



GOOD SAMARITAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

welcome home

55 Church Street ▪ Ellijay, GA 30540

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

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Mass Times

Mon. and Wed.:9:00 AM
Tues. and Fri.: 6:00 PM
Saturday Vigil:..... 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Misa en Espanol

Martes:.....6:30 PM
Domingo 1:00 PM
Domingo 6:30 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

1st & 3rd Friday of Every Month
9:00 AM to 5:45 PM

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 PM before Mass
or by appointment.

Good Samaritan Catholic Church Office
10:00 am – 2:00 pm Monday-Thursday
10:00 am – 1:00 pm Friday

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Immaculate Conception of Mary

Saturday December 8
Holy Day of Obligation
Vigil Mass 6 pm Friday Dec 7
Mass 9 am Saturday Dec 8

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Spanish Mass 7 p.m.
Gilmer Middle School

Christmas

Christmas Eve Vigils
Monday December 24
6 pm
7:30 pm (Spanish)
10 pm

Christmas Day Mass
Tuesday December 25
11:00 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday January 1
Holy Day of Obligation
Vigil Mass 6pm, 7:30 (Spanish) Mon 12/31
Mass 11 a.m. Tuesday Jan 1

We pray to the Lord..For our Community

Debby Queen, Buddy Armstrong, Joe Bender, William Rogers, Randy Siko, Nancy Hussian Bambrick, Matthew Curtis, Robert Hughes, (Marsh's son-in-law), Gene White, Keren Clay, Marie Raisig, Cathy Sindon, Margaret Fraley, Shirlene McCormick, (Rich Howard's sister), Anna Berry, Jack Loftus, Ana Elba Bochicchio, Mike Zager, Baby Samuel Garrison, Sarah Flanagan, Liz Schueth, Camille Berry, Justin McGregor, Drew Dappen, Debbie Farr, Mary Mucci, Carol Santangelo, Bryson Stephens, Sean O'Donnell, Emily Keating, Scott Anderson, Kelsey Weyrauch, Emily Springer, John Flynn, Jerry Kernea, Tony Maciejewski, Joyce Myers, Elisabeth Lacedonia, Robert Pachenko, Inge Greenwall, Ed Elie, , Margaret Fraley, Steven Richardson



Saturday - December 1, 2018

5:00PM +Rosalyn Buhring

Sunday - December 2, 2018

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

9:00AM +Vernon West
 11:00 AM Linda Rajk
 1:00 PM People of Good Samaritan
 6:30 PM Souls in Purgatory

Monday - December 3, 2018

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
 9:00 AM +Jacqueline Hawkins

Tuesday - Decemeber 4, 2018

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
 6:00PM +Jacqueline Hawkins
 6:30PM People of Good Samaritan

Wednesday - December 5, 2018

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
 9:00 AM Brian Hawkins Family

Thursday-December 6, 2018

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
 Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday - December 7, 2018

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
 6:00PM +Nicholas & Gabriela Arrayo

Saturday - December 8, 2018

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 5:00PM Debby Queen

Sunday - December 9, 2018

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
 9:00AM Donald H Sponholz
 11:00 AM + Colleen Rajk
 1:00 PM +Robert E Long
 6:30 PM People of Good Samaritan

If you have information to be published in the bulletin, contact Judy at 706-636-2772 or gsam@etcmail.com. Parish news is always welcome. All items to be published must be received by noon, **nine** days prior to bulletin publication.

Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal

To report abuse by church personnel: 888-437-0764
 Archdiocese of Atlanta 24 Hour Reporting Hotline. We want to help you get your life back. YOU matter. YOU are family. **We are here to listen and take action!**

Reflections on Gospel Reading as it Applies to Stewardship

We have arrived at the powerful season of Advent, a season to prepare with awe and wonder for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus — born to us as Savior and Brother. It is a season to prepare for His return at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that that our individual judgment day is coming, too, when we will be called to give an account for all that God has given to us during our lifetimes. Our readings for the first week of Advent waste no time in calling our urgent attention to these themes of reflection and preparation. They seem to shout, “Wake up! Get ready!” and offer us some practical advice as we enter into this season. During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying on my “stuff” or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord?

Offertory	Archbishop's 2018 Annual Appeal
November 17 & 18, 2018	Our Pledge \$20,700.00
Offertory \$6825.00	Total Pledged \$20,793.00
Room at the Inn \$276.00	Amount Received \$15,945.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Mortgage Balance: \$22,122.12

Advent Penance Service

Our Advent penance service will be **Mon. Dec. 17th at 7:00 pm.** We will start with a prayer service and will conclude with the sacrament of reconciliation. Several priests will be available to hear confessions in English and Spanish.

Holy Day of Obligation—Solemnity of Mary

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 2018 is celebrated on Saturday, December 8. As the Patronal Feast Day of the United States, this solemnity is always a holy day of obligation. The obligation is fulfilled by attending a Vigil Mass on Friday evening, December 7, or any Mass during the day on Saturday before 4 PM and prior to the Sunday vigil.

Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated Friday Dec. 7 at 6 PM and Saturday morning Dec. 8 at 9 AM.

Thanksgiving Basket Drive Success!

The Knights of Columbus, along with our parish, wish to give special thanks to Louis Salinas and our Youth Group for the incredible job that they did in providing **103+** Thanksgiving Baskets to families in need in our community, with the help of your generosity. **GREAT JOB!**

Angel Tree

The angel tree is available this weekend. All gifts will need to be returned next weekend to be distributed in time for Christmas. Please only take a tag if you can return it on time. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Calendar of Events

Solemnity of Mary	December 8	Holy Day of Obligation
Cookie Walk	December 15	8:00 a.m. -?
Advent Penance Service	December 17	7:00 pm

Need for Ushers:

Parishioners: We need USHERS for ALL weekend Masses. Please consider joining this important ministry. For questions and information contact Susan Shaw 706-276-1692 sjs3@ellijay.com.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

" Yo creo Jesus mio que estas en el altar, oculto en la hostia, te vengo a adorar". Sabia que hay Adoracion de la Santa Eucaristia el primer y tercer viernes cada mes desde las 9am hasta las 5:30 pm?

El proximo viernes sera el 7 de Diciembre y 21 de Diciembre. Ven para adorar y rogar que Jesus reuna a su iglesia.

"The Lord has done great things for me and holy is His name." We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Come and praise him during Adoration, the first and third Fridays of the month from 9am to 5:30pm. Our next two opportunities will be December 7 and December 21.

Cookie Walk

Cookie Walk will be held on Dec. 15th from 8:00 am until we sell all cookies. The cookie walk committee will be baking and decorating cookies in the Parish Hall during the week 12/10-12/14 starting at 9:00 am. Come join us.

(Exception- Not on Tuesday, 12/11/2018)

Parishioners may drop off their cookie donations during this week from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please use the labels that were placed in the bulletin, and provide your name, the type of cookies you baked, and the number of dozens you are donating. Also, place your name on your containers if you wish to have them returned. They can be picked up after 12/15. Thank you in advance for your cookies and monetary donations. You always make this fundraiser exciting and profitable. Ann DeStefano 770-354-2009

Be Formed. Sean Formados.

12/2/18: "Llegaran dias en que cumplire la promesa de bendicion.

The days are coming when I will fulfill the promise" JER 33:14

Dig Deeper at **formed.org: faith formation; Opening the Word.**

Search "A New Beginning" Busca la pelicula: Guadalupe

First Annual Golf Tournament

The Ellijay Council of The Knights of Columbus will be hosting our first annual benefit golf tournament on **April 24th**, at the Whitepath Golf Course. All proceeds will benefit our local charities. We are seeking potential sponsors. Major sponsorship is \$300 and Hole sponsorship is \$75. If you are a business owner, or if you know a business owner, and you feel that you can help with sponsorship, please contact Dave Bennett at: lijdave69@gmail.com or 706-889-4776.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Cookie Walk

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SVDP Help Line for Assistance

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Usher	Acolyte	Altar Server
Saturday / Sabado Diciembre 8 / December 8, 2018					
5:00 PM	Sharon Preston David Bennett	Linda Bennett John Queen	Bruce Preston Bob Bills	John Queen	
Sunday / Domingo Diciembre 9 / December 9, 2018					
9 AM	Sue Hughes Carole Fay	Sue Walter Denise Sewczwicz	Bob Hughes Rich Sewczwicz	Jim Walter	
11 AM	Susan Shaw David Reece	Karen Reece Judy Fabiniak	Dean Wiley Barbara Wiley		