

¿QUE ES LA CAMPAÑA DEL OBISPO?



Esta Campaña es la fuente primaria de ingresos para sostener y expandir los ministerios en 55 parroquias y 24 misiones, la educación de seminaristas, ofrecer programas de capacitación y liderazgo a la comunidad Hispano, apoyar con la educación religiosa de nuestros niños y jóvenes, mantener oficinas a servir familias y proporcionar servicios sociales a los necesitados en toda la diócesis.

La diócesis no puede subsidiar todos los programas necesarios y le pide a las parroquias para que ayuden a nuestros hermanos en necesidad.

Donación Total: 10 Pagos por Segunda Colecta

\$400	\$40
\$300	\$30
\$200	\$20
\$100	\$10

¿CÓMO PODEMOS AYUDAR? En dos formas: (1) Regalo de Oración, es decir, recauda para que podemos lograr nuestra meta parroquial de \$13,901 como lo logramos el año pasado, de hecho 109% de nuestra meta, gracias a todos de nuestra parroquia inclusive de la comunidad Hispana; (2) Por Regalo de Abnegación, es decir, considere una promesa durante esta campaña de donación semanalmente en la segunda colecta o una donación de un solo pago para apoyar a los ministerios de nuestra diócesis de Savannah. Gracias por su generosidad.

Viacrucis los miércoles en cuaresma



Empezando el miércoles el 8 de marzo, tendremos la devoción del viacrucis en la iglesia comenzando a las 6:25. Estaremos guiado por

un líder y usaremos folletos que contienen reflexiones, oraciones y respuestas. Además, justamente después del viacrucis tendremos un breve adoración del santísimo con un himno, incienso y una bendición. Terminaremos a las 7:25.

Discernimiento de Cambios Posibles en el Horario de la Misa, Del Fin De Semana



Estamos en un proceso de discernimiento de un posible cambio del horario de las misas al fin de la semana. Los feligreses van a

recibir su encuesta después las misas el próximo fin de semana. Para mostrar su interés en decisiones importantes de su parroquia, se les pide llenarlas y devolverlas no más tarde que el próximo domingo. Por ahora, nos queda a orar al Espíritu Santo, para que nos guie en el cambio de horario propuesto.

DE: Sábado 5 PM Ingles

A : Sábado 6 PM Ingles & Español

DE: Domingo 8:30 AM Español

A: Domingo 9:30 AM Español

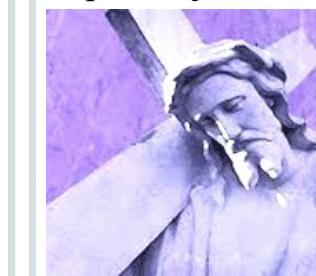
Este miércoles es miércoles de Ceniza.



Se distribuirán las cenizas dos veces: al 12 de media día en la capilla durante la Misa en inglés, y luego en la Misa bilin-

güe a las 7PM en la iglesia. El sacerdote o una de los otros ministros litúrgicos mete el dedo pulgar de su mano en las cenizas y hace la Señal de la Cruz en la frente de cada persona y dice "Recuerda que polvo eres y en polvo te has de convertir". Esto nos recuerda de nuestra propia mortalidad y nos llama al arrepentimiento durante la temporada de cuaresma.

El primer jueves del mes en la cuaresma:



Todos están invitados a venir a la iglesia este jueves a las 6:50 cuando tendremos el viacrucis con el sacerdote y después exposición, adoración y bendición con la Santísima. Terminamos a las 8 PM.



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February 26, 2017 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus said to his disciples: "No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

"... seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, ... Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil."

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.

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 sacerdote para recibir este sacramento (favor, no esperar al último momento).

Confesión/Reconciliación - Sábado 4:00 pm a 4:30 pm o llame el sacerdote 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

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

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.

SCEDULE OF WEEKLY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm - English

Sunday: 8:30 (Spanish) 10:30 am (English)

Tuesday thru Friday, 12 Noon, in chapel, English

The theme for the Bishop's Annual Appeal



this year is : "Our Return to the Lord". Our pledges and gifts to it will again help make our Bishop's appeal a success. This year our

parish's goal is just \$13,901, a figure \$3,428 LESS THAN our parish's total contribution to last year's BAA. Therefore, using the same formula that has proven successful last year, and the year before that, let us (1) pray over an amount that is sacrificial yet manageable for us to contribute then (2) pledge that amount and by installments contribute to assist our Bishop meet the many material and spiritual needs of our diocese. Last year's figures follow:

St. Mary's BAA goal last year:	\$15,888
Total we actually contributed	17,329
Percent of Goal:	109%
From Est. Percent of Parishioners (includes eleven 2nd collections at the 8:30 Spanish Mass for the BAA)	86%
St. Mary's 2017 BAA Goal:	\$13,901

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 favor déjelo un aviso.

Feb 11-18 **Mass Intention**
Saturday +Fred Sheridan
Sunday 8:30 Parishioners
Sunday 10:30 +Frank Macedonia
Tuesday +Laura Lynch

Requestor
Ladies Aux.
Pastor
Alice Harold
E. Johnson

Weekend	Offertory	Budget/Presupuesto	Surplus/Sobre;Deficit/Falta	2nd Collection
February 5	\$ 3,831	\$2,588	+1,243	
February 12	3,167	2,588	+ 579	
February 19	2,674	2,588	+ 86	

Ashes Administered at 2 Masses Wednesday



The two Masses on Ash Wednesday with distribution of ashes after the homily are at 12 noon in our chapel and at the 7 PM at the bilingual Mass in the church. There are no other Masses or scheduled times for distribution of ashes.

Stations of the Cross with adoration and & Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament



The last few years few persons regularly attended the Stations on Friday evenings in Lent with a number of them the regular weekday Mass goers. So



this Lent the Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday mornings in the church starting at 11 AM. As before, Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will follow, and immediately following this will be Mass at noon. Please note that during Lent, the Wednesday morning Exposition will be transferred to Friday and abbreviated as indicated above.

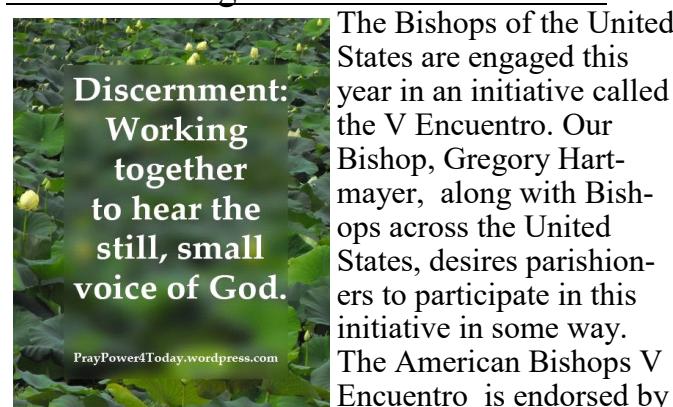
Moreover, this Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held on Wednesday evenings in Spanish starting at 6:25 followed by



Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Consequently, the Wednesday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

and silent adoration will be abbreviated in Lent so we can pray the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome no matter their native language. Since next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday when we will have Mass at 7 PM, these Lenten Stations will begin the following Wednesday, March 8th.

Possible Change of Mass Times Process



The Bishops of the United States are engaged this year in an initiative called the V Encuentro. Our Bishop, Gregory Hartmayer, along with Bishops across the United States, desires parishioners to participate in this initiative in some way. The American Bishops V Encuentro is endorsed by Pope Francis. It calls upon the laity, the priests, and the Bishops "to listen with profound attention to the needs, challenges and aspirations that the growing Hispanic/Latino population faces in daily life. It especially prepares us as a Church to better recognize, embrace, and promote the many gifts and talents that the Hispanic community shares in the life and mission of the Church and in the society." (Bishops Gustavo Garcia-Siller and Nelson Perez) This initiative provides a context for the current process of our parish to discern a more accommodating weekend Mass schedule mainly, not exclusively, for our Hispanic brothers and sisters.

FROM: Saturday, 5 PM English
TO: Saturday, 6 PM English & Spanish

FROM: Sunday 8:30 AM Spanish
TO: Sunday 9:30 AM Spanish

FROM: Sunday 10:30 AM English
TO: Sunday 11:30 AM English

The schedule presented above is the only feasible one under consideration as grounded in the information presented in previous bulletins. This week we again recall some points presented the past three weeks, both in the bulletins and in the pastor's remarks before or at the end of Masses, then moves the process along by reminding ourselves of the information that follows and provides some new information.

Thus we remind ourselves our parish is engaged in a process of discerning a possible change of Mass times. The impetus for this change has been stated and pertinent facts pointed out (see parish web page for previous bulletins which mentions these).

Previous bulletins also mentioned the ongoing need for us as a parish to pray for guidance to be led by the Holy Spirit in this discernment process so as not to let the ubiquitous Evil Spirit hold sway.

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Parishioners' input into the process is welcomed and they can expect the **surveys to be provided next weekend** for them to fill out individually and return as specified. Use the surveys to convey your responses; avoid emails, post mails, and verbal communications for they are not substitutes for the surveys. The surveys, like the Stewardship Forms parishioners have filled out the past two years, will be in English and Spanish but also in Vietnamese. We remind ourselves that Pope Francis used surveys to gather information from Catholics all over the world in his data gathering process leading up to the Synod on the Family.

These surveys will ask parishioners questions like their name, which weekend Mass they most often attend during the year, would they be open to attending that Mass if it were moved back an hour, and such like. They also will be invited to write in any comments they've prayerfully reflected on (see first point about the Holy Spirit). Subsequently these completed surveys will be read by the pastor who afterwards will be assisted in their compilation by members of the Pastoral Council, Hispanic Leadership group and an office volunteer. The information on the surveys will be summarized and major findings shared through the bulletin for all to inform themselves.

Finally, it is helpful to bear in mind the following: the priority throughout is with the process of discernment rather than with a deadline; there is no preset decision on the proposed schedule; the assumptions are that parishioners are praying to the Holy Spirit, that they are informing themselves as always by reading their bulletins, that they are participating in the process by filling out and returning their surveys and not absenting themselves from it.



Pope's Prayer Intention for March is



"that persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church."