



**HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Mon—Thu 8AM—2:30PM

**Phone:** 478-788-6386

**WEBSITE:** [www.holyspiritmacon.org](http://www.holyspiritmacon.org)

**ADORATION & ROSARY:**

One hour before Masses

**Parish Council:**

**Lisa Lebron—Secretary**

**RECONCILIATION:**

SATURDAY 4:15-4:45 PM

or by Appointment

**PARISH ADDRESS**

4074 Chambers Road,

Macon, GA 31206

MONDAY-THURSDAY	9 A.M.
FIRST FRIDAY	9 A.M.
SATURDAY VIGIL	5 P.M.
SUNDAY MASS	10 A.M.
HOLY DAY	9 A.M. & 7 P.M.

**September 14, 2025**

**THE EXALTATION OF THE  
HOLY CROSS**

**NUMBERS 21:4B-9**

**PSALM 78**

**PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11**

**JOHN 3:13-17**

For God sent not  
his Son into the  
world to  
condemn the  
world; but that  
the world  
through him  
might be saved.  
John 3:17



**HARVEST OF HOPE** Receptions after Masses  
next weekend.

**Please come and learn more about  
the Harvest of Hope.**



### TRANSITUS OF ST FRANCIS:

The Franciscan Friars in Macon, GA invite everyone to join us for our annual celebration of the Transitus (Passing into the Kingdom of God) of St Francis of Assisi in 1226. Our celebration will be held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 4074 Chambers Road, Macon, GA on Friday, October 3, 2025 at 7pm.



### Pop Tops for the Ronald McDonald House



Collecting tops help the Ronald McDonald House in Macon to help pay for electric bill. Collection containers are located in the Book Store and Church Hall.



### Adult Catholic Bible Study: an introduction

This Bible Study class will meet for one hour every week on Tuesday nights, from 7-8 PM, beginning September 9. Bob Cushing will lead and facilitate a discussion about the book: **Responses To 101 Questions on the Bible** written Fr. Raymond Brown, SS, one of the Catholic Church's foremost biblical scholars of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The books will be available at each session, but we encourage everyone to bring their own Bible as well.

Bob Cushing did extensive studies in biblical spirituality at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, Columbia Theological Seminary, and at the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem. His quest is to help Catholic adults gain a foothold understanding of the scriptures so that the Word of God may become a daily, life-giving part of their faith. We all have questions about the Bible that we would like clarified. Here is a place to find our faith renewed through God's living Word.

### REBUILD COMMUNICATION

**IN YOUR MARRIAGE** Most marriages don't fail from lack of love—but from lack of communication. If your conversations lead to frustration or silence, Retrouvaille can help. The Rediscovery Retrouvaille Weekend Retreat teaches practical communication skills to bring you back together. **Choose your location: Orlando (San Pedro Retreat Center, Sept 26-28), Miami (SEPI Retreat Center, Sept 26-28), or Jacksonville (Hyatt Place Airport, Oct 10-12).** Accommodations and meals included. **Register at MarriageLifeline.org or call 866-470-2243.**



**Children's Faith Formation** classes for children 3-17 begin on **Sunday, September 14**, in the classroom building immediately following 8:00 a.m. Mass. Children will be provided snacks and beverages. Dismissal is at 12:30: *We ask parents to line up along the perimeter of the rear parking lot; we will dismiss your children when your car reaches our front door.*



**IMPORTANT:** If you have not already submitted a completed registration form for the new year, you will need to stop by the office in the classroom building to register and receive materials for the 2024-25 session. ***Due to planning and staffing issues we are unable to receive new registrants on the day they register.*** We look forward to welcoming late registrants next week on Sunday, September 21, provided we receive registrations by Thursday, September 18. Please call or text Gymee Sills at 860.305.0540 if you have any questions.



**Project Linus**

Bring your current project and join us at Project Linus Saturday September 20th. We will meet in the Social Hall from 10am to noon.

### Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

Today's Gospel reminds us of God's great love for each of us, a love so great that He sent His son not to condemn the world, but to save it, so that we might have eternal life.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help! **For Assistance: 478-745-7000.**

We invite you to learn more about getting involved in our local conference by calling Margaret Skene (678-358-3590) to learn more about how you can help.

*Donations are always welcome:*

St. Vincent de Paul, PO Box 6953,  
Macon, GA 31208-6953

*Love your Neighbor  
Live Vincentian*



**The Rotary Club of Downtown Macon** is hosting a panel and Q&A discussion on Artificial Intelligence (AI), led by Macon native Kevin Brown and panelists from Microsoft.

Date: Wednesday, September 17

Time: 12:00 – 2:00 PM

Location: Georgia Sports Hall of Fame – Theater

A box lunch will be served – RSVP is required to ensure an accurate headcount. Capacity is limited to 200 attendees.

Please complete the form below to RSVP for yourself (and a guest, if applicable).

RSVP Now: <https://forms.gle/LvZbwgJ7ZHKBUB659>



## WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OFFERTORY BUDGET YEAR TO DATE	\$ 64,547.56
OFFERTORY RECEIVED YEAR TO DATE	\$ 62,974.45
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025	\$ 11,862.92

## DAILY READINGS

MON 9/15	1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
TUE 9/16	1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17
WED 9/17	1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/k 7:31-35
THU 9/18	1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50
FRI 9/19	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
SAT 9/20	1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15
SUN 9/21	AMOS 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/ Lk 16:1-13

## CATHOLIC POSITIONS: USCCB comprehensive letter to Congress on budget proposal May 20, 2025 (excepts): Migration-Related Provisions

**Enforcement and Detention:** While we appreciate the funding included in this bill to expand immigration court capacity (**Sec. 70100**), it pales in comparison to the disproportionate emphasis on enforcement. In addition to over \$25 billion to support enforcement operations, this bill would provide an astonishing \$45 billion for immigration detention, including family detention (**Sec. 70101**). This amounts to a 364% increase annually, from 2025 to 2029, when compared with the Fiscal Year 2024 detention budget for Immigration and Customs Enforcement. For the sake of "efficiency," this massive increase is also accompanied by a provision granting total discretion to the Secretary of Homeland Security for determining detention standards. Meanwhile, in recent weeks, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) dismantled the agencies primarily responsible for ensuring the humane and lawful treatment of people subject to immigration enforcement and detention. Such an open-ended influx of resources, absent any reasonable safeguards or limitations on their use, would lead to the immoral treatment of individuals and families alike, including those who have been living peacefully and contributing to our country for multiple decades.

**Border:** Nearly \$50 billion is proposed in this bill for building barriers along the U.S.-Mexico border (**Sec. 60001**), but no funding is provided for improving ports of entry to facilitate legal and orderly immigration, including over \$800 billion in cross-border trade annually. Once again, the overwhelming focus is on militarizing the border without due consideration for human life, the environment, or the interconnectedness of Mexican and American communities. An additional \$5 billion proposed for the Department of Defense to support "border operations" is particularly concerning, as it would further erode the crucial distinction between civil immigration enforcement and military action (**Sec. 20011**).

## Abuse Hotline Number

To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline at 1.888.357.5330 or 1.912.201.4073/4  
For reports to the Franciscan Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe call 1.800.770.8013

*Please, when adding to your weekly stewardship any appeals for helping with a special collection, make a separate check for the special collection.*  
*Thanks!*

SUNDAY, SEP 14  
IN MEMORY OF  
CHUCK BAKER  
(REQUESTED BY  
PETRA BAKER)

WEDNESDAY, SEP 17  
IN MEMORY OF  
NGAN VU  
(REQUESTED BY  
LE NGUYEN)

MONDAY, SEP 15  
IN MEMORY OF  
PETER TRAN  
(REQUESTED BY  
LE NGUYEN)

SATURDAY, SEP 20  
IN MEMORY OF  
NGAN VU  
(REQUESTED BY  
LE NGUYEN)

TUESDAY, SEP 16  
IN MEMORY OF  
ALBERT MÜNCH  
(REQUESTED BY  
ANNA-ELISABETH &  
KURT BÖTTGE)



To request a Mass Intention, please call the office at 478-788-6386.  
The suggested stipend is \$10.

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE IN MEMORY  
OF GENEVIEVE O'MALLEY  
(REQUESTED BY DEBRA BECK)



Jubilee Year of Hope  
Intention for the week of Sep 20, 25  
Jubilee of Justice

**TYPING TALENT NEEDED!** Fr Steven needs help typing out prayers from a book. You just type them into a computer file that can be given to Fr Steven for future use. Please let Fr Steven know if you can help.



## PRAYER CHAIN



Rose Vrabel, Theresa White,  
Ted Tillery, Gerry Chesnut,  
Denny Kent, Joye Hadarits, Tori McKinley,  
Samuel Mitchell, Jerry Clevenger, Jim Majewski,  
Debbie Sittnick, Johnny Vastakis, Nancy Falcione, Jim Lamarca, Cathe Merschat, Amber Parker, Christina Amabile, JoAnn Sanders, Jeannie Clarke, Felicia Seguin, Linda Cushing, Gymee Sills, Penny Ricketson, Mike Liotta, Bobbie Turner, Dorothy Stolicky, Anna-Elisabeth Böttge, Veronica Garnet.

If you have a loved one who is in need of receiving the eucharist at home or in the hospital, please call the church office at 478-788-6386.