

## Requisitos Para Inscribirse Para Clases De Catecismo



Pronto en nuestro salón Sherlock empezaremos la inscripción para las clases de Catecismo, del primero hasta el colegio. No podemos acomodar chicos del kínder. Las clases mismas empiezan el miércoles el 6 de Septiembre. Los chicos que estarán preparándose a recibir este año el sacramento de la Primera Comunión o de La Confirmación deben presentar una copia del acta del bautismo el 6 de septiembre. Si se le hace falta ahora, aproveche este mes a conseguirlo para tenerla en mano por el 6 de septiembre. Los estudiantes que asistieron a las clases el año pasado deben reinscribirse de nuevo.

Los requisitos para matricularse incluyen los siguientes (1) que los padres y sus niños hagan el compromiso asistir regularmente a una de las Misas del fin de semana acá en Santa María a través del año (2) que la familia se comprometa a practicar la corresponsabilidad (de su tiempo, talento y tesoro) a su parroquia de Santa María. (3) que la familia está registrada en nuestra parroquia de Santa María. Si no está inscrito, tome ahora un formulario de inscripción del fondo de la iglesia, llenarlo completamente y ponerlo en el cesto durante la colecta en la misa o póngalo en el buzón de la oficina parroquial. Para más información, favor comuníquese con el Coordinador del programa religioso Ron Akerman.: 229-942-1653 o por correo electrónico: ronakerman@mediacombb.net

## 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.

## ¿Las próximas pláticas Bautismales?



Para el sacramento de bautismo de su niño/a, se requiere que los padres asistan en una clase pre-bautismal y los padrinos también. El día y la hora del clase normalmente es en la tarde de un día de la semana a las 7

PM. Para mas información favor llamar los coordinadores de las pláticas, Juan y Angélica Alejo, (229-591-9846). Se debe traer una copia del acto de nacimiento de su hijo (a) al clase pre-bautismal.

## Fray Pedro de Corpa Curso Empezará



nuevo este martes, el 8 de agosto. Es tiempo a inscribirse. Este programa diocesano tiene un serie de cursos sobre la biblia, la doctrina, los sacramentos, lo moral, etc. El estudiante adulto puede decidir tomar solo algunos de ellos o todos. El horario de clases será lo mismo: martes por la noche de 7 a 9, una semana si, una semana no. Los profesores serán sacerdotes. Las clases están en nuestro salón Sherlock. Las clases están para cualquier adultos (los de 18 años por arriba) interesados en aprender mas de su fe. La cobertura es diez dólares. Para registrarse favor hable con Sra. Sara Yanez que sirva como Registrar (229-938-8713) o enviarle un correo electrónico :sara rued@windstream.net.

## El día de la Asunción de la Virgen María,



el martes el 15 de Agosto es día de obligación para Católicas. Por lo tanto tendremos dos misas (1o) al mediodía en ingles en la capilla y (2a) a las 7 en la tarde en la iglesia (bilingüe).



## St. Mary Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

August 6, 2017 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Jesus took Peter, James, and John his*

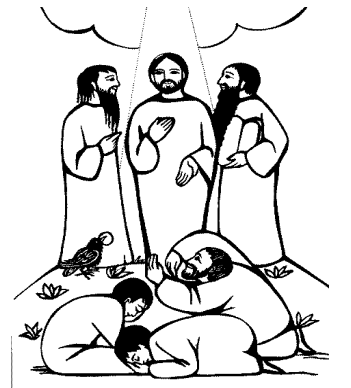
*brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.*

*And he was transfigured before them...*

*And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with*

*him....then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved*

*Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."*



**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 pláticas 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.

**Sacramento 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



## Are you Safe Environment trained?



VIRTUS is a program encouraged by Bishops nation wide to train adults, clergy included, on promoting safe environment for children and youth. Virtus training of adults is required for any adult

who will come into contact with children or youth as part of their ministry. Virtus training must be completed before they begin ministry (a listing of those ministries can be found at <http://bit.ly/1yU4Yk6>).

On Saturday, August 26, our parish VIRTUS coordinator, Ron Akerman, will offer a training session for parishioners 18 years of age and older. Adult parishioners who are not currently volunteers are encouraged to attend this training to inform themselves of dangers in our society to children and youth and to provide themselves with tools they can use to help keep safe children and youth. Please note one must enroll on line before attending the session ([https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list2.cfm?theme=0&theOrgID=17973](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0&theOrgID=17973)). Please contact Ron for further information: 229-942-1653 or by email at: [ronakerman@mediacombb.net](mailto:ronakerman@mediacombb.net)

## Baptism Of Infants or Children



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

are arranged by first contacting the pastor by phone or email to begin the process. One or more Baptism preparation classes are required. These are given by our deaconate candidate, Bernie Bosse, who, among other topics, presents the Church's teachings

about the commitment to raise the child Catholic and the respective roles of parents and godparents, the rite of Baptism, and answers related questions that might arise. A copy of the birth certificate of the infant/child along with a requested date of the Baptism is presented to Bernie at the class. Baptisms are scheduled in the church on Saturday mornings.

## Is Jesus Calling You To Pass On The Faith?



What follows are some reasons people like yourself respond to teaching children and youth in a parish religious education program. Can you see a bit of yourself in them?

1. Help Nourish their faith: *"If we don't get involved, who will teach them and prepare them to be active members in the parish as they grow?"*
2. Grow in learning one's own faith: *"It is faith enriching to look at the weekly readings from a child's point of view. Sometimes even adults take it in better when given simply."*
3. By our pupils we can be taught our very faith: *"The best thing about teaching in the program is getting to know each child and the special gifts they have... and how much they teach me!"*
4. Improve Catholic Parenting/Grand Parenting: *"Teaching our parish children provides the experience of learning how our young folk perceive the world and the Catholic faith as well as an opportunity to share the values and beliefs that our faith teaches us."*

If you can relate to such reasons as the above and sense Jesus is calling you to teach, then contact either the pastor Fr. Fran or Coordinator of Faith Formation, Ron Akerman: 229-942-1653 or at: [ronakerman@mediacombb.net](mailto:ronakerman@mediacombb.net).

## Visiting Priest Next Weekend

With our pastor away on vacation next weekend, Glenmary Father Francois Pellissier will be on hand to hear Confessions from 4:30 to 5:00 on Saturday and to preside at the three weekend Masses. Father Francois, who is fluent in French, Spanish and English, has much experience in ministering to incarcerated men and women in this diocese. In the pastor's absence, in the event of pastoral necessity, phone deacon candidate Bernie Bosse (229-815-0189).

## Stewardship Thought, 18th Sunday in O.T.



Have you given real thought lately to how good God has been to you? Do you give in proportion to what God has given you?

## Often asked Questions About the RCIA



What is the RCIA? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program designed to help non-Catholics as well as non-practicing Catholics to learn about Catholicism through a series of weekly classes, discussions, prayer times and step wise religious rites. Over the September-April period (2017-2018) the RCIA program helps participants grow in faith and knowledge of God, Jesus Christ and His Church as they consider becoming Catholic. The RCIA involves praying, learning teachings of the Bible and of the Church, discussing how they apply to our lives, participating in prayerful religious ceremonies ("Rites") which will be explained beforehand.

If I start next month in September, when might I become a Catholic? Generally, a person joining the RCIA in September will complete their full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil (March 30, 2018). This could be longer for those needing to enter the process of an annulment.

What if I go through the RCIA and choose not to become Catholic? There is no obligation to become a Catholic nor will you be pressured to do so. Each individual's stages of growth differs; some even take a few years to learn about Catholicism before deciding to become Catholic; some never feel called to do so. If a person is unsure whether they want to become Catholic, they are especially welcome to attend RCIA while they deliberate.

Who Joins The RCIA? People from all sorts of religious backgrounds join the RCIA. Some have been baptized in another Christian religion, some have never been baptized.



Some have been practicing Christians for many years, some come with little or no religion in their background. And some are already Catholic but are seeking a greater understanding of our faith. New parishioners or visitors having RCIA questions, as well as any others interested in being baptized Catholic or becoming fully initiated Catholics by receiving the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation, are invited to contact RCIA Coordinator, Bernie Bosse 229-815-0189 or by email at [bcbosse@mchsi.com](mailto:bcbosse@mchsi.com)

## Mary 'Assumption: Its Meaning For Us



"As the first disciple who goes before us—as the one who received in anticipation the blessings God wished to bestow on the rest of his people—it is fitting that Mary receives first the share in Christ's resurrection which he promised all faithful disciples. Mary participates in Christ's

victory over death first and in a unique way: she was assumed body and soul right at the end of her earthly life, while the rest of us will die and our bodies will decay, only to be restored at the end of time in the resurrection of the body... Mary's assumption is a...hope-filled sign for us. Life does not end with death. And Jesus didn't just promise that we can share in his victory over death. He didn't just say that we would share in his glorious resurrection. Jesus actually gave us one concrete, bodily example showing what awaits us at the end of life." (Edward Sri 2015)

## Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW)



Our next PCCW meeting will be Monday, August 14 at 6:00 PM in classroom #1. All ladies of the parish are invited. The agenda for the upcoming year will be discussed and plans

for our Morning of Reflection Saturday, September 16, 2017. Please contact PCCW president Carolyn Campbell at 229-942-2801 or email: [carolynrdc@att.net](mailto:carolynrdc@att.net).

## Masses for Feast of the Assumption Of Mary To Heaven



The feast of the Assumption, which is Tuesday, the 15th of August, is a holy day of obligation for Catholics. The two Masses are: (1) at noon in the chapel in English and (2) at 7 PM in the

Church and it is bilingual.