

Requisitos Para La Primera Comunión.



Los chicos que estarán aprobados por su Primera Comunión son los que habían participado regularmente en las clases de formación, asistían regularmente en las Misas, proporcionaron su acta de bautismo, hicieron su Sacramento de Reconciliación (Confesión), y muestran su entendimiento del Sacramento de la Eucaristía y su deseo de recibirla. Para mas información favor llame Sra. Louise Bosse,



Programa Cuaresmal:

“Vive la Eucaristía” Los grupos ya pasaron la tercera semana de Cuaresma compartiendo los frutos de sus oraciones. Siguen mejorándose en rezar por el método que se llama **“Lectio Divina”**.

¿QUE ES LA CAMPAÑA DEL OBISBO?



Esta Campaña es la fuente primaria de ingresos para sostener y expandir los ministerios en 79 parroquias y misiones, la educación de seminaristas, ofrecer programas de capacitación y liderazgo a la comunidad Hispano, apoyar con la educación religiosa de nuestros niños y jóvenes, mantener oficinas a servir familias y proporcionar servicios sociales a los necesitados en toda la diócesis.

¿CÓMO PODEMOS AYUDAR? En dos formas:
 (1) Regalo de Oración, es decir, rece para que podemos lograr nuestra meta parroquial de \$14,376
 (2) Por Regalo de Abnegación, es decir, considere una promesa durante esta campana de donación semanalmente en la segunda colecta o una donación de un solo pago para apoyar a los ministerios de nuestra diócesis de Savannah. Tendremos diez colectas segundas durante las próximas dos o tres meses. Gracias por su generosidad.

Si la donación Total es: Entonces los 10 pagos a la segunda Colectas :

\$400	\$40
\$300	\$30
\$200	\$20
\$100	\$10

Lectio Divina: Cuaresma 4ta Semana



Empecemos con una oración, por ejemplo la oración de B. Juan Newman que habíamos rezado esta cuaresma antes de empezar las misas

1. **Lectura:** Lee la siguiente Escritura dos o tres veces. Juan 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

2. **Meditación:** Después de la lectura, toma unos momentos para reflexionar en silencio acerca de una o más de las siguientes preguntas: (Si practicas Lectio Divina en un grupo, invita a los participantes a compartir sus respuestas.)

¿Cuál palabra o palabras captaron mi atención?
 ¿Qué parte en este pasaje me consoló?
 ¿Qué parte en este pasaje me desafió?

3. **Contemplación:** Lee nuevamente el pasaje de la Escritura, seguida de esta reflexión:
 ¿De qué manera se relaciona este pasaje con la experiencia de mi vida diaria?

Él fue, se lavó y volvió con vista. ¿Cuáles de mis pecados o de mis faltas necesitan ser limpiados?
 ¿Qué personas, cosas, actitudes, etc., me impiden ver claramente lo que Dios desea para mí?

Y tú, ¿qué piensas del que te abrió los ojos?
 ¿De qué manera mis palabras y mis acciones hablan sobre lo que yo creo acerca de Jesús?

Supo Jesús que lo habían echado fuera, y cuando lo encontró, le dijo: “¿Crees tú en el Hijo del hombre?”

¿De qué manera mi fe en Cristo me sostiene durante los problemas y las dificultades? ¿Qué acciones puedo tomar en los próximos días para ofrecer ayuda espiritual o material a los cristianos que están enfrentando una persecución?

4. **Oración:** Lee el pasaje de la Escritura una vez más. Dale al Señor la alabanza, petición y acción de gracias que la Palabra te ha inspirado. Termine la oración con o con la misma oración de Bl. Juan Newman o un Padre Nuestro.



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March 11, 2018 4th Sunday of Lent



“Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus a ruler of the Jews. He came to Jesus at night.” Jesus said to him: “You are the teacher of Israel and you do not understand this?” For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.” (John 3)

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.

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.

HORARIO DE LAS MISAS

Sábado: 5:30 PM (Ingles)

Domingo: 9:30 (Ingles); 11:30 (Español)

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

SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY MASSES

Saturday: 5:30 pm - English

Sunday: 9:30 (English); 11:30 (Spanish)

Tuesday thru Friday, 12 Noon, in chapel (English)

Diocesan Office for Protection of Children & Youth (912-201-4074); toll free hotline is (888) 357-5330

Living The Eucharist (LTE) Groups.



The 9-10 LTE groups of our parish are through their third week of Lenten praying and their sharing of that praying. In

the process, through their reading materials, including bulletin inserts, they are growing in their understanding of the Mass and the Eucharist and other beliefs of our faith.

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES is the theme for



this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal. Bishop Hartmayer calls us to be Missionary Disciples.

Quoting Pope Francis he says: *"We are all missionary disciples with the power of the Spirit."*

Our pledges and gifts to this year's BAA will again help make it a success. This year our parish's goal is \$14,376 a figure that is \$1,051 LESS THAN our parish's actual contribution to last year's BAA. Therefore, using the same formula that has proven successful the last four years, let us (1) pray over an amount that is sacrificial yet manageable for us to contribute (2) pledge that amount (3) meet it by installments in the months ahead. Thank you for your contribution to assist our Bishop meet material and spiritual needs of our diocese.

St. Mary's 2018 BAA goal: \$14,376
Amount we contributed in 2017 \$15,427



STEWARDSHIP 4th Sunday of Lent If we give our time, talent and treasure according to God's principles,

God will not disappoint us. The boy who gave of his loaves and fishes to help feed the multitude, didn't go without dinner.

Lectio Divina: Gospel for 4th Sunday of Lent

The following application of four steps Lectio Divina with slight variation is taken from the American Bishop's website (<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/upload/lectio-divina-lent-4th-sun-2017.pdf>)



Opening Prayer: Recite the prayer of Bl. John Newman

Lectio: Read the Cycle A gospel for this Sunday two or three times (John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38)

Meditatio: After the reading, take some

time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions: •What word or words in this passage caught your attention? • What in this passage comforted you? • What in this passage challenged you? (If practicing lectio divina as a family or in a group, after the reflection time, invite the participants to share responses.)



Contemplatio: Read the scripture passage again, followed by this reflection: How does this passage connect with the experience of your daily life? *So he went and washed, and came back able to see.* From what sins and failing do I need to be cleansed? What people, things, attitudes, etc. keep me from clearly seeing God's will for me? *"What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?"* How has Jesus opened my eyes to his actions in the world and to the needs of others? How do my words and actions speak to what I believe about Jesus? *When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"* How does my faith in Christ sustain me through trials and difficulties? What actions can I take in the coming days to offer spiritual or material assistance to Christians facing persecution?

Oratio: Read the scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, contrition or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you. After all have had a chance to share their prayer, all recite the prayer again of Bl. John Newman ending the session.

HANDS OF HOPE NEEDS HELPING HANDS

If you could spare any time to help pregnant women who chose life over abortion—sign up for a training class to be held this Thursday eve, March 15th, at Hands of Hope, 111 Habitat St. here in Americus . Please call 229-928-5027 to sign up. Dinner served- (cost \$15.00).

AND/OR

If you prefer to sew, quilt or crochet, come to Cornerstone Church 245 Southland Rd at 10 am on Saturday March 17 to make baby items for those little ones on the way! Lunch will be provided. Call 220-928-5027.



Lent is a time for repentance and the sacramental way of



manifesting our desire for this is by going to Confession, preferably during a parish's Communal

Penance Service. This service is for adults, youth and children eligible to go to confession. The two remaining options for parishes in our Deanery are this week and listed below. To properly prepare oneself all are asked to consult an Examination of Conscience guide ahead of time.

March 13 Tuesday St. Theresa, Cordele
March 14 Wednesday St. Teresa, Albany



Mass Intentions Request

Please contact the pastor by phone or email to arrange a Mass intention, either for a weekend or weekday.

3/10 To 3/16	Mass Intention	Requestor
Saturday	+Gertraude Beck	M. Turner
Sunday 9:30	Parishioners	Pastor
Sunday 11:30	Daniel Salgado	L.Lopez,,C Gomez
Wednesday	+Gertraude Beck	M. Turner

The 21st Annual Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Tournament



is Saturday, April 7th at 8 AM at Griffin Bell Golf Course in Americus. All money raised by the tournament is donated to charity. Please pray for the success of the tournament. The cost to play is \$60, and that includes your cart, greens fee, lunch and drinks. If you would like to be a golfer, hole sponsor, prize donor or volunteer, please contact Ron Akerman at 942-1653.



Most Catholics in Georgia

would have no idea that the Catholic Church has a history in this part of the world that goes back to the sixteenth century. Most Catholics would be surprised to learn that there were dozens of Franciscan missions up and down the Georgia coast, and that we have generations of indigenous Catholics buried in the sand of now lost missions. Most Georgians would be surprised to learn that the nation's oldest book was written in Georgia (a Catechism in the language of one of our lost tribes of native Georgians). Most Catholics would be surprised to learn that arguably the first documented baptism in our country took place in what is today Georgia. And most Catholics in Georgia would be surprised to know that we have five martyrs in our own history. This is because the history books in Georgia often brush over the Spanish history of Georgia as something of a backstory for the English founding of the colony of Georgia. As Catholics, we need to remind our fellow Georgians that what is today Georgia was once a part of what the Spanish called La Florida. And as Catholics, we need to be mindful of the Five Georgia Martyrs, whose cause is being promoted in Rome to move them, inch by inch, to be declared saints. Their names: Friars: Pedro de Corpa, Miguel de Ocaña, Pedro de Velasco, Blas Rodriguez and Fray Antonio.

Weekend	Offertory	Budget/Presupuesto	Surplus/(+Sobre)Deficit/(—Falta)	2nd Collection
February 25	\$2,732	\$2925	(\$193)	BAA 11:30 Misa \$319
March 4	\$4,958	\$2925	\$2,033	BAA 11:30 Misa \$269