

**Requisitos Para Inscribirse Para Clases De Catecismo** Pronto en nuestro salón Sherlock empe-



zaremos la inscripción para las clases de Catecismo, del primero hasta el colegio. Este año no podemos acomodar chicos del kínder. Las clases mismas empiezan el miércoles el 6 de Septiembre. Los chicos que estarán preparándose a recibir este año el sacramento de la Primera Comunión o de La Confirmación deben presentar una copia del acta del bautismo el 6 de septiembre. Si se le hace falta ahora, aproveche este mes a conseguirlo para tenerla en mano por la tarde de inscribirse el 6. Los estudiantes que asistieron a las clases el año pasado deben reinscribirse de nuevo.

Los requisitos para matricularse incluyen los siguientes (1) que los padres y sus niños hagan el compromiso asistir regularmente a una de las Misas del fin de semana acá en Santa María a través del año (2) que la familia se comprometa a practicar la corresponsabilidad (de su tiempo, talento y tesoro) a su parroquia de Santa María. (3) que la familia está registrada en nuestra parroquia de Santa María. Si no está inscrito, tome ahora un formulario de inscripción del fondo de la iglesia, llenarlo completamente y o ponerlo en el cesto durante la colecta en la misa o póngalo en el buzón de la oficina parroquial. Para más información, favor comuníquese con el Coordinador del programa religioso Ron Akerman: 229-942-1653 o por correo electrónico: ronakerman@mediacombb.net



**Domingo 17 avo. del Tiempo Ordinario**

“La ley de Tu boca es para mí más preciosa que miles de piezas de oro y plata,” dice hoy el Salmista. ¿La cantidad de mi ofrenda indica que yo honestamente podría decir lo mismo?

**Este jueves es el primero del mes**



Todos están invitados a venir a la iglesia este jueves, el primero del mes, a las 6:50 para adorar delante del Santísimo, a rezar, y cantar juntos. Para mas información favor llame Sra. Rocio Marin.



Este lunes el 31 de julio, la iglesia celebra la fiesta de san Ignacio, el fundador de los jesuitas. Papa Francisco y nuestro párroco Padre Paco son jesuitas. ¿Cuales son algunas características esenciales de esta congregación de hombres religiosos? Las características principales de la espiritualidad ignaciana, además del amor a Dios y del seguimiento personal de Jesucristo, comunes a todas las espiritualidades de origen cristiano, son las siguientes:

1. Buscar y hallar la voluntad de Dios sobre mi vida. No lo más perfecto objetivamente, sino lo que Dios quiere de mí;
2. Ensanchar el corazón hacia las dimensiones del universo, pero aterrizando en lo concreto para no perderme en vaguedades o en ideales irrealizables;
3. Conocer mi realidad lo mejor posible, examinándome periódicamente, tanto en lo positivo para darle las gracias a Dios, como en lo negativo para superarlo con su ayuda;
4. Discernir, a la luz de la oración y de la razón iluminada por la fe, cómo puedo mejorar mi realidad para hacerla más acorde con el Evangelio;
5. Encontrar a Dios en todo lo creado, siendo contemplativo en la acción, unido a El en todo lo que hago.



**St. Mary Catholic Church**

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 July 30, 2017 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus said to his disciples:  
 "The kingdom of heaven

is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.” (Matt)



**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 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm or call the pastor 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



Since Monday, July 31st, is the feast of St. Ignatius who is the founder of the Jesuit Order of which both our Pope and our pastor both belong, it seems opportune to include a list of Frequently Asked Questions about the Jesuits, formally called The Society of Jesus. Thus the following FAQs.

### Who are the Jesuits?

The Jesuits are one of the largest religious orders in the Catholic Church. The Society of Jesus was founded in 1540 by St. Ignatius Loyola, a Basque nobleman and soldier, who found God in all things. Today there are over 17,000 Jesuits serving

the Church in 112 nations on six continents. There are two Jesuits in the Savannah Diocese.

### Where do Jesuits work?

From the beginning Jesuits have been missionaries, teachers, spiritual directors, scholars, carpenters, doctors and administrators. Jesuits go where the needs of the Church are the greatest, caring for the people of God and spreading the message of Christ's salvation to those who do not know him.

### Where do Jesuits live?

Jesuits generally live in community where there is a superior chosen by our Superior General to lead the house. On occasion, because of apostolic necessity, a Jesuit may receive permission to live in a diocesan rectory, or by himself.

### Do Jesuits wear a habit, i.e., a specific religious garb like the Franciscans?

From our foundation Jesuits have always worn the garb of "a priest in good standing," and we do not have a distinctive religious habit.

### Do Jesuits pray the Divine Office in common?

Saint Ignatius believed Jesuits were to be men on mission, "contemplatives in action." Therefore, Jesuits pray the Divine Office privately and observe a rhythm of personal prayer, which includes the Ignatian Examen, and forms of Ignatian contemplation and meditation.

### What is the difference between a diocesan priest and a Jesuit priest?

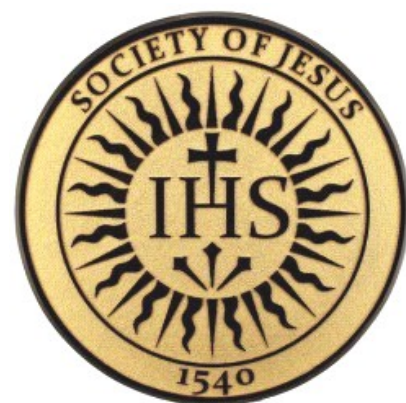
A diocesan priest commits himself to a specific geographical location and promises obedience to the bishop of the diocese/archdiocese. A priest who belongs to an order, like the Jesuits, commits himself to the special charism of the Religious Order. In addition to the three vows of a member of a religious order, Jesuit priests also take a fourth vow to the Pope submitting to be missioned anywhere in the world.

### How long does it take a man to become a Jesuit?

A man becomes a Jesuit when he professes vows after two years of novitiate. The formation program to become a Jesuit priest on the average takes about 11 years from the date of entrance to the date of ordination. The formation of a Jesuit Brother is more individualized and thus varies but in any case it takes less time.

### What are the entrance requirements?

A man who feels called to enter the Jesuits must also be free to respond to that call. He must be a Roman Catholic for at least three years, and have the ability to complete advanced academic studies. He must be free from any attachments or obligations. (Source: <http://www.jesuitvocation.org/faq.htm>)



### Often asked Questions About the RCIA




What is the RCIA? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program designed to help non-Catholics as well as

non-practicing Catholics to learn about Catholicism through a series of weekly classes, discussions, prayer times and step wise religious rites. Over the September-April period (2017-2018) the RCIA program helps participants grow in faith and knowledge of God, Jesus Christ and His Church as they consider becoming Catholic. The RCIA involves praying, learning teachings of the Bible and of the Church, discussing how they apply to our lives, participating in prayerful religious ceremonies ("Rites") which will be explained beforehand.

If I start this September, when might I become a Catholic? Generally, a person joining the RCIA in September will complete their full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil (March 30, 2018). This could be longer for those needing to enter the annulment process.

What if I go through the RCIA and choose not to become Catholic? There is no obligation to become a Catholic nor will you be pressured to do so. Individual's pace of growth differs; some even take a few years to learn about Catholicism before deciding to become Catholic; some never feel called to do so. If a person is unsure whether they want to become Catholic, they are especially welcome to attend RCIA while they deliberate.

### Pope's Prayer Intentions for August

**Pray with the Pope**  As part of our Church's world wide Apostleship of Prayer in union with our Pope, please remember the papal intention during your daily prayers this month.

**APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER**  
For Artists: That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

### Two Teachers (Catechists) Still Needed



Are you called to teach our Catholic Faith? When asked to become a

catechist, many people reply, "Me? A Catechist"? They often give pseudo-reasons as they beg off becoming a catechist, e.g., (Joe Paprocki, Loyola U. Press, <http://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com>):

- I don't know if I can handle a group of kids;*
- I'm not sure that I have anything to share;*
- I'm not sure I know just what the Church teaches;*
- I'm afraid I'll say something wrong;*
- I don't know if I'll be able to answer kids' questions*
- I'm not that holy...I'm just a regular person;*
- I don't know if I have the time;*
- I don't have any formal training to teach;*
- I don't know if kids will like me;*
- I've never taught before.*

On the other hand, some valid reasons for not qualifying as a catechist at St. Mary's would be: declining to be Virtus trained, not being able to attend Mass most weekends of the month at St. Mary's, not being fluent in English.

For more information please contact either the pastor Fr. Fran or Faith Formation Coordinator Ron Akerman (229-942-1653) or by emailing him at: [ronakerman@mediacombb.net](mailto:ronakerman@mediacombb.net).

### Visiting Priest Next Weekend, August 6th

With our pastor on vacation, Father John Kiernan, a retired priest from the Archdiocese of Atlanta, will cover Confessions on Saturday (4:30-5:00) and preside at the three weekend Masses. Father John is familiar with some Church efforts in Haiti and will speak on behalf of the impoverished Haitians prior to the second collection for Haiti. While the pastor is away, in the event of pastoral necessity, please contact deacon candidate Bernie Bosse (229-815-0189).

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget/Presupuesto</u>	<u>Surplus/Sobre; Deficit/Falta</u>	<u>2nd Collections</u>
July 2	\$3,300	\$3,026	\$ 274	Peter's Pence \$534
July 9	3,350	3,026	324	
July 16	2,745	3,026	-281	Church in Africa \$656
July 23	2,679	3,026	-347	S.A.M.A. \$518