

Date	Holy Mass Intentions	Readings
<p>Saturday February 18 <i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p>4:00 p.m. Kelly and Greg Armstrong 6:00 p.m. Carmen Perez</p>	<p>Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18 Psalm 103: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23 Matthew 5: 38-48</p>
<p>Sunday February 19 <i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p>8:00 a.m. ✠ Brian Cordivari 10:30 a.m. Parishioners (Living & Deceased) 4:00 p.m. ✠ Heddy and Hernando Botero</p>	<p>Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18 Psalm 103: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23 Matthew 5: 38-48</p>
<p>Monday February 20</p>	<p>12:00 p.m. No Holy Mass</p>	<p>Sirach 1: 1-10 Psalm 93: 1-2, 5 Mark 9: 14-29</p>
<p>Tuesday February 21 <i>St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i></p>		<p>Sirach 2: 1-11 Psalm 37: 3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mark 9: 30-37</p>
<p>Wednesday February 22 <i>The Chair of St. Peter The Apostle</i></p>	<p>6:30 p.m. Christian Hernandez</p>	<p>1 Peter 5:1-4 Psalm 23: 1-3a, 4-6 Matthew 16: 13-19</p>
<p>Thursday February 23 <i>St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr</i></p>	<p>12:00 p.m. Terri and Kevin Lee</p>	<p>Sirach 5: 1-8 Psalm 1: 1-4, 6 Mark 9: 41-50</p>
<p>Friday February 24</p>		<p>Sirach 6: 5-17 Psalm 119: 12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35 Mark 10: 1-12</p>
<p>Saturday February 25</p>		<p>Sirach 17: 1-15 Psalm 103: 13-18 Mark 10: 13-16</p>

Readings for Sunday, February 26, 2017

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49: 14-15
Psalm 62: 2-3, 6-9
1 Corinthians 4: 1-5
Matthew 6: 24-34



The Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.



Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.





For all our Dearly Beloved Departed



The names of those who have recently passed from this life to the next will remain on the bulletin necrology for nine weeks. They will then be transferred to the permanent parish necrology, also known as the Book of the Dead. Mass Intentions for loved ones after this time will be printed the week that the Holy Mass is scheduled.

Lord Jesus, remember especially in loving mercy:

Brian Cordivari, Heddy and Hernando Botero, Ben Carns, Bette Ruth Tenerelli, Glen Goyer, Raymond Ringwood, Delores Giangrante, Jose Silveira Cardoso,

and all those who have gone before us.



Pro-Life Answers to False Pro-Choice Arguments



"It's the law of the land. Abortion should be safe, legal and rare"

As with slavery in early America, killing Jews in Nazi Germany, or aborting babies in America today, just because something is legal does not make it right. Today, abortion is justified by claiming the termination of baby's lives is "safe and legal". For example, Dr. Michael Jackson, an abortionist and clinic owner states, "I just go by what the courts say. I only do what's legal". It is no coincidence that this was the exact same justification used by "doctors" who participated in the massacre of millions of innocents at Auschwitz. Indeed, the defense of most of the Nazi doctors at the Nuremberg trials was, "we were only carrying out the laws of the land".

Moreover, if abortion is such an empowering thing for women (as pro-abortion advocates argue) why would we want it to be rare? If it is not the terminating of an innocent child's life, why should its use, even in high numbers, be a problem? And, if abortion advocates are really sincere in their desire to make abortion "rare" why do they oppose every constructive and common-sense proposal, such as affording pregnant mothers the opportunity to see their babies on ultrasound and informing parents when their minor daughter is pregnant, put forward to reduce the staggering number of abortions in this country each year?

Finally, if abortion is a Constitutional right, why shouldn't it be celebrated? We don't hear anyone saying that free speech or freedom of religion should be "rare". Why apply this illogical standard to abortion?

The truth of course is that with the advance of science and the images of ultrasounds, abortion advocates are now having to grudgingly concede the humanity of the unborn child. This gets them in trouble because they then feel obliged to pay lip-service to a desire for abortions to be "rare". Not only do their actions not support this, but increasing awareness of the humanity of the unborn child and the pain suffered by the child during an abortion, shows them to be callous and heartless.



The Lenten Season



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which falls on March 1 this year. Please remember that this is a day of universal fast and abstinence in the Church.

Holy Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 noon and at 6:30 p.m.



IN YOUR PRAYERS



To request prayers for yourself, or for loved ones who are sick, or who have special intentions, please list their name in the Book of Petitions located on the table across from Fr. Adrian's office. Prayer intentions will be listed in the bulletin for one week and will remain in the Book of Petitions for a period of six months. Names listed by Monday will be printed in the bulletin the following weekend.

Please pray for:

Fr. Omar Loggiodice, Deacon Steve and Rita Bek, Joseph Hein, Katherine Pirnik, Geri Roberts, Sara McDaniel, Fred Speeney, Olga S. Torres, Nancy Calta, Fr. Michael S. Sherliza, Cathy and Greg Roesch, J.C. Facemeyer, Bill Gilbert, Joyce and Jerry Fowler, Marylou Bishop, Jeanne Pucci, Rebekah Heaton, Pete Patton, Paul Amodio, Jr., John Powers, Victims of recent violence in this country and throughout the world, Nicole Baker, Rosalie Granados, Howard Collins, Lisa Dean, Keegan Gary, Jennifer Ford, Tammy Arzet, Rita Kuykendall, Joan Hruby, Connor Blanchette, Sherry and Cybil Casey, Godofredo Alema, Brenda Elkins, Madelin Aikin, Emily and Jill Strauss, Traci St. Claire, Ed and Mary Strauss, Jane MacLean, Pat MacLean, Dawn Demato, Luis Ortiz, Deli Ortiz, Verna Orr, Joe Alves, Christian Hernandez, Juan R. Hernandez, Elsa Velez, Gerald Branton, Gardo family, Emily Epstein,

and all of our family and friends who are ill but not listed. We ask the Lord to grant them comfort and healing.

Retrouvaille Weekend - March 3-5

In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse?

Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. For more information about our upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend, March 3rd - 5th program for couples, contact:

Zack & Heather at (317) 691-2258
or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com.



You shall love your neighbor as yourself." - Leviticus 19:18

Thank you to all parishioners who have already joined together in pledging their gift to the 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The campaign goal is \$8,000,000 and our Parish goal is \$38,000. Money that is collected in excess of the goal will be returned to the parish.

To Learn more about the impact of our support for the Appeal, visit www.appeal.archatl.com. You can donate online. A video of Archbishop Gregory's appeal message is also available online.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 25 - 4 p.m. Holy Mass

Deacon:
Lectors: Pat Brunner Paul Amodio
E.M.O.H.C.: Fran Cohen
Eucharistic Guardians: Regina Harding Julie Burger
Servers:
Ushers: Dave Gover Bill Gilbert Ken Bishop
Greeter: Carmen Amodio
Set Up: Regina Harding

Saturday, February 26– 6 p.m. Holy Mass

Deacon: Deacon Jose Perez
Lectors: Luz Gonzalez Hilda Fuentes
E.M.O.H.C.:
Eucharistic Guardians: Maira Rodriguez Nelida Morales
Servers: Jhovanex, Johansel and Jhonas Rodriguez
Ushers: Henrii Gonzalez Carlos Neyra
Greeter: Luz Gonzalez
Set Up: Carmen Perez

Sunday, February 26 – 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass

Deacon:
Lectors: Bob Strauss Diane Long
E.M.O.H.C.: Jesse Poe
Eucharistic Guardians: Cathy Bigler Kevin Ebelhar
Servers: Cameron Ebelhar Gabriel Poche Ian Wilkins
Ushers: Tony Pucci Bob Strauss Brent Buechler
Greeter: *Need a volunteer*
Set Up: Cathy Bigler

Sunday, February 26– 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass

Deacon: Deacon Jose Perez
Lectors: Jerry Jones Randy Brown
E.M.O.H.C.: Mary Selano
Eucharistic Guardians: Mary Berg Michael Lyon
Michael Evangelista
Servers: Eric Lyon Andrew Gerner *Need a volunteer*
Ushers: Judy and Randy Brown Klara Jones Mary Stumm
Greeter: *Need a volunteer*
Set Up: Mary Berg

Sunday, February 26 - 4:00 p.m. Holy Mass

Deacon: Deacon Jim McDermott
Lectors: Glenn Gallagher Glenn Gallagher
E.M.O.H.C.:
Eucharistic Guardians: Theresa Dodd Thomas Dodd
Servers: Andrew, Peter and Sam Vahanian
Ushers: Fred Lojo Ethan and Andrew Valbuena
Robert Dodd
Greeter: Theresa Dodd
Set Up: Lorraine Dannehold

The ministry schedule is also available on-line at

www.saintvincentdepaulchurch.org.

Ministry Volunteers: If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement and note the change on the posted master schedule.

Sunday February 19 - Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:38-48

My command to you is: love your enemies,
pray for your persecutors.

The last two lessons offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at “an eye for an eye” as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God’s kingdom here on earth.

The other difficult demand of those who are called to the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbor are the fundamental commands on which all else depend. Because God’s love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible?

The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word *telos*, which is probably better translated here as “complete.” We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.

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Catechism Corner

from the *Catechism of St. Pius X*

Preliminary Lesson

On Christian Doctrine and its Principal Parts

4 Q. What is Christian Doctrine?

A. Christian doctrine is the doctrine which Jesus Christ our Lord taught us to show us the way of salvation.

5 Q. Is it necessary to learn the doctrine taught by Jesus Christ?

A. It certainly is necessary to learn the doctrine taught by Jesus Christ, and those who fail to do so are guilty of a grave breach of duty.

6 Q. Are parents and guardians bound to send their children and those dependent on them to catechism?

A. Parents and guardians are bound to see that their children and dependents learn Christian Doctrine, and they are guilty before God if they neglect this duty.



Pope Francis' February Prayer Intention

Comfort for the Afflicted -That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.



Lenten Guidelines

The Catholic Church calls all believers to certain practices that emphasize the communal nature of repentance, especially during the Lenten season. These common practices include:

- **Abstinence** from meat - This is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years of age and older.
- **Fasting** - This is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age, but not yet 59 years of age. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.
- Those who are sick, pregnant, nursing, or whose health would be adversely affected by fasting and abstinence should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

Lent is a season of penance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. During Lent, we are all called to embrace penances and to perform works of charity that reflect our desire for conversion of heart. Let us all pray fervently for those Catechumens and Candidates who will celebrate the Easter sacraments with us this year. May this Lent lead us all to a deeper union in Christ and with one another.

A Lenten Reminder:

During Lent, Wednesday (beginning March 8) Holy Masses are celebrated at 12:00 noon, due to Penance Services held during the evening and requiring Fr. Adrian's presence.

Confessions are heard immediately following Holy Mass on Wednesdays during Lent.



Stations of the Cross during Lent



Stations of the Cross are prayed at 6:30 p.m. in the Church on Fridays during Lent, and are followed by the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at 7:00 p.m.

Tutors Needed!

Make a difference in the life of a newly-arrived refugee family by volunteering to tutor. Tutors will work with small groups of refugees (2-3) to help with homework, assist with studying and practice English. The sessions will be held at Indian Creek Elementary School in Clarkston on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:40-4:30 p.m. If interested, contact Margaret Prickett at mprickett@catholiccharitiesatlanta.org or call (404) 920-7785.



First Fruits of Our Labor



Offerings for February 11-12, 2016

1st Collection

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	\$ 1,265.50
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	\$ 190.27
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	\$ 1,357.27
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	\$ 2,110.95
Sunday	4:00 p.m.	\$ 871.25
Box/Mail		\$ 938.41
Online		\$ 772.00

Total 1st Collection \$ 7,505.65

Total 2nd Collection \$ 4,398.00
(Growing in Grace Mortgage Reduction Fund)

**Next week's Second Collection is for the
Georgia Bulletin**

Thank you for your Donations!



SVdP Mortgage Matching Update

Mortgage Balance-March 1, 2016 \$ 991,921.99

December 31, 2016 Mortgage Balance \$ 776,467.81

Principal paid since March 1, 2016 \$ 215,454.18
(including matching funds)

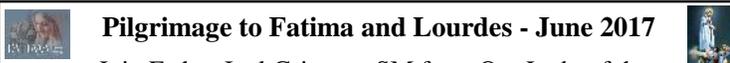
Payments made toward the principal amount remaining on the mortgage will be matched by the Archdiocese through June 30, 2017 or until we reach the matching limit. Even after we reach the limit, donations for Growing in Grace (the mortgage) will remain assessment free until June 2018. Assessment free means 100% of your gift goes to the mortgage.

Please remember that we must maintain first collection offertory funds during this time. All payments must be kept current before funds can be applied to the mortgage, and then matched by the Archdiocese.

Thank you for your donations!

You are Invited!

Members of the parish are invited to join the Wednesday evening RCIA sessions at 7:30 p.m. in Room E of Our Lady of Guadalupe Religious Education Center. Come to any or all of the sessions, to help us welcome those who seek the Catholic Faith, and at the same time, to strengthen your own faith. The topic for February 22 is "Angels".



Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes - June 2017

Join Father Joel Grissom, SM from Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church for a very special pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes (with Barcelona), June 11-20, 2017.

This year is the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions at Fatima, and the tour will be in Fatima on the date of the second Apparition! Travel sites of interest include Fatima (Portugal), Aljustrel, Santarem, Burgos (Spain), Lourdes (France), Carcassone, and Barcelona (Spain).

For more information, please visit www.olachurch.org.

In Case of Inclement Weather

St. Vincent de Paul's protocol for inclement weather will follow the Paulding County School System schedule. If Paulding County Schools are closed due to the weather, the Parish office will also be closed, weekday Holy Mass will not be celebrated at SVdP, and all parish activities will be canceled. Weekend Holy Masses, including the vigil Masses on Saturday, along with Religious Education (RE), typically will take place as usual. Please know that if the weather the conditions affect the Sunday Mass and/or RE Schedule, our parish website will be updated to reflect any changes.



The Sacrament of Baptism

To schedule a Baptism, parents and godparents are first required to attend a Baptism Preparation class. To register for a class, please call the church office or register in person at the church. Baptisms will not be scheduled until parents and godparents have attended the class and all paperwork has been turned in. The paperwork includes a St. Vincent de Paul Parish registration packet (if the family is not already registered), the Baptism registration form and sponsor certificates for the godmother and godfather.

Upcoming Baptism Classes will be held on

March 18 - 7:15 p.m. (in Spanish)
March 19 - 9:15 a.m.
April 9 - 9:15 a.m.

(Classes are held in English unless otherwise noted.)

Note: Baptisms are not scheduled during Advent or Lent.

Volunteers are Needed Now!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of volunteers to help prepare 2016 income tax returns. The Society, in conjunction with other organizations, has been preparing tax returns at no charge for people in Paulding County and the surrounding area. The tax preparation service is open to anyone with gross income under \$55,000.

This will be our sixth year of providing the service, and during this time hundreds of people have availed themselves of free assistance with tax returns. Unfortunately, without volunteers, the number of people we can assist will be drastically reduced and the future availability of this program will be in jeopardy.

You do not need to be a tax expert to volunteer. All necessary training and assistance will be provided. The tax software used is user friendly and easy to learn. If you are interested, please call Bob Strauss at (770) 639-3642 or email cmkkbob@gmail.com.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society

We are no longer permitted to conduct food drives at our local grocery stores. As a result, we are in need of increased donations to fill our food pantry in order to meet the needs of those in our community who are at risk of going hungry. Please donate non-perishable food items using the bins in the narthex, or you may drop off food items during the hours of operation at the SVdP Thrift Store or Society. Also, grocery store cards are welcome, and will be used to directly purchase items for the food pantry.

During January 2017, the Dallas SVdP Society provided:

- \$ 5,826.14 in utility payments
- \$ 1,860.00 in housing
- 1,870 pounds of food for 75 people

in Paulding County and the surrounding community.

Thank you for your donations!

Thrift Store Hours:

Monday-Friday	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

We are still in need of volunteers at all times. Please call us at (770) 443-1533 (Society) or (770) 443-1537 (Thrift Store), or just come by during the hours of operation.

*******Please note the following:*******

In case of inclement weather, the Dallas SVdP Thrift Store will follow the Paulding County School schedule. If Paulding County Schools are closed, the Thrift Store will be closed as well.

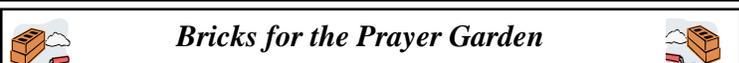
Regina Caeli Academy-Atlanta Open House

Sunday, March 5th at 2:00 p.m.

Our center is located at:
 1565 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell, GA 30076

Please join us for this opportunity to learn more about RCA's hybrid, two-day-a-week, classical program in the Catholic tradition. A presentation about RCA's mission of "Training the Mind to Form the Soul" will be offered to prospective parents and a Q&A will follow. Then, you are welcome to tour our facilities, meet our tutors and ask your particular questions pertaining to syllabi, lesson plans, etc. We warmly welcome anyone who wants to learn more about RCA to come and see what we have to offer!

For more information, please see our website: www.rcahybrid.org.
 Contact: Colette Balmer - cbalmer.atl@rcahybrid.org.



Bricks for the Prayer Garden

You are invited to purchase a brick to be placed in the SVdP prayer garden. The cost is \$100. You may choose to engrave your brick with your name or the name of a loved one. Order forms are available in the Narthex on the table between Rooms #13 and #14.

Please Note: Bulletin Announcements!

Bulletin announcements should be sent to Nancy Chisholm @ bulletineditor@svdpatl.com. All Bulletin announcements and any pre-approved flyers for publication on the SVdP web page should be e-mailed, in publication - ready format, no later than 9:00 a.m. on Monday mornings, for publication the following weekend. (Deadlines are subject to change for holidays.)

February 2017

(Revised)

The following schedule is in effect unless otherwise noted:

Weekend Holy Masses: Saturday Vigil 4 p.m. & Santa Misa en Español at 6 p.m.
 Sundays 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
 Daily Holy Mass: Monday 12 Noon; Wednesday 6:30 p.m.; Thursday 12 Noon
 Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the Thursday Holy Mass at noon, and will conclude at 2:00 p.m.
 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession/Penance): Wednesday 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.; Saturday 2:00-3:00 p.m.
 The Charismatic Prayer Group meets on Fridays at 7:30 p.m.
 Adult Choir practice - Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
 Parish Office Hours - Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 2nd Collection - None Adult Faith Enrichment - 9:15 a.m. RE	6	7	8 RCIA 7:15 - 9:00 p.m.	9	10 Charismatic Prayer Group Confirmation Class Evening Retreat	11
12 2nd Collection - Growing in Grace Adult Faith Enrichment - 9:15 a.m. RE	13 Knights of Columbus 6:30 p.m. Rosary 7:00 p.m. Social 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting	14	15 Healing Holy Mass 6:30 p.m. RCIA 7:15 - 9:00 p.m.	16	17 Charismatic Prayer Group	18
19 2nd Collection - GA Bulletin Archbishop's Annual Appeal - Commitment Weekend Blood Drive and Pancake Breakfast Adult Faith Enrichment - 9:15 a.m. Baptism Class - 9:15 a.m. No RE	20 Office Closed No Holy Mass	21	22 RCIA 7:15 - 9:00 p.m.	23	24 Charismatic Prayer Group	25
26 2nd Collection - Growing in Grace Adult Faith Enrichment - 9:15 a.m. Rite of Sending - 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass AAA Follow Up Weekend RE	27	28				