a minimum of FOUR months prior to setting wedding date

“Do We Really Want to Hear?”

Fr. Mark Suslenko SS.

Christians did a great disservice to themselves when they lost touch with Israel's Shema prayer: “Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!” Jesus was very familiar with this prayer and references it in his teaching on the commandments. These simple yet powerful words are at the center of a devout Jew's habit of prayer, recited both in the morning and the evening, on Yom Kippur, and traditionally as one's last words before death. It is a constant reminder that God alone is God, a lesson of which we must be reminded regularly. We can easily make many other things our “gods.” When we follow a different compass we can suddenly find ourselves off center, lost and feeling disconnected. Only God can be our true north. There are no substitutes. If we take a good look at ourselves, there are many things that we make unnecessarily important. We can be more devoted to serving and securing them rather than the genuine God of our lives: our Maker, Sustainer, and Redeemer.



Jesus also makes a big point of intimately linking the love of neighbor with the love of God. Acts of kindness are important. Many people's lives get turned around as a result of them. We read such stories all the time: of courageous police officers doing incredible work for their community and charitable acts for those in need, a food-service employee reaching out to someone who is hurting, a classmate standing up for someone who is bullied, and the lonely, homeless, and friendless human being comforted by someone who truly cares. But is doing a few of these “random acts of kindness” every once in a while enough to fulfill Jesus' commandment? As good and effective as these gestures are, they alone are not enough. It is not sufficient to check the “random act of kindness” box on our Christian “to-do list” and then move on to other things. Does being a good Christian mean simply obeying the laws and requirements of our faith? Or, is there more to it than that?

It's not about laws. Being a devout believer is about attending to our relationships. Jesus wants to make sure we have the first one straightened out so that we can properly attend to the others. This is where religion steps in. Good, healthy religion is not about simply articulating laws and demanding conformity. True religion is about relationships. A good, healthy religion inspires, cultivates, and nurtures our relationship with God so that it pervades and influences all our other relationships, including those with our neighbor. A religion that is exclusively about navel-gazing, obtaining personal merits, and securing a place in heaven is nothing close to what Jesus had in mind. What religion needs to help us with is learning how to live sacred lives. We will find ourselves fulfilling all the precepts of the law in both word and deed not because we *have* to but because we *want* to. Love, fully embraced, changes our motivation. Everything is connected.

Even if good fruit is born as a result as a result of our positive actions, it is ultimately useless if our relationships with God and our neighbor are misaligned. Looking to God as the one, true God and not falling for seemingly more satisfying substitutes, is the only way to purge ourselves from the self-interest, pride, and personal agendas that easily color our loving. Jesus reminds us that life is a sacred dance featuring ourselves, our neighbors, and God. It is a dance choreographed by the Master Composer himself. We cannot risk forgetting that God is God, as God is in all things, before all things, and the end of all things. We are drawn to the heart of our neighbors because of God's sacred presence alive in their souls. It draws us out of ourselves and to them. St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross said, “As for what concerns our relations with our fellow men, the anguish in our neighbor's soul must break all precept. All that we do is a means to an end, but love is an end in itself, because God is love.”

God's divinity flows through the sacredness of life. This is why no human being can be allowed to experience unnecessary harm, want or neglect. Yet so many of our neighbors sob and cry because they have been cast aside or left behind. Without anyone to help, they suffer. Unless the world understands that it has a sacred heartbeat, it will never really learn how to love and live. So many things are falling apart around us. There is so much conflict. Personal agendas, differing ideologies and philosophies are at war. People seek what they want over what is best for all. All these things and the loss of a moral compass all point to the fact that we have left the Shema to pages of history and consider it an outdated tradition. We have either forgotten or never learned our lessons. Now it is time to follow the anguish and respond to it.

Jesus stands before us today and eloquently details the beautiful first and second commandments. When we respond to him will he be able to affirm that we did so with understanding? More importantly, could Jesus, as he did the scribe, confidently tell us that we are not far from the Kingdom of God? We need to hear, once again, who God is and who we are so that we can fittingly and properly live with one another. Sadly, however, many of us do not want to hear that we are not at the center of God's universe or even the one we create for ourselves. Opening ourselves to the voice of truth puts a corrective into our lives that may be hard for some to swallow. It will require us to change up our opinions about things, redirect our loyalties, care less about the world's agenda, and make some difficult choices. It will not be the most popular road to travel but it's the only one that leads to life.

“Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!” To whom or what are we truly devoted? Our humble and honest answer to that question may shock us, especially if we consider ourselves righteous, law-abiding believers.

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We extend a warm welcome to all of our visitors to our BEAUTIFUL AND HISTORIC CHURCH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY which was founded in 1810 and is the oldest Catholic Church in the State of Georgia. We are happy that you have chosen to worship with us. Additional information about our historic church can be found on www.themostholyltrinity.org. Please come again!

November 1, the solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated. Canon 1246, §2



Confirmation will be on Tuesday, 2 November 2021 at 6:00pm with Bishop Stephen D. Parkes.



Saturday, October 30th: *The Blessed Virgin Mary*
5:00pm, † Thaddeus Lewis

Sunday: *The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 31st*

8:00am, (Living) Susan Craig
11:00am, Missa Pro Populo

Monday: November 1st: *All Saints*
6:30pm, † Rita Hitchler

Tuesday: November 2nd: *All Souls*
12:15pm, † Phu Doan Van

Wednesday: November 3rd
12:15pm, † Mary McCarthy

Thursday: November 4th
12:15pm, † James DeSino

Friday: November 5th
12:15pm, (Living) Father Jacob Almeter

Saturday: November 6th: *The Blessed Virgin Mary*
5:00pm, Missa Pro Populo

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If you are hospitalized, homebound, or in a care facility, call the parish office at 706-722-4944. For Intercessory Prayer Line requests, call Diana Plowman 706-228-4271 or 706-414-1611. **Call the office for your name or family member's name to be removed from the bulletin list; however, we will continue to pray for your or their intentions.**

Pray for Our Military

Parishioners are strongly encouraged to contact the office at 706-722-4944 to offer intentions for military members stationed during dangerous deployments, or veterans trying to recuperate, so that the parish family may pray for them. Parishioners who would like to participate in any way with the military and Veterans Ministry, please call Tom Kiernan at 706-863-2134. **Pray for our active military and veterans!**



Readings for the Week

The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time: October 31st Priesthood Sunday
Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Monday, November 1st: *All Saints Day*
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday, November 2nd: *All Souls' Day*
Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11/Jn 6:37-40a

Wednesday, November 3rd: *St. Martin de Porres*
Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday, November 4th: *St. Charles Borromeo*
Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10

Friday, November 5th
Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday, November 6th: *The Blessed Virgin Mary*
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15

The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: November 7th National Vocation Awareness Week
1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44

Adult Faith Formation Sessions

Resumes Today. Sessions are from 9:15am - 10:15am on Sundays and we're using the Faith Formation schedule. This is a perfect opportunity for parents with children in Faith Formation and all parishioners to learn more about our Catholic Faith. We're watching videos and discussing multiple faith subjects. For more information, contact Joe Prouty at 706-760-6859 or proutyjoe4951@gmail.com.

Permanent Diaconate Program



The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is continuing to accept applications for the next permanent diaconate formation class. Interested men, between the ages of 35 and 60, should review the application information on the diocesan website at:

<https://diosav.org/permanent-diaconate/formation/apply> or contact Deacon Kelley Culver at 706-651-8989.

Marriage Banns

The following couples will soon be married at Most Holy Trinity! May God bless them in their new vocation as they strive to live out the challenging, yet beautiful, plan of Jesus for Holy Marriage.

Taylor Waugh & McKinley Jackson Chattanooga, TN
Tyler Ross & Josephine Hartney Chattanooga, TN
Stephen Benningfield & Allison K. Seklecki Louisville, KY
Malcolm Cibak & Sara Cullinane Augusta, GA

JOIN OUR PARISH IN PRAYER

The Rosary is prayed daily, except Mondays, beginning at 11:30am followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet. These are two powerful means for prayerful preparation for the Holy Eucharist.

Active Parishioner Status

We receive many requests for weddings, to be Godparents, sponsors for Confirmation and to rightfully enjoy other services offered here at Most Holy Trinity. To verify if you are registered parishioners, call the parish office at 706-722-4944.

An active member is one who:

- Attends Sunday Masses and Holy Days
- Is registered in the parish rolls (census)
- Participates in parish activities often
- Uses the envelope system or donates online

Individual assessments will be made; however, the above are the main factors that will be considered in making the determination. **To register go to the parish website www.themostholyltrinity.org click on links or call the office.**

IF YOU DO NOT GET ENVELOPES OR IS NOT ENROLLED IN ONLINE GIVING, YOU ARE NOT A REGISTERED PARISHIONER.



Rachels's Vineyard Retreat

Post abortion Healing weekend near Augusta **November 5-7, 2021** for any woman, man, family member, or friend who is struggling with the emotional, spiritual and psychological pain after an abortion. The retreat offers a beautiful opportunity to find healing, hope, and

forgiveness. For additional information: 912-306-0406; Stephniemay125@gmail.com or visit the website at www.rachedsvienyard.org.

All calls and inquiries are strictly confidential.



Stewardship of Treasure

The amount collected for the offertory the weekend of October 23/24 is \$12,739.88.

Thank you for your generosity and your love for Jesus' Church!



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2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

As of the last report we received, **23.17%** of our parishioners have made a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our support of diocesan agencies and ministries is one way that we respond to God for all we have received.

Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass or Masses said for someone living or deceased, come to the parish office in St. Francis Hall. The Diocese of Savannah has suggested a stipend of \$10 per Mass please. Masses can longer be accepted over the phone or via email.

REMEMBER OUR CHURCH AND OUR SCHOOL, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, IN YOUR BEQUEST!

Wednesday Faith Study

Meetings' every other **Wednesday at 7:00pm** in St. Francis Hall. The next meeting will be **3 November**. All parishioners are welcome. If interested or have questions, call Joe Prouty at 706-760-6859 or proutyjoe4951@gmail.com.



Daylight Savings Time ends 7 November. Turn your clocks back 1 hour at or before 2am on the 7th.



Vocation Marriage

A ministry to support and encourage Catholic marriages

Join us for fellowship, dinner, and a speaker Sunday, November 7, 2021 from 6-8pm

St. Teresa of Avila's Parish Life Center

All married and engaged couples are invited.

Engaged couples and couples married less than 7 years, please join us free of charge. For couples married longer than 7 years, a donation of \$20 per couple is requested for dinner. Everyone bring your own beverages! Please RSVP by Sun. October 31st to vocationmarriage@gmail.com so we can order enough food!

Haiti Response

It is through our work with CRS that we can offer immediate assistance to those affected in this natural disaster, especially since CRS already has a team working in Haiti and is recognized as a major agency that has continuously provided a range of humanitarian aid since the 2010 earthquake. By providing funds directly to CRS, the CRS team will be able to work directly with suppliers and meet the immediate emergency basic needs of the local community.

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“The secret to living well and longer: eat half; walk double; laugh triple and love without measure.”
~Tibetan Proverb

"Saint Michael the Archangel,
Defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."

A Prayer to St. Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*



*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

The Year of St. Joseph

8 December 2020-8 December 2021

Sponsor Altar Flowers



We are offering two forms of floral arrangements for those parishioners who want to donate them in honor of or in memory of their loved ones or a special occasion. We can offer two smaller arrangements on the altar near the tabernacle for \$150.

Call the parish office at 706-722-4944 to reserve a weekend for Altar flowers.

UPDATED TIME

All Saints Day
Monday, November 1, 2021
(not a Holy Day of Obligation)
6:30pm Mass Only

We love because He first loved us.
1 John 4:19

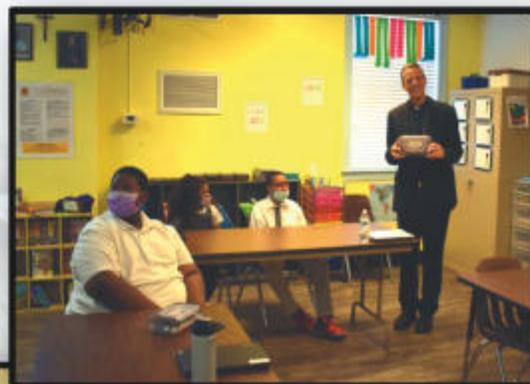


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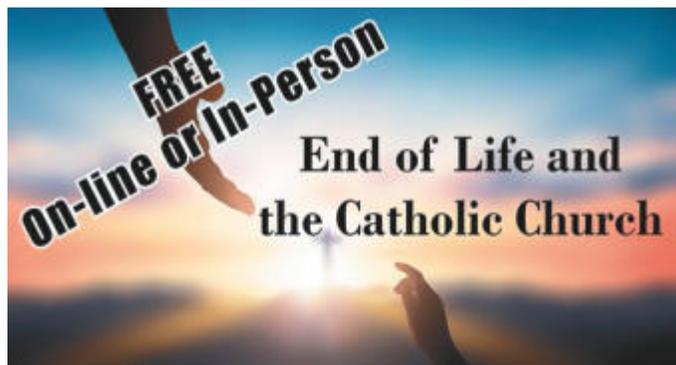
Weekly

Update

Bishop Parkes came to visit our school last week.



Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for us!



End of Life and the Catholic Church

Speaker:

Dr. Kathleen Benton, President & CEO for a local hospice and palliative care organization.

November 21, 2021

3:00 pm

Catholic Pastoral Center
2170 East Victory Drive, Savannah

Pre-registration for online & in-person attendance required.
Register by 11/15 by contacting Jayne Stefanic.
jstefanic@diosav.org | 912.201.4068

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Participant Release

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Pro-Life - *"We proclaim that human life is a precious gift from God: that each person who receives this gift has responsibilities toward God, self and others; and that society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence."* ~U. S. Catholic Bishops,

Prayer Gatherings in front of the abortion mill:

Every Wednesday, 7AM to 8AM

(Gary Garner- Crosswalk, multi-denominational)

First and Third Friday of Every Month, 5-6:00pm

(Gary Garner- Crosswalk, multi-denominational)

First Tuesday of Every Month, 11:30pm

(Bill Jackson- Rosary)

For more information, please contact George Vozniak, 706-726-1269, GVozniak@aol.com. For additional events, visit our website: www.grtlaugusta.wordpress.com.

The Story of Cardinal Raneiro Cantalamessa

There will be a special advance preview of a 75-minute documentary film on the story of Cardinal Raneiro Cantalamessa - preacher to the Papal Household since 1980. The director of the film, Ashley Zahorian, from CMAX Media in Virginia Beach, will be present to answer questions and an opportunity for prayer will be available. **Date: Sunday, 28 November at 2:00pm**

Location: Alleluia Community School gym
2819 Peach Orchard Rd.
Augusta, GA 30906

Cost is \$10. Learn more and reserve your tickets at

cantalamessamovie.com/augusta

The Savannah Diocesan Evangelization Office is endorsing this event. Any questions, please contact Dan Almeter at dkalmeter@gmail.com

Email Spams

Some parishioners are receiving emails asking for money, gift cards or other favors from someone claiming to be Father Jake, please delete these messages. Do not respond, these are spams!

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Please register as soon as you move into the parish community. Fill in this form return it by mail to PO Box 2446, Augusta, GA 30903 or signup online at www.themostholytrinity.org.

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