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Holy Father,  
my  
Tender God,  
my  
Great King,  
my  
Good Shepherd...  
my  
Everlasting Salvation  
Roman Catholic Prayer

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Rev. Pavol Brenkus

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Front Desk  
Karen Lastufka

MASS SCHEDULE  
Saturday: 5:30pm  
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am,  
12:30pm 5:30pm

Holy Days of Obligation  
See Bulletin for schedule

WEEKDAY MASSES  
Mon. & Tues.  
9:00am & 6:30pm  
Wed. & Thurs.  
6:30am & 9:00am  
Fri.  
9:00am & 12:10pm  
Sat.  
9:00am

RECONCILIATION  
By Appointment or  
Mon. & Tues.  
5:45pm-6:15pm

Sat.  
3:45pm- 5:00pm  
1st Fri. of month  
6:30pm-7:00pm  
1st Sat. of month  
8:30am-8:50am  
1st Sun. of month  
After the 8:30am &  
10:30am Masses

OFFICE HOURS  
9:45am- 4:30pm

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Rafael Gaitan

678-417-7912  
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Spanish Masses at Mission

Friday- 7:00pm  
Saturday- 6:30pm  
Sunday- 9:00am & 11:00am

Masses For The Week



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 21</b>
9:00 am	Vernie Marcos (D) <i>By The Lin Family</i>
5:30 pm	Eleanor Litts (D) <i>By Norman and Pat Litts</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 22</b>
8:30 am	Capt. Thomas Fleck (SI) <i>By Bette Fleck</i>
10:30 am	The People of St. Monica
12:30 pm	Mrs. Glynn Grady (D) <i>By Shaun Hallaran</i>
5:30 pm	Brad Adams <i>By John and Deborah Whilchel</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 23</b>
9:00 am	Henry Halahakone (D) <i>By Sunetha Piyasena</i>
6:30 pm	Vicki Rodriguez (D) <i>By John and Mary Anne Meeks</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 24</b>
9:00 am	David Mechler, Sr. (D) <i>By Marilyn and Earl Conabee</i>
6:30 pm	Samantha Grace Arendale (SI) <i>By Sean Peek</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 25</b>
6:30 am	Ray Slater (D) <i>By Marianne Wall</i>
9:00 am	Regina Roys (SI) <i>By Monica Zeccola</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 26</b>
6:30 am	Special Intention
9:00 am	The People of St. Monica
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 27</b>
9:00 am	Dorothy Martin (D) <i>By Ray and Michelle King</i>
12:10 pm	NO MASS
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 28</b>
9:00 am	Joseph Lill (D) <i>By Catherine Lill</i>
5:30 pm	Richard Hidding (D) <i>By Colette Hidding</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 29</b>
8:30 am	Majorie George (D) <i>By Kelly and Joe George</i>
10:30 am	James and Elizabeth Hanrahan (D) <i>By James Hanrahan</i>
12:30 pm	The People of St. Monica
5:30 pm	Ken Marion (D) <i>By Helga Burri</i>

**Readings for the Week of November 22, 2009**

Sunday	Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37
Monday	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-26; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28
Friday	Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday	Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



Contributions from November 8, 2009

Contributions	\$36,088.69
Actual Budget Need	\$34,057.70
Children's envelopes- \$29.00.....	25 Envelopes
There are 2428 registered families	

*Please Pray For*

For all those in our faith community who are serving our nation overseas and their loved ones here at home. For those among us who are sick and suffering, that by our ministry and the help of the Holy Spirit, they may be healed according to God's will especially, Don Strohmeyer, Cathy Goin, Katherine Michels, Marcia Lopez, Anna Mary Martin, Barry Bramble, David Keklikian, Doris Kirouac, Ray Bosn, Jesse Morris, Catherine Michels, Isabel Shea, Amy Schwartz, and Mary Anne Paque. And for friends and family who have gone before us including Marion Rolland, Corey Cumby, Alice Davis, and Nancy Dibble, we pray to the Lord. Please become active in praying for those who are ill, deceased, or have special needs by joining the Prayer Chain Ministry by contacting Diane Lin at 770-623-4099 or dianelin39@gmail.com. You can be notified of prayer intentions via e-mail or Calling Post.



The Parish Offices will be closed starting Wednesday, November 25th until Monday, November 30th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Fr. Jack, Fr. Pavol and the staff at Saint Monica wish a blessed Thanksgiving for you and your loved ones.

The weekday Mass schedule will be:  
 Wednesday, 25th— 6:30am & 9:00am  
 Thursday, 26th— 9:00am ONLY  
 Friday, 27th— 9:00am ONLY  
 Saturday and Sunday Masses are at normal times



**Volunteer families are needed to light the Advent Wreath Candle during Advent. For those wishing to participate, please use the sign up sheet in the sacristy. For more information, please call Marty and Marie Rouch @ 770-781-5285 or email [rouchm@bellsouth.net](mailto:rouchm@bellsouth.net).**



If you would like to commemorate a special event, anniversary or the memory of a loved one, by making a donation for the altar flowers, Please contact Cyndy Furgiuele for more information 678-584-9947 ext 26, or [cyndyf@saintmonicas.com](mailto:cyndyf@saintmonicas.com).

## Religious Education News

### Middle School News

Events are held Saturdays after the 5:30 Mass  
Please check the bulletin frequently for updates!

**November 28– No Youth Group!  
Happy Thanksgiving!**

**December 5– Service Project–** Nursing Home.  
RSVP by December 3rd to  
middleschool@saintmonicas.com.

**December 9– MSYG Planning** meeting at 7:15pm

**December 12– LIFE Event on Saint Joseph and  
his commitment to Mary, the Mother of Jesus**

There will be NO RE Elementary Classes on November 24th & 25th. Have a Blessed Thanksgiving Holiday. Classes will resume on December 1st & 2nd with our last class and Mass.

Parents, we will be having Reconciliation during RE on the week of November 28th. Please talk with your child about Reconciliation beforehand. All children, grades 3-8, are invited to partake in this special opportunity.

For parish verification, required for Baptisms, Marriages, Catholic school admittance, etc., a person must be registered in the parish, attend Mass regularly and be involved in Time, Talent & Stewardship. Participation through parish offertory envelopes is one means of verification. If you choose not to use envelopes or are unable to contribute at this time, please make a notation of your prayerful support on your envelope and place it in the offertory basket. We will then be aware of your participation and not move you to our inactive list.



**Prayer Blanket Ministry–  
you are covered in prayer!**

God has used this beautiful ministry to touch countless people who have received the blankets while enduring difficult times in their lives.

Anyone who is afflicted with physical or emotional burden and needs an enormous gift of love and warmth is eligible to receive a blanket.

Blankets are available at the front desk of the Parish Office.

### HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

**Youth Group is immediately following the 5:30 PM Mass until 8:30 PM. All registrations for High School Youth Group are past due!**

#### Upcoming Youth Night

Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>: The BEAUTY of Marriage,  
the Sacrament!

Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>: GAME NIGHT AT ST. MONICA'S

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>: FREED: The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>: REVITALIZED: The Sacrament of  
Anointing of the Sick

Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>: NO YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS BREAK

Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>: NO YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS BREAK

Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>: CHRISTMAS PARTY – WELCOME  
BACK! COLLEGE STUDENTS INVITED!

**There will be an Advent Night of Worship on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>! All Teens are invited to come join us on this night for Pizza and Prayer (Adoration!)**

**Adults of all ages**, do you have a love for the Lord and a desire to witness that to teens? Please contact Courtney in youth ministry if you're interested in helping on the CORE Team!

ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS AND PARENT'S IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THE YOUTH GROUP EMAIL LIST AND RECEIVE EMAILS ON UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP EVENTS, PLEASE EMAIL COURTNEY, THE YOUTH MINISTER AND ASK TO BE PUT ON THE LIST!

[Courtney.desmond@saintmonicas.com](mailto:Courtney.desmond@saintmonicas.com)

#### **Make Some Money for your Parish!**

From now until December 15, 2009, \$10 goes to your Parish when you open an account at the Official Credit Union of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Georgia Federal Credit Union. Please call us at 770-476-6400, option 3, or visit us at [gfcuonline.org/groups/catholic.asp](http://gfcuonline.org/groups/catholic.asp).

**The Nursery is open after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses each Sunday. This is open for anyone to use on a co-op basis. Please consider volunteering your time for this wonderful ministry. Contact Anne at the parish office.**

Next week watch for the Advent/Christmas schedule handout in the bulletin!

Schedule for the Week

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 22</b>		
Nursery	8:30am & 10:30am		
PreK-K	8:30am & 10:30am		
Inquiry	8:30am	7	
OCIC & OCIA	8:30am		
Special Needs	9:30am	11	
Sacrament Prep	12:30pm	3/6	
Relic of St. Mary Magdalene	after 12:30 Mass		
OCIT	3:30pm		12/13
Youth Group	after 5:30 Mass		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 23</b>		
Returning Catholic	6:30pm	14	
BSA	7:00pm	3/6, 11	
Stewardship	7:00pm	1	
Twinning	7:30pm	15	
K of C	7:30pm		Lyke Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 24</b>		
Holy Hour	after 6:30pm Mass		Church
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 25</b>		
Men's Rosary	6:00am		Church
PARISH OFFICES CLOSE AT NOON FOR HOLIDAY			
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 26</b>		
<b>9:00am Mass ONLY</b>			
<b>PARISH OFFICES CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY</b>			
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 27</b>		
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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 28</b>		
Pictures with Santa	10:00am		Lyke Hall

The **Knights of Columbus Car Raffle**

The **Knights of Columbus** have joined forces with Chick-Fil-A, Gwinnett Place Ford and Jeff Francoeur in a **raffle** to benefit the Knights of Columbus' charities. **Gwinnett Place Ford donated** a 2010 Mustang LX and each \$10.<sup>00</sup> ticket has \$10.<sup>00</sup> in Chick-Fil-A coupons effectively making it a **free ticket**. See the Knights of Columbus after all Masses to get your raffle tickets today.

**Volunteers Desperately Needed!!!**

Would you like to volunteer but don't have the time to do it on a regular basis? The Christian Initiation Process for adults is in need of some volunteers to help with items such as setup and hospitality. If you can make coffee, bring some breakfast treats, or set up some chairs, this ministry is for you! The help would be greatly appreciated! With enough volunteers, I will set it up on a rotating schedule. The times that we need help are on Sunday mornings from about 8:00am-8:30am. Helping out shouldn't take more than about 30 minutes of your time. Give Patrick Klein a call if you are interested or have questions (678-584-9947 ext. 12).

**The relic of St. Mary Magdalene** will be visiting the U.S. for the first time and will be at St. Monica's November 22 and 23. Venerating a relic can be a very powerful way to ask for the intercession of the Saint. All those who are in need of conversion and who are in need of healing of heart, mind, or body are encouraged to ask St. Mary Magdalene to intercede for them. The relic will arrive before the 12:30 Mass and will be on display for veneration throughout the afternoon on Sunday and all day Monday until 8:30 in the evening. Sunday at 2:00 we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament including praise and worship. The Priest accompanying the relic will give a talk on Mary Magdalene and the relic during the exposition as well as on Monday evening after the 6:30 pm Mass. For further information please call Cyndy Furgieule 678-584-9947.

**Men's Club Christmas Tree Pre-Sales.** Pre-pay for your **FRESH CUT PREMIUM FRASER FIR** Christmas Tree and you will receive free delivery, tree bag and a \$5 discount for a total of a \$37 savings. Parishioners can pre-pay for their Christmas Trees after all weekend Masses through November 22nd.



**Christmas Tree Lot Volunteers:** Volunteers are needed to assist at Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot. Please signup at the volunteer table after all weekend Masses. Attention Youth Group members this is the perfect opportunity for you to receive community service hours towards your Confirmation requirements.

**St. Isidore Society Needs YOU!!** Are you looking for a way to help out at church? Do you need flexible hours? No meetings? We have the perfect stewardship opportunity for you!!! The St. Isidore Society is a very humble ministry. No one ever notices your work, but they will notice if it is not done!! This ministry cleans the church and prepares it for the Mass. We have 5 teams that rotate on a weekly basis. When it is your teams turn to come in and clean, you would come in during the day at your convenience to do one or two tasks on the cleaning list. If this sounds like the perfect ministry for you, or if you just want more information, please call Cyndy Furgieule 678-584-9947 ext 26.

**DO YOU HAVE A FEW HOURS TO GIVE TO A SPECIAL PROGRAM TO HELP THOSE IN NEED?** – The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Chamblee is looking for individuals with computer skill to assist in tax preparation for people at the poverty level. All of the training is provided and certification is given by the IRS. The volunteer opportunity will begin at the end of January and run through April 15<sup>th</sup>. This service has tremendous impact on people, allowing them to receive deductions for which they are eligible and, saving the costs of Income Tax services that often take advantage of those in need. For further information please visit the Society's website [www.svdpatl.org](http://www.svdpatl.org) or call Marilyn Gonzalez at 770-576-4085.

Take some time out to reignite that flame in your Marriage, so it can be all Christ wants it to be!

## Dating your Spouse

**St. Monica Church,  
1700 Buford Hwy,  
Duluth, GA**

**Saturday December 5, 2009  
7:00 - 9:30pm**

**Please RSVP to Karen Wise 678.923.6596  
or [krwise1@comcast.net](mailto:krwise1@comcast.net)**

**FAMILIA Atlanta brings you the first of two series  
of Fascinating Marriages**

### VINNY d's RAISES \$597 FOR PROJECT HOPE

Last week's VINNY d's HOUSE OF PASTA raised \$597 for PROJECT HOPE. Thanks to all our parishioners who attended, enjoyed a fantastic dinner and supported our parishioners in need. Make plans to join us on Friday, Jan. 15th for an evening of fine food and fellowship as we raise funds for MONICA'S HOUSE.

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Atlanta** will host the World Day of Prayer HIV/AIDS Mass on Sunday, December 6 at 6 p.m. For more information, please contact Sacred Heart at (404) 522-6800.

**Join local Catholic recording artists Paul Tate and Graham Kuhn** as they present a very special concert of sacred and secular favorites on Friday night, December 4th at 8 p.m. at the Red Clay Theatre in Duluth, GA.

Paul has served as music minister at St. Monica (as well as St. Benedict, St. Brendan, and at Emory University), and Graham is the choir director at St. Ann's in Marietta. They are excited to be releasing a recording of many of your favorite holiday songs and inspirational pieces (entitled "Grateful"), many of which they will be performing "live" at their December 4th concert. Come with the whole family to hear "O Holy Night," "Mary Did You Know," "You Raise Me Up," a medley of seasonal carols, and many more. To read more about the event, visit [www.reverbnation.com/paultate](http://www.reverbnation.com/paultate) and to order the CD and concert tickets, click on [www.grahamkuhn.com](http://www.grahamkuhn.com) Tickets are general admission and \$15 each in advance (\$20 at the door, if any seats are available). Seating is first-come, first-served, and a sell-out crowd is expected, so get your tickets soon and arrive early!

### Art & Environment News

The A&E Committee would like to invite all parish members to list their loved ones in our Memorial Book. It can be found on the bookstand in the Narthex and it will be placed in the Altar space for the month of November.

Also, have you noticed the different portraits of Mary hanging in the archway of the Narthex? October is the month of Mary, and to venerate her, we are hanging a different painting of Mary each week in the Narthex. They were painted by Maggie Mayer, an A&E member and parishioner of St. Monica's. These paintings are also a way of teaching about our faith. Can you name what each one commemorates? You will see them again on the dates when the feast or solemnity they depict occurs and also in the month of May.



**LOVE IN ACTION** The Angel Giving Christmas Tree will again be sponsored by St. Monica's St. Vincent de Paul Society. You were most generous last year and again this year we expect to have even

more request for aid. Through your generosity SVdP was able to help over 100 families last Christmas. The tree will be placed in the Narthex beginning November 25<sup>TH</sup>. A card for a gift needed for a member of a needy family will be placed on the tree. Everyone is invited to take a card and return a wrapped gift with the card attached. The card will have the return information on it. This is a great way to aid needy families in our area. Deadline for gifts is 12 noon on December 13, 2009. Please do not be discouraged if you see cards for gift cards, due to the economic climate we are doing gift cards for adults and no gifts. Children will each receive two gifts. Families are in need of basics. If your family would like the opportunity to deliver the gifts to the families, please see a tree volunteer after masses or email [angeltree@saintmonicas.com](mailto:angeltree@saintmonicas.com).

**St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church**, 11330 Woodstock Road in Roswell, presents "A Festival of Lessons and Carols", performed by the **Georgia Boy Choir** on Saturday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m. The performance is free. However a free-will, love offering to support the choir will be greatly appreciated. There will be a reception for the boys of the choir immediately following the performance. These boys have been compared to the Vienna Boy Choir. All are welcome. For more information contact Jane Jackson at [jjackson@stpeterchanel.org](mailto:jjackson@stpeterchanel.org) or 678-832-1247.

**Severe Weather closing information, if Gwinnett County Schools are closed- all activities at the church are cancelled for that day and evening. This is done for the safety of our parishioners. If the Gwinnett County authorities deem that the road conditions are not safe to travel we abide by their decisions. Safety of the children and the adults is our primary reason for having this policy.**



***St. Monica Knights of Columbus***

*Presents*

**Pictures with Santa**  
(Real Santa from the North Pole)



Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

Lyke Hall

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Pictures, Cookies, Juice, Crafts

Pictures will be printed while you wait

**NO CHARGE – Donations Only**

