

Who wants to be blessed?

When we read the beatitudes, it is often with mixed emotions. The results sound enticing, to inherit the earth, see God, be shown mercy; but some of those initial requirements sound pretty awful. Who wants to mourn, be poor in spirit or persecuted?

The simple answer is no one. Everyone wants to avoid sorrow and suffering. But we exist in a world that rejected Jesus and His loving lifestyle. So when we follow His example of servitude and sacrifice, it's bound to get painful. Life hurts, sometimes simply because we're Christians. And the beatitudes promise that these unavoidable pains will be noted and rewarded by our Heavenly Father.

THANK YOU! A heartfelt thanks to the Ladies of Sodality for the wonderful lunch they presented to Archbishop Rodi and everyone who came last Sunday, January 27 for Fr. David installation. Also, a special thanks to Mr. Joe Spitznagel for his hard work on the choir loft rails and the Church doors.

Mother Mary Mission Inc. "First Annual Sports Banquet this Saturday, February 09 (after the Super Bowl) at the Jerry Barnett Gym: 318 Seale Rd. For tickets and more information call (334) 520-0031 or (706) 737-8276.

Youth Group meeting Monday February 4th @ 6:00 PM!

Answers to What's Your Catholic IQ?

- 1. a)** Saint Teresa of Avila's (1515-1582) mystical writings on the spiritual life include The Interior Castle and The Way of Perfection.
- 2. d)** Our Lady of Guadalupe was named by Pope John Paul II the "Patron of the Americas"-North, Central, and South America. Her feast day is December 12.
- 3. False.** Catholics venerate Mary and the saints because they lived extraordinary lives of discipleship and are in heaven (see CCC, n. 956). When we pray to them we are asking for their help and prayers. Veneration and special devotion are not equal to worship or adoration, which belong to God alone (see CCC, n. 971). To worship Mary or the saints would be idolatry.
- 4. b)** Mary is also the Queen of Heaven and Earth (see CCC, n. 966).
- 5. c)** Christians on earth fighting evil and sin are the Church militant. Those in purgatory are the Church suffering. Those in heaven are the Church triumphant. These terms are not in the Catechism, but the concept is mentioned (see CCC, n. 954).

Chattahoochee Valley United for Life extends a most sincere thank you to all of the parishioners of St Patrick's for their most appreciated and generous donations towards our recent march for life lunch and efforts. We are truly grateful for all of your support including the booties that were also donated.

OLD BLESSED PALMS: Bring your old blessed Palms back to church. We will burn these palms and use the ashes on Ash Wednesday services. Since they have been blessed they are sacramental and you should not throw it in the trash.



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE (EST)

WEEKEND MASSES:
 Saturday: 5:30 p.m. English
 Sunday: 8:30, 11:30 a.m., and 5p.m.
 7:00 p.m. En Español

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: **NO MASS**
 Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9am
 Wed: 12:05pm Followed by Adoration
 Holy Days—as announced

PARISH COUNCIL: Second Monday of the month in the Parish Hall, 5:30 pm.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Third Monday of the month in the Parish Hall, at 5:30 pm

OUTREACH SCHEDULE: Wed. & Fridays 9 to 11:30am **THE THRIFT STORE** open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10a.m.—2p.m.

SACRAMENTS: For preparation and available dates for the sacraments: Baptisms, Matrimony, or a special Mass, please speak directly with Fr. David or call the office.

NEW IN OUR PARISH? Welcome! Please visit: <http://stpatsphenixcity.org> click the Register Now button and follow the instructions to create a new user account and register! Already register? go online! Create an account and you can update or make changes to your records.



**4th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 February 3, 2013**

Christ is present to his Church



Christ is always present to his Church, especially in the actions of the liturgy. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, in the person of the minister (it is the same Christ who formerly offered himself on the cross that now offers by the ministry of priests) and most of all under the Eucharistic species. He is present in the sacraments by his power, in such a way that when someone baptizes, Christ himself baptizes. He is present in his word, for it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. Finally, he is present when the Church prays and sings, for he himself promised: Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst.

Indeed, in this great work which gives perfect glory to God and brings holiness to men, Christ is always joining in partnership with himself his beloved Bride, the Church, which calls upon its Lord and through him gives worship to the eternal Father.

It is therefore right to see the liturgy as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ, in which through signs addressed to the senses man's sanctification is signified and, in a way proper to each of these signs, made effective, and in which public worship is celebrated in its fullness by the mystical body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the head and by his members.

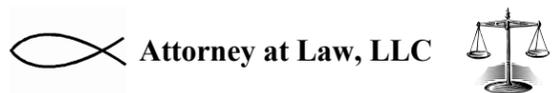
Accordingly, every liturgical celebration, as an activity of Christ the priest and of his body, which is the Church, is a sacred action of a preeminent kind. No other action of the Church equals its title to power or its degree of effectiveness.

In the liturgy on earth we are given a foretaste and share in the liturgy of heaven, celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem, the goal of our pilgrimage, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God, as minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle. With the whole company of heaven we sing a hymn of praise to the Lord; as we reverence the memory of the saints, we hope to have some part with them, and to share in their fellowship; we wait for the Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, until he, who is our life, appears, and we appear with him in glory.

By an apostolic tradition taking its origin from the very day of Christ's resurrection, the Church celebrates the paschal mystery every eighth day, the day that is rightly called the Lord's day. On Sunday the Christian faithful ought to gather together, so that by listening to the word of God and sharing in the Eucharist they may recall the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God who has given them a new birth with a lively hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The Lord's day is therefore the first and greatest festival, one to be set before the loving devotion of the faithful and impressed upon it, so that it may be also a day of joy and of freedom from work. Other celebrations must not take precedence over it, unless they are truly of the greatest importance, since it is the foundation and the kernel of the whole liturgical year.

From the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council. (**Sacrosanctum Concilium, nn. 7-8. 106**)

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2019
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Regular Collection: \$3,509.35
Online giving: \$227.00
Thank You!



PRO-LIFE ROSARY, Every Saturday 5p.m.
Mass Intentions for this week

Saturday, Feb. 02, 2019: 5:30p.m. Varguese Emmanuel
 Ditto, Beena & Children

Sunday, Feb. 03, 2019

8:30 a.m. Rev. James F. Dorrill (+)

11:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners

5:00 p.m. Rev. Howard Moussier, OSB (+)

7:00 p.m. Marian Xavier

Tuesday, Feb. 05, 2019: 9:00a.m. Kolankanny Family

Wednesday, Feb. 06, 2019: 12:05p.m. Delma Rodriguez (+)
 Follwed by adoration till 2p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 07, 2019: 9:00a.m. Departed Souls from the
 Kolankanny Family

Friday, Feb. 08, 2019: 9:00a.m. Isabel Salot; Rolando Marre-
 ro; Pedro Marrero; Manuel Marrero; Orlando Colón; Gregorio
 Colón; Hortensia Alfonso; Andrea Silva; Jose Luis Silva; Car-
 los Juan Colón; Marcos Joel Rivera.

Scriptures for the week of Feb. 3—10, 2019

Feb 3 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JER 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 COR 12:31—13:13; LK 4:21-30

Feb 4: Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20

Feb 5: Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr red
 Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43

Feb 6: Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs red
 Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6

Feb 7: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13

Feb 8: Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita,
 Virgin: Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29

Feb 9: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34

Feb 10: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 IS 6:1-2A, 3-8; 1 COR 15:1-11; LK 5:1-11



ALTAR FLOWERS: Call the office to
 reserve a date for your floral offering to
 God in memory or honor of a love one
 (334) 298-9025.

DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: We
 will continue our study of devotion to the Blessed Virgin
 Mary reading the St. Louis De Montfort Book "The Secret of
 the Mary" on Sunday February 10th and Sunday February
 24th after the 11:30 Mass in the St Patrick Church Fellow-
 ship Hall. Everyone is welcome to join in the discussion and
 share the potluck lunch. Please contact Steve Carrigee for
 questions 706-593-4080.



February 3, 2019 Luke 4:21-30
Say it Anyway

Sometimes you have to say the tough stuff. It isn't easy, but
 it's necessary. When you're a parent you learn this fact quick-
 ly. There are many lessons children don't want to learn, facts
 too hard to face. If we shirk our duty in silence, it's the chil-
 dren that suffer. No matter how hard the words are, we have to
 toughen up and say them anyway.

It's something every parent has in common with God.
 Sometimes God has a message that is none too sweet to deliv-
 er. He knows it's for our own good but we're not going to like
 it. When Jesus chided the people of His hometown for their
 doubts, they chased Him out of the temple and the town. Their
 hearts weren't prepared for a truth so challenging, so hum-
 bling, so painful. The Savior knew these wandering sheep
 needed a stern but loving Shepherd so He raised the rod of
 truth and firmly guided them toward the path. Sadly only a few
 were willing to follow. Is the Savior speaking truth to you to-
 day - a harsh lesson you've been unwilling to hear? Take a
 moment and allow His words, His truth to enter your heart.
 Remember: He loves you, He knows what's best, and no mat-
 ter how much it hurts, He's going to say it. Will you hear Him?

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL: If you have not
 returned your Catholic Charities envelope, please do so
 now. If you prefer to donate online, you can text "CCA" to
 91999 for a link. Envelopes are available in the pew. It is
 our goal to have every family participate to the best of their
 ability. We ask that you answer the Call to Give to those in
 need through your prayerful generosity to this year's
 Catholic Charities Appeal. Please, help our Parish meet our
 goal of \$19,400 this year and obtain 100% participation.
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LITURGY and Flu Virus

Each week, we gather together to celebrate and share the
 Eucharist. We do not want this to be an occasion to
 "share" the flu virus.

What can we do:

First, we should take to normal precautions: good hygiene,
 washing our hands regularly, staying home if we are feel-
 ing sick.

Also, do NOT drink from the chalice if you have any
 symptoms. Use another gesture besides a handshake at the
 Sign of Peace



Marriage Minute

Have you gone on a date with your spouse
 recently? It doesn't have to be fancy or super-
 creative, but scheduling dates affirms your desire to
 keep your relationship strong.



PARISHIONERS DEPLOYED OVER-SEAS:

Jake Ryan, Jed Hardy and Greg Craig are
 deployed please keep them in your prayers.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Emerson Horner, Sr. Judy
 Jones, Mr. Ralph Green, Rob Wilburn, Tom Blythe,
 Thomas Walton, Donna Hershey, Maria laur. Your love
 one's name will appear on our list for at least four con-
 secutive Sundays. If a longer period of time is needed,
 please renew your request by calling the office. Thank
 you.

PRAYER CHAIN: We want to help you storm heaven
 with special requests. Call Irene at (706) 888-1684.

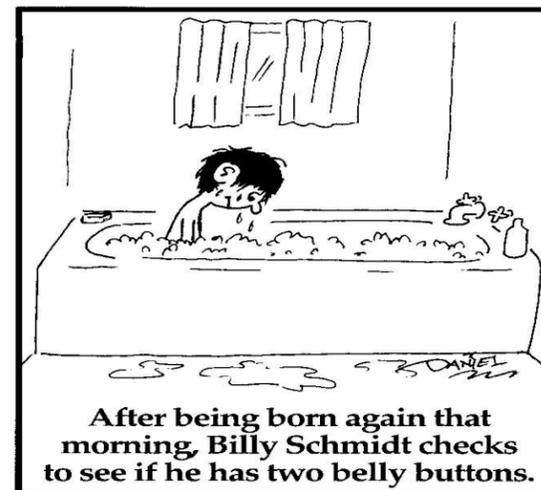
Happy Birthday!:

- Feb. 08: Betty Alexander
- Feb. 12: Harry Sellers
- Feb. 16: Margaret Simmons
- Feb. 21: Urbano Jr. (Junjun)
- Feb. 27: Jim Kehoe

- Congratulations on your Anniver-
 sary!
- Feb. 1: Ray & Terry Xuereb 44
 Years!



Have a Birthday or Anniversary coming up?



Religious Education
Educación Religiosa

Religious Education: We are off for the next two weeks, and
 will return on 10 February. On the Sunday before they left for
 break, I met with them, and we learned about stewardship. This
 week starts the Campaign for Catholic Charities, and your student
 has learned that they have a part in it. It is not just for
 adults. Grades PK - 5th have an envelope that is titled, "We are
 Called to Give to those in need." Your student is invited to color
 it, fill it out and return it to the offices. Our older grades have an
 envelope titled the same, but with no picture to color. They too
 are invited to fill it out and return it to the offices. All of us have
 an important part in the Church.

Secondly, your student has been given a paper titled, "Catholic
 Stewardship". This is their assignment for this month. They
 need to fill it out and the first one to me receives a big prize and
 the second and third, receives a smaller one! Try to be the first in
 line! Parents are welcomed, and encouraged to help their student
 fill out the forms! Let me know if you have any questions, and
 I'll see you all on the 10th! If you need more envelopes, or forms
 they are in the vestibule of the church! Peace of Christ.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)! Its for anyone that
 would like to learn more about our Faith. Adult Formation meets
 every Thursday from 6:45 pm, until 8:00 pm. All are welcome!

NEXT SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

- March 3: Black and Indian Missions
- March 17: Catholic Relief Services
- April 7: Aid to the Church
- May 6: Collection for Lazarus
- June 16: Seminarians

WHAT IS YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?

1. The first woman named Doctor of the Church was
 a) St. Teresa of Avila b) St. Therese, the Little Flow-
 er c) St. Mary Magdalene d) St. Julian of Norwich
2. The patron of Mexico is
 a) St. Therese of Lisieux b) St. Juan Diego c) St.
 Katherine Drexel d) Our Lady of Guadalupe
3. As Catholics, we pray to Mary and the saints just
 like we pray to God. **True False**
4. Mary, the Mother of God, is the _____ of all
 Saints. a) Mother b) Queen c) patroness d) role model
10. The Church militant refers to a) Catholics serving
 in the military b) the blessed ones in heaven c) the
 baptized living on earth today d) intense and serious
 Catholics

Answers are in the back!