

Hora Santa vuelve todos los miércoles.



Con la comiienza de nuevo de clases religiosas los miércoles, nos recordamos que hay la hora santa en la iglesia desde las 6:25 hasta las 7:25. Este es un horario muy conveniente por los padres de familia después de dejar sus niños con sus maestros en el salón Sherlock. También, por los que no pueden asistir en la tarde,

hay una hora santa en las mañanas de los miércoles en la capilla desde las 11 hasta al medio día, con la Misa comenzando justamente después.

¿Qué se hace durante una hora santa? Una hora santa delante del Santísimo es un tiempo de silencio cuando algunos les gustan a meditar, hablando y escuchando en sus corazones al señor Jesús; otros leen de una biblia que se traen; otros rezan el rosario; otros leen un librito devocional, etc. No importa si alguien no puede asistir por una hora entera; vale la pena si podría asistir una media hora o aun quince minutos en la presencia real del Cristo Eucarístico.

La celebración de la Eucaristía, o sea la



misa, “debe llevarnos a realizar obras de fe, a actuar en todo momento con la coherencia propia de un cristiano.

Esas obras de fe darán a los que nos rodean las razones de nuestra esperanza en un momento

histórico en el que, por muy diversas causas—sociales, culturales y económicas— tantos de nuestros conciudadanos viven en la incertidumbre, la falta de futuro y el desasosiego.

Encontraremos en la Eucaristía, asegura, la fuerza y la razón de nuestra esperanza, porque en ella se nos da la Esperanza misma: Jesucristo nuestro Señor realmente presente en las Especies Eucarísticas”. (Cardenal Rouco, España)

El Día de la Epifanía se celebra en los



Estados Unidos el domingo después del 1 de enero- es el día en el que celebramos el banquete. La fecha tradicional del banquete, 6 de

enero, marca el final de los 12 días de la Navidad, y celebra la llegada de los Reyes Magos a Belén donde nació Jesús.

La palabra epifanía significa “manifestación”, que es exactamente lo que representan los Reyes Magos —la manifestación de Jesús al mundo exterior. México y otros países de habla hispana son lugares en los cuales los Reyes Magos se tienen en muy alta estima y en ellos se celebra el Día de los Reyes Magos.

Sin embargo, a pesar del importante papel que jugaron los Reyes Magos en la historia de Jesús, el día de fiesta en honor a ellos y lo que ellos representan es con frecuencia pasado por alto con el bullicio de la pos-Navidad. Al llegar el 6 de enero, la mayoría de la gente ya tiene sus decoraciones Navideñas empacadas para el próximo año. Resiste esa tentación y deja las decoraciones puestas hasta el Día del Bautismo del Señor, el cual es este lunes el 9 de enero, el cual marca el final de la temporada Navideña. (Fuente: American Catholic/Messenger)

Corresponsabilidad pensamiento por la fiesta



de la epifanía. Los tres Reyes en el Evangelio de hoy vinieron de muy lejos a mucho costo y esfuerzo para ofrecerle sus mejores regalos al Niño Jesús.

¿Que tan lejos iré yo y que le ofreceré para hacer homenaje a este Rey recién nacido por compartir mi tiempo, talentos y recursos con mi parroquia?



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January 8, 2017 Feast of the Epiphany



“The Magi...on entering the house... saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” (Matthew: 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 worshipping 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.

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

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.

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

Holy Hour On Wednesdays.



Entering 2017, a reminder to all of the two times our parish has a Holy Hour. They are on Wednesdays: one in the morning at 11 AM to noon

in our chapel with Mass immediately following; the other in the evening in the church from 6:25 until 7:25. A fitting resolution for New Year 2017 would be to make time to attend more of these than you might have done last year. Those who can not come for the full hour are encouraged to come for whatever segment of an hour their work and/or family schedule permits.

But what do I do at a holy hour? Briefly, pray in silent adoration. That is, from your heart speak then listen to Christ Eucharistically present in the monstrance before you on the altar. Some “adorers” make an examen of their day in the manner of St. Ignatius; some read from the Bible they brought; others read from a devotional booklet; some say the rosary. Finally, all are expected to observe a quiet reverence throughout the holy hour out of respect for others praying in silent adoration.



Stewardship Thought for the feast of the Epiphany: The Magi brought the child Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What

gifts do I place before Jesus? My time in prayer? My talents and time shared with my parish community? My faithful contributions to the weekly offertory collection?

Post Abortion Healing Retreat called



“Rachel’s Vineyard” is a beautiful opportunity for any woman, man, or family member who is struggling with the emotional, spiritual or psychological pain of abortion to find healing.

Come and experience the mercy of God through this healing ministry. For information or to register contact Stephanie May: (912) 306-0406 or email her at stephmay@bellsouth.net, or visit the website at www.rachelsvineyard.org All calls and inquiries are confidential. Come and be restored. The next weekend retreat is February 24-26.


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



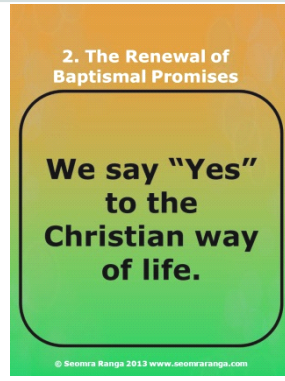
Pedida Para Una Misa: Si quisiera pedir una intención por una Misa, favor de llamar la oficina parroquial y

dejar un aviso al párroco.

Jan 7-13	Mass Intention	Requestor
Saturday	Helen Dill	Mary Hernandez
Sunday 8:30	+Eliseo Tovar	Jacinta Tovar
Sunday 10:30	Parishioners	Pastor
Tuesday	+Joseph Fitzmeyer	Pat Cullen
Wednesday	+ Don Dixon	Maria Cullen

Pray with the Pope  **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 in your prayers.

Christian Unity. That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord’s teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

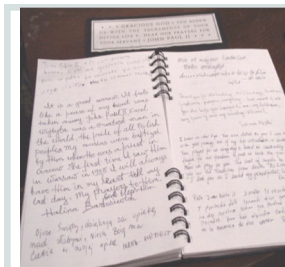


AS WE RENEW OUR BAPTISMAL VOWS.

At the liturgies this weekend, the last Sunday in the Christmas Season, we renew our Baptismal promises seeking renewed resolve to live our lives as better Christians in 2017. What is this public renewal of our Baptismal promises imply?

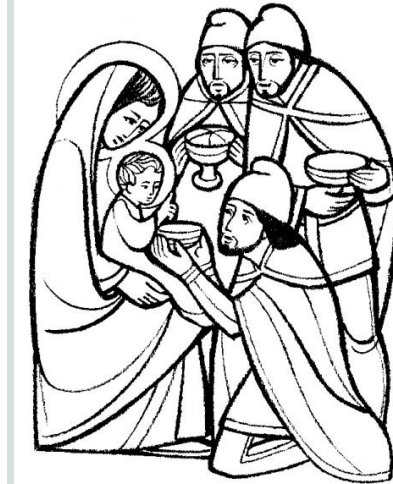
The following addresses this question; it is from a homily by Pope Francis.

“Baptism integrates us into the body of the Church, into the holy People of God. And in this body, in this people journeying on, faith is passed down from generation to generation: it is the faith of the Church. It is the faith of Mary...of St Joseph, of ...the Apostles and of the Martyrs, which has come down to us, through Baptism: the chain of transmission of the faith. This is really beautiful! It is a passing of the flame of faith from hand to hand: we too (at Easter) express it with the act of lighting candles from the great Paschal candle. The large wax candle represents the Risen Christ, living in our midst. You, families, take the light of faith from Him in order to pass it on to your children. You receive this light in the Church, in the Body of Christ, in the People of God who are journeying through every time and in every place. Teach your children that one can not be a Christian outside of the Church, one cannot follow Jesus Christ without the Church, for the Church is Mother, who makes us grow in the love of Jesus Christ.”



Has Someone Asked You for Prayers? Perhaps a friend or relative? Of if you have a prayer intention of your own, remember we have a Prayer Intention Binder for your use. 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 then 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?

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY The Feast of the



Epiphany is celebrated in the United States on the Sunday after January 1st. The feast’s traditional date, January 6, marks the end of the 12 days of Christmas, and celebrates, as St. Matthew writes, the arrival of the Magi in Bethlehem where Jesus

was born. The word epiphany means “manifestation” which is exactly what the Magi represent--Jesus’ manifestation to the outside world.

The arrival of the Magi is celebrated in Spanish speaking countries like Mexico, e.g., with El Dia de Los Reyes.

Yet, despite their “manifestation” role in the story of the birth of Jesus, the feast day honoring them and what they represent is often overlooked in the post-Christmas hustle and bustle.

By the time January 6th rolls around, many people already have their Christmas decorations packed away until next year. We can resist this secular, unliturgical temptation to cut short the Christmas Season by leaving the decorations up until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which occurs this Tuesday, the 9th of January. It is that day which marks the end of the Christmas Season in the Church’s Liturgical Calendar. Next Sunday begins the season of “Ordinal” time.

Our Parish Council of Catholic Women



will meet this Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6 PM in Sherlock Hall (Classroom # 1). As always, all women of our parish are invited to

attend. For more information please contact Carolyn Campbell (Vice Pres.) at 942-2801 or by email: carolynrdc@att.net.

Weekend	Offertory	Budget/Presupuesto	Surplus/(+Sobre)Deficit/(—Falta)	2nd Collection
January 1	\$ 2,530	\$2,588	(-\$58)	