



The Church of Our Saviour

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2019  
Parish  
Ministry  
Brochure



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# Parish Ministries



Father Miller has challenged the parish to make this year a year of discipleship—learning more deeply what it truly means to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and to be one of his followers.

Jesus tells the disciples, just before he leaves them: “You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

The Rev'd Henri Nouwen wrote: “The marvelous vision of [God’s] Kingdom ... calls for its realization in our day-to-day lives. Instead of being an escapist dream, it challenges us to anticipate what it promises. Every time we forgive our neighbor, every time we make a child smile, every time we show compassion to a suffering person, every time we arrange a bouquet of flowers, ... we are making the vision come true.”<sup>1</sup>

## Commitment Sunday

In these pages, you will find an overview of our ministries and guilds. These organize our life and collect our efforts so that we might offer ourselves — our souls and bodies — to the glory of God.

The Stewardship Committee offers this booklet as a window into the life of the various ministries and guilds that serve our parish. Explore the ministries available — there are opportunities for a wide range of abilities and skills. Contact any of the guild or ministry leaders, or Father Miller, for further discussion and to join. Each guild is always looking for new members.

On Sunday, March 3, the parish will observe “Commitment Sunday.” Between the masses, we will gather to enjoy brunch where we will offer our pledge of commitment to the various ministries and guilds of the Church of Our Saviour.

<sup>1</sup>Nouwen, The Rev'd Henri J. M. *Bread for the Journey: A Daybook of Wisdom and Faith*. New York: HarperOne. December 13.

# Worship

## SUNDAY

8:30 am Low Mass (with organ)  
11:00 am High Mass (with choir and incense)

## MONDAY

8:30 am Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel

## TUESDAY

8:30 am Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel  
10:00-11:30 am Bible Study, outside the Rector’s Study  
12:10 pm Low Mass

## WEDNESDAY

8:30 am Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel

## THURSDAY

8:30 am Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel  
10:00-11:30 am Bible Study, outside the Rector’s Study  
12:10 pm Low Mass

## Greeters, Ushers, & Oblation Bearers

### GREETERS

Greeters welcome parishioners at the door of the church on Sunday mornings at the 8:30 and 11:00 am services. A time commitment of 15-30 minutes before the service, generally once a month, is asked.

### USHERS

Ushers collect and present the alms of the people, and direct the people to the altar rail during communion at both services. A time commitment of once or twice a month is asked.

### OBLATION BEARERS

Oblation bearers present bread and wine at the offertory. A time commitment of once a month is asked.

### CONTACT

Mary Sommers | 770 401 0415 | [jsommers@mindspring.com](mailto:jsommers@mindspring.com)

## Lectors

Lectors read the appointed scripture from the Old Testament and the Epistle at Mass. A typical commitment is to read once every four to six weeks.

### CONTACT

Roger Press | 404 636 7654 | p.is.roger@gmail.com

## Acolytes & Servers

St. Vincent of Saragossa Guild members (crucifers, acolytes, servers, and chalice-bearers) serve at the altar, assisting in the liturgical life of the parish during Sunday Masses and on other special occasions. Young parishioners are encouraged to participate in this ministry. Training is provided at a mutually convenient time, and time commitment is flexible, depending upon your availability.

### CONTACT

Dowman Wilson | 404 816 4374 | dowmanwilson@gmail.com

## Choir



St. Gregory's Choir glorifies God through music, supporting the liturgy at 11:00 am Mass on Sundays and certain Holy Days through the year. Singing in the choir requires a commitment to be present regularly on Sunday morning and at rehearsal on Wednesday evenings.

### CONTACT

Austin Clark | 404 872 4169 | ocm@coosatl.org

## Altar Guild

St. Anne's Guild cares for the altar, vessels, vestments, and linens that are used in celebration of the Mass. Time commitment varies from 10 minutes (cleaning up after a service) to 45 minutes a week (washing and ironing linens at home) to about 45 minutes one Saturday per month (setting up for Sunday services).



### CONTACT

*The Altar Guild is currently without a coordinator. Please contact the parish office to express interest in this ministry, 404 872 4169.*

## Flower Guild



St. Bernadette's Guild is responsible for selecting and arranging the flowers placed on the retabes behind the altar for Sunday Masses and special occasions. A typical commitment is three to four hours per month. No prior experience is required, and training is provided.

### CONTACT

Mary Hallenberg | 678 409 2939 | mary.hallenberg@harrynorman.com

# Administration

## The Angelus

Volunteers assist with editorial tasks, such as writing and proofing, and production tasks, such as folding and stapling, for the parish newsletter, *The Angelus*. A time commitment of once a month is asked, usually the last week of the month.

### CONTACT

Editorial

Oreta Hinamon Campbell | 404 274 9918 | ohtaylor@gmail.com

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Production

Austin Clark | 404 872 4169 | admin@coosatl.org

## Administrative Assistance

St. Matthew's Guild assists the parish administrator with various clerical duties, such as preparing mailings and answering the phone. Commitment is flexible, based on your interest.

### CONTACT

Austin Clark | 404 872 4169 | admin@coosatl.org

## Publicity

Publicity is an *ad hoc* committee that works to publicize various events and disseminate information, using the parish website, email blasts, and Facebook. Time commitment is flexible and need dependent.

### CONTACT

E-blasts | Father Chris Miller | 678 538 5549 | rector@coosatl.org

Facebook | Austin Clark | 404 872 4169 | admin@coosatl.org

Website | Mary Sommers | 770 401 0415 | jsommers@mindspring.com

# Building & Grounds

## Garden Guild

St. Fiacre's Guild is responsible for maintaining the church grounds and gardens. Members meet the second Saturday of each month from 9:30 am to noon. Anyone interested is welcome for all or part of the scheduled time.



### CONTACT

Kathie Spotts | 770 216 9985

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## Kitchen Keepers

This group's goal is to ensure the kitchen stays clean, straightened, and decluttered. Members meet on Saturdays as the need arises (generally three to four times a year) from 10:30 am to noon. Time commitment is about 45 minutes once a month, in addition to the meetings.

### CONTACT

Kathie Spotts | 770 216 9985 | kjspotts@bellsouth.net

## Building Maintenance

St. Joseph's Guild is responsible for maintaining the church buildings. There are often projects on the "to-do list" which require light carpentry, painting, and similar skills. Time commitment is flexible, as this guild responds on an as-needed basis.

### CONTACT

Les Faulk | 404 803 1924 | henryfaulk@mac.com

# Christian Formation

## Adult Education

The adult education class meets between services in the library on Sunday mornings. The rector is open to ideas and assistance, based on parishioner interest. To explore an opportunity to lead a class or assist, please contact the rector.

### CONTACT

Father Chris Miller | 404 872 4169 | [formation@coosatl.org](mailto:formation@coosatl.org)

## Children & Youth Education



The Guild of the Christ Child ministers to the infants, children, and youth of our parish. Guild members may lead or support our Godly Play (Sunday school) program, or help with many other activities throughout the year.

### CONTACT

Father Chris Miller | 404 872 4169 | [formation@coosatl.org](mailto:formation@coosatl.org)

# Parish Life

## Vestry

The Vestry is the lay governing body of the parish. Candidates are elected at the Annual Meeting in January. A commitment to monthly meeting attendance (two to three hours), regular prayer for the parish, and committee oversight represent part of the scope of this important work.

### CONTACT

Father Chris Miller | 404 872 4169 | [rector@coosatl.org](mailto:rector@coosatl.org)

## Henry VIII

The Henry VIII Guild is responsible for organizing and helping to prepare food and drink for various special dinners and events throughout the year. The guild also handles all the tasks associated with the first Sunday potluck lunch. Time commitment is flexible.

### CONTACT

Nigel Flynn | 404 285 6304 | [nigelf@slingshotpdg.com](mailto:nigelf@slingshotpdg.com)

## Coffee Hour Hosts

Hosts offer hospitality on behalf of the parish after the services on Sundays. They provide simple refreshments, assist in setting up coffee service, and take care of the cleanup afterward. Time commitment varies depending upon your availability. New hosts are always welcome.

### CONTACT

Hospitality after the 8:30 am service

Gerri Roberson | 770 815 6706 | [gerriroberson0617@gmail.com](mailto:gerriroberson0617@gmail.com)

or

Hospitality after the 11:00 am service

Kathy Davis | 404 874 4256 | [kathydavisatl@comcast.net](mailto:kathydavisatl@comcast.net)

## Reception Committee

This committee organizes and handles the setup, staffing, and cleanup of receptions for special events, such as baptisms, funerals, and special services. On occasion, members also provide food. Time commitment varies and is dependent upon your availability for any given event.

### CONTACT

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## Stewardship

Stewardship is defined as “using the gifts God has given us, to do the work God is calling us to do.” Stewardship is guided by grace and is a year-round ministry. At present the committee supports the Every Member Canvass, as well as other activities to challenge parishioners to find new ways to seek and serve the Lord. If you are interested in helping to support or expand the work of this committee, we will find a way to put your gifts to use.

### CONTACT

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## Outreach

### Action Ministries

Action Ministries mobilizes communities to address the challenges of poverty by focusing on specific areas. The organization takes a hands-on approach to caring for our community’s most vulnerable citizens. Parishioners can be the hands and feet of Christ through programs aimed at hunger relief, helping individuals and families move from homelessness to independence, and educational efforts for children, youth, and adults. There are volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups, and the time commitment varies.

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### Intown Collaborative Ministries

Intown Collaborative Ministries (ICM) is a coalition of neighborhood churches serving the homeless and hungry. Volunteers can assist at ICM’s clothing closet and food pantry, and help transport donated items to their facilities. Time commitment is flexible.

### CONTACT

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## Church of the Common Ground

The Church of the Common Ground (CCG) “is a church community on the streets of Atlanta, living the Good News that we are all God’s Beloved.” CCG holds a worship and communion service in Woodruff Park on Sundays and gathers regularly for morning prayer, Bible studies, and a foot clinic. The parish organizes a weekly sandwich delivery service and is always looking for volunteers either to make or deliver the sandwiches. Time commitment is flexible.

### CONTACT

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## Additional Opportunities

### PERIODIC MINISTRIES

There are additional outreach opportunities that occur on an annual basis. The parish sponsors parishioners who participate in the Hunger and AIDS walks, organize and staff a coat drive in the late fall, and collect toys for the Pride for Parents program in South Atlanta during Advent. Time commitment varies and is dependent upon your availability for any given event.



### CONTACT

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## **FUTURE MINISTRIES**

As disciples of Christ, it is up to us to discern where and how we will use our time and talents to further God's Kingdom. Your ideas and passions matter.

If you have a hope or idea for our parish, share these with Father Miller or the Senior Warden and commit to taking a step to realizing them.

## **CONTACT**

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The Church of Our Saviour is an active and growing parish, located in the Virginia-Highland neighborhood at the intersection of North Highland and Los Angeles avenues.

We gather in faith and serve in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We strive to be a welcoming and hospitable church that offers reverent and traditional worship, sacramental spirituality, and an unwavering commitment to serving those in need.

We endeavor to restore all people to unity with God and each other through Jesus Christ, as we pray, worship, proclaim the Gospel, and promote justice, peace, and love.

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