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Ladies of St. Mary's

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m.


In Loving Memory of
Matilde Saavedra

In Memory of
James H. Broussard
"Bruce"

In Loving Memory of Herman Watson
husband, father and grandfather of 23


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Joseph M. Malik - Council 9975

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 12, 2017



Your reward will be great in heaven

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Baptism and Matrimony: Contact Fr. Sullivan
Sacrament of Penance: Wed. 5:30 - 6:30 pm or by appointment
St. Vincent de Paul Help Line: 678-892-6163

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Tues: 10 am - 2 pm
Wed: 1 pm - 5 pm
Fri: 10 am - 1 pm

Mass/Service Schedule/Intentions

Tue: 2/14 9:30 am

Wed: 2/15 6:45 pm

Sat: 2/18 6:30 pm Carmella Nociti (D)

~given by Richard & Gerrie Chalk

Sun: 2/19 8:30 am People of the parish

CONTRIBUTIONS for February 5, 2017

Church Budget	\$ 2,100
General Offertory	\$ 2,411
Building Improvement	\$ 492

COUNTERS for this week are: Yvonne Dressauer and Mary Beverly

The flowers in the church this weekend are in honor of Ryan Declan Fleming, son of Marlee & Ryan Fleming, daughter of Larry & Nancy Barbour.

Parish Committees

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Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Carl Dowell, Joe Franzmathes, Skip Studley, Max Biester Laura Barnett, Nan Lunn, Lore Schnell, Walter Gaines, Janice Sibley, Jan Dover, Leon Womack, June Webb, Mary Beverly and Sharon Cook.

If you like to submit an individual for Prayer Intentions, please contact Ruth Manna (678 327-4738). Please do not call the church office. Update Ruth at least every four weeks if you wish to continue with community prayers. The Church is keeping prayer intentions updated.

Additionally, Rita Nash is continuing her 'prayer intentions' email blasts regarding parishioners suddenly taken ill and/or hospitalized. Contact Rita via email (gordie123@windstream.net) Or by phone (706 356-1247). Thank-you.

The final countdown is on!!! It's just a matter of days!! St Catherine LaBouré's Parish Mission begins next Sunday, February 19th. Planning, preparing, and praying that God bless these four days have been done in a mighty way. Come with an expectant faith...expecting God to bring you into a new place with Him. There is no doubt that it will be a special time for everyone...a time of inner healing and outer transformation. See you there! And remember...bring a friend! Details can be found at stcatherinelabourega.org

Thank you for your generous donations of coats and blankets. We collected over 40 coats and blankets. These items were given to agencies here in Toccoa to help local people in need!

The Knights of Columbus and the Ladies of St. Mary.

St. Vincent dePaul

Members will meet Feb. 9th & 23rd in St. Mary's social hall at 7pm.

Are you looking for ways to experience God?

Members of the Society of St. Vincent dePaul invite you to share in their ministry of experiencing God in serving people in poverty. We see Christ in the poor because Jesus told us "whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do for me". We invite parishioners with diverse talents to join us — if one does not wish to perform home visits, there are other services to assist with that will help us achieve our mission. For more information please contact Nancy Williamson (706) 356-8046, Stephanie & Gary Cortellino (706) 898-5661; or Sharon Cook (706) 297-8344.

The Saint Vincent dePaul, St. Mary's Conference **HELP-LINE** # is: (678) 892 6163.

Adults only! Mark your calendar for after mass on February 25th for Saint Mary's Mardi Gras Party. If you don't drive at night, we will provide the chauffer! Celebrate and masquerade in style with us. There will be games, great food, prizes and our very own signature 2017 Mardi Gras Beverage. Dress in your best, and don't worry, the beads are free. So come dance until your dizzy and join in on all the fun! Still considering whether or not to take the night off and have a blast at the ritziest party in town? Worry yourself no more and bring a friend! Please sign up on the announcement in the Narthex.

Do you own a home or vacation home that you no longer want or need? Did you know you can donate the property to The Catholic Foundation and designate to an endowment fund and receive a nice tax deduction? We coordinate selling the property and give the proceeds to your parish endowment fund or ministry of your choice. For more information, please contact Juliet Greco at The Catholic Foundation: 404-497-9440 or jgreco@cfnga.org

CHOOSE LIFE!

In the verses before today's Gospel, Jesus has just chosen his twelve apostles and is coming down the mountain with them. Accompanying them is a large crowd. The people are all jostling to get close to Jesus because they have heard of his miraculous powers. Some have already been cured of unclean spirits and diseases and the rest want to touch him and be healed. Never has there been a more captive audience. It is the perfect setting for one of Jesus' most often-quoted and charismatic sermons.

THE GREAT DISCOURSE

Imagine the comfort and affirmation felt by the crowd when Jesus tells them that they will be blessed in their weakness, their hungers, and their tears. Imagine the surge of courage that courses through them when he tells them that to be hated, ostracized, and insulted in his name will be honorable, a blessing, and a reason to rejoice.

If we can place ourselves on that plain at midday, part of the large crowd surrounding Jesus and the apostles, we may feel some of the excitement and anticipation that they must have felt. Imagine reaching out your hand to touch his cloak. Look into his eyes and sense his energy and his compassion. Hear him speak the words that you know by heart, for the first time.

Like the apostles and the crowd on the plain, we are also commissioned in the Beatitudes to choose life. By our baptism, we are given the choice of being that tree whose "leaves stay green" and that "fears not the heat when it comes," for the heat will surely come if we choose this path. If we "[delight] in the law of the LORD" (Psalm 1:2), we will be able to withstand life's dry spells and still remain fruitful, and our fruits will be savored long after we have "fallen asleep in Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:18).

Today's Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26