

## EL PROXIMO ENTRENAMIENTO VIRTUS



será el sábado el 18 de febrero en el salón Sherlock de las 8:30 AM a 2:00 PM. Se debe asistir al entrenamiento completo

para ser aprobado por la diócesis de Savannah. Este entrenamiento es obligatorio para los servidores y líderes del Ministerio Hispano para cumplir con los requisitos del "Programa de Entorno Seguro" que debe seguir todo adulto que está en contacto con niños y jóvenes como parte de su ministerio. Es recomendable también que todos los adultos de nuestra parroquia tomen este taller, especialmente padres de familia, para informarse como tomar pasos para proteger a sus niños en nuestra sociedad, ya sea en la escuela, el barrio, el supermercado, la iglesia, etc. De acuerdo a las normas de la diócesis, se tiene que tener al menos 18 años para participar en este entrenamiento. Se pide a los padres de familia no traer niños ni menores de edad este día, es un tema solo para los que ya tienen al menos 18 años.

Para reservar su cupo en el taller favor de ponerse en contacto o con la Sra. Sara Rueda, 229-938-8713 sararued@windstream.net o con la Sra. Angélica Sánchez 229-591-7739.

Es importante que se registre antemano para saber la cantidad de material que se utilizará en la sesión. Gracias por su asistencia e interés en la excelencia de proteger y cuidar a nuestros niños y jóvenes.



**Felicitaciones a Martin Lara** quien, después de tres años de esfuerzo y perseverancia recibió su Certificado en Teología Pastoral de la

Universidad de Dallas. Como siempre, Martín esta dispuesto que todo lo aprendido lo ponga al servicio de su familia, su parroquia y de su Diócesis de acuerdo a las necesidades que se presenten.

## Entrenamiento para Lectores y Ministros Extraordinarios de la Eucaristía (EEM)



Miembros de la parroquia interesados en servir como un lector o ministro de la eucaristía en la Misa están invitados al entrenamiento este jueves, 9 de febrero, a las 7 en la tarde, en la iglesia. El párroco ha designado Sr. Juan Alejo para ser el coordinador de este entrenamiento (229-591-9846). Los que ya están sirviendo en estos ministerios pueden venir también pero no es obligatorio.

Lectores: 7PM; EEM: 7:45



## ¿Cuál es el papel de los Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión?



En cada celebración de la Eucaristía, deberá haber un número suficiente de ministros de la Sagrada Eucaristía para que se distribuya con reverencia y de una manera ordenada.

Los Obispos, sacerdotes y diáconos distribuyen la Sagrada Comunión en virtud de su oficio como ministros ordinarios del Cuerpo y la Sangre del Señor. Cuando haya una necesidad pastoral genuina, como cuando el número de fieles en la asamblea es grande, el que celebra puede llamar a los ministros de la eucaristía para que le ayude, es decir, acólitos debidamente instituidos u otros fieles que han sido delegados para este propósito. (Fuente: IGUMR, 65)  
Miembros de la parroquia interesados en servir en este ministerio están invitados a un entrenamiento que comienzan a las 7:45 en la tarde en la iglesia el jueves, el 9 de febrero (después del entrenamiento de los lectores que empiezan a las 7:00 PM)).



**Corresponsabilidad**  
5to. domingo En la primera lectura, Isaías nos exhorta en nombre del Señor a dar de comer al hambriento, albergue a quien no tiene hogar y vestir al

desnudo. Si así lo hacemos, él nos asegura, el Señor escuchará y contestará nuestras peticiones de ayuda en tiempos de necesidad.



## St. Mary Catholic Church

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February 5, 2017 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his disciples:

"You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out..."

You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine..."



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**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.

## 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** - 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.

## 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

**Opening for Parish Bookkeeper Here** As



a result of the recent diocesan audit's recommendation, our parish will need to hire a part time bookkeeper to work in the office three or four days a

week. The qualified candidate would have skills including the following: background in bookkeeping, be able to work in Quick Books, with Excel, Microsoft Word, and such like; able to process bills, prepare checks with attendant documentation; to work collegially with budget preparation with finance committee and attend their monthly meetings; familiar with the Catholic Church structure of diocese, parish, pastor, finance committee, parish groups, sacramental record keeping; be fluent in English. An applicant's resume with names of references can be submitted immediately, either by post mail to the parish office or via email to Parish Finance Committee Chairman, Bernie Bosse, at: [bcbosse@mchsi.com](mailto:bcbosse@mchsi.com). Also, any need for further information can be sought by phoning Bernie (229-815-0189).

**Parish Council of Catholic Women Meets**



The next PCCW Meeting is scheduled for this Monday, the 6th of February at 6:00 PM in classroom #1 in the Church hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend and get involved with various events being planned throughout the year.



**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. Si el párroco no está presente favor déjele un aviso.*

Feb 4-10	Mass Intention	Requestor
Saturday	+Eugene Filch	Vince Hauser
Sunday 8:30	+Jocelyn Dede	Bren Dubay
Sunday 10:30	Parishioners	Pastor
Tuesday		
Wednesday	+Laura Lynch	Mary Hauser
Thursday	+Terry Lynch	Mary Hauser
Friday	+John Quigley	Eileen Johnson

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for February**



The prayer intention of Pope Francis for February is "that all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities."

**Stewardship Thought for 5th Sunday:** The



practice of the Spirituality of Stewardship, i.e., the sharing of one's time, talents and treasure with one's parish and other communities of which one forms part, involves a change of heart, embodied not in a single action, nor even a series of actions, but in one's entire manner of living life. Besides our parish, our generous parishioners contribute to communities such as the BAA, SAMA, Helping Hands, Koinonia, Harvest for Hope.

**Possible Change of Mass Times Being Discerned**



In order to expand the opportunities for attending a weekend Mass mainly (not exclusively) for many of our working Hispanic parishioners, and owing to two years of observing the numbers of mediocre attendance at our first Mass on Sunday morning, as well as its high numbers of late arrivals to it every week, our pastor has begun a process of discernment to find a more accommodating weekend Mass schedule for all. This process began formally at our monthly Pastoral Council meeting last Tuesday and continued with the Hispanic leadership group that meets on Thursday evenings. Unofficially, the pastor has been discussing this possibility for over two years with Hispanic parishioners and feels the time is now for its earnest, prayerful discernment by all parishioners. Parishioners' input is welcomed and they will soon be provided an opportunity for this in a survey insert in the weekly bulletin. Suffice to say for now, all are asked to pray for guidance by the Holy Spirit for the following proposed Mass schedule change aimed to improve our Mass attendance.

FROM: Saturday, 5 PM	English
TO: Saturday, 6 PM	English & Spanish
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FROM: Sunday 8:30 AM	Spanish
TO: Sunday 9:30 AM	Spanish
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FROM: Sunday 10:30 AM	English
TO: Sunday 11:30 AM	English

**Time wise:** note that there is but an hour change on both days, from 5PM to 6PM on Saturday, and on Sunday, from 8:30 to 9:30 for the Spanish Mass and 10:30 to 11:30 for the English Mass.

**Language wise:** note the Saturday evening Mass will be bilingual, thus providing the Spanish speaking the opportunity to attend the Saturday eve Mass. Our bilingual Hispanic youth also like this option.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR: January 30—February 4**

Monday	Spanish Teens 6 PM	Sherlock Hall
Tuesday	Hispanic Webinar 7PM	Sherlock Hall
Wednesday	Exposition 11AM-12	Chapel
	Mass at Noon	Chapel
	Exposition 6:25 -7:25	Church
	Faith Formation 6:15-	Sherlock Hall
Thursday	Junta litúrgica	Classroom

**Knowledge of Faith Assessment**



**What are the Three Sacraments of Initiation?**

- Baptism** – Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit; original sin forgiven.
- Confirmation** – Fortifies the graces of Baptism.
- Eucharist** – Source and summit of Christian life in which we receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

**What are the Sacraments of Healing?**

- Reconciliation (Confession)** – receive God's forgiveness for sins we have committed after Baptism.
- Anointing of the Sick** – Grace of this sacrament strengthens our faith and trust in God when we are seriously ill, weakened by old age, or dying.

**What are the Sacraments at the Service of Communion?**

- Holy Orders** – baptized men are consecrated as bishops, priests, or deacons to serve the Church in the name and person of Christ.

- Matrimony** – A baptized man and a baptized woman dedicate their lives to the Church and to one another in a lifelong bond of faithful life-giving love; also, they receive the grace to be a living sign of Christ's love for the Church.



We extend a warm welcome to all newcomers. If

you will be taking up residence in our area, we invite you to become a member of St. Mary's parish community. Please pick up a registration form from one of the plastic boxes in our vestibule. Once completed, either mail it to the parish office or simply drop it in the collection basket during our Offertory Collection.

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
January 15	\$ 2,683	\$2,588	+ 95	
January 22	\$2,086	\$2,588	-502	S.A.M.A. \$537
January 29	\$2,211	\$2,588	-377	Black & Indian Mis'ns \$250