

Cómo Confesarse: Cinco pasos breves



- 1. El sacerdote empezará con la Señal de la Cruz ó un saludo y bendición.
- 2. Tú dirás: “Perdóname Padre porque he pecado y hace _____ (aquí mencione el número de días, semanas, meses, o años) desde mi última confesión, y tengo estos pecados”. Ahora mencione sus pecados principales (sin rodeos y tantos detalles), terminado con: “Por estos y todos los pecados de mi vida estoy arrepentido(a)”. (Con esto le dejas saber al sacerdote que has terminado.)
- 3. El sacerdote puede hacerte preguntas para clarificar o darte algunos consejos. Contéstale brevemente.
- 4. Haga un acto de contrición, por ejemplo, “Yo confieso...” o use sus propias palabras.
- 5. El sacerdote te dará una penitencia. Escúchala, recuérdala, hágala.

Actividad/Evento	Coordinator
Novena Guadalupeana, Cintas	Angélica
Permiso policial por procesión	Héctor
La procesión por las calles	Juan A., Chris
Distribución de las velas	René, Enrique
Líder del Rosario	Licha
Música y Coro	Martín
Bocina y Fotografía	Atza Nailea
Los Danzantes	Jovita
Rol de N.S. De Guadalupe	Jackie
Rol de Juan Diego	Miguel Sánchez
Portador estatua de N.S. de G.	Raúl Rueda
Misa de Las Rosas	Párroco
Lectores	Karina & Miguel
Procesión de las Rosas	Rocio
Ministros Eucarísticos	Angélica, Licha
Acomodadores, Parqueo	René, María, Lola
Comida y bebidas	D.Benito, Josefina
Limpieza y Despedida	Todos

La Novena Guadalupeana ya empezó anoche el 3 de Diciembre y durará hasta el 11. La novena reúne esta noche a las 7 en la iglesia. Para mas infomación, favor llame Angélica. Alejo.

Adviento: Sacramento de Reconciliación



(Confesiones) Para prepararnos bien a celebrar la Navidad, tendremos el rito comunal de reconciliación con confesiones particulares el miércoles el 14 de diciembre a las 7 PM en la iglesia. Tendremos cinco padres confesores: Padre Carlos Pinzón, P. Ray Levreault, P Justin Ferguson, P. Paulinus Okpala and P. Sam Aniekwe. Se urge la asistencia de adultos, jóvenes y chicos, inclusive chicos que van a hacer su primera Confesión.

2 Misas Por La Inmaculada Concepción



La solemnidad de esta fiesta de la patrona de los Estados Unidos, 8 de Diciembre, es un día feriado, con misa obligatoria. Tendremos dos oportunidades a cumplir nuestra obligación a asistir a la Misa. Es decir, las dos Misas son: (1) Misa de la vigilia, bilingüe, este miércoles el 7 de diciembre a las 6:30 con los alumnos de nuestra clases religiosas y sus padres y (2) el jueves, el ocho, a las 12 de medio día en la iglesia.

Corresponsabilidad:
2nd de Adviento .

Tenemos que ser buenos administradores de los regalos que Dios nos ha dado, recibéndolos con agradecimiento y cultivándolos con cuidado para evitar que nosotros seamos de aquellos de los cuales San Juan Bautista habla hoy: “Cada árbol que no da buen fruto será cortado y echado al fuego.”



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December 4, 2016 2nd Sunday of Advent

“John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, ,Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand., John wore clothing made of camel’s hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ... Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.” (Mark 1)



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 - Couples must contact Father at least 6 months before planned 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
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

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

Advent's invitation to prepare to celebrate anew Jesus's birth can be disrupted by commercial hustle and bustle that is blaring all around us. Hence, this season of joyful anticipation becomes a season of stressful shopping, a season of hope becomes a season of discouragement, a season of uplifting readings from Scripture becomes drowned out by the noisy rush to the next liturgical season of Christmas. Our challenge is to stay in the Advent season and reap the graces of the liturgical package of Scripture readings, hymns, prayers, and rituals (like lighting of Advent's four candles). It is to stay on the Scriptural message of preparing the way of the Lord in our hearts by repenting and going to confession. It is to heed the gospel reading this 2nd Sunday of Advent (note the two candles above) wherein John the Baptist calls all to repent and prepare to join many others in making a worthy confession. Thus we prepare for both Jesus's first coming and his second and final coming.



Save The Date: "Serviam: I will Serve A Discernment Retreat for single men between the ages of 18 and 40 will be held at Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge, 80 Live Oak Trail, Helena, Ga. from noon Friday December 30th through noon Saturday December 31st, 2016. Register at: www.diosav.org/vocations-discernment-retreat-registration. For further information contact Vocation Director Fr. Pablo at: pmigone@diosav.org or 912-201-4113.



"THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE." MATTHEW 20:28

Our 2 Masses For Immaculate Conception



To facilitate attendance on this holy day of obligation, our parish will have two Masses. The first is the bi-lingual Vigil Mass this Wednesday evening at 6:30, the 7th of December, in the church, with our children from Faith Formation classes and their parents. The second is in English on Thursday, Dec. 8th at 12 noon in the Church. Being a Marian parish is all the more reason we are to come to this Mass to celebrate Mary's unique privilege, her immaculate conception.

Mass Intention Requests: Please contact the pastor by the parish office phone to arrange a Mass intention, either for a weekend or weekday Mass. *Pedida Para Una Misa: Si quisiera pedir una intencion por una Misa, favor de llamar la oficina parroquial y dejar un aviso al parroco.*

Nov. 26-Dec 3	Mass Intention	Requestor
Saturday	María Nguyen	Thu Y Le
Sunday 8:30	Gioanbaoxita Matta	Family
Sunday 10:30	Parishioners	Pastor
Tuesday	María Nguyen	Thu Y Le
Wednesday	P.H. Kolvenbach	Pastor
Thursday	Gioanbaoxita Matta	Family

Stewardship Thought for the 2nd Sunday of



Advent:
We are all stewards – managers of the many gifts God has bestowed upon us. Our challenge as Christians is to make good use of those gifts as God would have us do so..



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE (CONFESSION)

Intrinsic to our conversion process during Advent is partaking in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). All are urged to celebrate this blessed sacrament in a communal setting at one of the parishes in our Albany Deanery listed below. These services involve adults, youth and eligible children; have on hand several confessors; are bi-lingual (English and Spanish). Consult an Exami-

nation of Conscience guide ahead of time to prepare yourself properly for your confession. Persons who cannot make any of these services due to illness or work schedule can phone the pastor up to December 23rd to arrange a mutually convenient time for their confession which would be in the chapel. Advent Penance Services for our own parish and the parish in Cordele are listed below:

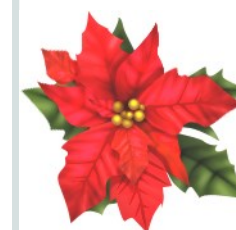
12/14 Wednesday	St. Mary, Americus	7PM
12/20 Tuesday	St. Theresa, Cordele	7PM



POPE FRANCIS ON CONFESSING DURING ADVENT: "If you have something ...on your soul, ask the Lord's forgiveness. This is a beautiful chance Christmas gives us – to clean up our souls, eh! Don't be afraid... God forgives everything."

Remind Me: How do I make a Confession? The following briefly presents the way to confess. First prayerfully make an examine of conscience to identify your sins. Then once inside the reconciliation area make the sign of the cross then say: "Bless me Father for I have sinned, it has been ____ (days, weeks, months, years, decades) since my last confession and I want to tell God I am sorry for the following sins" (then state your sins). Afterwards the priest gives you a penance. Then you say audibly an act of contrition—you can either bring your own or use the one that will be available for confession). Following that the priest gives you absolution. Then you depart to do your penance.

POINSETTIAS & CHRISTMAS GREENERY



As in previous years, parishioners who wish to help procure poinsettias and Christmas greenery for decorating the Church can do so with a designated check or may use the envelopes in the vestibule of the Church. As before, the requested donation is \$12. Donations may be placed in the offertory collection through December 20th.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for December:

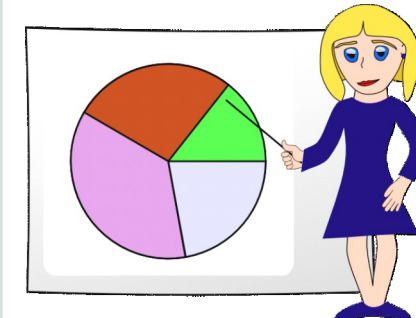
Pray with the **Pope**

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

As part of the Apostleship of Prayer and in union with our Pope, please remember the following two intentions this month.

Universal: That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.
Evangelization: That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

Our Parish Council of Catholic Women



invite all parishioners to a slide show presentation on the promoting of pregnancy fulfillment as opposed to abortion. Mrs. Kim Carter who heads the

Hands of Hope Pregnancy Center here in Americus is the presenter. This event will be this Monday, December 5th at 6:00 PM in our parish hall. Kim has given her inter-faith presentation at the Central Baptist Church and also to our Knights of Columbus. The pastor, several women of the PCCW, and the group of Knights who have attended her presentation, came away in support of **Hands of Hope**. All, including youth aged sixteen and above, are invited to her informative presentation.

Weekend	Offertory	Budget/Presupuesto	Surplus/(+Sobre)Deficit/(—Falta)	2nd Collection
November 6	\$ 2,898	\$2,588	\$310	US Military Archdiocese \$560
November 13	\$1, 990	\$2,588	(\$598)	Haiti Hurricane Relief \$735
November 20	\$3, 008	\$2,588	\$420	SAMA \$548
November 27	\$1,930	\$2,588	(\$658)	Campaign Human Developmt \$348