

MÉTODO DE LA LECTURA DIVINA: Hay 4 pasos al método:



1. Lectura. 2. Meditación 3. Contemplación 4. Oración. Sigue el ejemplo abajo para usar este método.

Lectura Divina para la Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios. Empecemos como siempre: En el nombre del Padre...; Padre Nuestro; Una Ave María, etc.

1. **LECTURA:** Lucas 2:16-21. De su biblia, lee esta Escritura dos o tres veces.

2. **MEDITACIÓN** Después de la lectura, toma unos momentos para reflexionar en silencio acerca de una o más de las siguientes preguntas

- ¿Cuál palabra o palabras en este pasaje captaron tu atención?
- ¿Qué parte en este pasaje te consoló?
- ¿Qué parte en este pasaje te desafió? (Si practicas la lectura divina como familia o en un grupo, luego del tiempo de reflexión, invita a los participantes a compartir sus respuestas.)

3. **CONTEMPLACIÓN:** Lee nuevamente el pasaje de la Escritura, seguida de esta reflexión: Los pastores fueron a toda prisa hacia Belén y encontraron a María, a José y al niño. ¿Hacia qué me apresuro: hacia Dios o hacia las preocupaciones mundanas? ¿Cómo puedo encontrar a Jesús en mi vida laboral y vida de oración? Contaron lo que se les había dicho. ¿De qué manera puedo compartir la Buena Nueva de Jesús con aquellos que conozco? ¿De qué manera refleja mi vida el mensaje salvador de Dios?

María, por su parte, guardaba todas estas cosas y las meditaba en su corazón. ¿Con qué frecuencia tomo unos momentos para orar y reflexionar en silencio? ¿Qué cosa puedo hacer esta semana para conservar a Dios y su Palabra más cerca de mi corazón?

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. Después que todos hayan tenido la oportunidad de hacer su oración, se termina este momento de la Lectura Divina simplemente con un Padre Nuestro. (Fuente: USCCB)

## La Misa Por El Año Nuevo

### Horario de MISAS

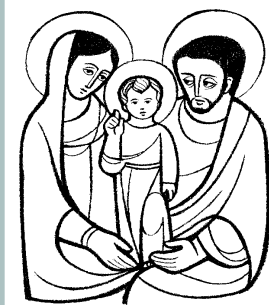
La misa del día del año nuevo, este lunes, será a las 9:30 en la mañana y será bilingüe. Esta misa es la Solemnidad de María y estará bilingüe. Padre Clif Marquis, ST, que era nuestro párroco años atrás, estará el sacerdote celebrante.

### Hora Santa delante de La Santísima:



Este jueves es el primero del mes y por lo tanto todos están invitados a venir a la hora santa de las 6:55 PM hasta a las 8:00

para adorar, rezar, y cantar delante del Santísimo. Algunos van a venir mas temprano para la Novena Guadalupeana que comienza a las 6 y quédense por la hora santa inmediatamente después.



**LA SANTA FAMILIA**  
El Papa Leo XIII instituyó esta fiesta en 1892, motivando a las sociedades a honrar a la Sagrada Familia para que fuera

establecida en todas partes. Lo instituyó para recordarle a las familias el carácter sagrado de la institución familiar y proporcionar un modelo sobre el cual estructurar sus propias familias. Meditando sobre la vida interior de la Sagrada Familia descubrimos aquellas áreas de nuestra vida familiar que necesitamos mejorar. Mientras nos preparamos para salir del establo de Belén, déjenos dirigir nuestra mirada a la casa de Nazaret, porque fue en la vida “común y corriente” de la Sagrada Familia en la cual habitó la Santidad extraordinaria. (Fuente: Viviendo el Catolicismo)



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December 31, 2017 Holy Family Sunday



“When (Mary and Joseph) had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child (Jesus) grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.” (Luke 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.

### 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

Pope Francis On The Maternity of Mary



“At the beginning of a new year, the Church invites us to contemplate Mary’s divine maternity... The ancient promise finds fulfilment in her person. She believed in the words of the angel, conceived her Son and thus became the Mother of the Lord. Through her, through her “yes”, the fullness of time came about.

The Gospel we have just heard tells us that the Virgin Mary “treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart” (Lk 2:19). She appears to us as a vessel filled to the brim with the memory of Jesus, as the Seat of Wisdom to whom we can have recourse to understand his teaching aright. Today Mary makes it possible for us to grasp the meaning of events which affect us personally, events which also affect our families, our countries and the entire world. Where philosophical reason and political negotiation cannot arrive, there the power of faith, which brings the grace of Christ’s Gospel, can arrive, opening ever new pathways to reason and to negotiation.

Blessed are you, Mary, for you gave the Son of God to our world. But even more blessed are you for having believed in him. Full of faith, you conceived Jesus first in your heart and then in your womb, and thus became the Mother of all believers .... Send us, O Mother, your blessing on this day consecrated to your honor. Show us the face of Jesus your Son, who bestows upon the entire world mercy and peace. Amen. “ (Vatican, 1/1/ 2016)

Away and missed your parish bulletin?



Your parish bulletin is edited weekly by our pastor and contains items of pastoral relevance. It is posted on our

parish website thanks to Louise Bosse usually by Sunday. To keep yourself informed go to: [www.stmaryamericus.com](http://www.stmaryamericus.com)

Mass Schedule This Week



New Year’s Day, Monday

There is one mass on New Year’s Day, Monday, and it is at 9:30 and it is bilingual. A former pastor of ours, Fr. Cliff Marquis, ST, will preside. This Mass is called the Solemnity of Mary and all parishioners are encouraged to begin the New

Year 2018 by celebrating this Marian feast day.

No Noon Masses During Christmas Week

The usual noon weekday Masses will not take place this coming week, that is, December 26th through the 31st; it will resume the following week.

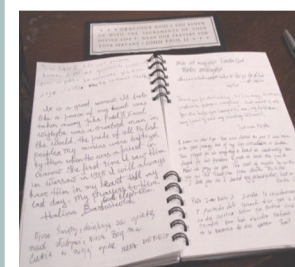


Parish Council of Catholic Women

(PCCW) The next PCCW meeting will be held Monday, January 8th, 2018 at 6:00 pm in classroom #3. The agenda will consist of plan-

ning the January International Dinner on Saturday after Mass, January 27, and other parish activities. All ladies of the parish are invited. Please contact PCCW chairlady for questions: Carolyn Campbell at 229-942-2801 or email: [Carolynrdc@att.net](mailto:Carolynrdc@att.net).

Has Someone Asked You for Prayers?



Perhaps a friend or relative has asked you to pray for their intention. Of if you have a prayer intention of your own, remember to write them in our Prayer Intention Binder. The intentions you write in it might

pertain to an illness, employment situation, military deployment, death, anniversary, end to terrorism, etc.. The Prayer Intention Binder is located in our church by the statue of Saint Anthony. The intentions you write will be included in a general way at the week-end Masses. Have you an intention to write in so to have others pray for with you?

Have you gone to the web page below yet?  
[www.livingtheeucharist.org](http://www.livingtheeucharist.org)



Bishop, Gregory Hartmayer has directed all parishes of our Savannah Diocese to participate in a 3 year program called “Living the Eucharist” (LTE).

LTE is a spiritual renewal program providing us with opportunities to grow in our faith through learning more about the Eucharist, participating more actively in Sunday Mass, and living the Eucharist each day as disciples of Jesus. It involves small group of parishioners sharing together and will begin in a few months.

Though LTE begins not until mid-February it involves much planning, and it is important that parishioners educate themselves little by little about LTE by going to [www.livingtheeucharist.org](http://www.livingtheeucharist.org). The Coordinator of LTE for our parish’s English speaking segment is Lynn Ingles, who is also the Chair of our Pastoral Council. She is available to answer your questions about LTE and can be reached at [lynn.ingle@mga.edu](mailto:lynn.ingle@mga.edu).

Holy Hour Resumes This Wednesday



Our parish’s Wednesday evening Holy Hour resumes this Wednesday with the resumption of our Religious Education classes. The holy hour takes places in the church and begins at 6:25 and goes

until 7:25. A fitting resolution for New Year 2018 would be to make time to attend more of these than you might have done last year, to come at least for fifteen minutes to a half hour of quiet and prayerful adoration before the Blessed Sacrament presented in the Monstrance with Gregorian Chants in the background amidst the fragrance of incense.

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY



The first Sunday after Christmas, on the liturgical calendar, celebrates the Holy Family. Pope Leo XIII instituted this feast in 1892. He established this feast day to remind families of the sacredness of the family and to provide the laity with a model upon which to structure their own families. In meditating on the interior life of the Holy Family we discover those areas of our family's life that need improving. We also find a model for family life that ultimately leads all its members to heaven.

On this feast of the Holy Family let us pray for the grace to lead devout, caring lives that imitate those of the Holy Family. As we prepare to leave the stable in Bethlehem let us turn our gaze to the house in Nazareth, for it was in the "ordinary" life of the Holy Family that "extraordinary" holiness was lived.

Pope’s Prayer Intentions for January



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



Religious Minorities in Asia. That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget/Presupuesto</u>	<u>Surplus/(+Sobre)Deficit/(—Falta)</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>
December 3	\$ 3,479	\$ 2,925	\$ 554	
December 10	2,413	512		
(December 12)				Retirm't: (Nuns, Brs., Priests) \$997
December 17	2,348	2,925	577	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass \$449
December 24		2,925		
December 31		2,925		