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We are a Catholic community united in our commitment to live out the Gospel. We're the hands, feet, and heart of Christ in the world. As the Body of Christ, we each play a role in bringing the Gospel alive, embodying Jesus' teachings, and building God's Kingdom.

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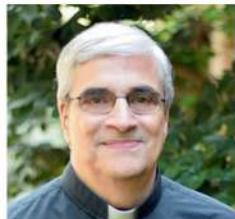
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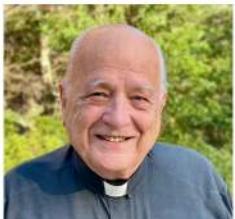
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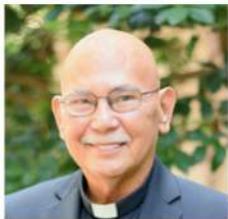
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## This Week's Scripture

*"He will be called a Nazarene."* - Matthew 2:23

### An exercise for this week:

This week, pay attention to those who are displaced, overlooked, or starting anew—whether through moves, life changes, or struggles. Offer a gesture of welcome, support, or encouragement. In doing so, you become part of something greater—helping build a community where all can find safety, hope, and belonging.

## Giving

### PARISH OFFERTORY

Thank you for your generous support. Scan the QR Code if you would like to contribute to our growing parish community.



### SECOND COLLECTION - FOR THE POOR



Our parish monthly Collection "For the Poor" supports individuals and families in our parish catchment area through the dedicated services of Holy Spirit's conference of St. Vincent de Paul, the Community Assistance Center of Sandy Springs, and Project Independence.

# Mass Intentions



The Holy Family in the Church

## December 29 - January 4

Monday December 29	8:30 AM Peter Battaglia + 6:00 PM Carol Bacile +
Tuesday December 30	8:30 AM Myra N. Walsh + 6:00 PM Fr. Gerardo Ceballos
Wednesday December 31	8:30 AM Warren C. Ruello, Sr. + 6:00 PM Stephen Rayappa
Thursday January 1	8:00 AM Miguel Angel Arcos + 10:00 AM For the People of Holy Spirit
Friday January 2	8:30 AM Maria Adrian + 6:00 PM Msgr. Edward J. Dillon
Saturday January 3	8:30 AM Noel White + 5:00 PM Mike Hardin +
Sunday January 4	Esp 7:00 AM Aurelia Garcia + 8:30 AM Joanne Tally 10:00 AM Sean Dwyer + 11:30 AM For the People of Holy Spirit Esp 1:00 PM Juana Florez y Delio Liborio + 5:30 PM Cara Vicari and Gloria Aron +

( + ) Deceased

Request Mass Intentions at [massintentions@hsccatl.com](mailto:massintentions@hsccatl.com)

## Prayers for the Sick

Moira Block, Chuck Bolash, Skeet Fischer, Naomi Harper, Carolyn Hyde, Amanda Kuhlman, Gery Laube, Judy Nieves, Jan Ruane, Cecilia Rusca, Sherry Sawicki, Judy Scalley, Jack Soltis, Kathy Thompson, Matt Wilson, Tracy Winsor

### Prayers for the Sick in the Community

Jack Brodie, James Busby, Ray Dugas, Faye Ellis, Janet Etheridge, Barbara Genner, Stephanie Kittle Hall, Larry Hardin, Sandy Johnson, Robert Joyce, Debra Kammermann, George Maley, Diana McDonald, Lance McNeilis, Mark Oprisch, James Regan, Jose Rodriguez, Rosa Newburn Soltis, Kathy Staudohar, Jim Staudohar, Robert Stenzel, Cindi White, Bob Wojciechowski

### Prayer List Policy

Contact the parish office to request prayers for parishioners and immediate family members at 404-252-4513 or [kschulman@hsccatl.com](mailto:kschulman@hsccatl.com). Prayer requests for friends and non-parishioners may be submitted at the votive candle stands in St. Mary's Chapel / Church or to [catherinefuss@comcast.net](mailto:catherinefuss@comcast.net) as part of our prayer line ministry.



### Be Aware of Spam Emails

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### Stay Connected with Life at Holy Spirit



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# Parish News

## Parish Office Holiday Hours

In celebration of the New Year, the parish office will close at noon on Wednesday, December 31, and will reopen on Monday, January 5. We wish you a happy and holy Christmas and every blessing in 2026.

## Celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: Holy Day Mass Schedule



The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is on Thursday, January 1 and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM on Thursday, January 1. There will be a Vigil Mass on Wednesday, December 31, at 6:00 PM. Both Masses will be in the Church.

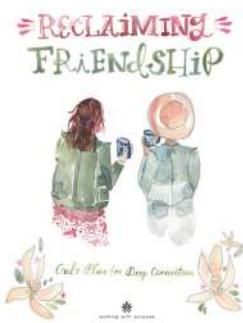
## First Friday Adoration and First Saturday Rosary

Our monthly First Friday Adoration will take place in St. Mary's Chapel on Friday, January 2, from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM, and again from 6:30 PM until 8:30 AM. All are invited to start the New Year off by spending time in prayer with the Lord. If you are interested in serving as a guardian by committing to one hour each month, please visit: [hsccatl.com/myhour](http://hsccatl.com/myhour) to sign up.

You are also invited to pray the rosary, uniting our prayers with the Blessed Mother, on Saturday, January 3, after the 8:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Chapel. Contact Anne Rieger at [annerieger@icloud.com](mailto:annerieger@icloud.com) with questions.

## Reclaiming Friendship: A Study for Women

Tuesdays, beginning January 20  
9:00 AM to 10:30 AM in McDonough Hall  
Register at [hsccatl.com/RSVP](http://hsccatl.com/RSVP)



Join Women of the Word as they study the book, *Reclaiming Friendship*. In this Walking with Purpose Bible study, you will discover God's plan through Scripture for lasting and abiding friendships. Gain understanding of what it means that God created each of us in His image, and let God help you learn how to cultivate lifelong bonds of true friendship.

## Men of the Parish: Join Us January 5th

All men of the parish are invited to the January Men's Club event on Monday, January 5, at 6:30 PM at Thos. O'Reilly's Public House in Sandy Springs. Catch up after the holiday break with friends old and new. RSVP at [rsvp@hsccatl.com](mailto:rsvp@hsccatl.com) if you will attend.

## Year End Giving and 2026 Offertory Commitment

As year's end approaches, parishioners still have the opportunity to make tax-deductible donations for 2025 to Holy Spirit. Gifts must be postmarked by Wednesday, December 31, 2025. HSCC also accepts stock donations through the Archdiocese of Atlanta; instructions are available at [lifeofthechurch.com/donate](http://lifeofthechurch.com/donate). Questions may be directed to Tracy Zelczak ([tzelczak@archatl.com](mailto:tzelczak@archatl.com), 404-920-6060) or Debbie Slinkard in the parish office ([dslinkard@hsccatl.com](mailto:dslinkard@hsccatl.com)).

At the same time, we invite you to prayerfully make your 2026 Offertory pledge as an expression of faith and commitment to our parish community. The campaign concludes December 31, and pledges or recurring gifts may be set up at [hsccatl.com/giving](http://hsccatl.com/giving). Every contribution supports our parish family and ministries. Thank you for your generosity. For questions, contact Debbie Slinkard or Marcia Palcher at 404-252-4513.

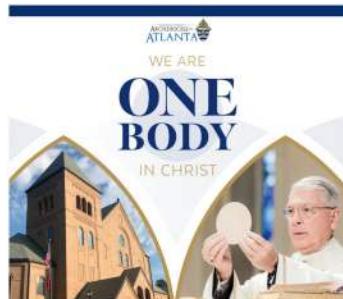
## Nearly At Our Goal - Final Days to Contribute to 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who have already supported the 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. We are close to reaching our goal. Once the goal is met, 100% of additional Appeal funds return to Holy Spirit.

If you haven't participated yet, you can still make a gift or complete your pledge by scanning the QR code or by visiting [hsccatl.com/aaa](http://hsccatl.com/aaa). Please designate Holy Spirit as your parish.

Please contact Debbie Slinkard at [dslinkard@hsccatl.com](mailto:dslinkard@hsccatl.com) at 404-252-4513 with questions.

Every response makes a meaningful difference for our parish. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting Holy Spirit Catholic Church.





## Gifts of Grace with Paula Umaña

All women are invited to the January Women's Club meeting on Monday, January 12, at 11:30 AM and 6:00 PM.

Our parishioner and Catholic speaker, Paula Umaña, is now the host of the new EWTN program *Gifts of Hope* — and she's joining us to share the most powerful stories and unforgettable moments from the show. Come be inspired by real-life testimonies of faith, suffering, and healing that are bringing hope to people around the world.



## Mark Your Calendars!

- *Thursday, January 29 - Thursday Social at Superica*
- *Monday, February 9 - Financial Literacy for Women with Tricia Mulcare*

Learn more and RSVP for Women's Club events at [hsccatl.com/women](http://hsccatl.com/women)

## A Heartfelt Thanks from Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference at Holy Spirit

This past year, the Holy Spirit St. Vincent de Paul Conference assisted 96 households, including 15 parish families, and served 371 neighbors — 136 of them children. Your support through the Collection for the Poor, the Second Collection for St. Vincent de Paul on the parish website, and #iGiveCatholic provides the funds we need to respond to neighbors in need in 30327 and parts of 30342, helping cover groceries, utilities, and rent.

Through your generosity, we also brought joy and hope to 232 Latino parishioners through our Christmas Angels program.

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# JANUARY FOOD DRIVE

January 1 - 31, is HSCC's commitment to support the local Community Assistance Center (CAC) food drive. Parishioners donate over 2,000 lbs. during each CAC drive. Collection barrels are located in the Narthex, the entrance to St. Mary's Chapel, and at the entrance to the preschool.

Parish drivers are welcome, even if they are only available for just one pick up in June and/or January each year.

To sign up, contact Director of Volunteers, Kate Cotterman at [kallen@hscccatl.com](mailto:kallen@hscccatl.com).

Scan the QR code for the shopping list or view the list on the parish website.



The Sandy Springs Community Assistance Center (CAC) helps alleviate hunger and prevent homelessness in the local community by offering free food to those in need in Sandy Springs. Each month CAC serves approximately 500 families, many of whom rely on weekly assistance.

# Evangelization & Faith Formation



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## Religious Education and Youth Ministry Holiday Schedule

Classes will resume on Sunday, January 4.  
Best wishes for a Happy New Year!

## First Communion Preparation: Family Reconciliation Retreat

All children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Communion in May 2026 and their parents are invited to a Family Reconciliation Retreat on Saturday, January 10, from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM, location TBD. Contact Aimee McDonald for additional information.

## Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation

Looking to grow deeper in your faith? Our Sunday morning Adult Faith Formation program is the perfect place to learn, share, and grow together. Mark your calendar and join us at 10:00 AM in McDonough Hall on select Sunday mornings throughout the winter and spring. Classes will resume on January 4.

*January 4 - The Divine Maternity: Why Mary is Truly the Mother of God*  
Dr. Andrew McGovern

*January 25 - Doctors of the Church and Everyday Life - What We Can Learn from the Spirituality of St. Francis de Sales and St. Thomas Aquinas*  
Alycia Murtha

*February 1 - Discerning the Spirits: Recognizing the Voice of God*  
Oswaldo (Ozzie) Franco

*February 8 - Entering the Desert: Living Lent with Purpose*  
Deacon Bill McCarthy

*February 22 - The Sorrowful Mysteries: Meeting Jesus in Our Own Suffering*  
Heather Triggs

*March 1 - Discerning the Spirits: Applying the Rules of Discernment*  
Oswaldo (Ozzie) Franco

*March 8 - A Catholic Perspective on Sex and Gender Ideology: Origins, Challenges, and Our Response*  
Thomas Gaines

*March 15 - Holy Saturday: Embracing the Silence Between Death and Resurrection*  
Heather Triggs

*March 22 - Who Do You Say That I Am? Exploring the Four Names of Jesus*  
Andrew McGovern

*April 12 - Jonah: The Short but Powerful Story of a Failed Prophet*  
Deacon Steve Demko

*April 26 - The Glory of the Lord: Reflections on the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary*  
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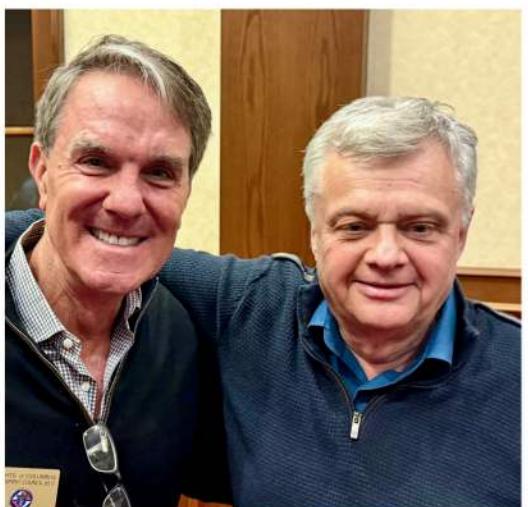
## Author or Text? Rethinking How We View Literature

For recent centuries, historians and critics have considered literature as one of the defining products of a culture. But how should we read and interpret the literary work?

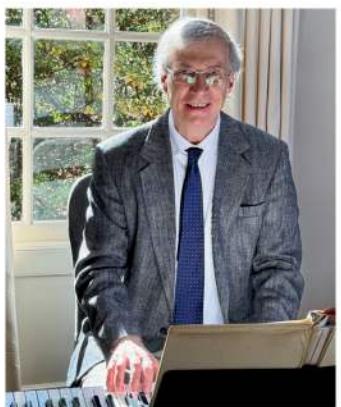
Ben Johnson (1572-1637), in his poem "To The Memory of My Beloved, the Author Mr. William Shakespeare", finds the man and the work inseparable. Centuries later, the French philosopher Michel Foucault (1926-1984), in his essay "What is an Author?", contests the binding of the author to the art work.

Come join the next meeting of the Great Books Discussion Group on Thursday, January 8, at 7:00 PM in McDonough Hall, Side B, to explore these opposing views of literature. Subsequent meetings will be held monthly with selections from the Great Books Foundation series. For more information, please contact Patrick Carey at 770-241-2511 or [careyph@bellsouth.net](mailto:careyph@bellsouth.net).

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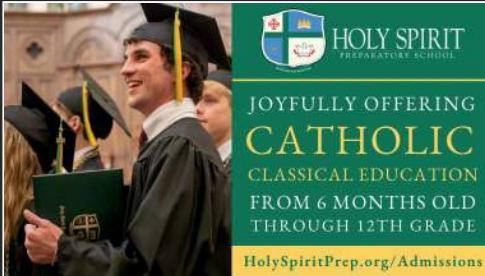
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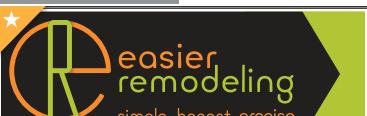
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## Sagrada Familia De Jesús, María, y José

Esta festividad nos recuerda la unión, el amor, y el compromiso en el ámbito familiar, valores que trascienden épocas y culturas. Este modelo ejemplar destaca la obediencia de Jesús hacia sus padres terrenales, la humildad y devoción de María como madre, y la responsabilidad de José como protector y guía de su hogar. Entonces, cada familia está llamada a ser una «iglesia doméstica», un lugar donde se viva la fe, el amor, y la solidaridad. Además, en un mundo marcado por divisiones y crisis familiares, la Sagrada Familia inspira esperanza y ofrece un camino hacia la reconciliación y la unidad. (Catholic.net)

## Feliz Año 2026!

Desde Holy Spirit, es nuestro deseo que toda nuestra comunidad, tenga una finalización y comienzo de año, lleno de salud, amor y prosperidad, con el acompañamiento de Nuestro Señor, La Virgen María, y San José, siempre.

## Solemnidad de Santa María, Madre de Dios - Misa de Precepto

Jueves, 1 de enero a las 8:00 AM en español (iglesia)



## Oficinas Cerradas

Diciembre 31 desde las 12:00 PM hasta el 5 de enero del 2026, con su habitual horario de atención, 9:00 AM hasta las 5:00 PM.

## Para Reflexionar en Nuestros Hogares

### Cita Bíblica

"Se le llamará nazareno." - Mateo 2:23

### Reflexión de la semana:

Esta semana presta atención a aquellos que están desplazados, ignorados o que están comenzando de nuevo, ya sea por mudanzas, cambios de vida o dificultades. Ofrece un gesto de bienvenida, apoyo o aliento. Al hacerlo, te conviertes en parte de algo más grande: ayudas a construir una comunidad donde todos puedan encontrar seguridad, esperanza y pertenencia.

## Presentación de niños de 40 días de edad

Si tiene un niño que desea presentar en la Iglesia porque ya tiene cumplido los 40 días de edad, por favor llene el formato que se encuentra a la salida de la iglesia y tráigalo a las oficinas del Ministerio Hispano.

## Prerrequisitos Para El Sacramento del Bautismo

El sacramento del bautizo se realiza el segundo domingo del mes.

- Llenar el formulario correspondiente, en las oficinas del Centro Católico.
- Tomar la clase del sacramento del bautizo, que se imparte el segundo miércoles del mes a las 5:00 PM en el salón #15 del Ministerio Hispano. Pedimos que los padres y padrinos presenten sus identificaciones con fotografía.
- No traer niños el dia de la clase del sacramento de bautizo.

Mayor información con el Ministerio Hispano en horario de oficina 9:00 AM a 4:00 PM.