

RESULTADOS DE LAS ENCUESTAS SOBRE DE UN HORARIO NUEVO DE MISAS



Gracias a todos que participaron en nuestro proceso del discernimiento del horario nuevo por las misas del fin de semana. Ya están analizadas las encuestas; hubo 105 respuestas. Los resultados se van abajo según el número de las preguntas principales.

- #2: 80% participaron en ambas etapas de las encuestas; 20% no;
- #3: **85% estuvieron en “completo acuerdo o de acuerdo” con el cambio de horario en las Misas;** 11% no; 4% no estuvieron seguros;
- #5: 93% dijeron que asistan a la Misa 3-4 veces cada mes; 2% 1-2 veces por mes; 5% diez veces o menos por año; (Ojo del párroco: este figura de “93%” es muy sospechoso porque no está de acuerdo de nuestras observaciones y con cifras que ya eran publicados en nuestros boletines);
- #6: 26% asistan a la Misa a las 5 PM los sábados; 39% a la Misa de 8:30; 35% a la Misa de 10:30;
- #7: 57% estuvieron en favor de empezar el horario nuevo de Misas en junio; 18% en julio; 14% en el mes de agosto; 1% en septiembre; 10% “otro” (sin dar cualquier mes);

Por lo tanto, dado los resultados de las últimas encuestas, la conclusión de nuestro proceso de discernimiento estos últimos meses es que el presupuesto horario nuevo está aprobado. También, para dar a todos un mes para prepararse, empezará con el nuevo horario de misas el 1 de julio.

Al partir del 1 de julio, las misas del fin de semana estarán:

5:30 PM, SÁBADO (INGLES) 9:30 DOMINGO (INGLES) 11:30 DOMINGO (ESPAÑOL)

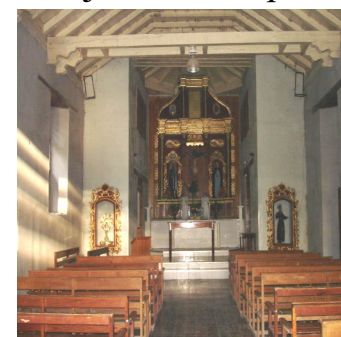
LA CAMPAÑA 2017 DEL OBISPO está re-



alizando por una serie de segunda colectas; ya tuvimos seis. Desde del 25 de mayo, nuestra parroquia ya logramos \$11,528 o 83% de nuestro reto parroquial de \$13,901

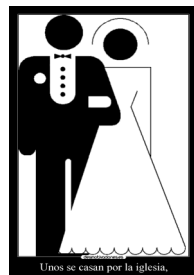
Gracias a los que están contribuyendo y favor a continuar. El lema de la campaña por este año es: “Nuestro Volver Al Señor”.

Este jueves es el primero del mes



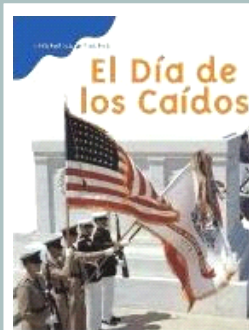
Todos están invitados a venir a la iglesia este jueves, el primero del mes, a las 6:50 para adorar delante del Santísimo, a rezar, y cantar juntos. Por más información favor póngase en contacto con Doña Rocio: 229-938-5826.

Casados por la iglesia y por civil



Felicitaciones a Enrique Gonzalez Pérez y Lucia Díaz Díaz que se unieron en el sacramento de matrimonio y al mismo tiempo casados civilmente, el sábado pasado acá en Santa María por nuestro párroco padre Paco. También recibieron sus primeras comuniones en la misa. Muchas bendiciones a Enrique y

Lucia y también a sus tres niños.



ORACIÓN PARA EL DIA MEMORIAL (Se celebra en EE.UU en el último lunes de mayo): “Dios de poder y misericordia, se destruye la guerra y anote el orgullo terrenal. Destierre la violencia de nuestro medio y enjugar nuestras lágrimas, para que podamos todos merecer ser

llamados sus hijos e hijas. Tenga en tu misericordia a aquellos hombres y mujeres que han muerto en la causa de la libertad y llevarlos a salvo a su reino de justicia y paz. Te lo pedimos por Jesucristo. Amén”



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Ascension Sunday May 28, 2017

“The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, ‘All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.’” (Matthew 28)



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 último 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 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



SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOMINATION FORM FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL

We invite nominations from registered parishioners for the annual elections for our parish's Pastoral Council (PC). There are three vacancies to be filled this rotation. Once a list of candidates is nominated, parishioners will vote; the three candidates with the highest tallies become elected. The member of our parish's Pastoral Council coordinating this year's nomination process in conjunction with the pastor is Carolyn Campbell. As listed in our parish bulletins for the past two years and also recently, persons eligible for nomination, including self-nomination, need meet the requirements specified below. When submitting a person's name for nomination, be sure to first ask him/her if they would consent to serve. Once nominated, Carolyn will present the list of nominees to the pastor for review and after that she will contact qualified nominees. The nomination process began after Masses on May 14th, continued on May 21st, and ends after Masses this Sunday (28th) at 1 PM. Voting on the final list of candidates occurs the next two weekends, June 4th and 11th. To observe the usual voting proprieties, (e.g., a registered parishioner, voting but once, etc.) parishioner identification is needed to validate the ballot You may either legibly print your name or write in your parish envelope number. You may nominate up to 3 candidates. Those currently serving on the Pastoral Council and thus ineligible for nomination are Lynn Ingle, Larry Banks, Miguel Yanez, Rocio Aparecio and Bernie Bosse.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A CANDIDATE TO BE NOMINATED:

- *Be in full communion with the Catholic Church and registered parishioner of St. Mary since May 14, 2016;
- *Regularly attend either the Saturday Vigil Mass or a Sunday Mass at St. Mary's most weekends of the month throughout the year (save vacations, holiday visiting, and such like). Not to attend so regularly, for whatever reason, renders one out of touch with an essential part of the parish and thus severely limited to serve in an advisory role to the pastor as a PC member;
- *Endorse our parish's mission statement and desire to serve all its ethnic groups especially its two main ones;
- *Subscribe to a "Spirituality of Stewardship" involving the sharing of their time, talent, and treasure with their parish and with our Savannah Diocese;
- * Able to attend PC's monthly meetings (Tuesday evenings) and willing to accept some committee tasks;
- *Be 18 years of age or older and conversant in English;
- *Be interested in the overall spiritual and temporal welfare of the entire parish and be without an inordinate attachment to an agenda whether one's own or that of a parish group.



Cut or fold along the dotted line and drop your nomination in the **Ballot Box** in the vestibule of the church or drop it in the pouch on the door of the parish office.

My Name (please print it) or Envelope # is: _____ and I nominate

(1,2, or 3 persons): 1. _____

2. _____ 3. _____

(If one prefers, one can cast their ballot by sending an email to carolynrdc@att.net)



Results of 2nd Wave of Parish Surveys On Proposed Mass Schedule

Our thanks again to all who participated in providing their input into the first and/or second waves of surveys on the proposed new weekend Mass schedule. The findings of the earlier wave of multi-lingual surveys and review of the discernment process was presented in previous bulletins (e.g. 4/2/17). The main results of the recent wave of surveys from 105 respondents are now presented for those who answered the questions. We are grateful to Maureen Turner for painstakingly tabulating the survey results and Pastoral Council member Lynn Ingle for reviewing the method and tabulation sheets. The findings follow except for Question #1 which just asked for one's name and Q#4 on years in parish which was previously presented.

- Question #2: 80% participated in both waves of surveys; 20% did not;
- Question #3: 85% strongly agreed or agreed to the proposed Mass schedule;** 11% did not; 4% not sure;
- Question #5: 93% say they attend Mass 3-4 times a month; 2% 1-2 times per month; 5% less than that; (Pastor's note: 93% is way out of line with national data on Mass attendance and also our own observations)
- Question #6: 26% mainly attend the 5 PM Mass; 39% the 8:30 Mass; 35% the 10:30 Mass;
- Question #7: 57% favored starting the new schedule in June; 18%, July; 14%, August; 1% Sept., 10% Other.

Accordingly, the outcome of our multi-month discernment process, supported by the latest results above is that the proposed new weekend Mass schedule is approved. Further, while noting that most (57%) respondents favored starting the new schedule in June, which is next weekend, it is deemed better to give folks a full month's notice and thus the new schedule will commence the first weekend of July. In sum:

COMMENCING JULY 1ST, THE FIRST WEEKEND IN JULY, MASSES WILL NOW BE AS FOLLOWS:

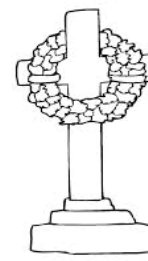
5:30 PM SATURDAY (ENGLISH); 9:30 SUNDAY (ENGLISH); 11:30 ON SUNDAY (SPANISH)



Time & Talent For Food Collections We are grateful to the several parishioners of our parish who belong to Koinonia for kindly agreeing to regularly transport to The Harvest of Hope the foods our parish collects in the designated box in the back of the church. Thanks especially to Elizabeth Dede for coordinating this at Koinonia.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS INVITATION:

Memorial Day



Church and the picnic will be cancelled.

Under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus, the annual Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated this Monday, May 29 at 11:00 AM at The National Historic Site, Andersonville. All are invited both to the Mass and the picnic following. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated here at St. Mary's



2017 Bishop's Appeal: "Our Return to The Lord" is this year's theme. Our BAA data as of May 25th are below. Thanks to all who are contributing.

St. Mary's BAA Goal	\$13,901
Contributed	11,528
Percent of Goal now:	83%
Amount yet to contribute	2,373
Pledge Balance	(\$3,328)

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget/Presupuesto</u>	<u>Surplus/Sobre; Deficit/Falta</u>	<u>2nd Collections</u>
May 7	\$2,996	\$2,588	\$ 408	BAA 8:30 Mass \$176
May 14	\$2,819	\$2,588	\$ 231	Marian Shrine, DC \$356
May 21	\$2,122	\$2,588	(\$466)	BAA 8:30 Mass \$151