

Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Confessions heard before all Masses. Sundays 6:45, 8:15 & 10:30am

Sun, Dec 16 **Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)**

7:15am Low Pro Populo

9:00am Low Alicia Carver by Fred & Karen Carver

11:30am High †Mr. Joseph Peek by Wright Family

Mon, Dec 17 **Greater Feria of Advent**

No 6:30am Mass

12:00pm Alan and Christian Dominguez by Dominguez Family

Tue, Dec 18 **Greater Feria of Advent**

6:30am Conv. of John M. Anderson by Thomas Anderson

9:00am †Gerald P. Healy by Fred & Karen Carver

Wed, Dec 19 **Ember Wednesday of Advent**

No 6:30am Mass

12:00pm †James Hoban by Lucille Hoban

Thu, Dec 20 **Greater Feria of Advent**

6:30am Happy Death for J.R.B. Cunningham by Maureen Cunningham

9:00am †Anne Matuska by Amy Thomas

Fri, Dec 21 **St. Thomas**

12:00pm Amber & Miriam

7:00pm Conv. of Mrs. Alisa Crisler-Williams by Barbara Haloda
Exposition follows Mass

Sat, Dec 22 **Ember Saturday of Advent**

7:00am Michael David Bragg by Ileana Bragg

9:00am Anastasia Arango

Sun, Dec 23 **Fourth Sunday of Advent (Rorate Sunday)**

7:15am Low †Atalie Andressen

9:00am Low Fr. Michael Sherliza by Owen & Caroline Elliott

11:30am High Pro Populo

Last Sunday's Collection: \$8,932.75 **God reward you.**
Retirement for Religious: \$313.25

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Atlanta

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2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP IN THE VESTIBULE.

Annual Food Drive: to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society's food distribution program. Collection containers for non-perishable food items will be in the vestibule from Nov.25th-Dec.30th. Please remember the less fortunate and support the Knights of Columbus in this worthwhile effort.

Ember Days: Held to be of apostolic origin and tied to the agricultural cycle to thank God for the gifts of nature, to teach men to make use of them in moderation, and to assist the needy are traditionally days of fast and abstinence. The observance of Ember Days can be a most beneficial addition to our Catholic life. For more info: www.fisheaters.com/emberdays.html

Christmas Mass Schedule: Midnight Mass will be preceded by Christmas Carols at 11:30pm. On The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord there will be a 9am Low Mass and 11:30am High Mass (preceded by Christmas Carols at 11am).

New Year's Eve and Day: There will be a Holy Hour on New Year's Eve from 11pm-11:50pm followed by Low Mass at midnight. On New Year's Day there will be a 9am Low Mass and 11:30am High Mass.

[Casti Connubii - On Christian Marriage \(cont.\)](#)
[Encyclical of Pope Pius XI December 31, 1930](#)

This equality of rights which is so much exaggerated and distorted, must indeed be recognized in those rights which belong to the dignity of the human soul and which are proper to the marriage contract and inseparably bound up with wedlock. In such things undoubtedly both parties enjoy the same rights and are bound by the same obligations; in other things there must be a certain inequality and due accommodation, which is demanded by the good of the family and the right ordering and unity and stability of home life. As, however, the social and economic conditions of the married woman must in some way be altered on account of the changes in social intercourse, it is part of the office of the public authority to adapt the civil rights of the wife to modern needs and requirements, keeping in view what the natural disposition and temperament of the female sex, good morality, and the welfare of the family demands, and provided always that the essential order of the domestic society remain intact, founded as it is on something higher than human authority and wisdom, namely on the authority and wisdom of God, and so not changeable by public laws or at the pleasure of private individuals. These enemies of marriage go further, however, when they substitute for that true and solid love, which is the basis of conjugal happiness, a certain vague compatibility of temperament. This they call sympathy and assert that, since it is the only bond by which husband and wife are linked together, when it ceases the marriage is completely dissolved. What else is this than to build a house upon sand? — a house that in the words of Christ would forthwith be shaken and collapse, as soon as it was exposed to the waves of adversity “and the winds blew and they beat upon that house. And it fell: and great was the fall thereof.” On the other hand, the house built upon a rock, that is to say on mutual conjugal chastity and strengthened by a deliberate and constant union of spirit, will not only never fall away but will never be shaken by adversity. We have so far, Venerable Brethren, shown the excellency of the first two blessings of Christian wedlock which the modern subverters of society are attacking. And now considering that the third blessing, which is that of the sacrament, far surpasses the other two, we should not be surprised to find that this, because of its outstanding excellence, is much more sharply attacked by the same people. They put forward in the first place that matrimony belongs entirely to the profane and purely civil sphere, that it is not to be committed to the religious society, the Church of Christ, but to civil society alone. They then add that the marriage contract is to be freed from any indissoluble bond, and that separation and divorce are not only to be tolerated but sanctioned by the law; from which it follows finally that, robbed of all its holiness, matrimony should be enumerated amongst the secular and civil institutions. The first point is contained in their contention that the civil act itself should stand for the marriage contract (civil matrimony, as it is called), while the religious act is to be considered a mere addition, or at most a concession to a too superstitious people. Moreover they want it to be no cause for reproach that marriages be contracted by Catholics with non-Catholics without any reference to religion or recourse to the ecclesiastical authorities. The second point which is but a consequence of the first is to be found in their excuse for complete divorce and in their praise and encouragement of those civil laws which favor the loosening of the bond itself. As the salient features of the religious character of all marriage and particularly of the sacramental marriage of Christians have been treated at length and supported by weighty arguments in the encyclical letters of Leo XIII, letters which We have frequently recalled to mind and expressly made our own, We refer you to them, repeating here only a few points.

Marriage Banns: Let it be known to all here present that Caleb Andrew Martin, son of Keith and Diane of the Martin family, and Erika Ka'lee Perez, daughter of Encarnacion and Irma of the Perez family, intend to contract marriage between themselves. Therefore, we admonish all that if anyone is aware of any existing impediment that would prohibit marriage between them, that he is obligated to reveal it as soon as possible to the Parish Priest or the Archbishop, and this serves as the second publication of these Banns.

All Parishioners: Please do not leave items for other parishioners to pick up on church property, please wait until you see them in person. Also, please do not leave free items of any kind anywhere on church property (this includes but is not limited to: holy cards, rosaries & other sacramentals, holy images). Thank you for your cooperation.

Mass request forms are now available on our website. Please visit www.stfrancisdesalesatl.com and click on the “Mass Requests” link located in the left-hand column. Parishioners of St. Francis de Sales may request that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass be offered for their particular intentions. Due to a high volume of Mass requests you may only have up to three outstanding Mass requests in the queue. **Please do not submit a Mass request if you already have three or more requests in the queue.** If you are unsure of how many Mass requests you currently have, please email secretarysdfs@gmail.com. Thank you for your cooperation.

Inquirers Class: The priests of the parish are teaching a class every Wed at 6pm, pausing periodically for seasonal breaks, for non-Catholics who have questions about the Catholic religion. All non-Catholics are welcome to attend.

St. Francis de Sales-Information & Contacts

Confessions: 15 mins before weekday Masses; Sundays 6:45am, 8:15am, 10:30am

Baptism: Contact the parish at least six weeks before birth

Marriage: Contact the parish at least six months before the wedding

Eucharistic Exposition: Friday after evening Mass

Rosary: Before 9:00am and 11:30am Sunday Masses

Religious Education (CCD): Sundays at 10:15am (Aug.-May)

Legion of Mary: Meet Tuesdays at 5:00pm

Knights of Columbus: Meets 2nd Monday of month: Rosary 6:30pm, dinner, meeting starts at 7:30pm. <https://sites.google.com/view/kofc14625/home>

Columbian Squires: Circle meets on 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:15pm

FNE: Female scouting group meets Saturday mornings: info@atlantafne.org

St. Gerard: For desirous, new, and expectant moms: stgerardministry@gmail.com

Bookstore Hours: Sunday 10:00am-11:15am and 1:00pm-1:30pm