

# 1st Sunday of Advent December 2nd, 2018

*'hope'*



## St Mary's Catholic Church

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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"**

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Membership meeting - 4th Tuesday each month  
 Parish breakfast on 1st or 2nd Sunday each month

**Mass times and Intentions**



SAT: 12/1st 6:30 pm Evan Hansen (D)  
 .....given by Chip/Fran O'Neil  
 SUN: 12/2nd 8:30 am Jim Zell (D)  
 .....given by Tony/Sharon Argento  
 TUE: 12/4th 9:30 am (no intentions)  
 WED: 12/5th 6:30 pm Evan Hansen (D)  
 .....given by Ken/Jan Dover  
 (No flowers during Advent)

**Mass Intentions**

Sharon Cook will be handling the Mass Intentions while Christa is on leave. 706 297-8344; additionally, Gary Cortellino will **TRY** to furnish a weekly bulletin. Send info to the church email or [garycortel@aol.com](mailto:garycortel@aol.com) .....thank-you

**General Offertory/Contributions**



Week of: Nov 25th, 2018

Weekly budget \$2,300.00  
 Weekly Offertory \$1,699.75  
 (-\$600.25)

2nd collection last week: \$483.00  
**Building Improvement**  
 2nd collection next week: **Immaculate Conception & Retirement Fund for Religious**  
 Children's Bldg. Imprv Fund collected.....\$4.02  
 Collected to date.....\$927.29

*Thank-you for your contributions!*

This week's counters are: Bill King, Ruth Manna  
 .....& Nancy Williamson



Would you like to have your birthday; anniversary or other celebratory event announced by WNEG radio/Connie Gaines on the day of your event? What a great way to start your special day and promote St Mary's. Your special day will be listed under 'St Mary's Catholic Church'. The signup sheet is in the narthex. Questions? Contact Gary Cortellino, 678 360-2545 or [garycortel@aol.com](mailto:garycortel@aol.com)



*Please keep the following people in your prayers:*

Carl Dowell, Joe Franzmathes, Skip Studley, Max Biester, Laura Barnett, Nan Lunn, Lore Schnell, June Webb, Barbara Watson, Jacquelyn Sauriol, Ron Schaeffer, Anthony Scott, Brenda McKevelin, Annabeth Lewis & Jim Beleveau.

If you want to submit an individual for Prayer Intentions, please contact Ruth Manna (678 327-4738). Update Ruth at least every four weeks if you wish to continue with community prayers.

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](mailto:gordie123@windstream.net))

**Parish Ministries**



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(Additional info on ALL ministries can be found on our website.)

The Ladies of St. Mary's are sponsoring a Salvation Army Angel Tree. Please look over the tags on the tree in the Narthex and consider making someone's Christmas 'merry'. These are some of the neediest people in our community. Mostly children and the elderly. **Please take a tag and return it on or before December 9<sup>th</sup>. Simply attach the tag and please do not wrap the gifts. *thank-you for your generosity.***

Please join us for the **Gaudete Sunday Celebration on Sunday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm** in the Parish Hall. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex; bring a dish to share and enjoy a special time of fellowship, food and fun.

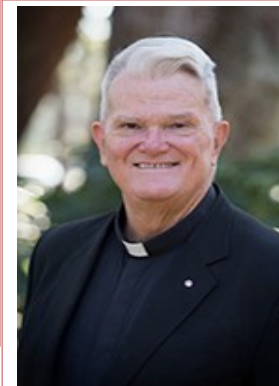
The Parish will be providing ham, chicken fingers, bread and paper goods. Santa Claus will be making a special appearance.

**The Ladies of St. Mary's** will be having a Bake Sale **December 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>** before and after Masses. We invite

all 'bakers' of the parish to bring item/items to sell. Please wrap and label your item. You can bring the item on Saturday or Sunday and give them to a member of the Ladies of St. Mary. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. ....*Thank you*



The Ladies of St. Mary will have their Christmas meeting/luncheon Wednesday Dec. 12, 2018 at 11:30am at the home of Betty Smith. If you would like to carpool there, please meet in the parish parking lot around 11:15am. Bring a dish to share and a \$5 gift for our gift exchange. All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend. Questions -please contact Stephanie Cortellino 404 353-0475.



*Please welcome Fr. James O'Neal, a retired priest assigned to the Diocese of St Augustine, Fl., as he fills in for Fr. Sullivan for the month of December, 2018.*

*Fr. Sullivan leaves for Australia this week and returns early January 2019.*

*An Invitation: A celebration of Father Patrick McCormick's 50 years in the priesthood will take place at Sacred Heart Church in Hartwell on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> after their*



*5:30PM mass. All are welcome to attend the mass and reception afterwards.... Fr. McComick was a pastor here at St Mary's from 1979-1986.*

*....(Read his bio on St Mary's website.)*

**The Knights of Columbus**



The K of C Council will have Religious Christmas Cards on sale in the Narthex for any body in the Parish that wants to purchase them. This sale will run until all cards are sold.