



Al partir de la próxima semana, las misas estarán:

5:30 PM, SÁBADO (INGLES)

(Confesiones a las 4:30)

9:30 DOMINGO (INGLES)

11:30 DOMINGO (ESPAÑOL)

CORESPONSIBILIDAD para el 12to domingo.



El salmista nos asegura que "El Señor oye a los Pobres." A menudo sin embargo responde a su necesidad a través de los dones generosos de buenos administradores.

Este jueves es el primero del mes



Todos están invitados a venir a la iglesia este jueves, el primero del mes, a las 6:50 para adorar delante del Santísimo, a rezar, y cantar juntos. Por mas información favor póngase en contacto con Doña Rocio: 229-938-5826.

¿Las próximas pláticas Bautismales?



Para el sacramento de bautismo de su niño/a, se requiere que los padres asistan en una clase pre-bautismal y los padrinos también. El día y la hora del clase normalmente es en la tarde de un día de la semana a las 7 PM. Para mas información favor llamar los coordinadores de las pláticas, Juan y Angélica Alejo, (229-591-9846). Se debe traer una copia del acto de nacimiento de su hijo (a) al clase pre-bautismal.

"La celebración de la Eucaristía, fiesta del Amor de Dios, debe llevarnos a realizar obras de fe, a actuar en todo momento con la coherencia propia de un cristiano. Esas obras de fe darán a los que nos rodean las razones de nuestra esperanza en un momento histórico en el que, por muy diversas causas—sociales, culturales y económicas—tantos de nuestros conciudadanos viven en la incertidumbre, la falta de futuro y el desasosiego. Encontraremos en la Eucaristía, asegura, la fuerza y la razón de nuestra esperanza, porque en ella se nos da la Esperanza misma: Jesucristo nuestro Señor realmente presente en las Especies Eucarísticas". (Cardenal Rouco, España)



Taller para parejas no casado por la iglesia

Un matrimonio feliz y duradero siempre es de tres:



Dios, Tu Pareja y Tú

DONDE? Holy Family Catholic Church/ Iglesia Católica Sagrada Familia, 1110 South Lewis Street, Metter, GA 30439

FECHA: SABADO 8 JULIO DEL 2017

HORA: 8:00 AM A 5:00 PM

COSTO: \$55 por pareja (cuidado de niños: \$5.00 por niño.)

INFORMACION Y REGISTRO: Marcos y Dora Delfin, Facilitadores del Ministerio del Matrimonio, 912-481-5385; duscangaholyfamily@gmail.com



St. Mary Catholic Church

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

June 25th , 2017 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one... What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ...Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, will deny before my heavenly Father." (Matt. 10)

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 pláticas 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

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

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: 5:00 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



What is the Fortnight for Freedom?

Each year dioceses across America arrange events to highlight the importance of defending religious freedom. The Fortnight for Freedom is from June 21—the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More—to July 4, Independence Day.

How to Talk about Religious Freedom?

In this time of increasing polarization in our culture, we can contribute to a better understanding of religious freedom in a way that respects all people. Drawing from the US Bishops', our parish bulletin will be presenting ways to help Christians speak with friends and neighbors about religious freedom and work to clear up misconceptions about it.

Authentic Pluralism

Skeptics are often concerned about the effects that religious organizations have on people who do not share those religious beliefs. Skeptics tend to see a conflict between religious freedom and their vision of equality and choose a mistaken concept of equality over freedom. These are certainly difficult issues. Here are points to consider:

A pluralistic society makes space for people who hold views that run counter to the mainstream. Religious groups, and groups formed around a particular set of principles, need to be able to express their views with integrity. Should an animal rights organization be required by law to hire a member of a hunting association? Of course not. Then, for example, neither should a religious organization be required to hire people who oppose the teachings of that religion. It is crucial that our society

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not adopt the view that all groups – least of all religious groups -- must conform to one view. True freedom results in a diversity that strengthens, rather than weakens, society.

Some skeptics say that religious people impose their faith on others. However, when religious groups are accused of causing harm to others, the "harm" is often that they do not facilitate an action. The craft store chain Hobby Lobby refused to cover abortifacients for its employees. But Hobby Lobby is not preventing its employees from obtaining these devices. The Christian family that runs Hobby Lobby refuses to participate in an activity it believes is immoral.

It is similar when family-owned businesses choose not to participate in same-sex weddings. For example, florist Barronelle Stutzman had served a customer she knew was in a same-sex relationship for almost a decade. However, she could not in good conscience create custom floral arrangements for the customer's same-sex ceremony. She was happy to provide flowers for any other occasion but did not want to be forced to participate in a particular event that went against her Christian beliefs. The State of Washington sued Barronelle for declining to participate in an activity that went against her faith.

Above all, the Church seeks to offer a better way. Catholic teaching is holistic, rooted in the dignity of the person, a dignity that is visible to reason yet made more clear by the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are not simply asking for freedom from coercion so that we can be left alone. We believe that what we teach - about marriage, sex, family life, care for refugees, care for the poor, care for the sick, care for all vulnerable – is good for society. When we see a culture that is often un-loving and hostile to life, we work to bear witness to a healthier culture, a "civilization of love," in which all people can flourish. (Source, US Bishops: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/how-to-talk-about-religious-freedom.cfm>)



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

New Mass Schedule Begins When?



Commencing next weekend our Masses on the weekend (and Confessions) will be:

SATURDAY EVE: 5:30 (ENGLISH);
(Confessions at 4:30 PM)

SUNDAY MORNING: 9:30 (ENGLISH);

SUNDAY MORNING: 11:30 (SPANISH)



Stewardship Thought For Sunday June 25:

Consider keeping a record for one week of how you spend your time, including prayer time. How much does the church or church group receive (not counting Mass for that it is given to God)? How much does a community organizations receive of your time? Once having done such recording, prayerfully consider what modifications might be in the offing for your.

REMINDER UPON ENTERING CHURCH:



Our thanks to all who discard chewing gum before entering the church, and particularly to discard it properly before coming up to receive Holy Communion.

SUMMER STEWARDSHIP



Some of our St. Mary's faithful are planning or now taking their annual summer vacations when they go off to enjoy a recreative interlude

in enjoyable environs. Others will be taking shorter respites for their summer vacations. We are grateful to those vacationers who remember their home parish of St. Mary's while away. Your ongoing support is still needed during the summer months because our operating costs don't take a vacation. Our gratitude beforehand to all conscientious parishioners who before they depart either mail in their envelopes or checks to the office or else deposit them in the offertory collection when they return. Blessings on all when you take your summer holidays in whatever measure you take them.



Mass Times When Travelling?

Wherever your vacation destination, plan ahead to observe the Sabbath by attending Mass Saturday evening or Sunday at your place of arrival. Locate the times of

Masses at your destination at: <https://discovermass.com>

Peter's Pence Collection Next Weekend

The purpose of this annual collection for the Pope, called the Peter's Pence Collection, is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster and disease. This collection thus unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to our brothers and sisters in need. Thank you for your support of "Peter's Pence."

Weekend	Offertory	Budget/Presupuesto	Surplus/Sobre; Deficit/Falta	2nd Collections
June 4	\$3,417	\$2,588	\$ 829	Catholic Com'catns. \$581
June 11	\$3,985	\$2,588	\$1,397	BAA 8:30 Mass \$262