

¿ LA CAMPAÑA DEL OBISPO: 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

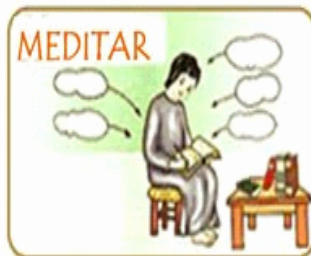
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| \$400 | \$40 |
| \$300 | \$30 |
| \$200 | \$20 |
| \$100 | \$10 |

Confesiones este miércoles a las 7 PM



Para prepararnos bien a celebrar la Pascua, vengán el rito comunal del sacramento de reconciliación, con confesiones particulares, este miércoles el 22 de marzo a las 7 PM. Tendremos cinco padres confesores: El párroco Padre Paco, y Padres: Ray Levreault, Paulinus Okpala, Carlos Pinzón, and François Pellessier. Se urge la asistencia de adultos, jóvenes y chicos, inclusive chicos que van a hacer su primera Confesión.

Lectura Divina Método: Cuatro Pasos



¿Cómo Confesarme? Hay Cinco pasos breves



1. El sacerdote empezará con la Señal de la Cruz o un saludo y bendición.
2. Tú dirás: “Perdóname Padre porque he pecado y hace _____ (aquí mencione el número de días, semanas, meses, o años) desde mi última confesión, y tengo estos pecados”. Ahora mencione sus pecados principales (sin rodeos y tantos detalles), terminado con: “Por estos y todos los pecados de mi vida estoy arrepentido(a)”. (Con esto le dejas saber al sacerdote que has terminado.)
3. El sacerdote puede hacerte preguntas para clarificar o darte algunos consejos. Contéstale brevemente.
4. Haga un acto de contrición, por ejemplo, “Yo confieso...” o use sus propias palabras.
5. El sacerdote te dará una penitencia. Escúchala, recuérdala, hágala.

Lectio Divina: Cuaresma 3ra Semana

1. Empecemos nuestra oración: En el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo. Amén
2. Lectura: Lee la Escritura de la Samaritana y Jesús dos o tres veces. (Juan 4:5-42)
3. 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 captaron mi atención?
 ¿Qué parte en este pasaje me consoló?
 ¿Qué parte en este pasaje me desafió? *Si practicas la lectio divina como familia o en un grupo, invita a los participantes a compartir sus respuestas.*

4. Contemplación: ¿De qué manera se relaciona este pasaje con la experiencia de mi vida diaria? *Dame de beber.* ¿Tengo sed de qué? ¿De qué manera siento la necesidad de Dios? ¿De qué manera puedo ayudar para compartir el amor de Dios con aquellos que sienten sed de su presencia?

Los que lo adoran deben hacerlo en espíritu y en verdad. ¿En qué forma el culto público de la Iglesia (especialmente la Misa) fortalece mi fe en Dios y mi amor por Él? ¿De qué manera me llama este culto a transformar mi vida para seguir la verdad de Cristo?

5. Oración: Lee el pasaje de la Escritura una vez más. Termine la oración con un Padre Nuestro.



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March 19, 2017 3rd Sunday of Lent



“Jesus came to a town of Samaria...
 ... tired from his journey, Jesus sat down at the well.
 ...A woman of Samaria came to draw water.
 Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink’.
 ...The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?’
 —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans. (John

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

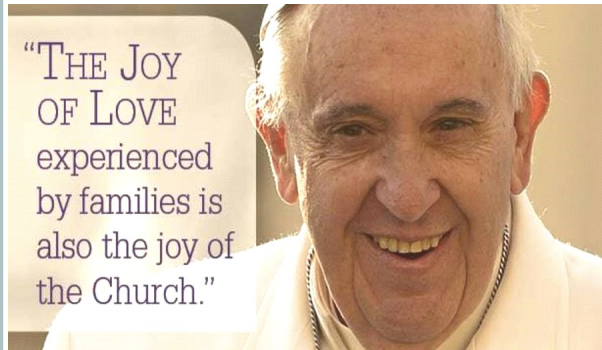
Salado en la tarde—5 PM Ingles
 Domingo—Sunday: 8:30 am (Español)
 Martes a Viernes a las 12:00 pm (ingles) en la capilla

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 on Saturday, April 1st in Sherlock Hall, starting with breakfast at 8 am (to 8:45), followed by the talk and group dynamics led by Sr. 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".

"Our Return to the Lord" is the theme for the Bishop's Annual Appeal this year. Our pledges and gifts will again help make our Bishop's appeal a success. Using the same formula that has proven successful



the past three years, let us (1) pray over an amount that is sacrificial yet manageable for us to contribute then (2) pledge that amount and, by installments, contribute to assist our Bishop meet the many material and spiritual needs of our diocese.

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| If Total Pledge is | Then 10 Installments are: |
| \$1,000 | \$100 |
| 500 | 50 |
| 250 | 25 |
| 120 | 12 |
| St. Mary's 2017 BAA Goal: | \$13,901 |

Stations of the Cross with Exposition and 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.



How do I make a Confession?

- +First, take some time at home beforehand to prayerfully make an examination of conscience to identify your sins;
- +Once inside the reconciliation area make the sign of the cross saying: "Bless me Father for I have sinned, it has been ___ (days, weeks, months, years, decades) since my last confession, and these are the sins I want to tell God I am sorry for" (then state your sins).
- +Afterwards the priest gives you a penance.
- +Then say audibly an act of contrition unless you just recited it beforehand in the Service.
- +After that the priest gives you absolution; then you depart to do your penance.

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 intencion por una Misa, favor de llamar la oficina parroquial. Si el parroco no está favor dejele un aviso.*

| <u>March 18-24</u> | <u>Mass Intention</u> | <u>Requestor</u> |
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| Saturday | +Thomas McQuillan | Sherri Weil |
| Sunday 8:30 | Parishioners | Pastor |
| Sunday 10:30 | +Anne McQuiillan | Betty Shank |

| <u>Weekend</u> | <u>Offertory</u> | <u>Budget/Presupuesto</u> | <u>Surplus/Sobre;Deficit/Falta</u> | <u>2nd Collection</u> |
|----------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ash Wednes. | \$ 705 | For Church in Eastern Europe | XX | XX |
| March 5 | \$3,455 | | \$867 | BAA 8:30 Mass \$355 |
| March 12 | \$3,004 | | \$416 | BAA 8:30 Mass \$206 |

WHAT IS THE V ENCUESTRO?

The V 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.

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.

WHAT ARE SOME OF ITS OBJECTIVES?

- +Provide a vision that develops pathways to engage Hispanic Catholic youth, young adults, and families to live out their baptismal vocation:
- +Invite all Catholic leaders to accompany Hispanic Catholics who find themselves in the peripheries of the Church and society, particularly those who live in at-risk situations and are not actively involved in their faith community (For more information go to <https://diosav.org/hispanic-ministry-v-encuentro>)

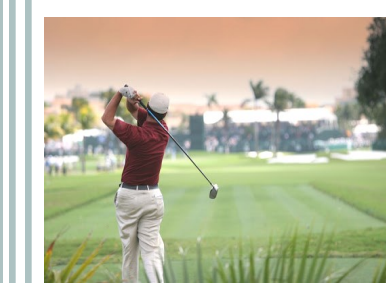
Surveys of Possible Mass Time Change

Thanks to all who submitted the surveys by the deadline which was this past Friday by 1 PM. Over the coming weeks these multilingual surveys with their structured questions and written comments will be carefully processed. In due time, their major findings and the decision regarding a possible change in weekend Mass times will be communicated. In the meantime, please (1) include in your extra praying this Lent, invocations to the Holy Spirit to guide the final stages of our discernment process, (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.

Lenten Confessions this Wednesday at 7 PM



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 at our parish this Wednesday, March 22nd at 7 PM. These services involve adults, youth and eligible children. Besides the pastor, the 4 confessors who agreed to assist us next Tuesday are: Fathers Ray Levreault, Paulinus Okpala, Carlos Pinzón, and Francois Pellessier. Father Francois is fluently tri-lingual: French, Spanish, English. Be sure to consult an Examination of Conscience guide ahead of time, e.g., the one inserted in this week's bulletin, so you arrive prepared to make your confession.



The 20th Annual Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Tournament will be next Saturday, 25th of March at 8 AM at Griffin Bell Course. If you would like to play, volunteer, be a hole

sponsor or prize donor, please call Ron Akerman at 942-1653.

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.