

Cinco Mártires De Georgia (1597)



Pedro de Corpa nació en España en la ciudad de Madrid, y siendo muy joven, se unió a los Franciscanos en Astorga, España. Se ofreció como voluntario para trabajar en las misiones en el Nuevo Mundo. Para el momento en que él cumplió treinta y siete años de edad, ya había pasado diez años en La Florida y Nueva España, que incluía lo que hoy es Georgia y Florida.

El Padre vivió entre el nativo Guale en la Misión Tolomato, que se cree estaba ubicado cerca de Darién, Georgia (unas cincuenta millas al sur de Savannah). Este fue el pueblo donde el gran jefe, o “mico”, del Guale vivía. Fray Pedro había desarrollado un conocimiento paternal y amor por los Guales. Aun así, sabía que hay ciertas verdades que no pueden ser ignoradas y tanto por deber y por amor, Fray Pedro amonestó al joven príncipe Guale, Juanillo, por su poligamia (es decir, tener más de una esposa).

El Gobernador Menéndez y los Frailes Franciscanos confiaban y respetaban al padre de Juanillo, el jefe de los Guale, así que por consecuencia también confiaban en su hijo y heredero, Juanillo. Pero Juanillo se indignó por el suave reproche de Fray Pedro, y por lo tanto la rebelión de los Guale comenzó con el martirio de Fray Pedro. Los Guale, liderados por Juanillo, mataron a Fray Pedro en la madrugada del 14 de Septiembre 1597, cuando se preparaba para celebrar la misa de la fiesta de Exaltación a la Santa Cruz cuando acababa de terminar la oración de Laudes y estaba a punto de entrar en la capilla. Cuentos de la época indican que los hombres jóvenes se colaron encima de él y lo apalearon hasta la muerte. Juanillo iría a desencadenar una serie de martirios en todas las misiones Franciscanas. Los cuatro compañeros mártires de Fray Pedro de Corpa fueron: Blas Rodríguez, Miguel de Añón, Antonio de Badajoz, and Francisco de Veráscola.

El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos



(RICA) es un proceso por el cual una persona que desea recibir los sacramentos en la Iglesia Católica es instruida en la fe Católica durante el año y luego puede ser recibida como fiel de la Iglesia. Adultos mayores de 16 años que no son bautizados o han sido bautizados y desean recibir la Sagrada Comunión y el Sacramento de la Confirmación están bienvenidos a este programa. Los cursos de RICA ya comenzaran; se reúnen la noche de viernes de las 7 a las 8:30 en el salón de la iglesia.

Hora Santa vuelve todos los miércoles.



Con la comiienza de nuevo de clases religiosas los miércoles, nos recordamos que hay la hora santa de adoración en silencio en el templo desde las 6:25 hasta las 7:25. Este es un horario muy conveniente por los padres de familia, es decir, después de dejar sus niños con sus maestros en el salón Sherlock, que se vayan a templo.

¿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.

CORRESPONSABILIDAD 17 de septiembre



La administración de los bienes de Dios no es opcional. “Ninguno de nosotros vive como se fuera su propio dueño, y ninguno de nosotros muere como si fuera su propio dueño,” dice San Pablo. “Mientras vivamos, somos responsables ante el Señor; y cuando morimos, morimos como Sus siervos.”



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September 17, 2017

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?"

As many as seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.“ (Matt: 18)



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.

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

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.

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



Catechetical Sunday September 17th

What Does “Catechetical” Mean?

Catholics have used the word "catechism" for years, and they know it has something to do with the compendium of the Church's teachings. The root word, "catechesis," is from a Greek word meaning "to echo, or resound." Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

Why do we commission our catechists?

Catechesis is a distinct ministry of teaching in the Church having a profound dignity which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

Who are Children’s Primary Catechists?

Parents are the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith, including bringing their children to weekly Mass attendance. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

Stewardship Thought for September 17th, the 24th Sunday



The spirituality of stewardship is a way of life that you can practice at your parish, exercise at work, and express through personal involvement in the communities of which you form a part. Many parishioners have just done this by lending their time, talent and treasure to aide those affected by Hurricane Irma.

The Five Franciscan Martyrs Of Georgia



Most Catholics in Georgia if asked would have no idea that the Catholic Church has a history in this part of the world that goes back to the sixteenth century. Most Catholics would be surprised to learn that there were dozens of Franciscan missions up and down the Georgia coast, and that we have generations of indigenous Catholics buried in the sand of now lost missions. Most Georgians would be surprised to learn that the nation’s oldest book was written in Georgia (a Catechism in the language of one of our lost tribes of native Georgians). Most Catholics would be surprised to learn that arguably the first documented baptism in our country took place in what is today Georgia. And most Catholics in Georgia would be surprised to know that we have five martyrs, all Franciscans, in our own history. As Catholics of this diocese we need to be mindful of the Five Georgia Martyrs. Now that their beatification cause is in its final stage, Rome is asking us as members of the Savannah Diocese to promote their story and encourage devotion to them.

Their names are: Pedro de Corpa, Blas Rodríguez, Miguel de Añon, Antonio de Badajoz, and Francisco de Veráscola. We know about them from friar Francisco de Avila, who survived to tell the story. They were martyred because of their proclamation of the Gospel, wherein they gave witness to the Church’s teaching upholding the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Especially around the anniversary of their martyrdoms, September 14, 16, and 17 in 1597, let us remember their witness to Christ.

Below is a link to Our Lady of the Mountains Parish in Jasper, Georgia whence the above text is taken and where one find links to more resources.
<https://olmjasper.com/about/parochial-patrimony/our-five-georgia-martyrs/>

For Whom Is The RCIA?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, called RCIA for short, is for:
 + unbaptized persons who seek baptism;
 + Catholics or others validly baptized who seek to receive the Sacraments of Communion and/or Confirmation
 + Catholics returning to the practice their faith
 + Catholics who desire to deepen their knowledge of our faith and sit in on some or all RICA sessions.

WHEN DOES THE NEXT RCIA CYCLE BEGIN?



The next RCIA cycle begins next Sunday, 24th of September, in Sherlock Hall following the 9:30 Mass and goes until 12 noon.

All persons listed in the above four categories are urged to come and see and hear and ask. Also, as in past years, parishioners seeking to refresh their understanding of the teachings of our Catholic faith are welcome to attend.

For further information please contact now RCIA Coordinator, Bernie Bosse at: 229-815-0189 or by his email at: bcbosse@mchsi.com.

POST ABORTION HEALING RETREAT



For any person, mother, father, family member, or friend, who is struggling with the emotional, spiritual and psychological pain after an abortion there is a special ministerial retreat just for you. It’s the Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat and it offers an opportunity to find healing, hope and forgiveness, It takes place the weekend of November 3rd-5th in a locale near Augusta, Ga. Come and experience the mercy and compassion of God through this healing ministry. For additional information contact Stephanie May at 912-306-0406/ stephmay@bellsouth.net, or visit the website at www.rachelsvineyard.org . All calls and inquiries are strictly confidential.

Wednesday Eve Holy Hour Resumes



Now that our Faith Formation classes have resumed on Wednesdays, so too will our silent devotion before the Blessed Sacrament from 6:25 until 7:25 in the

church. Some parents have found that after signing-in their children in Sherlock hall, they look forward to going on to the church for prayerful solitude before the Blessed Sacrament. 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 during the holy hour out of respect for others praying in silent adoration.

Hand Made Rosaries For Sale By A Former Parishioner Some current members



ROSARIES

may remember Terry Blanton who many years ago belonged to our parish. Presently to help support herself she draws on her talent to hand make rosaries of high quality. For further information contact Terry preferably by email: terryblanton52@gmail.com ; those without internet can call 678-283-2424.

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget/Presupuesto</u>	<u>Surplus/(+Sobre)Deficit/(—Falta)</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>
September 3	\$3,217	\$3,026	+\$191	
September 10	\$2,764	\$3,026	-\$262	\$4,629 For “Harvey” victims