



Programa Cuaresmal:
“Vive la Eucaristía” Los grupos ya pasaron la cuarta semana de Cuaresma compartiendo los frutos de sus oraciones. Siguen mejorándose en rezar por el método que se llama **“Lectio Divina”**.

¿QUE ES LA CAMPAÑA DEL OBISPO?



Esta Campaña es la fuente primaria de ingresos para sostener y expandir los ministerios en 79 parroquias y misiones, la educación 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.

¿CÓMO PODEMOS AYUDAR? Tendremos diez colectas segundas durante las próximas dos o tres meses. Gracias por su generosidad.

Si la donación Total es:	Entonces los 10 pagos a la segunda Colectas :
\$400	\$40
\$300	\$30
\$200	\$20
\$100	\$10

Miembro Registrado de la Parroquia?



Registrarse es importante por varios motivos: para inscribir niños en nuestro programa de clases religiosas, para ser padrinos, para cartas de recomendación de la Iglesia que

certifique a las agencias civiles que usted pertenece a nuestra congregación. La hoja de registro en español se encuentran en una caja al fondo de la iglesia. Después de llenarla, o ponerla en la caja designada en el mismo lugar o doblarla y póngala en el cesto ofertorio.

Lectio Divina: Cuaresma 5ta Semana
Jesús dijo a Lázaro: “Sal de se sepulcro!”



Empecemos con una oración, por ejemplo la oración de B. Juan Newman que habíamos rezado esta cuaresma antes de empezar las misas .

1. **Lectura:** Lee la siguiente Escritura dos o tres veces. Juan

11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

2. **Meditación :** Después de la lectura, toma unos momentos para reflexionar en silencio acerca de una o más de las siguientes preguntas: (Si practicas Lectio Divina en un grupo, invita a los participantes a compartir sus respuestas.)

3. **Contemplación:** Lee nuevamente el pasaje de la Escritura, seguida de esta reflexión:
 ¿De qué manera se relaciona este pasaje con la experiencia de mi vida diaria?

Esta enfermedad no acabará en la muerte, sino que servirá para la gloria de Dios, para que el Hijo de Dios sea glorificado por ella. ¿De qué manera experimento la gloria de Dios en mi vida? ¿En qué manera mi vida cotidiana ayuda a glorificar a Dios?

Yo soy la resurrección y la vida. El que cree en mí, aunque haya muerto, vivirá; y todo aquel que está vivo y cree en mí, no morirá para siempre. ¿En qué forma influencia mi esperanza en la resurrección en la manera en la que vivo mi vida diaria? ¿A cuáles acciones o actitudes me obligan mi fe en la resurrección?

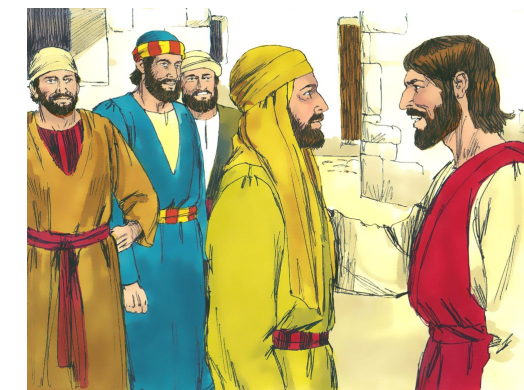
Jesús les dijo: “Desátenlo, para que pueda andar”. ¿Qué pecados o fracasos me atan y me impiden actuar como Dios quiere? ¿Qué pasos debo tomar para vivir más plenamente en libertad como un hijo o hija de Dios?

4. **Oración:** Lee el pasaje de la Escritura una vez más. Dale al Señor la alabanza, petición y acción de gracias que la Palabra te ha inspirado. Termine la oración con o con la misma oración de Bl. Juan Newman o un Padre Nuestro.



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 March 18, 2018 5th Sunday of Lent



“Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, ‘Sir, we would like to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.” (John 12)

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

Living The Eucharist (LTE) Groups.



The 9-10 LTE groups of our parish are through their fourth week of Lenten praying and their sharing of that praying. In the process, through their reading materials, including bulletin inserts, they are growing in their understanding of the Mass and the Eucharist and other beliefs of our faith.

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES is the theme for this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal.



Bishop Hartmayer calls us to be Missionary Disciples. Quoting Pope Francis he says:

"We are all missionary disciples with the power of the Spirit."

Using the same formula that has proven successful for our parish in meeting, nay, surpassing its goal the last four years, let us (1) pray over an amount that is sacrificial yet manageable for us to contribute (2) pledge that amount (3) meet it by installments in the months ahead. Thank you for assisting our Bishop meet material and spiritual needs of our diocese.

If Total Pledge is this amount:	Then 10 Periodic Installments would be:
\$1,000	\$100
500	50
250	25
120	12

St. Mary's 2018 BAA Goal is \$14,376 which is \$1,051 less than what we actually contributed to last year's BAA.



STEWARDSHIP 5th Sunday of Lent

"God can multiply His favors among you so that you may always have enough of everything and even a surplus for good works." (II Corinthians 9:8)

Lectio Divina: Gospel for 5th Sunday of Lent

The following application of four steps Lectio Divina with slight variation is taken from (<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/upload/lectio-divina-lent-4th-sun-2017.pdf>)



Opening Prayer: Recite the prayer of Bl. John Newman

Lectio: Read the Cycle A gospel for this Sunday two or three times: John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Meditatio: After the reading, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions: •What word or words in this passage caught your attention? • What in this passage comforted you? • What in this passage challenged you? (If practicing lectio divina as a family or in a group, after the reflection time, invite the participants to share responses.)

Contemplatio: Read the scripture passage again, followed by this reflection: How does this passage connect with the experience of your daily life? *"This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."*

How do I experience the glory of God in my life? How does my daily living help to glorify God? *"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."*

How does my hope in the Resurrection influence the way I live my daily life? To what actions and attitudes does my faith in the Resurrection compel me? *So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."* What sins and failures tie me down and keep me from acting as God wills?



What steps can I take to live more fully in freedom as a child of God?

Oratio: Read the scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, contrition or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you. After all have had a chance to share their prayer, all recite the prayer again of Bl. John Newman ending the session.

Closing Prayer: Recite Bl. John Newman's prayer.

Are you Safe Environment trained?



VIRTUS is a program encouraged by Bishops nationwide to train adults on promoting safe environment for children and youth.

Virtus training of adults is required for Safe Environment Compliance particularly for any adult who will come into contact with children or youth as part of their ministry. It must be completed before they begin ministry. A listing of those ministries can be found at <http://bit.ly/1yU4Yk6>. The next session in our Deanery area is in Albany at St. Teresa's Church on Saturday, April 7th starting at 2 PM. To register, go to www.diosav.org, and find the training listed on the Upcoming Events Calendar.

Adult parishioners who are not currently volunteers are encouraged nonetheless to attend training in VIRTUS to better inform yourselves of dangers in our society to children and youth and to provide yourselves tools you can use to help keep our children and youth safe.

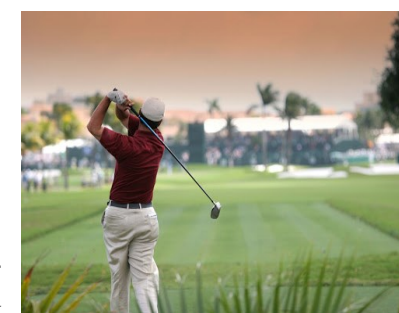


Mass Intentions Request

Please contact the pastor by phone or email to arrange a Mass intention, either for a weekend or weekday.

3/17 To 3/22	Mass Intention	Requestor
Saturday	+Gertraude Beck	Maureen Turner
Sunday 9:30	Parishioners	Pastor
Sunday 11:30		
Tuesday	+Joseph Wich	Sherri Weil
Wednesday	+Stanley Marczuk	Betty Schenk
Thursday	+Brunhilde Gaughan	Sherri Weil
Friday	+Ann Lambdin Beetz	Betty Schenk

The 21st Annual Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Tournament



is Saturday, April 7th at 8 AM at Griffin Bell Golf Course in Americus. All money raised by the tournament is donated to charity. Please pray for the success of the tournament. The cost to play is \$60, and that includes your cart, greens fee, lunch and drinks. If you would like to be a golfer, hole sponsor, prize donor or volunteer, please contact Ron Akerman at 942-1653.



Easter Lilies need to be pre-ordered to ensure they will arrive just before Easter. Parishioners wishing to help in their purchase can find envelopes for donations in our vestibule. The suggested donation remains the same as in

past years: \$12. For more information please contact Maureen Turner: 229-815-1473. ife104@gmail.com.

Cardinal Expresses Concern Over Israel's Plan to Tax Church-owned Property



Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

joined other leaders from the U.S. Episcopal, Lutheran and Armenian Churches in urging Israel to not confiscate church lands or tax church properties. In the joint letter addressed to Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, and Jerusalem Mayor, Nir Barkat, the Church leaders express deep concern that the measure would "...jeopardize the very survival of the Christian community in the Holy Land." (www.usccb.org)

Weekend	Offertory	Budget/Presupuesto	Surplus/(+Sobre)Deficit/(—Falta)	2nd Collection
February 25	\$2,732	\$2925	(\$193)	BAA 11:30 Misa \$319
March 4	\$4,958	\$2925	\$2,033	BAA 11:30 Misa \$269
March 11	\$2,475	\$2925	(\$450)	Catholic Relief Serv. \$817
March 18		\$2,925		