



MARCH 9, 2025 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30pm
Sunday: 10:00am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

Weekday Masses

Mon., Thu., Fri. 8:00am
Wed. 6:30pm
First Saturday 8:00am

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:45pm - 5:15pm
Sunday 9:15am - 9:45am
Wednesday 5:15pm - 6:15pm
First Saturday 8:40am (following Mass)
Or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Mon., Thu., Fri. 1 hour following Mass
Wed. 5:15pm - 6:15pm
Extended adoration:
First Friday—Saturday 9:00am—8:00am

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[The devil] said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory; for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it shall all be yours." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.' " (Lk 4:6-8)

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Sacraments

Sacrament of Baptism

Before scheduling an Infant Baptism, both parents are required to attend the Baptismal Preparation Class. Please contact the office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples are required to contact Fr. Thomas Zahuta at least 9 months before they wish to marry, to arrange for instructions and spiritual preparation for the Sacrament.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, Last Rites, or Viaticum

Call the parish number 706-648-2599
In case of Sacramental Emergency /
Danger of Death, listen for that option on
the automated phone attendant or dial ext.
104.

Communion for the Sick

Please advise the Parish Office of anyone
admitted to the hospital or who is
homebound and in need of the Ministry to
the Infirm.



Mass Intentions for the Week
March 8 - 16, 2025

SATURDAY	March 8, 2025
5:30 PM	Kaivin Herrera †
SUNDAY	March 9, 2025 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
10:00 AM	For the People of the Parish
12:30 PM	Angel and Facunda Barrios †
MONDAY	March 10, 2025
8:00 AM	Pedro Perfecto-Leon †
WEDNESDAY	March 12, 2025
6:30 PM	Guillermina Barrios
THURSDAY	March 13, 2025
8:00 AM	Patricia Earley †
FRIDAY	March 14, 2025
8:00 AM	Success of the Virgin Most Powerful Rosary Outreach
SATURDAY	March 15, 2025
5:30 PM	Joel Martinez †
SUNDAY	March 16, 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
10:00 AM	For the People of the Parish
12:30 PM	Ester Orozco

Mass Readings for the Week of March 9, 2025

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-15 Rom 10:8-13
Lk 4:1-13
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8
Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48



Prayer List ~ Lista de Oración

Ashley Gilbert, Deacon TC Mueninck, Michael Somers



The Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Grace Council 12948 is in the process of planning a wheelchair ramp for a veteran in Thomaston who suffers from a stroke. Material costs are estimated to be \$3500-4000. If you can help with a donation, please see Derek Smith, Keith Rohling or any Knight. Thank you for your support.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
40 CANS FOR LENT FOOD DRIVE

With the Lenten season upon us, the Knights will be running the annual 40 Cans for Lent food drive for the Thomaston House of Care. Please leave any non-perishable food items in the donation bin outside the Choir Room or inside the Choir Room itself.



CHURCH CLEANING

March 15th 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Volunteers are needed to clean the church and get it prepared for Easter.



From the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM)



Communion under Both Kinds cont.

284. When Communion is distributed under both kinds:

- a) the chalice is usually administered by a Deacon or, in the absence of a Deacon, by a Priest, or even by a duly instituted acolyte or another extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, or by one of the faithful who, in a case of necessity, has been entrusted with this duty for a single occasion;
- b) whatever may remain of the Blood of Christ is consumed at the altar by the Priest or the Deacon or the duly instituted acolyte who ministered the chalice. The same then purifies, wipes, and arranges the sacred vessels in the usual way.

Any of the faithful who wish to receive Holy Communion under the species of bread alone should be given Communion in this form.

285. For Communion under both kinds the following should be prepared:

- a) If Communion from the chalice is done by drinking directly from the chalice, a chalice of a sufficiently large size or several chalices are prepared. However, care should be taken lest beyond what is needed of the Blood of Christ remains to be consumed at the end of the celebration.
- b) If Communion from the chalice is done by intinction, the hosts should be neither too thin nor too small, but rather a little thicker than usual, so that after being intincted partly into the Blood of Christ they can still be easily distributed.

De la Instrucción General del Misal Romano (IGMR)

Comunión bajo las dos especies

284. Cuando la Comunión se distribuye bajo las dos especies:

- a) del cáliz se ocupa ordinariamente el diácono o, en su ausencia, el presbítero; o incluso un acólito legítimamente instituido u otro ministro extraordinario de la sagrada Comunión; o un fiel, al cual, en caso de necesidad, se le encomienda ese oficio para esa determinada ocasión;
- b) lo que eventualmente pueda quedar de la Sangre de Cristo es consumido junto al altar por el sacerdote o por el diácono o por el acólito debidamente instituido, que se ocupó del cáliz, y luego purifica los vasos sagrados, los seca y arregla, como de costumbre.

A los fieles que eventualmente quieren comulgar bajo la sola especie del pan, se debe dar la sagrada Comunión de esta forma.

285. Para distribuir la Comunión bajo las dos especies prepárense:

- a) si la Comunión se hace bebiendo directamente del cáliz, un cáliz de tamaño suficiente, o varios cálices, pero siempre de tal manera que no quede una excesiva cantidad de la Sangre de Cristo para tomar al final de la celebración;
- b) si la Comunión bajo las dos especies se va a dar por intinción, téngase cuidado que las hostias no sean ni demasiado delgadas ni demasiado pequeñas, sino un poco más gruesas de lo acostumbrado, para que, mojadas parcialmente con la Sangre de Cristo, se puedan distribuir cómodamente.

SECOND COLLETION MARCH 9, 2025

This week, we take up the Catholic Relief Services collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.

Archbishop Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv., has released a letter in The Georgia Bulletin urging Catholics in north and central Georgia to support the important work of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) amid a freeze of funds from the U.S. Agency for International Development, or USAID.



Forty Days of Lent

Prayer

During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to practice self-control through fasting. Dive into God's word in Scripture this Lent or pray the rosary with your family.

Fasting

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Catechism Class - Mon. 6 PM

Bible Study - Thu. 6 PM

Clase de estudio bíblico en español Miércoles 7:15pm

CCC - IV. The Divine Works and the Trinitarian Missions

270 God is the Father Almighty, whose fatherhood and power shed light on one another: God reveals his fatherly omnipotence by the way he takes care of our needs; by the filial adoption that he gives us ("I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."):109 finally by his infinite mercy, for he displays his power at its height by freely forgiving sins. (2777, 1441)

271 God's almighty power is in no way arbitrary: "In God, power, essence, will, intellect, wisdom, and justice are all identical. Nothing therefore can be in God's power which could not be in his just will or his wise intellect."110

The mystery of God's apparent powerlessness

272 Faith in God the Father Almighty can be put to the test by the experience of evil and suffering. God can sometimes seem to be absent and incapable of stopping evil. But in the most mysterious way God the Father has revealed his almighty power in the voluntary humiliation and Resurrection of his Son, by which he conquered evil. Christ crucified is thus "the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."111 It is in Christ's Resurrection and exaltation that the Father has shown forth "the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe."112 (309, 412, 609, 648)

273 Only faith can embrace the mysterious ways of God's almighty power. This faith glories in its weaknesses in order to draw to itself Christ's power.113 The Virgin Mary is the supreme model of this faith, for she believed that "nothing will be impossible with God," and was able to magnify the Lord: "For he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name."114 (148)

274 "Nothing is more apt to confirm our faith and hope than holding it fixed in our minds that nothing is impossible with God. Once our reason has grasped the idea of God's almighty power, it will easily and without any hesitation admit everything that [the Creed] will afterwards propose for us to believe—even if they be great and marvellous things, far above the ordinary laws of nature."115 (1814, 1817)

109 2 Cor 6:18; cf. Mt 6:32. 110 St. Thomas Aquinas, STh I, 25, 5, ad 1. 111 1 Cor 1:24-25. 112 Eph 1:19-22. 113 Cf. 2 Cor 12:9; Phil 4:13. 114 Lk 1:37, 49. 115 Roman Catechism, I, 2, 13.

CCD SCHEDULE (11:15 am—12:15 pm)

03/09/25 - 26th Class 1st Sunday of Lent
03/16/25 - 27th Class 2nd Sunday of Lent
03/23/25 - 28th Class 3rd Sunday of Lent



Stations of the Cross Friday 6:30pm

Join us for a Lenten Meal immediately following Stations of the Cross.

The Archdiocese of Atlanta asks each parish to participate in the Disciple Maker Index program. It's a survey/questionnaire designed to spiritually identify our parishioners' spiritual needs and desires as part of the faith community. We can then use the results in future parish planning to meet these needs and desires and make our parish relevant to all. The survey will be available from March 5 to April 6. It can be taken online, is entirely anonymous, and should take 10-15 minutes. A link will be provided at the appropriate time. Please consider taking the survey, as your input can help guide the direction of our parish.



PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE

Nell Richard is heading the New Pro-Life Committee and is looking for people to help serve and promote the respect of life. If you are interested, please speak with Nell or contact the parish office.

INCOME FY 2024-2025

Weekly offertory week ending Feb. 23rd	\$3,279
Weekly budget	\$3,592
over/(under)	(\$313)

KIDS CORNER

From the YOUCAT for Kids A Catholic Catechism for children and parents

41. What happened at Jesus' farewell?

Jesus gave his friends a —> mission:
"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt 28:18-20a).

The disciples were afraid. For this reason, Jesus encouraged them: "I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Mt 28:20b).

Saint Quote:

In Jesus Christ, God himself was made man and allowed us, so to speak, to cast a glance at the intimacy of God himself. And there we see something totally unexpected: ... The Son who speaks to the Father exists, and they are both one in the Spirit, who constitutes, so to speak, the atmosphere of giving and loving which makes them one God. (Pope Benedict XVI)

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