

Masses for the Week



Masses for the Week of February 8, 2026

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Margie Shoemaker, R.I.P.
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Matthew Odom, S.I.
	11:00 a.m.	Jun Ibanez, R.I.P.
	4:00 p.m.	Pro Populo
Monday	12:10 p.m.	Special Intention
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	Jun Ibanez, R.I.P.
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.	Rebecca Day, R.I.P.
Thursday		NO MASS
Friday	12:10 p.m.	All Unborn Babies

GOSPEL MEDITATION

I recently learned why zebras have stripes. Scientists used to think it was for camouflage, but new research suggests something more interesting: the stripes help zebras blend in with one another. When a predator looks at a herd, the overlapping stripes make it hard to single out one animal. But if a researcher spray-paints a dot on just one zebra, predators lock on it and eventually attack. The lesson? In the wild, blending in is protection. Standing out can be dangerous. Human beings are not so different. Most of us would rather blend in than stand out, especially when it comes to our faith. We know that giving bold witness to Jesus — through our words, values, or public choices — can make us targets for criticism, isolation, or judgment. That's why Jesus' words in today's Gospel are so challenging: **"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden"** (Matthew 5:14).

Readings for the week

Sunday:	Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Weekly Offering

Offertory	\$ 12,125.00
Helping Hands	\$ 5,053.00



Online Giving

Online giving is fast and VERY secure. Scan the QR code to start your online giving. You can set up recurring donations or one time gifts.

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar this weekend are in memory of Lourdes Lazo.

If you would like to donate flowers in memory or in honor of someone, you can do so by signing up at the back of the church. You can either order the flowers yourself, or you can make a monetary donation of \$75 to cover the cost (for the back altar—\$100 if side altars are included) and we will make the arrangements for you. Please contact Stacey Keaton at 478-288-6368 if you would like to have your arrangements made by her.

Second Collection Schedule

February 8

Black & Indian Mission

March 1

Helping Hands

March 8

Catholic Relief Services

March 8

Catholic Relief Services

March 22

Campus Catholics

March 29

Holy Land

April 5

Archdiocese Seminarians

April 12

Helping Hands

April 26

Catholic Home Mission

May 3

Helping Hands

May 10

Catholic Communications



Ministry Schedule

<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>MEALS ON WHEELS</u>
February 1 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. February 7 5:00 p.m. February 8 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. February 14 5:00 p.m. February 15 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. February 21 5:00 p.m. February 22 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. February 28 5:00 p.m.	February 1 8:30 a.m. February 7 11:00 a.m. February 8 5:00 p.m. February 8 8:30 a.m. February 14 11:00 a.m. February 14 5:00 p.m. February 15 8:30 a.m. February 15 11:00 a.m. February 21 5:00 p.m. February 22 8:30 a.m. February 16 11:00 a.m. February 23 5:00 p.m.	Feb. 3 Mike McCabe Feb. 10 Joe & Pat Sansotta Feb. 17 Ester Ibanez Feb. 24 Sandra Worsham & Celia Craig If you need a substitute, please call Mike McCabe at 478-363-5352
		WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED
		February 3 JoAnn McClure Cindy Cowart Elizabeth McManmon February 10 Angela Hudson Deolinda Carreira Mary Short February 17 Michelle Vasquez Diane Mabery Harold Champagne February 24 Diane Bradshaw Karen Collins Todd Collins
		Men's Bible Study This Man is You MONDAY Evenings 6:30 p.m. AQUINAS HALL
		Mysteries of the Rosary Sunday Mornings Flannery O'Connor Hall After the 8:30 a.m. Mass Coffee & Donuts served
	HELPING HANDS	Altar Linens February JoAnn McClure
February 3 Ellen Markwalter Teresa Blevins February 10 Kathy Stickline Mary Lacksen February 17 Jody Klaassens JoAnn McClure February 24 Katrina Eich Don Moats Francine Moats	Ultreya March 15 April 12 May 17 Bereavement Group March 18 After the 12:10 Mass	Flower Coordinator Stacey Keaton :

Campus Catholics Sunday Supper

It's time to crank those ovens and cooktops because Sunday Supper is here. This ministry provides Sunday Dinner after the 4:00 Sunday Campus Catholic mass for the students. We feed their bellies and Jesus feeds their souls! There are many ways to serve in this ministry besides cooking. Provisions and helping hands are always welcome. If you feel called to serve our youth please reach out to Susan Lebendiger at 678-230-4844 call/text or slebendiger@gmail.com. This is a weekly ministry, but not a weekly commitment. You can serve as often as you are available. God Bless you all!

Catholic Trivia:

Which teaching of the church affirms the Church will endure and remain true to the teachings of Christ until the end of time?

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Near-Death Experiences

Question:

Are near-death experiences real?

Answer:

There is a lot of curiosity and fascination with the idea of an afterlife and communicating with those who have died. In movies, television shows, and numerous books, people make claims about their ability to communicate with the dead, or having had a near-death experience. There is no objective way to verify any of this. While details about people and events can be surprisingly accurate, it is just circumstantial evidence that might be explained in other ways.

On the other hand, when people have unusual experiences, sometimes called near-death or out-of-body, it is real to them. They react with the emotions and thoughts that one would expect. At times, they report details they could not have known any other way, such as bits of conversation, or meeting people they had never known in this life. So certainly, to the person, they experience something. We believe in a life after death, we believe in the communion of saints. These things are not a contradiction to faith, but we should not base our faith on them, nor change our beliefs. They are unexplained and will likely remain so.

Happy Birthday

Pat Beer
Tom O'Donnell
Jeffrey Bell

Devon Harper
Jennifer Tuchscherer



The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a group that prays for our pastor in front of the Blessed Sacrament one hour per day, seven days per week.

Please join us in praying for our pastor, priests who have served us in the past, our favorite podcast priests and our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV.

"Behind every priest is a demon fighting for his downfall. If we have a tongue to criticize them..., we need to have double to pray for them." Saint Theresa of Avila

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of Fr Bryan.

Through him, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help him to be strong in his vocation. Set his soul on fire with love for your people.

Grant him the wisdom, understanding, and strength he needs to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire him with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give him the words he needs to spread the Gospel.

Allow him to experience joy in his ministry.

Help him to become an instrument of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

Prayer for the Holy Father:

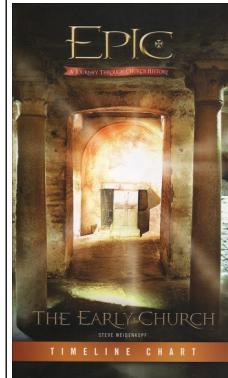
Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Pope Leo XIV, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving kindness, in the way of eternal salvation; that, of Thy gift, he May ever desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and May accomplish it with all his might. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen. Our Father. Hail Mary.

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS



Woman's Bible Study

Next Women's bible studies begin on Tuesday, January 20. The morning group will meet at 10:00 am and will be studying "Biblical Walk Through the Mass" written by Edward Sri. You will need the study set which can be found on Ascension Press website.



The evening group will begin at 6:00 pm and will be studying "Epic: The Early Church" written by Steve Weidenkopf. This is available on Ascension Press website and Amazon.

Both studies will run 10 weeks. Please feel free to reach out with any questions to Susan Lebendiger at 678-230-4844 call/text or slebendiger@gmail.com.

We hope to see you all there and God Bless! Susan

Upcoming Events

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry



The Knights will be holding their annual Lenten Fish Fry beginning February 20th. Watch the bulletin for further details.

MONASTERY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Contemplative Prayer

Br. Michael, Fr. Gerard
February 20-22, 2026

Prayer is a loving exchange with God. When we learn to receive the gift of God's presence through loving silence, we are able to develop our personal relationship with Him. One way to receive this gift is through centering prayer, traditionally known as contemplative prayer. This type of prayer enables us to rest in God.

MONASTERY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT HIGHLIGHTS AND INSIGHTS TOUR

March 14, 2026

April 11, 2026

Get a behind-the-scenes look at life in a cloistered monastery. On these Highlights and Insights Tours, participants will get to see sections of the Monastery of the Holy Spirit not normally open to the public. Visitors will get a rare glimpse into the lives of these monks and revel in the profound beauty and history of one of the most magnificent and peaceful places in Georgia.

The tour lasts about 2 hours and is geared for adults and children 13 and older. Younger children are welcome with adult supervision. Tours begin at 9:30am near the entrance to the Abbey Store every 2nd Saturday of the month, March – November. The cost is \$20/person and tickets can be purchased in advance below. Inquiries and questions about this tour should be addressed to Arabia Mountain Heritage Area Alliance. To register, go to the Monastery website and click on events.

For larger groups please contact info@arabiaalliance.org, 404-988-8384, ext. 6.



FREE Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 17th
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Flannery O'Connor Hall

Come and enjoy pancakes (with your favorite toppings), sausage, coffee, orange juice, and fellowship.

Sponsored by Helping Hands Society



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The Lenten Desert:
Letting Go and Entering In

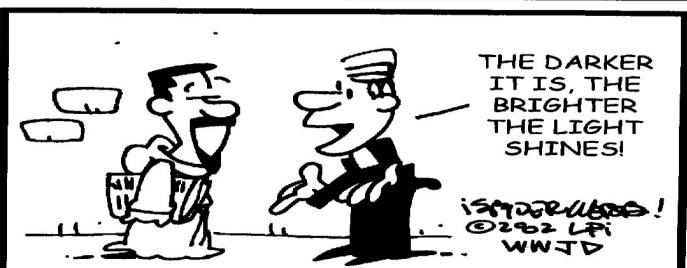
March 10 - 11

with Kathy Wolf McCormick



Scan to Register or visit HeritageGA.org/events

**Girl's Night Out
This Monday, February 9th
At Amici's
6:00 p.m.**



Chard Wray Food Pantry

The food pantry is in need of the following items:

- Canned Beans (like kidney beans)
- Canned Chili
- Canned fruit
- Canned milk
- Canned Spam
- Canned Tuna and Chicken
- Canned tomatoes
- Cereal
- Cornmeal
- Dried Beans
- Grits
- Instant Potatoes

- Jelly
- Jiffy Cornbread Mix
- Juice
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Oatmeal
- Pasta - different varieties
- Pasta sauce
- Peanut Butter
- Powdered Milk
- Rice
- Saltine Crackers
- Soup—all varieties,

If you can help with any of these items, it will be greatly appreciated.

Items for Blessing Bags

- Napkins
- Plastic spoons
- Gallon Size Zipper Bags
- Nature Valley Protein Bars
- Fruit Cups (no sugar)
- Peanut butter crackers
- Applesauce (unsweet)
- Fruit Juice Boxes ((unsweet))
- Nature Valley Crunchy Granola Bar—Fruit & Nut Trail Mix
- Kellogg's Rice Krispies—Mini squares

- Quaker on-the-go Snack mix
- Baked Chips Snack mix
- Quaker Rice Crisps (small Package)
- Variety pack of nuts
- Packs of Raisins
- Crunchy Rollers (snacks)
- Nature Valley Crunchy Granola Bar—Oats & Honey

These items can be found at Wal-Mart and Kroger

Hygiene Items for Prison Ministry

- Antibacterial bar soap
- Toothbrushes
- Powder based deodorant (solid, roll-on, gel, NO aerosol sprays)
- Conditioner
- Body Wash

- Lotion
- Toothpaste
- Baby powder/foot powder
- Shampoo
- Hair combs, etc.

NO razors or metal items please

Answer:

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Do You Know?

Everyone in the parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need.

In Milledgeville:

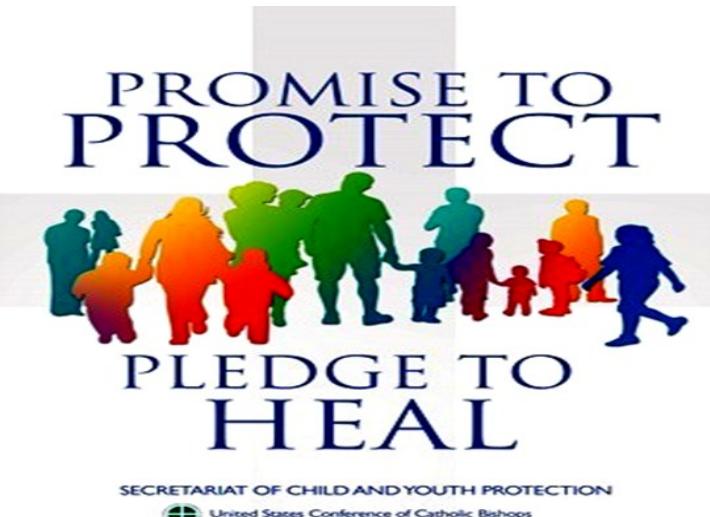
CORE Healthcare for Women
451 S. Wayne St.
coreofcga.com
(478) 216-5176

Prayer requests:

The homebound; nursing home and veteran home residents, the chronically ill; the mentally ill; all military personnel; all law enforcement and first responders; all prisoners; Charles Weasel, Suzanne Bryant, Suzanne James, Rowlyn Rae Hill, Archer Downs, Jose' Texidor, Brandon McManmon, Suzanne Irons, Deborah Cain, Tom Martinez, Joe Baden, Rob Leveille, Mary McMillan, Jerry Osteen, Linda Bullington, Barbara Middlebrooks, Julie Baker, Christopher Baden, Carmen Sans Graciaa, Lynn Kirby, Didi Lazo, Kimber Hudson, Liam Irwin, James D. Thomas, Harry Wheeler, Andrea Heber, Sherry Lynn, Malcolm Garity, Rob Shoemaker, Mark Morris, Cindy Walton, Barry Ford, Theresa Niner, Dr. Spencer Maddox, Vicky Phillips, Gary Hatcher, Barbara Bernichon, Gail Petite, Robyn Beard, Jason Riner, Dani Mascioli.

Please pray for the deceased:

All deceased members of Sacred Heart Church, Fr. Michael McWhorter, Earl Williams, Barbara Allen, Sally Pratt and the victims of the Ukrainian War and the deceased of Israel.



We are Here to Listen and Take Action
Archdiocesan 24 Hour Abuse Reporting Hotline
1-888-437-0764

Prayer for our Nation

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

