

LA SAGRADA COMUNIÓN



¿Cómo se debe preparar la persona que comulga para recibir la Sangre Preciosa? El 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 la Sagrada Comunión.

LA CAMPAÑA 2017 DEL OBISBO



está realizando por una serie de segunda colectas en la Misas. Ya tomamos cuatro. Nuestra parroquia ya logramos \$4,228 o 30% 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 SENOR”

Resultados tentativos del proceso

Gracias a todos que participaron en nuestro proceso del discernimiento de la posibilidad de un horario nuevo por las misas del fin de semana. Ya están analizadas las encuestas y ya tuvimos juntas con el liderazgo hispano y con el Concilio Pastoral de la parroquia. Y como un resultado tentativo, la sugerencia que ha brindada, es que el horario de las misas del fin de semana serian lo que sale abajo. Los feligreses tendrán otra oportunidad a través de otras encuestas firmadas, quizás el próximo mes, de responder si están o no están en favor de este horario propuesto:

5:30 Misa los sábados en inglés;
9:30 Misa los domingos en inglés;
11:30 Misa los domingos en español.

TRIDUO PASCUAL DE LA PASIÓN Y RESURRECCIÓN DE CRISTO:

(Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo, Sábado Santo)

Los tres días del Triduo Pascual comprenden la temporada más corta del año litúrgico de la iglesia, pero están cargados con las más enriquecedoras gracias. Los feligreses de la Iglesia de Santa María deben a su propia espiritualidad el hacer de su asistencia y participación una prioridad. Se le recuerda a todos, de antemano, que la solemnidad de estos, nuestros más grandes días Santos, hace un llamado a los adultos y aun a los niños a hacer un esfuerzo especial para observar tanta quietud en el Triduo, como lo permita la amable caridad. Quietud, que no significa silencio monástico, si no quietud al entrar a la iglesia para asistir a estos servicios y especialmente al salir del parqueadero al finalizar. Siempre que nosotros, al igual que María, 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*, entonces esta quietud especial fluirá más fácilmente para el realce del Triduo.

HORARIO DEL SANTO TRIDUO

Jueves Santo: 7:00 PM Misa Bilingüe, Con el lavar de los pies; Tránsito de la Eucaristía con Procesión al Repositorio, devoción silenciosa y después la despedida de la iglesia en silencio;

Viernes Santo: 12 PM, mediodía (inglés); luego...

7 PM Servicio bilingüe: Lectura de la Pasión del Señor; 10 intercesiones solemnes; Veneración de la Cruz, Santa Comunión, Despedida en silencio

Sábado Santo: 8 PM Misa de la Vigilia de Pascua, Iluminación del fuego; procesión con velas prendidas; Confirmaciones; despedida con alegría.

Domingo de la Pascua: Las misas del domingo de la Pascua quedan a las mismas horas, o sea a las 8:30 (español) y a las 10:30 (inglés)

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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PALM SUNDAY, April 9, 2017

“The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches... and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is the he who comes in the name of the Lord... And when he entered Jerusalem (they) asked, ‘Who is this?’ And the crowds replied, ‘This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee.’” (Matthew 21)



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 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

The Triduum



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.

Faith Formation Classes will not be held this Wednesday; parents are urged to come with their children to be formed in their faith through the Holy Week rituals themselves. Classes resume the Wednesday after Easter, April 19th.

Holy Thursday

7 PM Liturgy (bilingual): Rite of Washing of the Feet, Transfer of Eucharist to Repository; Procession; silent devotion before the Reposed Blessed Sacrament, then quiet exodus.



Good Friday:

12 Noon: Stations of the Cross (English);



And in the evening



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

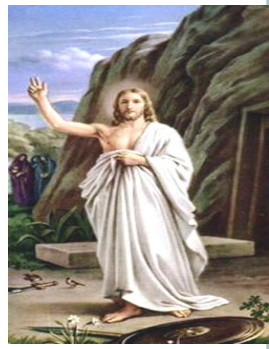
Holy Saturday

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



Easter Sunday :

(Masses per usual)
8:30(Spanish); 10:30: English



UPDATE ON "MASS" SURVEYS & PROCESS

Thanks again to all parishioners who participated in the survey process by answering structured and unstructured questions and submitting, in most cases, constructive comments. Thank you also for invoking the Holy Spirit to guide our process. Our discernment process has yielded an outcome that was unexpected and it seems, beneficent, one which the majority of parishioners will likely favor.

PROCESS OF DISCERNING A POSSIBLE CHANGE OF WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Now we report first the salient findings from the surveys; second, report on the outcomes of two pivotal meetings in the recent stages of this discernment process; third, present the suggested weekend Mass time changes that emerged from those meetings and the surveys; fourth, refer to the next stage of our discernment process where parishioners will again be surveyed for their approval or disapproval on the proposed new weekend Mass times.

1.Salient Results. A total of 120 surveys were processed though not all answered all questions.
Q#2, Bulletin: 89% of English speaking respondents read the bulletin weekly (due to a mistranslation of word "weekly", Spanish surveys excluded);
#Q 3, Duration: 35% of all respondents have been attending St. Mary's for 21 years or more; 15% for 16-20 years; 23% for 11-15 years; 14% for 6—10 years; 8% for 3-5 years; 3% for 2 or fewer years.
#Q4, Attendance: 95% say they attend Mass here 3 or 4 times a month;
#Q5, Which Mass: 30% say they attend the 5 PM; 40% the 8:30; 27% the 10:30; 3% both/no answer.

2.#Q6, Could attend if Mass moved back an hour
5 PM Mass goers: 66% Yes; 26% No; 8% Unsure
10:30 Mass goers: 80% Yes; 10% No; 10% Unsure
8:30 Mass goers: 98% Yes; 0% No; 2% Unsure
#Q7, Bilingual Masses on occasion: 71% In Favor; 11% Not in favor; 18% Unsure

3. Meetings. The first meeting to review the preliminary survey results was with our Hispanic leadership group, including three members of the Pastoral Council, on Thursday evening 3/23. After about an hour and a half of constructive interchange of ideas, and notwithstanding the surveys' empirical basis for the proposed changed Mass times, and with a desire to generate a stronger consensus among all parishioners and not to offend their Anglo brothers and sisters, it was proposed to change the Sunday Mass

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time for Hispanics to 11:30. It was pointed out that this would provide Hispanics the culturally congenial option of moving their usual post Mass gathering from off premises to Sherlock Hall. As for the Sunday Mass in English, it would move up to 9:30. The English speaking member of the Parish Council felt this proposal would meet with the approval of most English speaking parishioners.

The second meeting was with members of our Pastoral Council and held last Tuesday. Again, preliminary survey findings were presented and a constructive dialogue occurred. As a result, the suggestion, unanimously approved, was to proceed with the above new Mass times, with the added adjustment of Saturday Eve Mass moved back to not 6 PM but to 5:30 PM and that it not be bilingual.

3. New Proposal Thus, the outcome of the above discernment process is the proposed change of Mass times to the following:
5:30 Mass on Saturday evenings, in English;
9:30 Mass on Sunday in English;
11:30 Mass on Sunday in Spanish.

4. Next Surveys Parishioners will be provided an opportunity to again express their views favoring or disfavoring this proposed new weekend Mass schedule. Tri-lingual surveys will again be the means to assess their views. But with Palm Sunday this week, then Easter Sunday following and post Easter breaks for some, the surveys will not be distributed before the end of this month. As usual, read your bulletins to stay tuned. Finally, please continue to invoke the Holy Spirit to guide us in our discernment process and not let the Evil Spirit hold sway. Thank you again for your participation.



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: how does an eligible communicant prepare to receive? The communicant is to be properly disposed morally to receive; show great reverence for Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist by a reverential bow prior to receiving the Sacred Host or the Precious Blood, their attire, and the manner in which they process to and fro Holy Communion.

Weekend	Offertory	Budget/Presupuesto	Surplus/Sobre;Deficit/Falta	2nd Collection
April 2	3,845	\$2,588	\$1,257	BAA 8:30 Mass \$310