



SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

332 S. Lee Street, Americus, GA 31709

October 3, 2021

3 de Octubre del 2021

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigésimo Séptimo Domingo del T.O.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Evangelio: Marcos 10:2-16

General Parish Information / Información General de la Parroquia

Parish office phone: 229-924-3495

Parish e-mail: stmaryamericus@gmail.com

Parish website: www.stmaryamericus.com

Parish office hours: Tuesday-Friday: 9:00AM-4:00PM

Parish Staff and Contacts

Parochial Administrator: Father Samuel Aniekwe

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Bernie Bosse

Bookkeeper: Randy Vanderwilt

Bi-lingual Secretary: Mireya López

Pastoral Council President: Lynn Ingle

Finance Council Chair: Deacon Bernie Bosse

Security/Alarm System Caretaker: Chet Crowley

Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE): Ron Akerman

RCIA (English): Deacon Bernie and Louise Bosse

RCIA (Spanish): Raul Yanez and Sara Rueda

Infants/Children Baptism Preparation (English): Deacon Bernie Bosse

Infants/Children Baptism Preparation (Spanish): Juan Alejo and Angélica Sanchez

Liturgical Ministers Coordinators (English): Deacon Bernie and Louise Bosse

Liturgical Ministers Coordinators (Spanish): Sara Rueda and Karina Rueda

Music Coordinator (English): Kathy Calcutt

Music Coordinator (Spanish): Martin Lara

Youth Ministry Coordinator: Rocío Aparicio

Altar Linens: Sylvia Barker

Facilities Coordinator: Britt Miller

Knights of Columbus #7113 Grand Knight: Robert Ingle



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 PM (English); Rosary before Mass 4:30 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM (English); 11:30 AM (Spanish)

Tuesday thru Friday: 12 PM in chapel (English)

HORARIO DE LAS MISAS

Sábado: 5:00 PM (ingles); 6:30 PM (español)

Domingo: 9:30 AM (ingles); 11:30 AM (español)

Martes a Viernes a la 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 the expected wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick - For Anointing or for emergency, please call 412-606-7701.

Reconciliation - Saturday 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm or call Fr. Samuel for an appointment.

INFORMACIÓN SACRAMENTAL

Clases de Preparación Bautismal - Por favor llame nuestros feligreses Juan y Angélica Alejo (229-591-9846) para registrarse por platicas pre-bautismales a menos un mes antes del Bautismo proyectado.

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 - Para Unción o Emergencia, llamar 412-606-7701.

Reconciliación - Sábado 4:00 pm a 4:30 pm o llame el padre Samuel por una cita particular.

Our 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.

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 a María, difundiendo la Palabra, y sirviendo a los demás.

Diocesan Office for Protection of Children & Youth (912) 201-4074/toll-free hotline is (888) 357-5330

Father Sam's Corner
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

A Childlike Heart Enhances Good Relationship

Jesus enjoined his followers today in the Gospel that they must apply a childlike mind in their witness to his Gospel to enhance their relationship with God and chance of salvation. A reminder of the characteristics of a child's mind can enrich our quick grasp of this message. Let us pause a while to try to answer the question why it takes only a few minutes for two children who engaged in a fight to make up and become good friends again, but it takes forever for some two adults to make up with each other in the same situation? I think the reason is that the hearts of children retain more joy, love, obedience, humility, serenity, forgiveness and trust than adults' hearts. For the fact that children are more innocent, obedient, humble and forgiving than many adults, they mend broken fences of their friendship faster, and enjoy a happier friendship/relationship with God and others. No wonder Jesus said today in the Gospel that the kingdom of God belongs to children and enjoined his disciples to be children in heart in matters of the kingdom of God (Mark 10:2-16). This is to say that the kingdom of God belongs to those who have a childlike heart.

The above divergent conditions of human minds can be seen in Adam and Eve's minds with regard to their relationship with each other and God as captured in the first reading. Deducing from the story of this Sunday's first reading one can opine that Adam and Eve had a childlike heart at the beginning of their relationship with each other and God. Thus, before their fall Adam and Eve obeyed God like little children. Because of their total obedience to the words of God, they were united in love so much that Adam could describe his wife (Eve) as: "bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh" (Genesis 2:18-24). Then when they disobeyed God, they started pointing accusing fingers to each other. This means total obedience to the will and law of God enhances unity and good relationship between husband and wife and man and God. But breaking of divine law or will brings division and separation between husband and wife and between man and God.

Consequently, Christ has the above picture of the cause of the unity and disunity between Adam, Eve and God in mind when he stated that from the beginning marriage is meant to be a permanent union between a man and a woman (Mark 10:6-8): until the two stopped following the will of God and start to do their own will. Hence, because of the disobedience that is part of the weakness of the adults' minds, Adam and Eve surrendered to the voice of Satan and questioned God's law, disobeyed God and blew their relationship up. We are not saying that kids do not ask questions. No, they ask a lot but when you give them answer they believe and accept it. We are not talking of teenagers here but small kids. We can see that Adam and Eve enjoyed their relationship with God and one another in the garden throughout the periods they humbled themselves and obeyed God's commands like every good child. But immediately they started to question and doubt the validity of an aspect of the Divine rules like adults, they disobeyed God, injured their relationship with God, marred their happiness and were thrown out of the Paradise.

Christ enjoined his followers today to always apply the heart of a child in the matters of heaven and marriage relationship. Application of a childlike heart in matters of the kingdom of God means we should obey and trust more of the revealed messages of God. Just like a child who after questioning and getting explanations, out of trust and obedience resigns to his parent's will and power, God wants us to behave like that in the matters of His kingdom. Hence, the more we obey God and do his will, the more we enjoy peace and unity in our marriage relationship and in our relationship with God. But the more we disobey the commandants and do our will the more our marriage relationship or relationship with God suffers. We have many broken divine and marriage relationships because of lies, unfaithfulness, etc. Consequently, where we have any of these vices, law or laws are broken. Additionally, God wants us to find more reason in our hearts to forgive when others offend us like kids. For we need to have a childlike heart in the face of the kingdom of God to enter it.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS / PETICION PARA INTENCION DE MISA

10/2/2021	Sat	5:00PM	St. Mary's Parishioners
10/2/2021	Sat	6:30PM	
10/3/2021	Sun	9:30AM	+ William York
10/3/2021	Sun	11:30AM	

Please contact our office to request for a weekday or weekend Mass to be celebrated for your intention. You can as well mail your intention with the stipend (\$10) to our church or hand them to Father Sam after Mass.

Por favor, comuníquese con nuestra Oficina, cualquier día de la semana para Petición de Intención de Misa. Usted, también puede enviarla vía mail con el costo, a nuestra Iglesia o entregarle el mismo al Padre Samuel en sus manos, después de la Misa.



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As part of the Apostleship of Prayer and in union with our Pope, please remember the following intention this month. **Missionary Disciples:** We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

En unión a nuestro Papa, recordar la Oración de este mes. **Discípulos Misioneros:** Oramos para que todo bautizado esté comprometido en la evangelización, disponible para la misión, siendo testigo de una vida que tiene el sabor del Evangelio.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / ANUNCIOS

1. We want to thank you all for your generous offertory gift/donation to our parish in these critical times. An update on our Building Fund: as of the end of September we have \$9,574.

1. Queremos agradecerles a todos por su generoso obsequio / donación a nuestra parroquia en estos tiempos críticos. Una actualización de nuestro Fondo de Construcción: a finales de septiembre tenemos \$9,574.

2. As the number of COVID cases rises due to the Delta variant, the wearing of masks along hand sanitizing are strongly encouraged whenever we gather for worship and other activities in the church. Also stay home if you are sick and or in contact with a person who is sick or experiencing any type of symptoms. To help our medical professionals safe lives we are strongly encouraged to pray, have faith in God, be vaccinated, and advice our family members to do same. If you have any spiritual concerns over vaccination, please contact Father Sam or your spiritual director for more explanation.

2. A medida que aumenta el número de casos de COVID debido a la variante Delta, se recomienda encarecidamente el uso de máscaras junto con la desinfección de manos cada vez que nos reunimos para el culto y otras actividades en la iglesia. También quédese en casa si está enfermo o en contacto con una persona que está enferma o experimenta algún tipo de síntoma. Para ayudar a nuestros profesionales médicos a salvar vidas, se nos anima encarecidamente a orar, tener fe en Dios, vacunarnos y aconsejar a nuestros familiares que hagan lo mismo. Si tiene alguna inquietud espiritual sobre la vacunación, comuníquese con el padre Sam o con su director espiritual para obtener más explicaciones.

3. The Knights of Columbus Seminarians' Dinner will be Friday, October 29, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM in Sherlock Hall. Two seminarians will be our guest speakers. Francisco Gamboa Felix and Tony Visintainer are both in their pastoral year of the seminary. The Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes, D.D., Bishop of Savannah, is also scheduled to join us. A delicious meal of grilled chicken, rice pilaf, grilled green beans and desert will be served. Tickets are \$15 for one person, \$20 for a couple or \$40 for a family. If you would like to donate silent auction items, please call Ron Akerman at 229-942-1653 or David Finley at 229-591-7224. Keep in mind that if you would not pay money for the item as it is today, it may not be a good choice for the auction. We will collect silent auction items the week of the Seminarians' Dinner. Please pray for the success of this dinner. We hope to see you there.

3. La Cena de los Seminaristas alojado por Caballeros de Colón será el viernes 29 de octubre de 6:00 a 8:30 PM en Sherlock Hall. Dos seminaristas serán nuestros oradores invitados. Francisco Gamboa Felix y Tony Visintainer están en su año pastoral del seminario. El Reverendísimo Stephen D. Parkes, D.D., Obispo de Savannah, también está programado para unirse a nosotros. Se servirá una deliciosa comida de pollo a la parrilla, arroz pilaf, judías verdes a la parrilla y postre. Los boletos cuestan \$15 para una persona, \$20 para una pareja o \$40 para una familia. Si desea donar artículos de subasta silenciosa, llame a Ron Akerman al 229-942-1653 o a David Finley al 229-591-7224. Tenga en cuenta que si no paga dinero por el artículo como está hoy, es posible que no sea una buena opción para la subasta. Recopilaremos artículos de la subasta silenciosa la semana de la cena de los seminaristas. Ore por el éxito de esta cena. Esperamos verte ahí.

4. This year's month of October dedicated as Respect Life Month, and today (October 3), we celebrate Respect Life Sunday. As we are also in the midst of the year of St. Joseph the defender of life we ask for his intercession so that there should be a genuine effort by all to respect and protect the lives of our brothers and sisters all over the world

4. El mes de octubre de este año dedicado como Mes del Respeto a la Vida, y hoy (3 de octubre) celebramos el Domingo del Respeto a la Vida. Como también estamos en medio del año de San José, el defensor de la vida, pedimos su intersección para que haya un esfuerzo genuino de todos por respetar y proteger la vida de nuestros hermanos y hermanas en todo el mundo.



OUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



Weekend	Offertory	Budget/Presupuesto	+	-	2nd Collection
Sep 26	\$2,667	\$3,243		\$576	\$692 Mission Cooperative Appeal
Oct 3					
Oct 10					Southern Cross
Oct 17					
Oct 24					World Mission Sunday