

San Blas & el bendecir de las gargantas



Este jueves el 3 de febrero es la fiesta de San Blas y como es el costumbre tendremos las bendiciones de las gargantas.

Hay tres oportunidades para recibir esta bendición: (1) el jueves en la noche en la iglesia como las 7:55 PM al fin de la devoción del primer jueves del mes, (2) el miércoles en la noche después de las clases religiosas o sea como las 7:30 y (3) el miércoles después de la misa del medio día.



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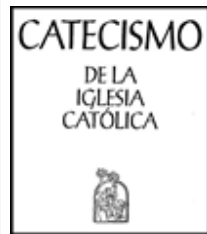
4ro. domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. Los discípulos responsables hacen una decisión firme y consciente, acompañada de la acción, de seguir a Jesucristo sin importarles el costo.

UN VIRTUS TALLER EN ESPAÑOL acá en



nuestra parroquia estará en el próximo mes de febrero. Este entrenamiento es obligatorio para estar en conformidad 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 que los adultos de nuestra parroquia tomen este taller. Se sirve especialmente para padres de familia para informarse como tomar pasos a proteger sus niños en nuestra sociedad, sea en la escuela, en el barrio, en el supermercado, etc. Para reservar su cupo en el taller favor de ponerse en contacto de una de los Coordinadores certificados de Virtus, o Sra. Angélica Alejo (229-591-9846) o Sra. Sara Rueda (sararued@windstream.net)



Evaluación de Conocimientos de su Fe católica.

¿Puede un no católico recibir la comunión en la Misa católica? ¿Por qué sí o por qué no?

No, no se lo permite. Los no católicos no están en plena "comunión" con la Iglesia Católica en la creencia de que el pan y el vino se convierten en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo, muchos no católicos creen que es sólo simbólica, lo que no corresponde a la doctrina católica y por tanto no pueden recibirlo.



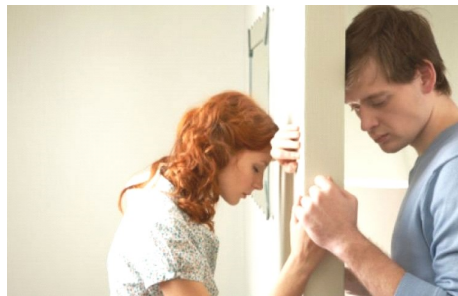
PARA TODA PAREJA: COMUNICACIÓN

"En el matrimonio, la habilidad para comunicarse adecuadamente es fundamental para que la relación sea estable y feliz. Y lo bueno es que

este es un arte que se puede aprender. La comunicación se compone de varios elementos: se necesita que haya una persona que tiene algo que decir y alguien que escuche el mensaje. A su vez, la calidad de mensaje dependerá de la claridad para comunicarse y de la disposición y habilidad del receptor por escuchar. Entre más específico, corto, directo y libre de interferencias sea el canal que usamos para comunicarnos, el mensaje se podrá escuchar más claramente. Por ejemplo, debemos poder decir: "Estoy molesta(o) porque ayer cuando te pregunté si podíamos planear unas vacaciones, me contestaste muy golpeado y de malagana".

Igualmente, la retroalimentación que el que escucha le da al emisor es de gran ayuda para que la comunicación tenga

éxito. Retroalimentar es parafrasear lo que usted escuchó o cree haber escuchado; por ejemplo puede decir: "O sea que tu estás molesta(o) porque ayer te pareció que te hablé golpeado y de mala gana". Si el receptor no ofrece esa retroalimentación o significado compartido, quizá el emisor pueda pedirle a la otra persona que le repita lo que cree que escuchó. (Fuente: Escrito por Alicia Pérez-Nuño, <http://www.portumatrimonio.org/todapareja/v/comunicación>)



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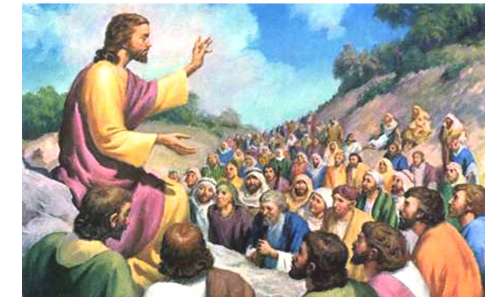
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January 29, 2017 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Beatitudes



"Blessed are the poor in spirit... Blessed are they who mourn...
Blessed are the meek... Blessed are the peacemakers...
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness...
Blessed are the merciful... Blessed are the clean of heart...
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness...
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you...
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me...."

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

BLESSING OF THROATS THIS WEEK



This Thursday February 3rd is the feast of St. Blaise and the pastor will administer the traditional blessing of throats in the chapel right after the noon Mass.

There also will be a blessing of throats in Spanish on Thursday evening in the church at 7:55 PM at the end of the devotion held by members of our Hispanic community on the first Thursday of the month. This blessing is open to all with Bernie Bosse assisting in English.

Finally, for children in our Wednesday evening Faith Formation Program, there will also be a blessing of throats in the church at the end of classes around 7:30. Parents and others of course are also invited. Bernie Bosse will assist with the blessing.



Post Abortion Healing Retreat called



“Rachel’s Vineyard” is a beautiful opportunity for any woman, man, or family member who is struggling with the emotional, spiritual or psychological pain of abortion to find healing. Come and experience the mercy of God through this healing ministry. For information or to register contact Stephanie May: (912) 306-0406 or email her at stephmay@bellsouth.net, or visit the website at www.rachelsvineyard.org All calls and inquiries are confidential. Come and be restored. The next weekend retreat is February 24-26.

QUIZ
CATECHISM
Challenge

Knowledge of Catholic Faith Assessment:

Can a non-Catholic receive Communion at a Catholic Mass? Why or Why not?

Non-Catholics are not in full “communion” with the Catholic Church on the belief that the Bread and Wine become the Body and Blood of Christ; many non-Catholics believe it to be only symbolic and consequently are not permitted to receive.

What is the difference between the Immaculate Conception and the Virgin Birth of Jesus by Mary?

The Immaculate Conception teaching says Mary was kept free of original sin from the time of her conception. The Virgin Birth refers to Mary being a virgin when she gave birth to Jesus.

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.

Jan 28-Feb 4	Mass Intention	Requestor
Saturday	+Patrick Brannon	Marie Cullen
Sunday 8:30	+Howard Myers	C. Wilkinson
Sunday 10:30	Parishioners	Pastor
Tuesday		
Wednesday	+ Paul Plott	George Coyne



Stewardship Thought for 4th Sunday:

Stewardship is God's invitation to a way of life. It helps us to overcome our selfishness and love of things.



Pope's Prayer Intentions for February 2017

The Apostleship of Prayer is a daily devotion by Catholics worldwide who through their Daily Offering unite themselves by prayer with the Eucharistic Sacrifice in which the work of redemption is continuously accomplished. Through the Apostleship of Prayer, Pope Francis gives his monthly intentions to the entire Church. All Catholics are invited to mention daily the Pope's monthly intention. The following is his intention for the month of February which begins this week.

Comfort For The Afflicted: That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.



We all do well do recite the Daily Offering which is as follows:
“God, our Father, I offer you my day. I offer you my prayers, thoughts, words, actions, joys, and sufferings in union with the

Heart of Jesus, who continues to offer Himself in the Eucharist for the salvation of the world. May the Holy Spirit, who guided Jesus, be my guide and my strength today so that I may witness to your love. With Mary, the mother of our Lord and the Church, I pray for all apostles of prayer and for the prayer intention proposed by the Holy Father this month.”

WEEKLY CALENDAR: January 30—February 4

What's Happening

Monday	Jóvenes 6 PM	Sherlock Hall
Tuesday	Hispanic Webinar 7PM	Sherlock Hall
Wednesday	Exposition 11AM-12	Chapel
	Mass; Blessing throats	Chapel
	Exposition 6:25 -7:25	Church
	Faith Formation 6:15-	Sherlock Hall
Thursday	Exposition & Devotional	Church
	Blessing of throats	
	Junta litúrgica	Classroom

Bishops: Israeli occupation a ‘scandal’



At the conclusion of a recent visit to the Holy Land, bishops from eight nations, including the United States,

faulted the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza saying: “For fifty years the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza have languished under occupation, violating the human dignity of both Palestinians and Israelis. This is a scandal... many people in the Holy Land have spent their entire lives under occupation, with its polarizing social segregation... Now, more than ever, they deserve our solidarity.” Continuing the Bishops stated: “We all have a responsibility to oppose the construction of settlements. This de facto annexation of land not only undermines the rights of Palestinians in areas such as Hebron and East Jerusalem but, as the UN recently recognized, also imperils the chance of peace.”

They then spoke of our responsibilities: “We all have a responsibility to provide assistance for the people of Gaza, who continue to live amid a man-made humanitarian catastrophe. They have now spent a decade under blockade, compounded by a political impasse caused by ill-will on all sides....

We all have a responsibility to promote a two-state solution. The Holy See has emphasized that “if Israel and Palestine do not agree to exist side-by-side, reconciled and sovereign within mutually agreed and internationally recognized borders, peace will remain a distant dream and security an illusion...”

They then added: “The Bible tells us: ‘You will declare this fiftieth year to be sacred and proclaim the liberation of all the country’s inhabitants’ (Leviticus 25:10). During this fiftieth year of occupation we must pray for the liberty of everyone in the Holy Land and practically support all those working to build a just peace.” (Source: [European Bishops’ Conference; http://catholic-ew.org.uk](http://catholic-ew.org.uk))

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