

ESTA SEMANA EL TRIDUO PASCUAL DE LA PASIÓN Y RESURRECCIÓN DE CRISTO:



Es decir, jueves santo, viernes santo, sábado santo. Estos tres días del Triduo Pascual comprenden la temporada más corta del año litúrgico de la iglesia, pero están cargados con las más enriquecedoras gracias. Se urgen los feligreses y todos los cristianos hacer de su asistencia y participación una prioridad. Además, se le recuerda a todos, de antemano, que la solemnidad de estos, nuestros más grandes días santos, hace un llamado a los adultos y aún a los niños a hacer un esfuerzo especial para observar un quietud reverencial en el Triduo, como lo permita la amable caridad. Quietud al entrar a la iglesia para asistir a estos servicios y especialmente después al fin al salir del parqueadero al finalizar. Siempre que nosotros, al igual que la Madre de Jesús, consideremos en nuestros corazones el sacrificio total de Jesús, su sufrimiento agonizante, crucifixión y muerte, y que Él lo hizo todo por mí, por mí, por mí.



Semana Santa

Jueves Santo: a las 7 PM, Misa bilingüe, con el lavado de los pies de 12 personas, tránsito de la Eucaristía con una Procesión al Repositorio en la capilla, con una devoción silenciosa después y favor, la despedida en silencio.

Viernes Santo:

Vía Crucis 12 Mediodía (inglés)

7 PM Servicio bilingüe con la lectura de la pasión del Señor; diez plegarias solemnes; Veneración de la Cruz, Santa Comunión; favor despedida en silencio

Sábado Santo: 8 PM Misa bilingüe de la Vigilia de Pascua empezando afuera en el jardín con su iluminación del fuego al empezar la liturgia, procesión con velas prendidas, bautismos de algunos adultos, Comunión .

Domingo de la Pascua: El horario normal, la misa a las 9:30 (ingles) y 11:30 (español)

LA SAGRADA COMUNIÓN ¿Cómo se debe



preparar la persona que comulga para recibir la Sangre Preciosa? El o ella que comulga está llamado a disponerse apropiadamente para recibir

la Sagrada Comunión por medio de una preparación basada en la oración. Los que comulgan deben mostrar la más grande de las reverencias para Nuestro Señor en la Sagrada Eucaristía a través de su comportamiento, su forma de vestir y por su forma de acercarse a recibir Sagrada Comunión.

LA CAMPAÑA 2018 DEL OBISBO



está realizando por una serie de segunda colectas en la Misas. Ya tomamos tres colectas y de las cifras de 22 de marzo, ya logramos \$3,883 o 27 % de nuestro reto parroquial de \$14,376.

Gracias a los que están contribuyendo y favor a continuar. El lema de la campaña por este año es seamos Discípulos Misioneros.

No hay clases religiosas este miércoles, pero les pedimos los padres de los niños y jóvenes traerlos a los servicios de Santa Jueves y Santa Viernes en la tarde. Estos servicios mismos son formativos para todos, y una forma de profundizar la fe en Jesús Cristo en la iglesia católica



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March 25, 2018 Palm-Passion Sunday

“So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom...that is to come!” (Mark 11).



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 4:00 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

The Triduum



Holy Week

The last three days of this week, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are the Church's highest holy days.

We are called to full, active participation in them, including singing of the hymns our choir leads us in. Picking up our hymnals and joining in the singing, or at least showing solidarity by reading along as others sing the verses, helps to foster in the congregation the proper liturgical mood and enhances our worship. We are grateful to our St. Mary's volunteer instrumentalists and choir members who labor weekly to prepare appropriate music for our liturgies. Music at Mass is to support the people's singing, not to render us passive listeners. Singing together at the Triduum helps us to commemorate Our Lord's Passion and Death.



Moreover, these upcoming three days of the Easter Triduum comprise the shortest season in the liturgical year yet are freighted with its richest graces. We owe it to ourselves to seek a special spiritual growth spurt and make a priority their attendance and participation in them. Finally, all are encouraged to partake in the solemnity of these our Highest Holy Days by making a special effort to keep recollected by observing Triduum quiet and even silence as we arrive and depart to and fro each of the three liturgies.

Holy Thursday

7 PM Liturgy (bilingual): Rite of Washing of Feet, transfer of Eucharist to Repository in the chapel with procession; optional silent devotion in chapel, quiet departure to our homes.



Good Friday:

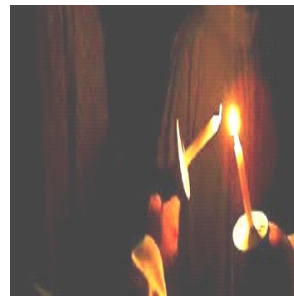
12 Noon: Stations of the Cross (English);



In the evening 7 PM Liturgy (bilingual): Reading of Lord's Passion; Solemn Intercessions; Veneration of the Cross; Holy Communion; Dismissal with departure in quiet as we await the Easter Vigil.

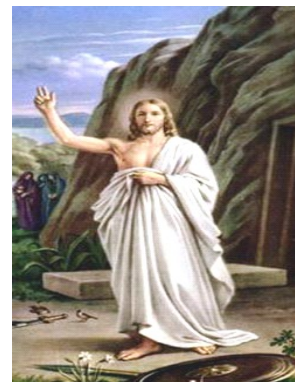
Holy Saturday

8 PM (Bilingual): Lighting of Paschal Candle in the garden with procession with lit candles into darkened Church; Exultet; Scriptural Readings; Litany; Confirmations; Eucharist.



Easter Sunday :

Masses per usual: 9:30, English; 11:30, Spanish



RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION



As we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper this Thursday evening, which includes the commemoration of the institution of the Eucharist by Jesus, it is timely to ask ourselves: how do we as communicants prepare to receive Communion? A communicant, as well as being properly disposed morally to receive Holy Communion, is to come with their preparation rooted in prayer. When processing up to receive, communicants should show great reverence for Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist by their attire, their demeanor, making a reverential bow prior to receiving the Sacred Host or the Precious Blood, saying audibly "Amen", remaining focused and undistracted throughout.

Are you Safe Environment trained?



VIRTUS is a program encouraged by Bishops nation-wide 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.

Faith Formation Classes



will not be held in Holy Week and that includes this Wednesday. But parents are urged to come to the Three Days of the Triduum with their children so all may be formed in their faith during the Holy Week rituals themselves. Classes resume the Wednesday after Easter, April 4th.

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.

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES



is the theme for this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal. The BAA goes to help support numerous pastoral needs of our dioceses including 19 seminarians with the per man cost c. \$40,000. Your support is needed and appreciated. Our BAA data as of March 22nd are:

St. Mary's BAA Goal	\$14,376
Contributed as of 3/22	\$ 3,883
Percent of Goal now:	27%
Amount yet to contribute	\$10,493

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		
March 25	\$3,271	\$2,925	\$346	BAA 11:30 Misa \$322