

## Nuestra Colecta ofertorio



Gracias a todos que regularmente y generosamente contribuyan al colecta ofertorio durante nuestras Misas al fin de la semana. El reto del presupuesto parroquial por este nuevo

año fiscal (a partir de 1 de julio) es menos de antes, o sea, \$2,925 semanalmente.

Debemos darnos cuenta que hay tres pasos espirituales en cuanto de la manera de contribuir a su parroquia:

- 1) rezar en la presencia de Cristo Jesús pidiéndole luz de cuanto dinero donar durante el año;
- 2) calcular la proporción de su ingreso a comparar con su iglesia cada mes y
- 3) planificar a ponerla en la colecta ofertorio semanalmente.

Con este método, se evita el capricho de echar unos pocos dólares al canasto los cuales no ayudan mucho a su iglesia de Santa María a pagar sus gastos, inclusive por los luces, aire acondicionado, mantenimiento del plantel, etc.

Finalmente, además de los padres de familia, es buena formación religiosa y disciplina personal que los jóvenes y aun niños, acostumbrarse a donar algo a su parroquia semanalmente.

Gracias a todos por la practica generosa de su corresponsabilidad de Tesoro a Santa María.

## Misa 9:30 AM este jueves el día de gracias



El costumbre de EE. UU. es celebrar un día de gracias cada año. Así pues, como católicos venimos al templo este día a celebrar nuestra gratitud a Dios por sus bendiciones a nosotros. Que vengamos todos a la misa bilingüe, 9:30 en la mañana.

## ¿CRISTIANO CORESPONSABLE: Quien Es?



Es uno que recibe agradecidamente los dones de Dios, los atiende en una manera responsable y comparte con justicia y amor en todo, y se los devuelve con aumento al Señor. Uno que comparta su tiempo, talento y tesoro.

**COMPATIR NUESTRO TIEMPO:** Corresponsabilidad del tiempo implica el darse cuenta que el tiempo nadie lo posee, es un obsequio de Dios. A cada uno de nosotros se no da cierta cantidad, y ya depende de cada uno de nosotros en que cuidadoso es en estructurar un horario para tener el tiempo de trabajar, descansar, jugar, orar, etc. Esto es esencial en la administración de nuestro físico, emocional, espiritual, y lo intelectual de nuestras vidas.

## COMPARTIR NUESTRO TALENTOS

Nuestros talentos son las bendiciones especiales que cada uno de nosotros hemos recibido del Creador amoroso que aprecia la diversidad y la variedad abundante de toda la creación. Cuando nosotros nos ofrecemos a trabajar para nuestra parroquia o a la diócesis o para ayudar a un vecino con una tarea difícil, lo que tiene que dar es más que nuestro tiempo. Damos también algo de nosotros mismos, es un compartimiento íntimo de lo que somos para el bien de los demás. A esto le llamamos nuestros talentos, son nuestras habilidades y las cosas que mas nos gusta hacer.

**Compartir Nuestro TESORO:** Los "primeros frutos" de su trabajo que usted regresa al Señor, basados en su mejor habilidad. Todo lo que tenemos viene de Dios y nosotros le damos a la Iglesia, a nuestra parroquia, no solamente porque esta tenga necesidad, sino que nosotros tenemos necesidad de darlo.

## Corresponsabilidad 33avo domingo



Los buenos administradores de los bienes de Dios son como los fieles e industriosos siervos del Evangelio de hoy, que usan prudentemente y multiplican los dones que Dios les ha confiado.



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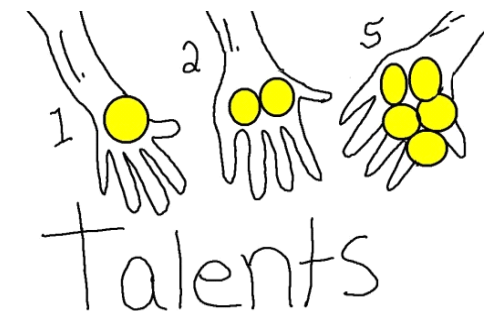
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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

November 19, 2017; 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus told his disciples this parable: 'A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one--to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground.'" (Matt. 25)



**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



**SPIRITUALITY OF STEWARDSHIP**

Who is a Christian steward? “A Christian steward is one who receives God’s gifts gratefully and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord...”

The Book of Genesis tells us that God placed the first human beings in a garden to practice stewardship — ‘to cultivate and care for it.’ The world remains a kind of garden entrusted to the care of men and women for God’s glory and the service of humankind.” (From the American Bishops booklet “Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response”)

**Stewardship of Time** involves allotting time daily for prayer and for the weekend Mass, sharing love with family and friends, and volunteering our time in church and community activities that help others and promote justice.

**Stewardship of Talents** arises from a humble awareness God has given each of us the ability and gifts to do certain things well, and we are to develop those talents for the good of others. Many individuals so aware share a certain number of hours each week to church and/or community outreach.

**Stewardship of Treasure** is equally as important as giving of our time and talent. Since God does not hold back in any area of His giving, so we are not to hold back in any area of our giving, especially in the area of supporting our parish, our diocese, Catholic agencies, community organizations.



**Offertory Envelopes**

Thanks to all who regularly use their offertory envelopes throughout the calendar year. Envelopes serve as a reminder that when we leave our house to come to Mass, whether Saturday evening or Sunday morning, we also bring our contribution to the Offertory Collection. Use of weekly envelopes bespeaks a giving that is prayerful, planned and proportionate to our current income. **Proportionate** means that some years we are blessed and able to contribute more, some years this is not so and thus we give a lesser amount. **Prayerful** means that before deciding an amount to contribute regularly we first spend some time placing our self before God to recall the blessings God has bestowed on us. Having done that, we then respond gratefully, and cheerfully for God loves that, with an amount we feel called to contribute. And **planned**, in that it is not a giving that is capricious, but one mindful that the members of our parish’s Finance Committee develop a budget for our parish yearly relying on what parishioners place in the Offertory Collections.

The mailed envelopes with their individual numbers enable the quickest means of recording contributions in the diocesan recommended system we use. By contrast, loose checks entail our needing to record them by looking up the family name in the computer to post them properly. And with cash, we have no way of knowing which parishioner made the donation (unless it is placed in a plain envelope with at least their first and last name and address. To ensure the correct posting of information, our mailed envelopes are the preferred way of proceeding (along with, we hasten to add, “auto bill pay” which thankfully some parishioners prefer to use). By January 31st every year, we send out contribution statements for tax purposes.

Our numbered offertory envelopes are sent out bi-monthly. They are sent to those who have signed up for them and mailed to the address provided to our parish office. If you have moved kindly notify the office of your change of address. Again, thanks to all who regularly use them and please continue to do so. For those who have yet to receive envelopes please contact our parish bookkeeper Randy Vanderwelt: 229-924-3495 or by the email he uses : stmaryamericus@gmail.com. Likewise for those whose envelope subscription has ceased for some reason, please contact Randy to resume receiving them.

**Thanksgiving Day Bi-lingual Mass: 9:30AM**



We remind ourselves the word “Eucharist” is from the Greek and means thanksgiving. How fitting to celebrate Thanksgiving Day at the Eucharist. All are welcome. Our parish will celebrate a bilingual Mass on Thanksgiving day at 9:30 AM. For those who observe the traditional custom and wish their holiday breads to be blessed, bring them to church and place them at the base of the main altar when arriving before Mass. The breads will be blessed by the pastor at the conclusion of the liturgy.

**Parish Office’s Thanksgiving Schedule: On**

Thursday and Friday of this week there will be no office hours. For matters of urgency, the office answering machine will remain operative and monitored for messages left by callers whether in English or Spanish.

**Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a BBQ**

with 2 Dukes BBQ. Your meal includes your choice of pulled pork, 1/4 white meat chicken, 1/4 dark meat chicken, two side dishes and bread. You can pick up your meal at 2 Dukes BBQ between Tuesday, November 28 and Saturday, December 2. Tickets are \$8, and can be purchased from any Knight. Purchase your ticket by Monday, November 20, 2017. For more information please contact K of C member Ron Akerman: 229-942-1653 or by email: ronakerman@mediacombb.net.

**Bernard Bosse to be installed as Acolyte**



Bishop Hartmayer will install deaconate candidates, including our own Bernard Bosse, to the order of acolyte on Saturday, December 2nd at 9:30 am at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dublin. The church address is 1559 US-441, Dublin, GA. The order of acolyte is one of the traditional minor orders a candidate for the deaconate receives before his ordination which in Bernie’s case is scheduled for next May. Parishioners are invited to the Mass and also to the celebratory lunch that follows. Those planning to attend the lunch are kindly asked, for planning purposes, to notify Louise or Bernie Bosse by email or phone by November 24. Louise Bosse: labosse@mchsi.com. Bernie Bosse: 229-815-0189

**Gold & Silver Jubilee Anniversary Mass**

Couples celebrating their Silver or Gold (25th or 50th) Wedding Anniversaries in 2018 are invited to breakfast and a special Mass in their honor at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Savannah, GA on Sunday, February 11, 2018 with Bishop Gregory Hartmayer. Those wishing to attend should register online by December 18th at: <https://www.diosav.org/familylife-marriage-jubilee>.

**Stewardship Thought: 33rd Sunday**

A question this Sunday’s gospel prompts us to ask ourselves: what will I do with the time, talent, and treasure God has given me? Will I invest it to yield an increase or will I bury it?

<b>Weekend</b>	<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Budget/Presupuesto</b>	<b>Surplus/(+Sobre)Deficit/(—Falta)</b>	<b>2nd Collection</b>
October 29	\$2,819	\$2,925	-\$106	
November 5	\$3,262	\$2,925	\$337	SAMA \$638
November 12	\$2,326	\$2,925	\$599	