

“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)

“Es necesario que también a otras ciudades anuncie el evangelio” (Lucas 4:43)

son las palabras de Jesús que nuestro párroco usó sobre su decisión a marchar a servir otros rebaños. Su turno termina el fin del próximo mes de junio como es el costumbre cuando hay un cambio de párrocos, Nuestro obispo Hartmayer ha nombrado Padre Samuel Aniekwe como Administrado Parroquial de Santa María comenzando el 1 de julio.

Padre Paco es muy agradecido por sus cinco años de server en este diócesis de Savannah, cuatro de los cuales acá en Santa María. Su decisión de marchar para pastorear otro rebaño en otro diócesis (lo cual se espera nombrar el fin de mes) es motivado por el hecho que P. Paco siente que ha logrado los retos principales parroquiales y también sus retos personales en esta iglesia.

Padre Sam Aniekwe es conocido a algunos acá desde que vino as veces a celebrar misa y ayudarnos con confesiones en Adviento y Cuaresma.



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.



Corresponsabilidad

Domingo de La Sangre y el Cuerpo de Cristo. ¿Que traen los cristianos a la celebración eucarística para unirnos a la ofrenda de Jesús? La respuesta es:

Sus vidas como discípulos cristianos

PAPA FRANCISCO NOS PREGUNTA: “¿Cómo



vivimos la Misa, cuando vamos a Misa el domingo? ¿Es sólo un momento de fiesta, una tradición consolidada, una ocasión para encontrarse o

para sentirse bien, o es algo más?

Y a veces alguno pregunta: ‘¿Para qué se debería ir a la iglesia, dado que el que participa habitualmente en la Santa Misa es pecador como los demás?’ ¿Cuántas veces hemos escuchado esto? En realidad, quien celebra la Eucaristía no lo hace porque se considera o quiere parecer mejor que los demás, sino precisamente porque se reconoce siempre necesitado de ser acogido y regenerado por la misericordia de Dios, hecha carne en Jesucristo. Si cada uno de nosotros no se siente necesitado de la misericordia de Dios, no se siente pecador, es mejor que no vaya a Misa. ¿Por qué?

Nosotros vamos a Misa, porque somos pecadores y queremos recibir el perdón de Jesús. Participar de su redención, de su perdón. Ese ‘Yo confieso’ que decimos al principio no es un pro forma, ¡es un verdadero acto de penitencia! Soy pecador, me confieso. ¡Así empieza la Misa! ... En ese pan y en ese vino que ofrecemos y en torno al cual nos reunimos se renueva cada vez el don del cuerpo y de la sangre de Cristo para la remisión de nuestros pecados. Tenemos que ir a Misa humildemente, como pecadores. Y el Señor nos reconcilia.“

Un...indicio precioso nos lo ofrece la relación entre la celebración eucarística y la vida de nuestras comunidades cristianas. Es necesario tener siempre presente que la Eucaristía no es algo que hacemos nosotros; no es una conmemoración nuestra de aquello que Jesús ha dicho e hecho. No. ¡Es precisamente una acción de Cristo! Es Cristo que actúa ahí, que está sobre el altar. Y Cristo es el Señor. Es un don de Cristo, el cual se hace presente y nos reúne en torno a sí, para nutrirnos de su Palabra y de su vida” (Radio Vaticano, Febrero 2014)



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June 3, 2018 Holy Body and Blood of Christ Sunday

“While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, ‘Take it; this is my body.’ Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, ‘This is my blood’ of the covenant, which will be shed for many.”



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. This Sacrament can be received more than once, periodically during the year.

Confession/Reconciliation - Saturday 4:30 pm to 5:00 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

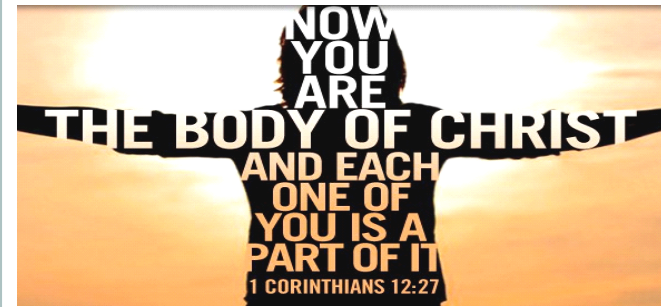
Saturday: 5:30 pm - English

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

Tuesday thru Friday, 12 Noon, in chapel (English)

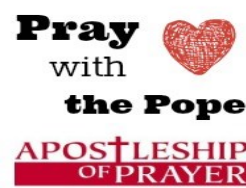
Diocesan Office for Protection of Children & Youth (912-201-4074); toll free hotline is (888) 357-5330

The Eucharist: What Catholics Believe



“What many Christians now call "communion," the early Church called "Eucharist," which in Greek means thanksgiving. The Eucharist is the partaking of Jesus' body and blood with other believers. Eucharistic worship (The Mass) consists of many parts that emulate...an actual meal, such as taking the bread, breaking the bread, distributing the bread, and eating the bread, although the Eucharistic meal is not an ordinary meal, but a heavenly banquet.

Jesus instituted the Eucharist in the New Testament when he blessed bread and wine, assuring his disciples that the elements are his body and blood. Jesus even said that the teaching that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood caused many to stop following Him (John 6:52-66). The Eucharist has been the ‘main event’ at Christian worship services since the earliest times, which surprises many people whose churches have relegated communion to a once-a-quarter activity... “ (Source: [http:// www. ancient-future.net/eucharist.html](http://www.ancient-future.net/eucharist.html))



Pope’s Prayer Intention

Pope Francis entrusts his monthly intentions to the Apostleship of Prayer, an organization that works to encourage Christians to respond to the Pope's appeal and to deepen their daily prayer. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

Intention for June: Social Networks. That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.



The Nun Who Gave Us The Feast of The Body and Blood of Christ: Sister Juliana

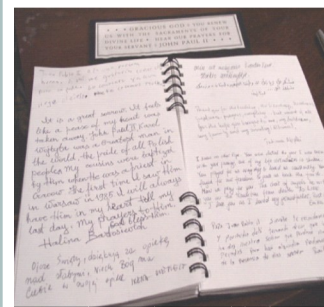


Pope Benedict XVI reminded us of the woman who was instrumental in promoting the Eucharistic feast we celebrate this weekend.

He writes: “I would like to introduce a female figure to you. She is little known but the Church is deeply indebted to her... because she contributed to the institution of ...the (feast) of Corpus Christi. She is St. Juliana of Liège (Belgium). She had a profound sense of Christ’s presence, which she experienced by living the Sacrament of the Eucharist... intensely and by pausing frequently to meditate upon the words of Jesus: ‘And lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age’ (Mt 28:20).

“Eventually, Corpus Christi was instituted as a feast for the entire Latin Rite. The church used to celebrate a separate Feast of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord but in 1969 it ended. The restoration of the practice of receiving communion under both species led to the feast’s name change from “The Body of Christ” (Corpus Christi) to “The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ”, the solemnity we celebrate at Masses this weekend.

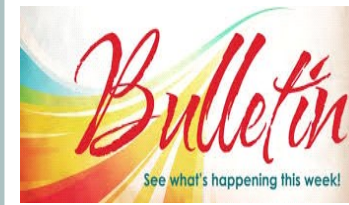
Has Someone Asked You For Prayers?



Perhaps a friend or relative has asked you to pray for their intention. Of if you have a prayer intention of your own, remember to write them in our Prayer Intention Binder. The intentions you write in it might pertain to an illness, employment situation, military deployment, death, anniversary, end to terrorism, etc.. The Prayer Intention Binder is located in our church by the statue of Saint Anthony.

The intentions you write will be included in a general way at the week-end Masses. Have you an intention to write in so to have others pray for with you?

Your parish bulletin on our Web Page



Your parish bulletin is edited weekly by our pastor and contains items of pastoral relevance. It is posted on our parish website thanks to Louise Bosse usually by Sunday. To keep informed go to: www.stmaryamericus.com

“I must preach also to the other towns”

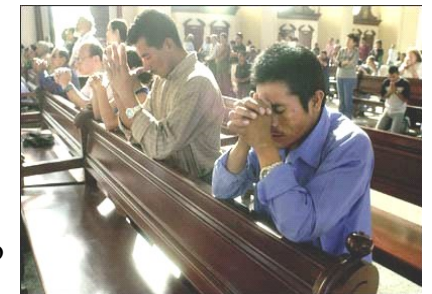
(Luke 4:43) is our pastor’s response, paraphrasing Jesus, to those who ask him about his moving on from St. Mary’s. Feeling he has fulfilled major parish goals due to the generous collaboration of many parishioners, as well as fulfilled his personal goals, and declining the Bishop’s invitation to stay another year here, Fr. Gillespie will move on from our parish the end of June to shepherd in another diocese (a move being finalized by his Religious Order and that diocese). By way of more context, Fr. Gillespie informed his Jesuit Provincial well over a year ago of his desire “to preach to the other towns” per the charism of *mobility* of his religious order. Father also informed our Bishop last September to expect he’d be serving his last year as pastor of St. Mary.

Bishop Hartmayer has appointed as Parochial Administrator of St Mary Fr. Samuel Aniekwe effective of July 1st. Father Samuel is already familiar to some of our parishioners. He has celebrated Mass here on occasion and also helped with Advent and Lenten Confessions when he served as Pastoral Administrator in Montezuma and Fort Valley.



“Go To A Place of Silence To Listen To Jesus” (Pope Francis)

On this weekend when we celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ it is good to remind ourselves of the wonderful gift of the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle. Yet keeping a prayerful silence in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament appears impossible for some adults. Any excuse seems okay to break the silence to talk there-and-then rather than postponing it until after Mass.



Pope Francis reminds us the first duty of a Christian is to listen to the Word of God, to listen to Jesus! “We need to go...to a place of silence, to find ourselves, to better perceive the voice of the Lord.” One of those silent places is in our Church or daily Mass chapel where we can pray before the Blessed Sacrament while composing ourselves prior to celebrating Mass. As Psalm 46 has it: “Be still and know I am your God.” The solemnity we celebrate this weekend of the Real Presence of Jesus in the tabernacle is a time to reclaim our need for such silent praying while also respecting the desires of others who wish to pray silently.



Are You On The List Of “Not-Yet-Donors-To-BAA 2018”? As in previous years, our Savannah Diocese provides pastors with a list of parishioners who kindly donated to BAAs in previous years, for example, to the BAA in 2016 or 2017, but have not gotten around to donating to this year’s Bishop’s Appeal. Accordingly, pastors are asked to write letters to the persons on the list reminding them of this. Our pastor feels the bulletin serves well enough to remind these demonstrably generous donors to the BAA to again do so. If the less than dozen parishioners on this list of Not-Yet-Donors-To-BAA 2018 were to contribute as they have done in the past, and do so in the next week or two, our parish would more than meet its goal by the end of this month of June. As of last Thursday, May 24, St, Mary parish was 75% of goal, with \$ 3,616 yet to go.

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget/Presupuesto</u>	<u>Surplus/(+Sobre)Deficit/(—Falta)</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>
May 6	\$2,979	\$2,925	\$ 54	BAA 11:30 Mass \$281
May 13	\$3,438	\$2,925	\$ 513	BAA 11:30 Mass \$361
May 20	\$2,337	\$2,925	(\$ 588)	Camp. Human Devel. \$584
May 27	\$2,738	\$2,925	(\$187)	BAA 11:30 Mass \$326