



St. Mary Catholic Church

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Pentecost Sunday June 4, 2017



"When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit..." (Acts 2)

Nuestra Misión: Nosotros, los feligreses de la Iglesia Católica Santa María en Americus, Georgia, compartimos nuestra diversidad mientras abarcando nuestro Bautismo común adorando a Dios, celebrando la Eucaristía, honrando María, difundiendo la Palabra, y sirviendo a los demás.

Mission: We, the parishioners of St. Mary Catholic Church in Americus, Georgia, share our diversity while embracing our common Baptism by worshiping God, celebrating the Eucharist, honoring Mary, spreading the Word, and serving others.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Clases de Preparación Bautismal - Por favor llame la oficina parroquial para registrarse por las platicas pre-bautismales a menos un mes antes del Bautismo.

Clases de Preparación de Matrimonio - Las parejas necesitan comunicarse con el Padre por lo menos seis meses antes de la fecha de la boda.

Sacramento de la Unción de un Enfermo - Si alguien está enfermo, llame el párroco para recibir este sacramento (favor, no esperar al ultimo momento).

Confesión/Reconciliación - Sábado 4:00 pm a 4:30 pm o llame el párroco por una cita particular.

HORARIO DE LAS MISAS

Salado en la tarde—5 PM Ingles

Domingo—Sunday: 8:30 am (Español)

Martes a Viernes a las 12:00 pm (ingles) en la capilla

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptismal Preparation Class - Contact the pastor by phone /email to register for a pre-Baptism class at least a month ahead of a Baptismal date.

Marriage Preparation - Contact the pastor at least 6 months before expected wedding date.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick - Those quite ill, hospitalized, or facing surgery who wish the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the pastor sooner rather than later.

Confession/Reconciliation - Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm or call Fr. Fran for an appointment.

SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm - English

Sunday: 8:30 (Spanish) 10:30 am (English)

Tuesday thru Friday, 12 Noon, in chapel, English

Diocesan Office for Protection of Children and Young People toll free reporting hotline is (888) 357-5530



Gracias a todos que participaron en nuestro proceso del discernimiento del horario nuevo por las misas del fin de semana. Ya están analizadas las encuestas; hubo 105 respuestas. Los resultados esenciales salen abajo según el numero de las preguntas.

#3: **85% estuvieron en "completo acuerdo o de acuerdo" con el cambio de horario en las Misas;** 11% no; 4% no estuvieron seguros;

#7: 57% estuvieron en favor de empezar el horario nuevo de Misas en junio; 18% en julio; 14% en el mes de agosto; 1% en septiembre; 10% "otro" (sin dar cualquier mes).

Por lo tanto, dado los resultados de las ultimas encuestas, la conclusión de nuestro proceso de discernimiento estos últimos meses es que el presupuesto horario nuevo esta aprobado. También, para dar a todos un mes para prepararse, empezará con el nuevo horario de misas el 1 de julio.



Al partir del 1 de julio, las misas estarán:

5:30 PM, SÁBADO (INGLES)

9:30 DOMINGO (INGLES)

11:30 DOMINGO (ESPAÑOL)

LA CAMPAÑA 2017 DEL OBISBO



está realizando por una serie de segunda colectas. Desde del 31 de mayo, nuestra parroquia ya logramos \$11,528 o 83% de nuestro reto parroquial de \$13,901

Gracias a los que están contribuyendo y favor a continuar. El lema de la campaña por este año es: "Nuestro Volver Al Señor".

LA FIESTA DEL ESPÍRITU SANTO no se terminó aquel día de Pentecostés en Jerusalén. El Espíritu Santo no nos abandonará. Sólo que algunos se ponen gafas oscuras y no ven más que oscuridad y penumbra y tinieblas y terror. El Espíritu es fuente de confianza y esperanza. El Espíritu nos abre a la vida. Nos hace salir de los cuartos oscuros de la desesperación y mirar nuestro presente y nuestro futuro con gozo y con esperanza. El Espíritu nos hará superar las dificultades presentes como nos ha hecho superar otras en el pasado. Abrirá nuevos caminos...La Iglesia no es la suma de los que la formamos. Es algo más. La Iglesia es la fuerza del Espíritu en marcha. (Fuente: Fernando Torres Pérez cmf.)



¿Las próximas pláticas Bautismales?



Para el sacramento de bautismo de su niño/a, se requiere que los padres asistan en una clase pre-bautismal y los padrinos también. El día y la hora del clase normalmente es en la tarde de un día de la

semana a las 7 PM. Para mas información favor llamar los coordinadores de las platicas, Juan y Angélica Alejo, (229-591-9846). Se debe traer una copia del acto de nacimiento de



Results of Pastoral Council Election

As reported in the three previous parish bulletins, there were three openings for positions on our parish's Pastoral Council (PC). Of the handful of valid ballots cast to nominate candidates, and after vetting including conversing with them, two eligible candidates emerged. The third candidate was a runner up in previous elections and has happily agreed to serve now as a member. The three vacant positions are now all filled. Therefore, we are pleased to announce that Joan Miller, Betsy Usry and Patrick Calcutt are the new members of our Pastoral Council. Congratulations to each member of this PC trinity and our gratitude for your willingness to assist the pastor in serving parishioners of St. Mary's.

POPE FRANCIS ON PENTECOST



"The Spirit is given to us by the Father and leads us back to the Father. The entire work of salvation is one of "regeneration", in which the fatherhood of God, through the gift of the Son and the Holy Spirit, frees us from the condition of being orphans into which we had fallen..... We were made to be God's children, it is in our DNA. ...

(T)he feast of Pentecost... remind us also of the maternal presence of Mary in the Upper Room. The Mother of Jesus is with the community of disciples gathered in prayer: she is the living remembrance of the Son and the living invocation of the Holy Spirit. She is the Mother of the Church. ...

Strengthening our relationship of belonging to the Lord Jesus, the Spirit enables us to enter into a new experience of fraternity. By means of our universal Brother – Jesus – we can relate to one another in a new way; no longer as orphans, but rather as children of the same good and merciful Father.

New Mass Schedule Begins When?



Commencing July 1st, the Masses on the weekend in our parish will be as follows:

SATURDAY EVE: 5:30 (ENGLISH);

SUNDAY MORNING: 9:30 (ENGLISH);

SUNDAY MORNING: 11:30 (SPANISH)

Pope's Prayer Intention for June



is "That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade which victimizes so many innocent people."

Mass Intention Requests:



Please contact the pastor by phoning the parish office to arrange a Mass intention, either for a weekend or weekday.

June 3rd-9th	Mass Intention	Requestor
Saturday	+Jose Pepe Larraz	Lillian Lopez
Sunday 8:30	+Orfila Solis	Lillian Lopez
Sunday 10:30	Parishioners	Pastor
Tuesday	+Frank Colontone	Sheri Weil
Wednesday	+Coleen Duffy	Betty Shenk
Thursday	+Amy Arvanaghi	Sheri Weil
Friday	+John S. Daly	Betty Shenk

As reported in detail in our bulletin last week, the outcome of our multi-month discernment process, supported by the last survey results with 85% answering they "strongly agreed or agreed" to the proposed Mass schedule, is that the proposed new weekend Mass schedule is approved. Further, while noting that most (57%) respondents favored starting the new schedule in June, which is this weekend, it is deemed better to give folks a full month's notice and thus the new schedule will commence the first weekend of July. In sum:

COMMENCING JULY 1ST, WEEKEND MASSES WILL NOW BE AS FOLLOWS:

5:30 PM SATURDAY (ENGLISH); 9:30 SUNDAY (ENGLISH); 11:30 ON SUNDAY (SPANISH)



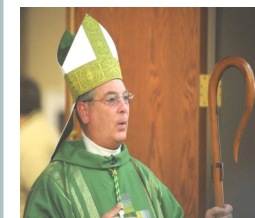
WHAT DOES PARACLETE MEAN? On this yearly feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the nascent church community huddled behind closed doors in the cenacle, it is good to remind ourselves of the title of the Holy Spirit as "Paraclete." What does it mean? The word "Paraclete" is used to refer to the Holy Spirit and can be defined in two ways: etymologically and poetically. The former explains it as a compound of two Greek roots: "para", meaning "along-side" and "kaleo" meaning "I call". Thus, Paraclete means the "one who is called alongside". Nowadays we might say as a defendant calls a defense attorney to stand by and take their side in a court of law.

The latter, the poetic, is exemplified by an excerpt from a sermon by the Jesuit poet Fr. Gerard Manley Hopkins: "A Paraclete is the one who comforts, who cheers, who encourages, who persuades, who exhorts, who stirs up, who urges forward... what the spur and the word of command is to the horse, what clapping of hands is to a speaker, what a trumpet is to the soldier... Paraclete is to the soul. ...The Paraclete calls us on... to good... cheers the spirit of man with signals and with cries, all zealous that he should do something, and full of assurance that if he will he can, calling him on, springing to meet him half way, crying to his ears or to his heart: This way to do God's will, this way to save your soul, come on, come on!" (Adapted from a sermon by Fr. G.M. Hopkins, SJ)



Stewardship Thought For Pentecost God's Spirit nudges us into the world with our own unique gifts and talents. How am I using my God-given gifts and talents to further God's reign on earth?

Bulletin Submissions: If you have an item to be considered for publication in our parish bulletin with possible announcement at Mass, please email it to the pastor, including your name and contact information, no later than Wednesday noon.



2017 Bishop's Appeal: "Our Return to The Lord" is this year's theme. Our BAA data as of May 31st are below. Thanks to all who are contributing.

St. Mary's BAA Goal	\$13,901
Contributed	11,528
Percent of Goal now:	83%
Amount yet to contribute	2,373
Pledge Balance	(\$3,328)

Weekend	Offertory	Budget/Presupuesto	Surplus/Sobre; Deficit/Falta	2nd Collections
May 7	\$2,996	\$2,588	\$ 408	BAA 8:30 Mass \$176
May 14	\$2,819	\$2,588	\$ 231	Marian Shrine, DC \$356
May 21	\$2,122	\$2,588	(\$466)	BAA 8:30 Mass \$151
May 28	\$3,345	\$2,588	\$757	BAA 8:30 Mass \$248