

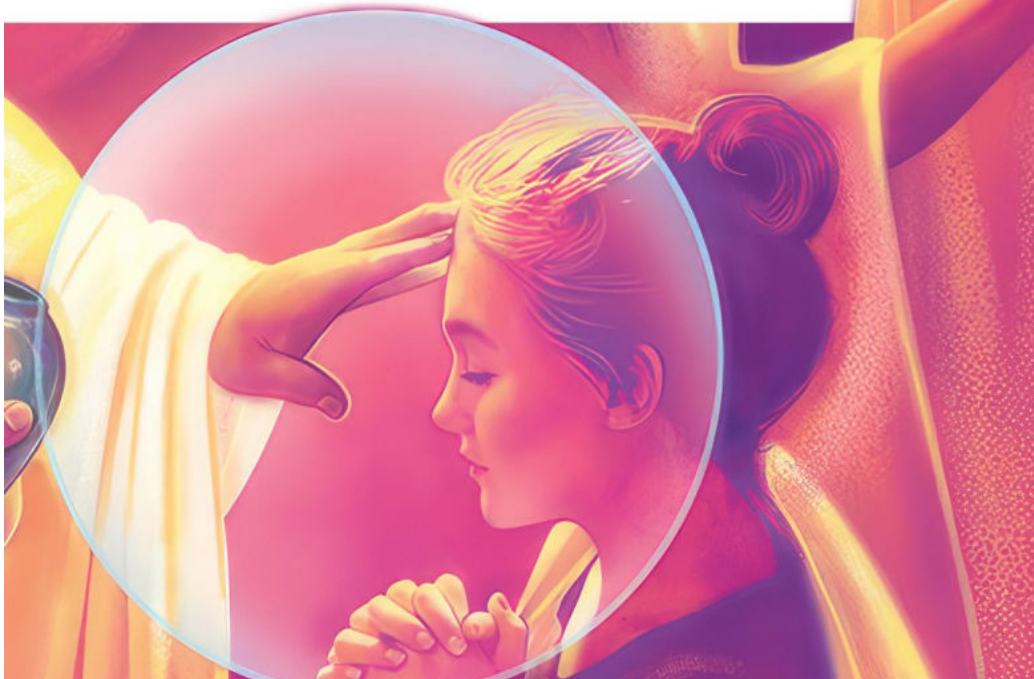
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July 14, 2024

**15th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Office Hours

Monday

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tuesday - Thursday

7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday

7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday

6:15 - 6:45 p.m.

Saturday

4 - 4:45 p.m.

Sunday

7:45 - 8:15 a.m.

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Blessings and Glory

The second reading from Ephesians is rather long and with only six sentences, it is not easy to follow. If you take it apart, you see that Paul is very encouraging. He is giving a description of the many blessings God has given us.

He says that we are chosen by God and destined for spiritual blessings: First is Redemption, meaning that Christ saved us from punishment for our sins by forgiving them instead. Second is the plan of God for saving everyone, by making Christ ruler of the universe. We have to accept these gifts by letting go of the temptations around us and holding on to the love we have received from God. The things of the world, possessions, wealth, or power that pretend to make us happy are replaced with love of God; we then share that love with others, so that they know God loves them, too. As our experience of God's love grows, we begin to understand the mystery of how God lives in all people. Another blessing Paul notes is adoption by God to a new relationship as brothers and sisters of Christ; holiness is now for all believers, not just priests or religious.

Paul also reminds us that we are chosen and destined to help God bring his plan, his Kingdom, to completion. When we teach children how to love and share, when we are honest with customers or suppliers, when we are not ashamed to show our faith in Jesus, when we are respectful of the poor, elderly, or disabled, we are slowly building the Kingdom of God, or as Paul says, "to bring all things together in heaven and on earth under Christ" (Eph 1:10)

Paul mentions three times in this reading about "the praise of God's glory." (Eph 1:14) When we are able to help or forgive, or just be a good example to others, we want them to know that God is in all the good we do. Instead of taking credit for the results, we give God the glory. No, you don't have to take off your glasses and put on a red cape before helping others. Just mention that God does the real work, we just try not to get in his way.

Tom Schmidt



Please join the
Knights of
Columbus Sunday
July 14th for the

Red Cross blood drive.

Thank You for giving your
precious gift to save a life.



Please email Ann for any
interest in volunteering.
We are always looking for
helpers at the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 13

5:00 p.m. James & Frances Layman, Anson Ledford

7:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

(at Jekyll United Methodist Church)

Sunday, July 14

8:30 a.m. Fr. Joseph Casey

11:00 a.m. Elaine Knight

6:00 p.m. (Spanish) Sonia & Alfredo Lopez
(intentions)

Monday, July 15

Noon Toni Van Alstine

Tuesday, July 16

Noon Ed Morrissey

Wednesday, July 17

7 p.m. Inez Sasser

Thursday, July 18

8 a.m. Ruth Marsh

Friday, July 19

8 a.m. Gayle Rogers

Saturday, July 20

5:00 p.m. Rita & George Doubek, & Rosanne Hale

7:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

(at Jekyll United Methodist Church)

Sunday, July 21

8:30 a.m. Sr. Carmella Schneider

11:00 a.m. Mary, Effie & Preston Blanchard

6:00 p.m. (Spanish) Sonia & Alfredo Lopez
(intentions)

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Mass times, ministry updates, & more
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SFX150 TO 84576

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DAILY READINGS

Sunday 15th Sunday in OT

Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9 -10, 11-12, 13-14;
Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13

Monday - Memorial of Saint Bonaventure

Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and
23; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday - Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt
11:20-24

Wednesday

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10,
14-15; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday - Memorial of Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab
and 15, 16-18, 19-21; Mt 11:28-30

Friday Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10,
11, 12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8,
14; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday - 16th Sunday in OT

Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Eph
2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

September 6-8, 2024
Near Augusta, GA

Do you or someone you know have
emotional, spiritual or psychological pain due
to a past abortion? If so, there is a ministry
just for you. At a Rachel's Vineyard Ministry
retreat you can find help, hope, and healing
through their post-abortion weekends.

For more information:

912-306-0406

stephaniemay135@gmail.com

rachelsvineyard.org

*Complete confidentiality will be honored at all times. Take the
risk and find the peace and healing you have been searching for.*



The Roman Catholic Diocese of Savannah
Office of Fellowship and Life



SCAMMERS are CLEVER!

They know we have a new priest.

**DO NOT
BE
FOOLED!**

**We WILL NOT send a text or email asking
for FAVORS, MONEY or GIFT CARDS!**

**If you are unsure, call the Parish Office at
912-265-3249.**

2024 Mass Intention book still has openings! If you are interested in having some Masses said for a loved one, Ann will be in the Narthex after the weekday Masses to help you. Suggested donation is \$10 per Mass.



**ST. VINCENT de
PAUL**

**FOOD PANTRY
REQUESTS**

Cereal, Canned
Pasta, jelly, premixed peanut butter
& jelly

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

July 16

Today's feast dates back to the 14th century, when it was instituted by the Carmelite order in celebration of the pope's approval of its name and constitutions. It is celebrated on July 16th because Carmelite tradition states that Our Lady appeared to Simon Stock and gave him the scapular on that day. Hermits lived on Mount Carmel in northern Israel in the 12th century and by the 13th century they became known as the "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel." The Carmelites have a long standing reputation for being especially devoted to Mary and have promoted devotion to her throughout the centuries. Saint Teresa of Avila even called them "the Order of the Virgin". The scapular they wear, and invite all of us to wear as well, symbolizes her special protection and calls us to prayer and penance. Now this feast is celebrated all over the world, from Spain to Peru and beyond. Our Lady lovingly covers us with her mantle of protection and calls us into a deeper relationship with Our Lord. Let us answer that call today.
—Tami Urcia



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2024/2025



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WE ARE HIRING!

- Part-time Maintenance/Janitor
- Extended Day Program Worker

An active faith life and VIRTUS training are prerequisites for these positions.

Qualified candidates, please email a resume and cover letter to:

Mrs. Annemarie Marr, Principal
amar@sfxc.org



"DO NOT BE AFRAID TO BE A PROPHETIC VOICE! DO NOT BE AFRAID TO PREACH WITH CONVICTION! BRING THE WISDOM OF THE CHURCH, ENSHRINED PARTICULARLY IN HER SOCIAL TEACHING, TO BEAR [ON SOCIETY]."

—POPE FRANCIS, ADDRESS TO KENYAN BISHOPS, APRIL 16, 2015



Next week our parish will take up a collection to support the **Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa**. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. The Solidarity Fund supports pastoral projects to build the capacity of the Church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation across a continent often marked by division and tension. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/africa.



That Man is You! For more information contact Deacon Chris at csadowski@bellsouth.net

If your baby or toddler is feeling restless, the **Narthex** is open with a **live video and audio feed**. There are about 25 seats available. There is also a room located at the back of the Church you can go to.

Do you pay most of your bills online? You can donate to SFX online through Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) on our website.

SHOWING RESPECT AND REVERENCE AT CHURCH

In keeping with the sacredness of the Mass and so as to help others better focus, please observe the following guidelines:

- Do not chew gum, drink coffee, eat food or snacks, etc. in the Church.
- Remember to silence or turn off your cell phones and to refrain from texting while in the Church. Also, please do not talk inside of the Church with others, but rather seek to foster your own personal dialogue with God.
- Genuflect towards the Tabernacle as you enter or leave your pew. Bow your head instead if you are unable to do so.
- Wear modest and tasteful attire, and keep bodily gestures that convey the respect, joy and solemnity of this moment when Christ becomes our guest.
- Please consume the Host in front of the minister, and wait to leave the Church until after the final procession.



The **2024 Annual Catholic Appeal:** Faith, Hope, Charity Our parish goal is \$67,829. So far we have raised \$56,532. Your sacrificial gift and prayers will help make this year's appeal a success. We can do this if, after thoughtful consideration and prayer, everyone participates according to their own ability.