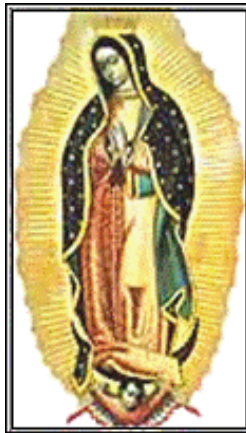


Planificación: La Fiesta Guadalupana



Este año la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, 12 de diciembre, cae en el martes, unas tres semanas de esta fin de semana. Hay una junta este jueves, 7 de diciembre a las 7 PM en el salón, para planificar el horario con las tareas y coordinadores para celebrar esta fiesta. Todos nuestras feligreses están invitados para ayudar con la planificación, trayendo sus ideas creativas y factibles. Para mas información, favor póngase en contacto con un miembro del liderazgo como Rocio, Martín, Raúl y Sara, Juan y Angélica, Karina.



Los Danzantes aprobados a participar en la procesión y en la Misa Guadalupana tendrán ensayos a las 5:30 este tarde de domingo en el salón. Todos que pertenecen a nuestra parroquia están invitados a participar.

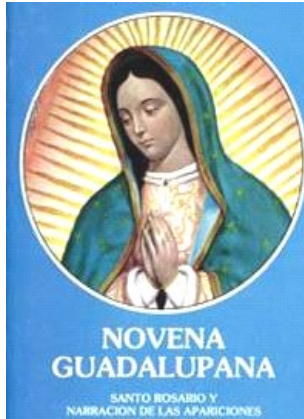
Evento

Novena Guadalupana, Cintas
Parqueo
Permiso policial por procesión
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Bocina y Fotografía
Los Danzantes
Rol de N.S. De Guadalupe
Rol de Juan Diego
Rol del Obispo
Frailes
Rol de dos a hablar el dialecto
Portador estatua de N.S. de G.
Misa de Las Rosas
Ayudante con la homilía
Monaguillos
Lectores
Procesión de las Rosas
Ministros Eucarísticos
Acomodadores
Comida y bebidas
Limpieza y Despedida
Supervisión Normas de Virtus
Gerente de mantenimiento y seguridad

Coordinador

Angélica
Lola, Luis, María M.
Héctor Lepiz
Juan A., Chris
Enrique y sus hijos
Licha
Martín
Atza Nailea
Rocio
Jackie
Miguel Sánchez
Héctor Lepiz Jr.
Luis, Edgar
Petrona, Adolfo
Raúl, Chris
Párroco
Licha
Litzy, Miguel A., BB
Sara, Karina
Victoria
Miguel A, Angélica, Raúl
Sal, Bonnie, Rene
Josefina con ayuda de todos
Todos
Sara, Angélica
Juan Alejo

La Novena Guadalupana



comienza mañana lunes el 4 de diciembre y va hasta el martes, el 12. La novena empieza a las 6 en la tarde y estará en la iglesia esta semana: lunes, martes, miércoles, jueves y viernes. Para mas información, favor hable con Sra. Angélica o Rocio.

Hora Santa delante de La Santísima:



Este jueves es el primero del mes y por lo tanto todos están invitados a venir a la hora santa de las 6:55

PM hasta a las 8:00 para adorar, rezar, y cantar delante del Santísimo. Algunos van a venir mas temprano para la Novena Guadalupana que comienza a las 6 y quédense por la hora santa inmediatamente después.

La Inmaculada Concepción: 2 Misas



La solemnidad de esta fiesta de la patrona de los Estados Unidos, 8 de

Diciembre, este viernes, es un día feriado, con misa obligatoria. Tendremos dos oportunidades a cumplir nuestra obligación a asistir a la Misa viernes: (1) a las 12 de medio día en la iglesia (no en la capilla) y (2) a las 7:00, bilingüe también en la iglesia.



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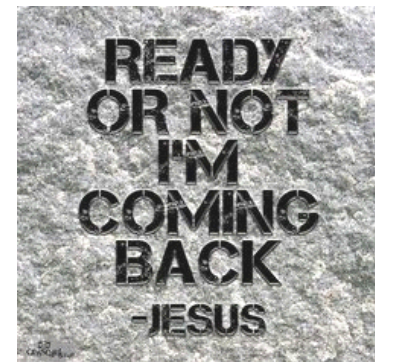
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Parish Web Page: www.stmaryamericus.com

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

December 3, 2017 1st Sunday of Advent



“Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come....

Watch, therefore;

you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming,

whether in the evening, or at midnight,

or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.”

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



**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION :
PREPARE YOUR ADVENT CONFESSION**

Intrinsic to our conversion process during Advent is partaking in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). All Catholics are urged to celebrate this blessed sacrament in a communal setting at a parish; those of our Albany Deanery are listed below. These services are for adults, youth and eligible children; have on hand several confessors; are bilingual (English and Spanish). Consult an Examination of Conscience ahead of time to prepare yourself properly for your confession. Persons who cannot make any of these services due to illness or work schedule can phone the pastor up to December 23rd to arrange a mutually convenient time to confess which would be administered in our chapel.

Advent Penance Services for our own parish and two adjacent parishes are listed below; all are in the evening at 7 PM

- 12/13 Wednesday St. Teresa, Albany
- 12/20 Wednesday St. Mary, Americus
- 12/21 Thursday St. Theresa, Cordele



POPE FRANCIS ON CONFESSING DURING ADVENT: "If you have something ...on your soul, ask the Lord's forgiveness. This is a beautiful chance Christmas gives us – to clean up our souls...! Don't be afraid... God forgives everything."

Remind Me: How do I make a Confession? The following 5 steps summarize the way to confess.

- 1) First prayerfully make an examine of conscience to identify your sins.
- 2) Once inside the confession space, make the sign of the cross then say: "Bless me Father for I have sinned, it has been ____ (days, weeks, months, years, decades) since my last confession and I want to tell God I am sorry for the following sins"
- 3) State your sins as you have prepared them beforehand guided by an examination of conscience.
- 4) Afterwards the priest gives you a penance. Then you say audibly an act of contrition (you can either bring your own or use the one that will be available for confession).
- 5) When you are finished the priest administers absolution to you. After he is done, you depart.



Advent's invitation to prepare to celebrate anew Jesus's birth can be disrupted by then noise from commercial hustle and bustle blaring all around us. As a result, this season of joyful awaiting becomes one of premature celebrations of the next; a season of blissful hope becomes a season of exasperating busyness; a season of uplifting Scriptural readings becomes one of mundane mercantile messages. We are

to remind ourselves often this Advent season is not the Christmas season. Our challenge is to stay on the Advent message throughout the season and reap its unique graces. Those graces are contained in the liturgical package of hymns, Scriptures, prayers, and rituals (like lighting of Advent's four candles). We are to be counter-cultural in Advent, to prepare the way of the Lord in our hearts by a spirit of repentance, especially by going to Confession in Advent. We enter the Advent season this Sunday in which the gospel tells us to stay alert: "Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming."

POINSETTIAS & CHRISTMAS GREENERY



As in previous years, parishioners who wish to help procure poinsettias and Christmas greenery for decorating the Church can do so with a designated check or may use the envelopes in the vestibule of the Church. The requested donation had dropped to \$10. Donations may be placed in the offertory collection through the weekend of December 17th.

**Have you gone to the web page below yet?
www.livingtheeucharist.org**



Bishop, Gregory Hartmayer has directed all parishes of our Savannah Diocese to participate in a 3 year program called "Living the Eucharist" (LTE).

LTE is a spiritual renewal program providing us with opportunities to grow in our faith through learning more about the Eucharist, participating more actively in Sunday Mass, and living the Eucharist each day as disciples of Jesus. It involves small group of parishioners sharing together and will begin in a few months.

Though LTE begins not until Lent, it involves much planning starting now, and it is important that parishioners educate themselves little by little about LTE by going to www.livingtheeucharist.org. The Coordinator of LTE for our parish's English speaking segment is Lynn Ingles, who is also the Chair of our Pastoral Council. She is available to answer your questions about LTE and can be reached at lynn.ingle@mga.edu.

A free, brief, daily Advent program for you



Advent is the season to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Jesus coming at Christmas. But unless we decide now to stay focused on Advent's message

and its spiritual dynamics, secular distractions will easily seduce us. One way to immerse ourselves into Advent's spirituality is the daily email program from Dynamic Catholic. It's easy to do throughout Advent. The program starts this Sunday 12/3 and is called "Best Advent Ever". It has three brief parts (1) short inspirational videos (2) practical tips for daily living in Advent (3) real-life stories of hope. It is free and self paced. Sign up for it at: BestAdventEver.com/Youreinvited.

2 Masses For Immaculate Conception



To facilitate attendance on this holy day of obligation, our parish will have two Masses this coming Friday, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The first is at 12 noon in the church, and the second is at 7:00 PM, bi-lingual, in the Church. Being a

Marian parish is all the more reason we are to come to this Mass to celebrate Mary's unique privilege, her immaculate conception.

Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW)



The next PCCW Meeting is this Monday, December 4, 2017 at 6:00 pm in classroom #3.

The agenda will consist of planning: for decorating the church for Christmas; our parish's

International Dinner in January; and the program "Living The Eucharist". All ladies of the parish are invited. For further information please contact Carolyn Campbell at 229-942-2801 or by email: carolynrdc@att.net

Pope's Prayer Intentions for December

Pray with the Pope



APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

As part of the Apostleship of Prayer and in union with our Pope, please remember the following intention this month.

The Elderly: That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Weekend	Offertory	Budget/Presupuesto	Surplus/(+Sobre)Deficit/(—Falta)	2nd Collection
October 29	\$2,819	\$2,925	-\$106	
November 5	\$3,262	\$2,925	\$337	SAMA \$638
November 12	\$2,326	\$2,925	-\$599	
November 26	\$2,624	\$2,925	-\$301	CHD \$531
November 26	\$2,100	\$2,925	-\$825	