



# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent  
2 Domingo de Adviento



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Our Lady the Queen of Heaven window in the balcony of the Church.

## MASS TIMES

**Monday - Friday**  
8:30 AM and 6:00 PM

**Saturday**  
8:30 AM and 5:00 PM

**Sunday**  
7:00 AM (Esp), 8:30 AM,  
10:00 AM, 11:30 AM,  
1:00 PM (Esp) and 5:30 PM

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

**Saturdays**  
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

**Sundays**  
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Located in St. Mary's Chapel  
Bride's Room

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Monday - Friday  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Closed daily from  
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weeks prior to the date  
requested.

# Welcome.

Prepare Your Heart.

Living the Gospel as the Body of Christ



# About Us

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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## This Week's Scripture

*"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."  
- Matthew 3:3*

### An exercise for this week:

This week, prepare the way for Christ by removing one "obstacle" that keeps you from God—whether it's a habit, distraction, or attitude. Replace it with a simple act of love or service. In preparing your heart, you become part of something greater—God's work of renewal in the world.

## 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 - RETIRED RELIGIOUS FUND



Elderly religious need your help.

Many senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests lack sufficient retirement funds. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for the Religious helps provide essential care and support.



# Mass Intentions



St. Mary's Chapel.

## December 8 - December 14

Monday December 8	8:30 AM Celeste Murphy + 12:30 PM For the People of Holy Spirit 6:00 PM Chuck Bolash 7:30 PM Jose, David, Luis, Isabel y Fatima
Tuesday December 9	8:30 AM Geraldine Fonseca + 6:00 PM Dr. Robert H. Paré +
Wednesday December 10	8:30 AM Max Lampl + 6:00 PM Will and Nicholas McInaney
Thursday December 11	8:30 AM Bernando de la Espriella + 6:00 PM The Herbert & Laird Families (L) / +
Friday December 12	8:30 AM Gail O'Leary + 6:00 PM Gregory Crawford + 8:00 PM Dilan Petatan
Saturday December 13	8:30 AM Eva Mae Falcone + 5:00 PM Bonnie McAllister +
Sunday December 14	Esp 7:00 AM Josefina Vasquez Medina + 8:30 AM Phil Healy + 10:00 AM Bob Johnson + 11:30 AM For the People of Holy Spirit Esp 1:00 PM Jesus Bacxi Campeshano + 5:30 PM Jann and Bob Kern +

( + ) Deceased Request Mass Intentions at [massintentions@hscatl.com](mailto:massintentions@hscatl.com)

## Prayers for the Sick

Moira Block, Chuck Bolash, Skeet Fischer, Carolyn Hyde, Mark Jagor, Christine Jenifer, 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, Nick Colley, Ray Dugas, Faye Ellis, Janet Etheridge, Barbara Genner, Stephanie Kittrell 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@hscatl.com](mailto:kschulman@hscatl.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.



### Baptisms

Carter Andrews Amberg  
Theo Lee Velasquez

### Weddings

Rachel Miller and Paul Cucchiara  
*Married: November 22, 2025*

### Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

Roland Fuentes



# Parish News

## December 8 - The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - A Holy Day of Obligation for All Catholics

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is on Monday, December 8, and celebrates Mary's conception without original sin. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass, in honor of the Patron Saint of the United States, will be celebrated at 8:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 6:00 PM, and 7:30 PM (Spanish). There is NO Vigil Mass due to Sunday being the Second Sunday of Advent. All Masses will be held in the Church.



## Parish Office Advent Retreat - Office Closed on December 12

The parish office will be closed this Friday, December 12, to allow our staff to attend an Advent Retreat at Ignatius House. Please be assured of our prayers for our parish family during the retreat.

## Support Holy Spirit Through Your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) - A Simple and Powerful Way to Give

Using your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to support Holy Spirit can offer meaningful financial benefits while directly strengthening our parish community. If you have an IRA, 401(k), or 403(b) and otherwise qualify to make a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), you may use your RMD to support Holy Spirit through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

When you make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), you may:

- Satisfy all or part of your Required Minimum Distribution
- Lower your taxable income
- Avoid paying income tax on the amount donated
- Make an immediate impact on parish ministries and outreach

To make an RMD gift, ask your IRA custodian to issue the check directly to:  
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Please contact Debbie Slinkard at [dslinkard@hscatl.com](mailto:dslinkard@hscatl.com) or Marcia Palcher at [mpalcher@hscatl.com](mailto:mpalcher@hscatl.com) or 404-252-4513 with questions.

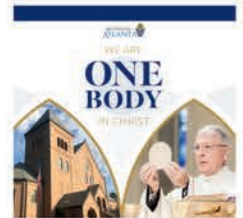
## Help Us Reach Our Goal for the 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

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 [hscatl.com/aaa](http://hscatl.com/aaa). Please designate Holy Spirit as your parish.

Please contact Debbie Slinkard at [dslinkard@hscatl.com](mailto:dslinkard@hscatl.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.



## Answering the Call: Help Us Serve Our Latino Community



St. Vincent de Paul  
GEORGIA  
FEED. CLOTHE. HOUSE. HEAL.

This week, as we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we are reminded of her message of love, compassion, and service—principles that guide the work of St. Vincent de Paul. Our Lady's example calls us to walk alongside our neighbors, sharing in their joys and struggles, especially those in need.

A significant number of our neighbors are Latino, and we are seeking Spanish-speaking parishioners to help us better serve this community. Your language skills and willingness to serve can make a powerful difference in reaching those who need it most.

To help, please contact us at [SVDP@HSCCATL.COM](mailto:SVDP@HSCCATL.COM). Together, we can make Our Lady of Guadalupe's message of love and service come to life.





# Parish News



## Be a Christmas Angel with the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our Christmas Angel program is coming to an end, and if you have not already, we invite you to share the spirit of giving with our Latino community this holiday season. **This is the last week to contribute.**

Our goal is \$35,000, with a suggested gift of \$100 per person.

Your generosity directly determines how many families we can bless with the magic of Christmas.

To donate:

- Scan the QR code
- Donate online at [hscatl.com/christmasangel](https://hscatl.com/christmasangel)
- Donate in person this weekend
- Drop your contribution off at the parish office.



*All checks should be made payable to Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
with "Christmas Angel" in the memo line.*

## Sharing Christ's Love Through Stewardship

Guided by our parish theme, Part of Something Greater, we invite you to give as a reflection of your faith and commitment to our community.

Make your 2026 pledge online at [hscatl.com/giving](https://hscatl.com/giving). Every contribution is used with care and purpose to serve our parish family and its ministries.

For questions, please contact Debbie Slinkard or Marcia Palcher at 404-252-4513. Your generosity shines as a true expression of Christ's love in action.

## Help Deck the Halls - Volunteers Needed December 16

Volunteers are needed to hang the live greens around the parish property on Tuesday, December 16, from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Meet in McDonough Hall after the 8:30 AM Mass to enjoy coffee and some Christmas treats before heading outside to work. Please dress appropriately for the weather, as we will work - rain or shine! RSVP on the parish website if you are able to attend. For questions, contact Kim Schulman at [kschulman@hscatl.com](mailto:kschulman@hscatl.com).



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

## Christmas COFFEE



DECEMBER 15 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The Women's Club invites you to a Christmas Coffee hosted by Nancy and Doug Bryant

3569 Dumbarton Road NW  
Atlanta, GA 30327

RSVP at [hscatl.com/women](https://hscatl.com/women)





# Parish and Knightly News



## Forever Young

*Mass and Christmas Luncheon*

**Wednesday, December 17**  
Cost: \$15 | RSVP at [hscatl.com/RSVP](http://hscatl.com/RSVP)

11:30 AM Mass – St. Mary's Chapel  
12:00 PM – Lunch in McDonough Hall



## Christmas Concert

featuring our Traditional Choir

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
7:00 PM | CHURCH

## K NIGHTLY NEWS

### Today is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day



On this day in 1941, Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor killed 2,403 Americans, provoking the USA's entry into WWII.

In 1994, Congress declared December 7 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.



### Meetings

Our next Council meeting is December 15, at 6:30 PM in McDonough Hall.

If you're a Catholic male over the age of 18, we'd love to have you join us. Come meet the Knights. See for yourself what we're up to - the charities we support; the activities in which we're engaged; the communities we serve. We'll even throw in dinner!

To learn more, contact our Grand Knight, Michael Maley, at [6517gk@gakofc.org](mailto:6517gk@gakofc.org).



**Knights of Columbus**

### News & Events



#### Our Next Pancake Breakfast is Next Sunday, 12/14. Mark Your Calendar!

Please join us after the 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM Masses in McDonough Hall. For only \$8 Adult / \$5 Child / \$25 Family of 5+, you can feast on pancakes, bacon, sausages, potatoes ... not to mention our ever-popular omelet station. Tell your friends, neighbors and stomach! We welcome them all!



#### Don't Forget to Pick Up Your Monastery Orders After Mass This Weekend

A big "thank you" to all whose sweet tooth (and compassion?) prompted them to place an order for all those wonderful Monastery goodies. Proceeds will be donated to the Monastery! To pick up your order, stop by the "Pope's Room" (the small room in the corner of McDonough Hall near the piano) to pick up your order. There will be a Knight standing by.



# OCIA Reception into the Church



Congratulations to all who were received into the Catholic Church  
at the Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Christ the King on Saturday, November 22.

Leah Barton  
Sarah Barton  
Jamie Braun  
Diego Cuestas  
Matias Cuestas  
Sydney Damstra

Katie Dombroski  
Lauren Fitz  
Nick Harper  
Tammy Howell  
Milena Hurtado  
Seth Hutcheson

Malcolm Hutchison  
Brooke Johnson  
Morgann Koepke  
Nicholas Macchiarella  
Justin Timmons  
Christopher Wright\*

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# Evangelization & Faith Formation



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## Altar Server Training Today

All children who have received the Sacrament of First Communion are invited to become Altar Servers. Training for prospective servers is today, Sunday, December 7, at 3:00 PM in the Church.

## Phoenix in Focus (Youth Ministry)

**HOLY SPIRIT  
PHOENIX**

Phoenix is Holy Spirit's high school youth ministry program open to all 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Below are our upcoming events:

December 7 - What is a Disciple?

## 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 in December. After a break for Christmas, classes will resume on January 4.

December 7 - *St. Francis of Assisi: The Most Admired & Least Imitated Saint* - Deacon McCarthy

December 14 - *Nativity Narratives* - Deacon Steve Demko

## Considering the Catholic Faith? Enroll in the 2026 O.C.I.A. Program

We are now enrolling for the Easter 2026 session of our Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA) program, which will begin on Sunday, January 4, and conclude on Sunday, May 17, with reception into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 4. The class meets on Sunday mornings in the lower level meeting room of the parish office building from 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM, with Mass offered either before or after, at 8:30 AM or 11:30 AM. The class will not meet on MLK, Easter, or Mother's Day weekends. A nominal fee of \$35 is required to register for the course; this fee helps offset the costs of books and other materials.

Because acceptance into the program requires pastoral approval, prospective OCIA participants should begin gathering sacramental documents now, including, if applicable, certificates of baptism and marriage. Remote and in-person interviews with participants are now being held; please e-mail Dr. David King at [dking@hscatl.com](mailto:dking@hscatl.com) to arrange registration. **The deadline for registration is next Sunday, December 14.**





## Advent

Night of Praise & Worship  
for Rising 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Teens

**Sunday, December 14**  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

6:30 PM - Dinner, Hot Chocolate Bar & Icebreakers | Youth Center  
7:00 PM - Adoration with Music provided by RC Music Collective | St. Mary's Chapel  
8:00 PM - Sharing of Graces and Closing Prayer

RSVP online at [hscatl.com/rsvp](https://hscatl.com/rsvp)



*Join fellow parishioners from our Latino Community for*

# *The Feast of* **Our Lady of** *Guadalupe*

## **Thursday, December 11**

6:00 PM - Mass / Misa | (Church / Iglesia)

7:30 PM - Nocturnal Adoration /

*Adoración Nocturna* (Church / Iglesia)

11:15 PM - Marian Songs with Mariachis

*Mañanitas con mariachi* (Church / Iglesia)

## **Friday, December 12**

6:30 PM - Procession / Procesión

(Sts. Francis and Anthony Outdoor Chapel /  
*Capilla de San Francisco y Antonio*)

7:00 PM - Vigil Mass / Misa Vigilia (Church / Iglesia)

8:25 PM - 12:00 AM - Food, Apparitions and Folk Dances /

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## HORARIO DE OFICINA

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9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

## SANTA MISA

domingo: 7:00 AM y 1:00 PM  
en la iglesia y en línea  
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## CONFESIONES

(español / inglés)  
domingos a las 8:30 AM

## OFERTORIO SEMANAL

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## Misa de La Inmaculada Concepción

"La Inmaculada Concepción de María es el dogma de fe que declara que por una gracia especial de Dios, ella fue preservada de todo pecado desde su concepción" (es.catholic.net).

Misa - Lunes, 8 de Diciembre  
7:30 PM | iglesia (Misa de precepto)



## Ya vienen "Las Posados"

Son fiestas que tienen como fin, prepararnos para la Navidad, del 16-22 de Diciembre de 7:00 PM - 9:00 p.m, en McDonough Hall.

Posada / Pastorela 20 de Diciembre de 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, en McDonough Hall.

Posada 23 de Diciembre de 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, en el Centro Juvenil del Sótano. (Youth Center in Basement).

## 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.

## Para Reflexionar en Nuestros Hogares

### Cita Bíblica

"Preparad el camino del Señor, enderezad sus sendas." - Mateo 3:3

### Reflexión de la semana:

Esta semana, prepara el camino para Cristo eliminando un "obstáculo" que te aleja de Dios, ya sea un hábito, una distracción o una actitud. Reemplázalo con un simple acto de amor o servicio. Al preparar tu corazón, te conviertes en parte de algo mayor: la obra de renovación de Dios en el mundo.

## Adoración Nocturna

Jueves, 11 de Diciembre a las 7:30 PM y a las 11:15 PM, mañanitas con mariachi.

## Misa de la Virgen de Guadalupe

Viernes, 12 de Diciembre

### Programación

6:30 PM - Procesión | Capilla de San Francisco y San Antonio (afuera)

### Misa

7:00 PM | Iglesia

### Festividades

8:25 PM - 12:00 AM

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