

**¿QUE ES LA CAMPAÑA DEL OBISPO?**



Esta Campaña es la fuente primaria de ingresos para sostener y expandir los ministerios en 55 parroquias y 24 misiones, la edu-

cación de seminaristas, ofrecer programas de capacitación y liderazgo a la comunidad Hispano, apoyar con la educación religiosa de nuestros niños y jóvenes, mantener oficinas a servir familias y proporcionar servicios sociales a los necesitados en toda la diócesis. La diócesis no puede subsidiar todos los programas necesarios y le pide a las parroquias para que ayuden a nuestros hermanos en necesidad.

**¿POR QUÉ NECESITAMOS MINISTERIOS Y PROGRAMAS?** La iglesia católica responde a las necesidades de muchas personas en la diócesis. Mientras que algunos de estos servicios se ofrecen al nivel de la parroquia, es mucho más eficaz cuando nos unimos todos para los ministerios y para servir a toda la gente de la diócesis.

**¿CÓMO PODEMOS AYUDAR?** En dos formas: (1) Regalo de Oración, es decir, rece para que podemos lograr nuestra meta parroquial de \$13,901 como lo logramos el año pasado, de hecho 109% de nuestra meta, gracias a todos de nuestra parroquia inclusive de la comunidad Hispana; (2) Por Regalo de Abnegación, es decir, considere una promesa durante esta campaña de donación semanalmente en la segunda colecta o una donación de un solo pago para apoyar a los ministerios de nuestra diócesis de Savannah. Gracias por su generosidad.

**Donación Total: 10 Pagos por Segunda Colecta**

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

**Corresponsabilidad 7mo. domingo**

En la primera lectura de hoy, los Israelitas son exhortados a amar a su prójimo como a sí mismos. En el Evangelio, Jesús explica cómo debemos hacer esto- dar generosamente a quienes nos lo piden y no volver nuestras espaldas a aquellos que solicitan un préstamo.

**Discernimiento de Cambios Posibles en el Horario de la Misa, Del Fin De Semana**



Con el fin de ampliar las oportunidades para la asistencia a la misa del fin de semana, principalmente (no exclusivamente) para muchos de nuestros

Feligreses Hispanos, y debido a que en dos años, observando la poca afluencia de Feligreses a nuestra primera Misa dominical en horas de la mañana, así, como el alto número de llegadas tarde, ¡semana tras semana!, nuestro párroco ha comenzado un proceso de discernir a encontrar un mejor horario para las misas del fin de semana, para beneficio de todos.

Este proceso de discernimiento se ha comenzado a discutir formalmente en una reunión del Consejo Pastoral; también había sido discutido de vez en cuando al largo tiempo con nuestro grupo liderazgo Hispano, el cual se reúne los jueves a las 7 PM. De hecho, no oficialmente, el Pastor ha estado discutiendo esta posibilidad por más de dos años, con los Feligreses Hispanos y siente que llegó la hora ante el ruego formal a la solución para todos.

Las opiniones de los feligreses están bienvenidos y tendremos en el boletín una encuesta para saberlas. Por ahora, nos queda orar al Espíritu Santo, para que nos guie en el cambio de horario propuesto para las Misas del fin de semana y así mejorar la asistencia a las mismas por todos de nuestra comunidad.

DE:	Sábado	5 PM	Ingles
A :	Sábado	6 PM	Ingles & Español
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DE:	Domingo	8:30 AM	Español
A:	Domingo	9:30 AM	Español

**HORARIO:** Nótese, que hay un cambio de una (1) hora en ambos días, de 5:00 a 6:00 pm el sábado y el domingo de 8.30 a 9.30 am para la misa en español y de 10:30 a 11:30 am en inglés.

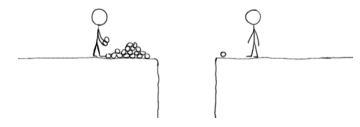
**IDIOMA:** En cuanto al idioma nótese, que el sábado en la tarde- la misa será bilingüe, así de este modo, se dará la oportunidad a los Hispanos de asistir a la Misa de este día. Nuestra juventud bilingüe, también disfrutara esta opción de vez en cuando.



**St. Mary Catholic Church**

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 February 19, 2017 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus said to his disciples: You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust."



**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

The theme for the Bishop's Annual Appeal



this year is :  
 "Our Return to the Lord".  
 Our pledges and gifts to it will again help make the Bishop's appeal a success. This year our

parish's goal is just \$13,901, a figure \$3,428 LESS THAN our parish's total contribution to last year's BAA. Therefore, using the same formula that has proven successful last year, and the year before that, 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. Last year's figures follow:

St. Mary's BAA goal last year:	\$15,888
Total we actually contributed	17,329
Percent of Goal:	109%
From Est. Percent of Parishioners	86%
(includes eleven 2nd collections at the 8:30 Spanish Mass for the BAA)	
St. Mary's 2017 BAA Goal:	\$13,901

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. Si el párroco no está favor déjele un aviso.*

<u>Feb 11-18</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>	<u>Requestor</u>
Saturday	+Veronica Sweeney	John Leonard
Sunday 8:30		
Sunday 10:30	Parishioners	Pastor
Tuesday	+Ann Cullen	Mary Hauser
Wednesday		

The funds raised through the Bishop's Annual Appeal help make possible ministries, programs and offices especially the following:

**VOCATIONS**

Substantial funding for the education of seminarians presently studying for the priesthood. It also helps fund the Diaconate program.

**SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRIES**

Deanery Social Services  
 Catholic Charities  
 Family Life

**EDUCATION MINISTRIES**

Faith Formation for our children and youth  
 Young Adult Ministry  
 Campus Ministry  
 Catholic Schools  
 Ecumenical Outreach

**MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMS**

Migrant and African American programs The migrant population in South Georgia reaches as many as 75,000 people in peak seasons. Much of the expenses are priest salary subsidies.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY**

e.g. Diocesan newspaper, The Southern Cross.

OTHER e.g., Marriage Tribunal , IT Office, etc.

Announcement for University Students

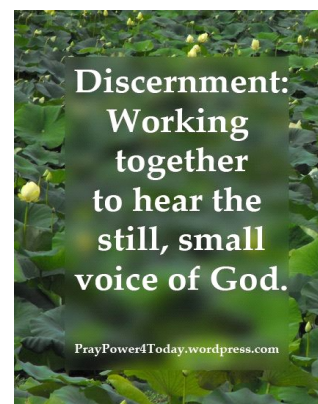


The Diocese of Savannah announces it is hiring a Day Camp Director for this summer at Camp Villa Marie. The director will oversee the daily running of summer camp through developing and implementing

weekly programs, supervising and training counselors, communicating with parents, and working closely with the Diocesan Camp Coordinator. This position is a seasonal, temporary position. Applications close March 3, 2017. To apply visit: <https://diosav.org/human-resources-summer-day-camp>.

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget/Presupuesto</u>	<u>Surplus/Sobre;Deficit/Falta</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>
February 5	\$ 3,831	\$2,588	+1,243	
February 12	3,167	2,588	+ 579	

Possible Change of Mass Times Process



The Bishops of the United States are engaged this year in an initiative called the V Encuentro. Our Bishop, Gregory Hartmayer, along with Bishops across the United States, desires parishioners to participate in this initiative in some way. The American Bishops V Encuentro, is supported by Pope Francis. It calls

upon the laity, the priests, and the Bishops "to listen with profound attention o the needs, challenges and aspirations that the growing Hispanic/Latino population faces in daily life. It especially prepares us as a Church to better recognize, embrace, and promote the many gifts and talents that the Hispanic community shares in the life and mission of the Church and in the society." (Bishops Gustavo Garcia-Siller and Nelson Perez) This initiative provides a context for the current process of our parish to discern a more accommodating weekend Mass schedule mainly, not exclusively, for our Hispanic brothers and sisters.

FROM: Saturday, 5 PM	English
TO: Saturday, 6 PM	English & Spanish
FROM: Sunday 8:30 AM	Spanish
TO: Sunday 9:30 AM	Spanish
FROM: Sunday 10:30 AM	English
TO: Sunday 11:30 AM	English

The schedule presented above is the only feasible one under consideration based on the information presented in previous bulletins. This week the bulletin first recalls some points presented the past two weeks, both in the bulletin and in the pastor's remarks before or at the end of Masses, then moves the process along by providing further information. We begin by reminding ourselves our parish is engaged in a process of discerning a possible change of Mass times. The impetus for this change has already been pointed out and salient facts shared, e.g., Mass attendance levels and trends, the lack of a Spanish language Mass opportunity on Saturday eve, we have one priest, the bilingual option on Saturday is the viable option (adding a Mass is unwarranted given Saturdays can have counselling sessions in the office, Baptisms, Marriages, Quinceañeras , etc.)

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Previous bulletins also mentioned the ongoing need for us as a parish to pray for guidance to be led by the Holy Spirit in this process from beginning to end (so as not to let the ubiquitous Evil Spirit hold sway). Also previously mentioned, parishioners' input into the process is welcomed and to achieve this goal they will be provided surveys. These surveys, like the Stewardship Forms parishioners have filled out the past two years, will be bilingual. Here we remind ourselves that the use of a surveys was the tool Pope Francis used to gather information from Catholics all over the world in his data gathering process leading up to the Synod on the Family.



On the bilingual surveys parishioners will be asked the usual sorts of questions including name, contact information, which weekend Mass they most often attend during the year, would they be open to attending that Mass if it were moved back an hour, and such like. They also will be invited to write in any comments they've prayerfully reflected on (see first point about the Holy Spirit). Subsequently these completed surveys will be read by the pastor who afterwards will be assisted in their compilation by a few members of the Pastoral Council and Hispanic Leadership group. A bilingual represented of the Vietnamese community has been and will continue to be consulted. The results of these important surveys will be summarized and shared through the bulletin for all parishioners to inform themselves. Finally, it is helpful to bear in mind the following: the priority throughout is with the process rather than with a deadline; there is no preset decision on the proposed schedule; the assumption is parishioners are praying to the Holy Spirit and that they are informing themselves as always by reading their bulletins; they timely participate in the process filling out and returning their surveys and not absenting themselves from it.



The Knights of Columbus will hold a bake sale next weekend after each of our three Masses.