



# Our Lady of the Mount

Roman Catholic Church

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA

## Pastor

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## Mass Times

Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m.  
Saturday 8:30 a.m.  
Saturday 5:30 p.m.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## Confessions

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

## Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

## Staff

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**December 18, 2022**



## 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.  
- Mt 1:24

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### **In the Hospital**

If you or someone you know will be going in the hospital please call the office, or have a family member or hospital chaplain call for you. Federal privacy laws prevent hospitals from notifying us.

### **In Case of Emergency**

Please call Fr. Mark's cell phone directly at 770-365-5200 in emergency situations.

### **Nursery**

Sheron Williams is available to provide care for children whose parents wish to drop them off at the nursery before Mass. The nursery is open 8:45 - 10:15 A.M. Please remember that the nursery is open year-year round and is available this summer.

### **Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2022**

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal continues throughout 2022 and donations and pledges may be made online at [www.archatl.com/appeal/make-a-gift](http://www.archatl.com/appeal/make-a-gift). We are \$27,000 from our goal. Please remember, if we do not meet our goal operational funds are used to meet the goal. However, all monies received beyond our goal are returned to our parish. Every donation counts. Be certain you choose Our Lady of the Mount in Lookout Mountain as your home parish so we are credited with your donation amount.

### **Hot Meals Ministry**

Hot Meals Ministry is always in need of more volunteers. Please consider signing up on SignUpGenius via [olmcc.com](http://olmcc.com) for a slot anytime from 1:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. on Mondays, or you can show up at Shuler Hall to see what it's all about and assist as needed. Thanks to your generous support both physically and financially.

### **Pope Francis' December Prayer Intention**

**Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations.** We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



### **Mass Intentions**

December 17 - Kennedy Smith (d)

December 18 - Betty Coulter (d)

### **Readings for Next Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

First Reading Isaiah 52:7-10

Second Reading Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel John 1:1-8

God has spoken to us through his Son, the Word made flesh. Thus has salvation been revealed to all the nations.



December 20 - Lindsey Parks

December 22 - Delin Brown

December 24 - Heaven Scroggins

### **Happy Anniversary**

12 yrs. on December 19 - Sydney & Andrew Hopper

### **2022 Holiday Schedule**

The holiday schedule for 2022 is available online now so please begin marking your calendars for upcoming events.

### **Help Those in Need**

The church office is now accepting donations of the following items to assist those living in tent communities served by our Hot Meals Ministry: blankets, coats, tarps, and tents.

Donations to the food pantry are always accepted at the church office or in the narthex before or after daily or weekend Mass.

### **Birthday Cake for Jesus**

Join us for some birthday cake for Jesus on December 24 after the 4:00 P.M. Mass in Shuler Hall. All kids ages 1-99 are invited!

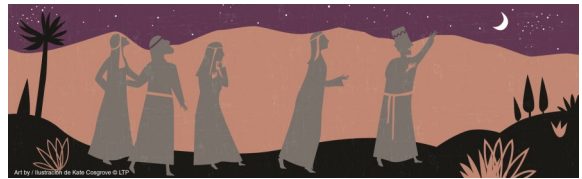
## Liturgical Minister Schedules

### Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

Lector: Tony Towns  
Altar Server: Mariel Huelskamp

### Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

Midnight Mass Lector: Rick Johnson  
Christmas Day Lector: Arch Willingham  
Christmas Day Server: Whit Boehm



## Advent Penance Service

Join us for our final Advent Penance Service this year.

St. Katharine Drexel

December 21 - 6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

## Year-End Giving Reminder

Please remember all 2022 contributions for OLMCC need to be postmarked by **December 31, 2022**. You can also make gifts via Online Giving at [olmcc.com](http://olmcc.com) for Offertory, Capital Campaign, Altar Flowers, Mass Intentions, and Second Collections.

## Second Collection Next Weekend

The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day second collection will benefit Catholic Charities Atlanta, a 67-year legacy in Georgia of charity for our most needy brothers and sisters and a mission inspired by our Catholic faith. Catholic Charities Atlanta staff help to identify their problems and provide them with the resources to put them on the path to independence.

Catholic Charities services are aimed at empowering people to utilize their strengths and resources to meet their individual and family needs. Please give generously where it truly counts.

## To Gather & Grow Update

The Archdiocese of Atlanta has waived our assessment on Capital Campaign contributions through June 30, 2023. Here is the current status:

Authorized amount incl HVAC: \$ 3,190,826  
Collected to date: \$ 2,829,284  
**NEEDED by 06/30/2023: \$ 361,542**

## Collection Last Week

Offertory, December 10 & 11: \$ 14,316

## Prayer List

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Mark Anderson   | Jack McDermott  |
| Wendell Burns   | Jeff Messinger  |
| Bob Coleman     | Samra Mims      |
| Richard Collins | Eddie Parks     |
| Chip Corley     | Joseph Shramko  |
| Wynn Eady       | Jim Thomas      |
| Haley Frierson  | Sheron Williams |
| Franklin Haney  |                 |

Please contact [aperry@olmcc.com](mailto:aperry@olmcc.com), to request names be added or removed from the Prayer List. Thanks for your cooperation.

## Young Adults Christmas & NYE Party

The Chattanooga Catholic young adults group, Catholic Chatt, is hosting a Christmas and New Year's Eve party on December 31. The event will have food, drinks and games. Adults 21 to 40 are welcome to attend. Please RSVP by December 28. More details can be found on [CatholicChatt.com](http://CatholicChatt.com).

## Suspicious Emails

If you receive a suspicious email purporting to be from Fr. Mark and you are not sure it seems authentic; it may not be. If you are not sure, simply contact the office to verify. You may also contact Fr. Mark directly at 770-365-5200.

November 21, 2022

Dear Fellow Parishioner:

In spite of the economy the good news is we can be thankful people are slowly returning to church and regular giving has increased in recent months, but it is still not at pre-pandemic levels, meaning our monthly operating costs are not being covered on a continuous basis.

We are all proud of Shuler Hall, completed just a few months before the Pandemic with a bridge loan from the Archdiocese. We have nearly fully paid back the bridge loan to the Archdiocese having only a balance as of October of \$172,856 (originally \$2,700,000). Adding the building's remaining debt, approximately \$165,000 for the new, and much needed HVAC system in the 38 year old building, we find ourselves with total debt of **\$ 362,415** as of October 31. Good progress on debt reduction has occurred this year and we are grateful to everyone who helped.

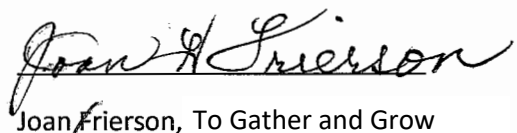
Now, with year end approaching, we ask that you prayerfully consider **a tax deductible gift, over and above normal giving to help reduce the debt. Any gift now and before June 30, 2023 is assessment free which effectively is a bonus of as much as 10 % to the church's bottom line.**

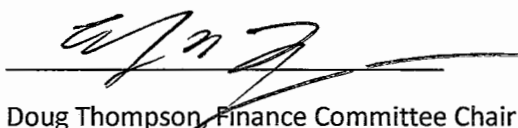
- Appreciated stock can be gifted directly avoiding your paying capital gains but still taking the full value of the deduction.
- If you are over 70 ½ years old, you can give any portion of your required minimum distribution straight to the church with no tax hit.
- Both of these actions take someone with knowledge of your tax situation, and following the prescribed process but are excellent ways you can help your church and quite possibly reducing your income tax liability.

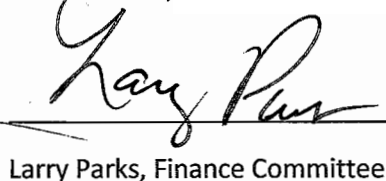
We close saying ask your tax advisor and/or feel free to call any one of us below for more information or to further explain how you can help. The church office can also give you help on how to make a stock or minimum distribution contribution.

Sincerely,

  
Michelle Coakley, Parish Council

  
Joan Frierson, To Gather and Grow

  
Doug Thompson, Finance Committee Chair

  
Larry Parks, Finance Committee

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord,  
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you HOPE and a future.”*



## **A HAND UP MINISTRY** is proud to introduce our community to **THE HOPE HOUSE.**

The Hope House is a 12-month, Christ-centered, residential recovery facility for women dealing with drug or alcohol addiction. Our ministry applies Biblical truths from the principles of Celebrate Recovery to create a lasting transformation from the bondage of addiction. We place focus on providing spiritual guidance by incorporating Christian values and teachings. Our ministry's goal is to help everyone renew their thinking through the power of God's word and the support of our community. Christian discipleship is combined with critical life skills such as food preparation and meal planning, financial training, parenting classes, relapse prevention, co-dependency, and developing positive communication skills.

### **HELP US HELP OTHERS**

*“This is my commandment; love each other just as I have loved you.”* John 15:12

*What gifts and graces has God given you  
that you are willing to share?*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of contact :

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Availability - please check all that apply

Mornings

Afternoons

Evenings

Weekdays

Weekends

Please check any and  
all that apply:

Prayer

Financial

Tutoring

Transportation

Cooking

Sewing

Gardening

Parenting

Mentoring

Decorating

Painting

Tile

Flooring

Plumbing

Electrical

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Special Skills \_\_\_\_\_

As our residents grow in number, we need continued support.  
Every life that is changed is credited to everyone who has helped.

***Thank you in advance for your outpouring of love and support!***

If you would like to make a donation, make your check out to  
Our Lady of the Mount, and note "Hope House" in the memo line. You may  
drop your check in the collection basket, or mail to the office at OLMCC,  
1227 Scenic Hwy, Lookout Mountain, GA 30750.