

Hora Santa vuelve todos los miércoles.



Con la comienzo de nuevo de clases religiosas los miércoles, nos recordamos que hay la hora santa en la iglesia desde las 6:25 hasta las 7:25. Este es un horario muy conveniente por los padres de familia después de dejar sus niños con sus maestros en el salón Sherlock. También, por los que no pueden asistir

en la tarde, hay una hora santa en las mañanas de los miércoles en la capilla desde las 11 hasta al medio día, con la Misa comenzando justamente después.

¿Qué se hace durante una hora santa?

Una hora santa delante del Santísimo es un tiempo de silencio cuando algunos les gustan a meditar, hablando y escuchando en sus corazones al señor Jesús; otros leen de una biblia que se traen; otros rezan el rosario; otros leen un librito devocional, etc. No importa si alguien no puede asistir por una hora entera; vale la pena si podría asistir una media hora o aun quince minutos en la presencia real del Cristo Eucarístico.

Compartamos juntos una comida



Todos los miembros de nuestra parroquia están invitados a una cena parroquial donde cada persona o pareja o familia traerá un plato típico o comida favorita de su país para compartir. (Y si le convenga, escribe el nombre de su plato típico)

Cuando: en dos semanas, el sábado, 28 de enero, después de la Misa ingles, o sea, mas o menos a las 6:10 o 6:15, en salón Sherlock.

Ojo: Como siempre, por asistir a esta misa del sábado por ser la misa de la vigilia del domingo, no tiene que volver el domingo a asistir a otra misa dominical.

EL SACRAMENTO DE LA UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS



es disponible no solamente para ellos en peligro de muerte. De hecho, los que están enfermos del cuerpo, mente, o alma, es decir, físicamente, psicológicamente, o espiritualmente, los que tienen la delicadeza de

edad, los que van a tener cirugía pronto, los con adicciones a drogas, alcohol, pornografía, juegos, brujería, comida, etc.. pueden recibirlo.

Según el catecismo de nuestra iglesia el sacramento de la unción de los enfermos sirve para dar fortaleza, paz, y valor para sobrepasar dificultades que van con una enfermedad grave o de edad avanzada. "Esta gracia es un don del Espíritu Santo que renueva la confianza y la fe en Dios y fortalece contra la tentación de desaliento. Esta asistencia del Señor por la fuerza de su Espíritu quiere conducir al enfermo a la curación del alma, sino también del cuerpo, si tal es la voluntad de Dios".

Además, según la escritura del mismo texto del rito "¿Está enfermo alguno de vosotros? Llame a los presbíteros de la Iglesia, y que recen sobre él, después de ungirlo con óleo, en nombre del Señor." Por lo tanto, es el enfermo o la enferma (o si no es posible su familiar) que toma la iniciativa a llamar el padre. Nuestro párroco Padre Paco es disponible a recibir tal llamada . Es posible administrar este sacramento no solamente en un hospital o una casa, sino también en la iglesia después una de las misas sea durante la semana o al fin de la semana. También, si haya interés suficiente, podemos tener una misa especial para los que quieren recibir este unción. Y recuerden: no esperar hasta el ultimo momento a pedirlo porque podría demasiado tarde.



Corresponsabilidad
2do. del Tiempo Ordinario

El Salmo de oración de hoy es el tema del buen administrador de los bienes de Dios: "Aquí estoy, Señor; Vengo a hacer tu voluntad." Que yo también pueda estar listo para ofrecer mis regalos y a mí mismo al servicio de Dios.



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"John the Baptist saw Jesus...and said 'Behold the Lamb of God... A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me. I did not know him.' John testified further, saying, 'I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him... Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.'" (John 1)

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, honorando 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

Holy Hour On Wednesdays.

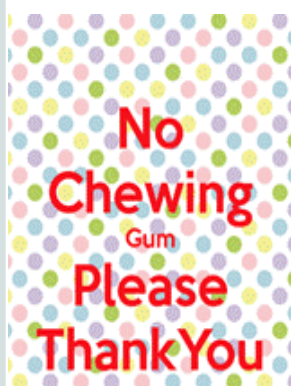


Entering 2017, a reminder to all of the two times our parish has a Holy Hour. They are on Wednesdays: one in the morning at 11 AM to noon

in our chapel with Mass immediately following; the other in the evening in the church from 6:25 until 7:25. A fitting resolution for New Year 2017 would be to make time to attend more of these than you might have done last year. Those who can not come for the full hour are encouraged to come for whatever segment of an hour their work and/or family schedule permits.

But what do I do at a holy hour? Briefly, pray in silent adoration. That is, from your heart speak then listen to Christ Eucharistically present in the monstrance before you on the altar. Some “adorers” make an examen of their day in the manner of St. Ignatius; some read from the Bible they brought; others read from a devotional booklet; some say the rosary. Finally, all are expected to observe a quiet reverence throughout the holy hour out of respect for others praying in silent adoration.

Reminder About No Gum In Church



Persons of all ages are reminded to kindly discard chewing gum before entering the church. And by all means, they are not to proceed up to receive the Body and Blood of Christ with gum (or candy) in their mouth. Thank you.

All Invited To Our Parish Supper Saturday Eve



All parishioners are invited to a “Multi-Cultural Dinner” Saturday Evening January 28th after the evening Mass in the parish hall (c. 6:15). Participating parishioners are asked to

bring a “casserole dish” whether from their country of origin or ethnic background (or something simply American.) As needed, please make a label noting the name of your casserole dish and its country of origin.

Our Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) is kindly sponsoring this event and they have planned a night of some surprises. So y’all come and don’t miss out on the fun! For more information please contact PCCW President Carolyn Campbell at 229-942-2801 (carolynrdc@att.net)

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 y dejar un aviso al párroco.

Jan 14-20	Mass Intention	Requestor
Saturday	+Mark Aita, SJ	Fr. Gillespie
Sunday 8:30		
Sunday 10:30	Parishioners	Pastor
Tuesday	+Veronica Cullen	M. Hauser



Stewardship Thought for 2nd Sunday:

It is important to measure our generosity not by what we give, but by what we have left.

Early in 2017 a 2-3 Day Retreat in Atlanta?



A New Year can bring with it a resolve to take means to improve one’s spiritual growth. Here is where the Jesuit Retreat House in Atlanta providentially is in

the offing. The reasons for going on retreat are numerous and highly personal. For many, a retreat provides the opportunity to examine the quality of their spiritual life in the past 2016 year and the direction of their spiritual journey now. For others, a retreat provides an opportunity to reflect on a serious challenge, decision, or commitment they may be facing. For still others a retreat is an opportunity for deeper conversion, purification, and growth in their faith and personal relationship with God.

All retreats at St. Ignatius Jesuit Retreat House are silent unless otherwise noted. They are directed by a certified spiritual director who provides a series of presentations designed to assist you with your meditation, reflection, and spiritual journey. There are opportunities for daily Mass, solitude, nature trails, reflection/prayer areas. For more information phone 404.255.0503 or go to www.ignatiushouse.org. The earlier in the new year one makes a retreat the better the possibilities for improved spiritual growth in 2017. Our pastor Fr. Fran has made several retreats at St. Ignatius over the years and can provide some information of a general nature about retreats.

National Migration Week, January 8-14:



For nearly a half century, the Church in the USA has celebrated National Migration Week which is an opportunity for us to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants and refugees. Help protect immigrants and refugees by sending an electronic postcard to your congressional representatives in D.C. asking them to ensure humane treatment towards migrants and refugees. The webpage to facilitate sending these postcards is: www.justiceformigrants.org

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF SICK



The scriptural text for this rite of the Church which the priest recites reads: “if there is anyone sick

among you let them send for the priests of the church”. Thus it is the sick person or the “caregiver” who is expected to initiate the call upon the church for this Sacrament. Those who are ill of body, mind, or soul, whether physically, psychologically or spiritually, including sick by addictions (drugs, alcohol, pornography, gambling, food, etc.), or facing surgery or ailing due to the frailty of age, and who desire to receive this Sacrament are expected to contact our pastor, Fr. Gillespie, so he can arrange its administering.

What graces come from this Sacrament? The catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that the first grace of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is to give strength, peace and courage to help overcome difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness including frailty of old age. “This grace is a gift of the Holy Spirit, who renews trust and faith in God and strengthens against the temptation to discouragement. This assistance from the Lord by the power of his Spirit is meant to lead the sick person to healing of the soul, but also of the body if such is God’s will.”



This sacrament may be administered in a hospital, or to a homebound person, or after Mass on the weekend or weekday in

the midst of fellow parishioners. This sacrament is seldom called now “extreme unction”, a term previously reserved only for the moment of death. Thus all are advised to not postpone it until it might be too late for a priest to come in time; contact him early on when one or more of the above mentioned illnesses have begun to set in.

Weekend	Offertory	Budget/Presupuesto	Surplus/Sobre; Deficit/Falta	2nd Collection
January 1	\$ 2,530	\$2,588	(-\$58)	
January 8	\$ 3,332	\$2,588	+745	Black & Indian Mis’ns \$694