

¿ LA CAMPAÑA DEL OBISBO: CÓMO PODEMOS AYUDARLA?
 Considere una promesa durante esta campaña de donación semanalmente en la segunda colecta.



Ya tomamos tres colectas; cada familia calcula su Donación Total y se lo logra por diez pagos durante la próxima dos meses como se ve en el ejemplo abajo:

Donación Total: 10 Pagos por Segunda Colecta

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



Pedida Para Una Misa:

Si quisiera pedir una intención por una Misa, favor de llamar la oficina parroquial. Si el párroco no está favor déjele un aviso.

3/25- 4/2	Intención	Peticionario
Sábado	Bill Matthews	Pat Cullen
Domingo 8:30	John Deviney	Pat Cullen
Domingo 10:30	Feligreses	Párroco

Lectura Divina Método: Cuatro Pasos



Lectio Divina: Cuaresma 4ta Semana

1. Empecemos: “En el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo. Amén.” Y entonces reza esta oración de la Misa 4ta domingo de cuaresma:

“Dios nuestro, que renuevas este mundo por medio de tus sacramentos, concede a tu Iglesia aprovechar estos signos misteriosos de tu presencia y asístela siempre en sus necesidades materiales. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo. “

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

3. Meditación : Después de la lectura, toma unos momentos para reflexionar en silencio acerca de una o más de las siguientes preguntas: *(Si practicas la lectio divina como familia o 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?

4. 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?

5. 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 un Padre Nuestro.



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March 26, 2017 4th Sunday of Lent



“As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. ... Jesus spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, ‘Go wash in the Pool of Siloam’ ... So he went and washed, and came back able to see.” ...Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

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

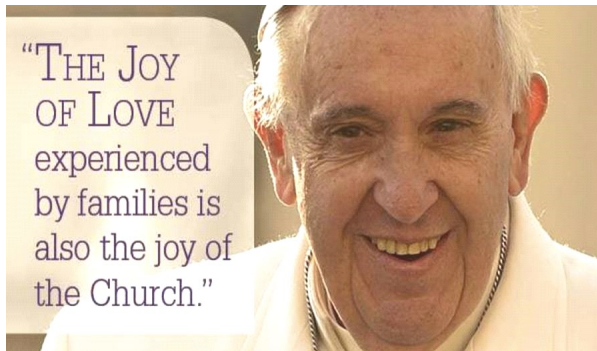
Saturday: 5:00 pm - English

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

Come to Lenten Morning of Reflection next Saturday, April 1st in Sherlock Hall, starting with breakfast at 8 am (to 8:45), followed by the talk and group dynamics led by Sister Cristine Wiltrakis, from 9 am to 12 noon.



Her theme is from the apostolic exhortation by Pope Francis "The Joy of Love". All parishioners and their friends are invited (admission gratis). To get the most out of this spiritually enriching morning, we are encouraged to procure and read beforehand "The Joy of Love".

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

3/25- 4/2	Mass Intention	Requestor
Saturday		
Sunday 8:30	Parishioners	Pastor
Sunday 10:30		

PRAYER INTENTION BINDER:



A reminder that those wishing to pray for a particular intention pertaining to an illness, impending surgery, employment situation, military deployment, death, anniversary, etc., can do so by writing them in the Prayer Intention Binder by the statue of Saint Anthony. These intentions will then be included in the General Intercessions at the week-end Masses.

Bishop Hartmayer's BAA Challenge To Us



To ensure the success of his Appeal this year, and owing to a surprise offer of matching gifts challenge by an anonymous benefactor effective until the end of the next month, April, Bishop Hartmayer offers this challenge to parishioners throughout the diocese:

* *If a donor from our parish of St. Mary's increases his/her gift from last year, the amount of the increase will be matched dollar for dollar.*

* *If a donor has already given or pledged to this year's BAA, and they increased their gift from last year, the increase will be matched dollar for dollar.*

* *If a new donor gives a gift or makes a pledge (which could be spread out until December 31, 2017) the entire gift or fulfilled pledge will be matched dollar for dollar.*

Please make the above incentive applicable to your BAA contribution or pledging this year. And when you remit your increased contribution or pledge, be sure you identify yourself as a parishioner of St. Mary's Church of Americus.

"Our Return to the Lord" is the theme for the Bishop's Annual Appeal this year.

St. Mary's 2017 BAA Goal is: \$13,901



Stations of the Cross with Exposition & Adoration & Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament

The Stations of the Cross are held twice weekly in Lent. Once on Friday mornings in the church starting at 11 AM led by Bernie Bosse followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament then Mass. Moreover Stations of the Cross are held on Wednesday evenings in Spanish starting at 6:25; all are welcome.

WHAT IS THE 5th Encounter (Encuentro)?

FIFTH NATIONAL ENCUESTRO



of Hispanic/Latino Ministry

The 5th Encuentro is a four year process of ecclesial reflection and action that invites all Catholics in the United States to intense missionary activity, consultation, leadership development, and identification of best ministerial practices. The process has been proposed as a priority activity of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Strategic Plan for 2017-2020. The V Encuentro starts at the grass roots level and calls for the development of resources and initiatives to better serve the fast-growing Hispanic population in dioceses, parishes, ecclesial movements, and other Catholic organizations and institutions in light of its theme Missionary Disciples: Witnesses of God's Love. For more info please go to our diocesan website below: <https://diosav.org/hispanic-ministry-v-encuentro>

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF V ENCUESTRO?

The main goal of the V Encuentro is to discern ways in which the Church in the United States can better respond to the Hispanic/Latino presence, and to strengthen the ways in which Hispanics/Latinos respond to the call to the New Evangelization as missionary disciples serving the entire Church.

Surveys of Possible Mass Time Change

Thanks to all who submitted their surveys. These multilingual surveys, with their structured questions and written comments, are being carefully processed by hand. After careful processing, their major findings and the decision regarding the possible stated change in weekend Mass times will be communicated. For now, please (1) include in your extra praying this Lent, invocations to the Holy Spirit to guide the final stages of our discernment process lest the evil spirit bedevil it more than it already has and (2) inform yourself of the V Encuentro (above) which is an initiative from the American Bishops endorsed by Pope Francis, then ask yourself, what implications might it hold for our parish which is predominantly composed of English and Spanish speaking parishioners (at least ask the question).

Lenten Confessions in neighboring parishes

Intrinsic to our conversion process during Lent is celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). All are urged to celebrate this blessed sacrament in a communal setting. There are two remaining services in neighboring parishes which are listed below with their start times for the service with individual confessions to follow immediately. Be sure to consult an Examination of Conscience guide ahead of time so you arrive prepared to make your confession.

April 4	Tuesday	St. Theresa, Cordele	7PM
April 5	Wednesday	St. Teresa, Albany	7PM

Easter Lilies need to be pre-ordered to ensure they will beautify our church on March 27th. Parishioners who wish to help in their purchase can find envelopes for donations in our vestibule. The suggested donation remains the same as in past years: \$12. For more information please contact Maureen Turner: 229-815-1473 or by



our parish. For more info, contact Carolyn Campbell 229-942-2801 or carolynrdc@att.net.

Parish Council of Catholic Women Our next PCCW Meeting is scheduled for Monday, the 3rd of April, at 6:00 PM in classroom #3 in the parish hall. All women of our parish are invited to attend and help plan special events for



our parish. For more info, contact Carolyn Campbell 229-942-2801 or carolynrdc@att.net.

Submissions To Parish Web Site To submit information (pictures, calendar events, or links to other sites) about a parish ministry/group to be added to our web site, please send your submission to both me at chetcrow@bellsouth.net and to Father Fran at fgillespie@diosav.org. I will evaluate if it can be technically added as well as any legal issues. Father Fran will review and approve. If approved, I will post the info and notify you by email. Please note, pictures or videos of minor children can not be posted until a release from the parent (s) is attained. For questions contact Chet Crowley: 229-942-7355.

Weekend	Offertory	Budget/Presupuesto	Surplus/Sobre:Deficit/Falta	2nd Collection
Ash Wednes.	\$ 705	For Church in Eastern Europe	XX	XX
March 5	\$3,455	\$2,588	\$867	BAA 8:30 Mass \$355
March 12	\$3,004	\$2,588	\$416	BAA 8:30 Mass \$206
March 19	\$2,335	\$2,588	--(\$253)	BAA 8:30 Mass \$231