

# ST. MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Newnan, Georgia

November 28 & 29 2009

First Sunday of Advent

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup>	5 PM	Hebert Schwab Zanca (+)
Sun., Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup>	9 AM	William Bentz (+)
Sun., Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Noon	Parishioners of SMM (SI)
Wed., Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7 PM	Communion Service
Thr. Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9 AM	Carter (Buck) Curtiss (+)



Mass intentions are a standing custom of our Catholic Christian faith. A Mass can be requested as a means of extending prayerful support to a family whose loved one is deceased. Additionally, a Mass Intention can be an appropriate way of prayerfully celebrating the life-giving moments of an individual, couple or family – including such occasions as birthdays and anniversaries. To request a Mass Intention, please come by or contact Billie Duyka our receptionist during normal Parish office hours 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. M - F 770-253-1888.

### Readings for the Week of November 29, 2009

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12---4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35---10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

### SMM Minister Schedule for December 5 & 6 2009

#### Saturday, December 5, 2009

Sacristan	Lector	Servers
Lisa McGurl	Carol Angelo	TBD
	George Cabral	

Eucharistic Ministers – TBD

#### Sunday, December 6, 2009 9 AM

Sacristan	Lector	Servers
Paul Artzer	Ed Jones	TBD
	Mara Lockard	

Eucharistic Ministers TBD

#### Sunday, December 6, 2009 Noon

Sacristan	Lector	Servers
Susan Baker	Lisa Kula	TBD
	Terri Michalewicz	

Eucharistic Ministers – TBD

### The Offertory for November 14 & 15 2009

Offertory	\$ 11,375.40
Young People	90.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,465.40</b>

## Parish Religious Education Program-PREP Schedule for 2009-2010 school year

Sunday	
Grades 1- 5	10:15 am – 11:30 am
RCIA/RCIC *	10:15 am – 11:30 am
Grades 9 - 12	6 pm – 8 pm
Monday	
Pre-K – 5	5:30 pm – 6:45 pm
Tuesday	
Pre-K – 5	4:15 pm – 5:30 pm
Grades 1-5	6:00 pm – 7:15 pm
Wednesday	
Grades 6-8	6:45 pm – 8 pm

### SMM Staff's Extension numbers

Susan Baker	Youth Minister	9987
Paul Bauer	Music	--
Billie Duyka	Receptionist	3813
Toni Egan	Middle School Coordinator	9988
Laura Grumbling	Elementary Coordinator	9989
Kathy Kelly-Huey	Dir. of Religious Education	5668
Diane Jones	Business Manager	9982
Mary Hennie-Roed	Nursery Coordinator	--
Barbara Stevens	Pastoral Associate	9984
Maryellyn Thomas	Pastoral Secretary	9981
Keith Collins	Maintenance Director	9985

**NEW Prayer List Guidelines.** It has been our hope to keep our entire parish informed about the need for prayer -- for specific parishioners, family members and friends. In the last couple of years, this list has become more and more cumbersome and challenging to keep updated. So, beginning in December (the weekend of 12/5-6) on the first weekend of each month, we will begin a fresh listing of people in need of our prayers. This means we will be deleting the prayer list from the previous month, and starting over each month with the names you submit to us for the prayer list. **PLEASE NOTE: You must re-submit the name(s) you would like to appear on the list each month.** Please call the office at 770-253-1888 with your requests.

It is our hope that this will make the listing more readable, easier to follow and encourage more people to participate in praying for those in need of our prayers. Thank you.

St. Vincent DePaul help line:

770-458-9607

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If you know of someone who needs to be added to our prayer list, please contact the Parish office. Please let us know if a name is to be removed.

*Peyton Abraham, Michael Adams, Abby Allen, Doug Allen, Maria Alvarado, Kelly Ardens, Patty Baker, Karie Tiger, Brent and Evan Baker, Abriana Bartley, , Buddy Barnes, Sarah Baskings, , Robert Belmonte, Millie Beneteau, Ted Bertier, Maureen Beyor, Jim and Linda Bonk, Marilyn Brinkert, Pam Brockman, Lauren Burke, Marian Campbell, Madison Carter Cole Cassarino, Mary Chamberlain, Jennifer Classetti, Kitty Cedeno, Marianne Chisholm, Cathy Clarke, Brandon Cohan, Ron Coale, Anthony Colavita, Jacob Connor, Katherine Cooperman, The Barry Cormier Family, Kae Cosby, Michelle Cruise, Fr. Leo Cummings, Christine Cushing, Thomas Cushing, The Dailey Family, Matt Daugherty, T.J. Davis, Steve Dennis, Cael Derivan Kathy Diamond, Buster Dickerson, Eleanor Doane, Sue Domohowski, Donna and Wayne Douglas, David Dressher, Tulane Duke, Aaron Durwin, Cotton Edwards, Drina Edwards, Linda Falls, Kippy Flanagan and family, The Filipiak Famil,y Ralph Fragapano, Dana Frank, Renee Frank, Cynthia Friscia, Gayle Fritz, Lauren Garger, Iggy Gomes, The Good Family, Donald and Jennifer Gowing, June Grasso, Mike Grasso, Richard Green, Jean Grimes, Bill Haas, The Halligan Family, The Clidie Hansard, Sheila Harper, Phyllis Hayes, Marge Heitzman, Stevie Hess, Dennis Hicken, Cindy Hogan, Corene Holder, Kegley Hubbard, Mr. Hubbell, Mary Ann Hudson, Stanley Hughes, Eleanor Huhmann, Taylor Husley, Karen Iimura, Mary Alice Jackline, Ellen Lynn Jackline, Eleanor Jackson, Robin Jiles, Amy Johannsen, Judy Johannsen, Billy Jones, Olivia Grace Kelsey, Fran Kinlien, The Kirby Family, Josh Knight, Sara Krilla, John Kroll, Bob Kyle, Joseph Lanave, Deacon Mike Landaiche and his wife, Carol, Nancy Lerner, Michelle Lozada, Tom Maguire, Vicki Magis, Linda Martin, Yvonne Martin, Michele Martin, Bill & Joan Martinell, Julio Martinez, Katie Matthews, James McCabe, Walter McCarthy, Beverly McEvoy, Tami McKee, June McKenna, Audrey McKelvey, Sandy McPeeks, James Mault, Nancy Miller, Marie Mulvenna, Frank Murray, Fr. Francisco E. Negri, Rose Neiner, Rob Newton, Catie Nettles, Jan Nichols, Ashley Nicole, Gilbert Olsen, Cameron Overton, Matt Parker, Rose Pennell, Brenda Pike, John & Doris Pino, Julia Pinnotti, Karen Pitts, Brenda Porier, Jerry Quinn, The Rand Family, John Robertson, Santos Robles, John Rogers, Terry & Jennifer Rogers, Eden Rorabaugh, Robert Ross, Sharon Scadron, Elaine Salvato, Howard Sapp, Kathey Schaer, Mark Scroggins, Mae Sebastian, Kathy Sewell, Susan Schmidt, Jannelle Seigel, Jack Sexton, Dawn Shopinsky, Melissa Sites, Thomas Skrmetti, Sharon Smathers, Deboarh Smith, Tuyet Sterrey, Robin Stevens, Mary Swisher, Louis Talbot, Jan Taylor, Dustin Thompson, Marty Thompson, Jason & Haley Thornton, The Tolbert Family, Sherrie Tudor, Anthony Tudisco, Janet Turner, Erin Walton, Sandra Watkins, Jake Weaver, Shawn Wert, Lori Wheeler, Tommie Wheeler, Janet Eliss Wilder, Alice Williams, Larry Williamson, Lane Wilson, Ryan Wilson, Angie Wisson, Mary Ann and Dick Zimmer.*

**The Private Prayerline Ministry is separate and requests are not printed in the bulletin. We have several dedicated volunteers that pray daily. Prayer requests will go under: Health and Healing, Spiritual and Physical, General (not stated) and Deceased (recent within 3 months for repose of the soul). In need of prayers or know someone who is? You may contact a minister wearing a badge at Mass or please call Karen at 770-502-8918. Please leave your phone number if leaving a message, to confirm the request**

## PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

### Elementary School

#### ALL HOME SCHOOLED PREP FAMILIES

Our next Family meeting is at the Family Advent workshop from 6:30-8:30 pm please email Laura and let her know you will be in attendance at [lgrumbling@smmcatholic.org](mailto:lgrumbling@smmcatholic.org) don't forget your books and folders. Registration forms can be located on the St. Mary Magdalene web site.

Parents who have children in our Prep program please remember your child can only miss 5 classes in order to receive credit for the year, BUT if you have attended a Parish Life event your child will receive credit for their missed class, to find this list of events please go to the St. Mary Magdalene web site under the Education section for more information, or call Laura at 678-854-9989 in the Elementary Department.

**Our Parish Penance Service is December 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 7 pm our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to attend this wonderful sacrament of forgiveness.**

Are you receiving Elementary Prep's News Letter and Parent Notices via email??? If not ...we don't have your correct information! Please contact the Elementary department to update your info. Please remember all information that is sent via email can always be found on the St. Mary Magdalene web site.

#### **NURSERY HELP IS NEEDED:**

We are in need of nursery help on Monday's, we currently have 3 mom's working the nursery while their children are in PREP but are in need of more parents to help out. If we had more your rotation would work out that you would only have to work the nursery once a month. Please contact Stephanie Belukr at [belukr@bellsouth.net](mailto:belukr@bellsouth.net) or 770-463-4767 for more info.



The Christmas season is quickly approaching, so it's time to register for the annual SMM Family Advent Workshop on

Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Come learn about the traditions behind Advent, enjoy a family evening of fellowship, fun and food, and make your own family Advent craft. Registration forms are available in the Narthex and on the web site. The workshop fee is \$8 per family. Space is limited, so sign up early. All are welcome!

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## Middle School News:

### Live Nativity

Live Nativity practices are under way.

*We still welcome parents to come and volunteer ~ serving as apprentices to lead this affair in future years.*



### Practice and performance schedule:

Dec. 5 - Practice - 12 noon - front lawn

Dec. 12 - Practice TBA



### Save the Date:

All Parishioners are invited to attend this year's Live Nativity performances ~

**Dec. 12 - 7:30 pm & Dec. 19 - 7:30 pm**

Join us in an evening of music, song and acting that calls us to cherish the story of the birth of our Savior.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Toni Egan at [tegan@smmcatholic.org](mailto:tegan@smmcatholic.org)

## Youth Ministry

Keep up to date on youth information by going to

[http://www.smmcatholic.org/Newsmyyouth/youth\\_NEW.html](http://www.smmcatholic.org/Newsmyyouth/youth_NEW.html)

### Upcoming PREP Nights

- December 5<sup>th</sup>-Parent Night-both teens and their parents are invited to come
- December 13<sup>th</sup>-Christmas Party with White Elephant Gift Exchange

### Mark Your Calendar

- Giving Tree Set Up Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am to Noon
- Giving Tree Bag Tag Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup> after the Noon Mass-Lunch will be provided
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Lock In-Friday January 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 7 pm and ending 8 am Saturday January 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Hang out nights Wednesdays 6 to 8:00 pm
- Soup Kitchen Trip Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

### Mission Trip News

- Ornaments, Magnets, and note cards will be on sale in the Narthex December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>
- Deposit for the trip is due by December 13<sup>th</sup> Paperwork is available in the Narthex

### Help Needed:

- Do you have an overwhelming desire to call yourself a Core Team Member? Well, you are in luck. The youth program is looking for new Core Team Members. You just need to be 23 years or older and willing to walk with teens to Christ. We also have nursery available on Sunday night for Core Team Members. Call or email Susan Baker for further information!

### Middle School and High School:

Please come to this year's Giving Tree project. This Sat., Dec. 5 at 10 a.m. to noon in the *front office*. We'll prepare gift tag/suggestions onto construction paper-shaped decorations. We place these on two Christmas trees in the Narthex for parishioners to choose one and shop for the gift that's indicated. This will help families experiencing economic difficulties. Please e-mail Susan Baker or Toni Egan. "Bag Tag" (preparing to distribute the gifts) is Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 1 to 3 p.m.

### ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Hear Ye Hear Ye...

Your Liturgy Commission is in dire need of a secretary for our monthly meetings, a great chance to share your talents with us by recording the minutes of our meetings. If you can help out, please call Marie Mulvenna at 678.423.1757 or email [gascots@att.net](mailto:gascots@att.net). Peace and thank you!

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Parents desiring the Sacrament of Baptism for their child(ren) must be registered in the parish and are required to attend a mandatory Baptism seminar. All Godparents residing in the Metro Atlanta area are also expected to attend the seminar. Please contact Dennis and Cathy Carazza at 770-304-2480 or [cdc11@numail.org](mailto:cdc11@numail.org) to schedule your attendance at the next seminar. If it has been more than 3 years since you last attended a seminar you are required to attend a new seminar. Baptism seminars are held on the fourth Thursday every other month in the education wing at the church. Next one, Thursday January 28, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Baptisms are a communal celebration and as such, are conducted within the liturgy at all Masses.

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## Need Any Tax Deductions for the End of the Year?

A reminder that the end of the calendar year is rapidly approaching. If you would like your contributions credited in the 2009 year, please make sure all information is received in the office by Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. We are capable of accepting donations in the form of cash, checks, MasterCard, Visa, or stock options. Payments dated January 1, 2010 will be applied to next year's statement. If you plan on selling stock, please call Diane Jones at (770) 253-1888 or email [djones@smmcatholic.org](mailto:djones@smmcatholic.org) by December 14.



**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be on Dec 4, 2009 from 7-9pm. Could you not watch with me one hour? (Matthew 26:40). A Holy Hour gives us**

**the opportunity to honor Our Lord's request and place ourselves before Him. For additional information contact:**

**Mayra Marchand 770 463-0071 [mavra@numail.org](mailto:mavra@numail.org)  
Willie Guadalupe 770 683-7648 [awildag@numail.org](mailto:awildag@numail.org)**

## **Hello Ladies of the Guild,**

The Guild is set to meet once again for our annual Christmas Party on **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Teresa Bush has graciously volunteered to have us at her house for the festive occasion. For those of you who are new to the parish, have been to monthly meetings regularly or just want to come to the Christmas Party for the yearly 'catch up', we would love to have you come. We will send a Christmas invitation to all of those that we have addresses in our database. If I do not have your information please contact me. If you have any questions, please reach me at 770-599-0805 or [sedwardssteph@yahoo.com](mailto:sedwardssteph@yahoo.com) Thanks for all you do for our parish! Stephanie Edwards

**Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School is looking for a bus driver. Hours are 5:30-7:30 a.m. Monday-Friday. CDL preferred but not necessary. Please contact Vince at 770-461-2202**



The faith community of St. Mary Magdalene will join our Church worldwide in celebration of the "Year for Priests" by encouraging our families to participate through the following suggestions:

Year for Priests prayer cards - USCCB prayer cards are available to us through our Knights of Columbus Chapter and the Atlanta Office of Divine Worship. Prayer cards with picture of our Archdiocesan priests will be available in the Narthex.

Spiritual Bouquet Postcards - are available to be sent to any priest as a sign of prayers offered on his behalf. These will be available in the Narthex.

31 Vocation Club Calendar - calendars prepared by our Atlanta Office of Vocations suggesting prayers each day of the month for designated seminarian, priest, deacon or special intentions are available in the Narthex.

Eucharistic Adoration 101 - An explanation of "Eucharistic Adoration," its origin and devotional development as well as the benefits of having an open encounter with the living God will be offered on Monday November 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:45pm in the Sanctuary. The last 15 minutes will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Holy Hours of Adoration - offered for our priests, seminarians and vocations with Benediction by Deacon Dave Sandlin at a later date to follow. Watch the bulletin for details.

Watch USCCB Year for Priest Videos - seven short video presentations  
<http://www.usccb.org/yearforpriests/video.shtml>

Year for Priests in Facebook - through USCCB website become a fan.

**December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation.**

**Masses at St. Mary Magdalene will be celebrated as follows: Vigil Mass on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. and on the Feast Day itself, Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, a Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m.**

**PREPARE!** A very special celebration will be held here at St. Mary Magdalene on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, as we observe the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of all the Americas. We will have Mass at 12 Noon with Father Fernando Molina-Restrepo as principal celebrant. Many of you will recall Fr. Fernando when he was at Holy Trinity and a frequent visitor and celebrant at our very first gatherings at Thomas Crossroads School. He will be assisted by Fr. Dan as con-celebrant. We will have special devotions to Our Lady of Guadalupe before her statue in the Church with hispanic music and singing. The entire Mass will be bi-lingual and programs will be provided with Spanish as well as English translations. Following Mass, we will host a festive luncheon in the hall for everyone. Do plan to attend - it will be a memorable event. Gratias.

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## 2009 Adult Advent Party



The Welcome Committee has tickets available for the annual Advent Party at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. They will be sold until they are sold out, be

mindful that there is limited seating. It is on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. We will start with appetizers and then have dinner and dancing. Tickets are 15. per person. Join us!

### Advent Penance Services in the Area:

St. Vincent DePaul in Dallas - Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>  
St. Mary Magdalene -Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>  
St. Peter in LaGrange - Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
St. John Vianney in Lithia Springs - Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Carrollton - Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>  
Holy Trinity in PTC – Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>  
St. George in Newnan - Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
St. Philip Benizi in Jonesboro –Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>  
St. Matthew in Tyrone – Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>  
St. Theresa in Douglasville –Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>  
Our Lady of Viet Nam in Riverdale – Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

**All Services start at 7 p.m.**

**READY FOR A RECHARGE??  
WANT TO START ADVENT RIGHT??**

Don't miss this!!

**Matthew Kelly, IN THE ATLANTA AREA!**

**DECEMBER 7, 2009 AT 7:30PM.  
HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PEACHTREE CITY, GA**

Does God really have a plan for your life?  
Are you ready to start living your faith on a deeper level?  
What does this mean for our relationships and our families?

**IF YOU JOIN US, YOUR LIFE WON'T BE THE SAME!**

**IT'S POWERFUL.  
IT'S PRACTICAL.  
IT'S LIVEABLE.**

... and, we promise... it's funny!

**Come! Be energized! Invite someone!**

For more information, contact Maria MacConnie at  
770-631-9945 or [macconnieb@bellsouth.net](mailto:macconnieb@bellsouth.net)

Limited seating available. Registration is necessary!

**AGES 16+ ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED  
TO ATTEND!**

## **U.S. House Keeps Abortion Funding Out of Health Care Reform Tell Senators: Follow the House's Lead on Removing Abortion Funding Protect Conscience Rights Ensure Affordable Health Coverage Allow Immigrants to Purchase Private Health Insurance**

As long-time advocates of health care reform, the U.S. Catholic bishops continue to make the moral case for genuine health care reform that will protect the life, dignity, consciences and health of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

□ On November 7, the U.S. House of Representatives passed major health care reform that reaffirms the essential, longstanding and widely supported policy against using federal funds for elective abortion coverage.

□ It is critical that the Senate adopt the House-approved Stupak Amendment language on this issue. This Amendment ensures that Americans are not forced to pay for the destruction of unborn children as part of needed health care reform.

□ The Senate must address other essential moral priorities: protecting conscience rights; making health coverage more affordable and accessible for those in need; and ensuring that immigrants do not lose or will not be denied health care coverage needed for the good of their families and the health of society.

**ACTION:** Contact Senate and House Members through e-mail, phone calls or FAX letters.

□ **To send a pre-written, instant e-mail to Congress go to [www.usccb.org/action](http://www.usccb.org/action).**

□ Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121, or call your Members' local offices. Full contact info can be found on Members' web sites at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) & [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov).

**MESSAGE—SENATE:**

"Please adopt the House-approved Stupak Amendment that upholds longstanding policies against abortion funding, and please protect conscience rights in health care reform. Health care must be made more affordable and accessible to those in need, and immigrants must not lose or be denied health care coverage."

**MESSAGE—HOUSE:**

"I am pleased that the House-passed health care reform bill maintains the longstanding policy against federal funding of abortion. Please work to ensure that this essential provision is included in any final bill sent to the President."

**WHEN:** The Senate schedule is uncertain. **Act today!**

**Thank you!** For more information on proposed legislation and the bishops' position on authentic health care reform, **visit: [www.usccb.org/healthcare](http://www.usccb.org/healthcare).**

# Advent:

## A Time of Preparation



Prayer

Fasting

Almsgiving

These are the suggestions to help us prepare for the coming of *Christ*. According to Christianity, **almsgiving** implies a material service rendered to the poor for *Christ's* sake. In the Spirit of Christmas, 2 Corinthians Chapter 9, explains the attitude of **almsgiving** with this verse.

*2 Cor.9:7 Everyone as he has determined in his heart, not with sadness or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver.*

**Begin Advent with a donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society! Members will be available next Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> to receive your food donations and monetary contributions on the second Sunday of Advent. Please make your checks payable to *St. Vincent de Paul*.**

