



SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

332 S. Lee Street, Americus, GA 31709

October 7, 2018

7 de Septiembre de 2018

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

27^{to} Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

General Parish Information / Información General de la Parroquia

Parish office phone: 229-924-3495

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Parish office hours: Tuesday-Friday: 9:00AM-4:00PM



Parish Staff and Contacts

Parochial Administrator: Father Samuel Aniekwe

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Bernie Bosse

Bookkeeper: Randy Vanderwilt

Bi-lingual Secretary: Mireya López

Parish Council President: Lynn Ingle

Finance Committee Chair: Deacon Bernie Bosse

Security/Alarm System Caretaker: Chet Crowley

Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE): Ron Akerman

RCIA (English): Deacon Bernie and Louise Bosse

RCIA (Spanish): Raul Yanez & Sara Rueda

Infants/Children Baptism Preparation (English): Deacon Bernie Bosse

Infants/Children Baptism preparation (Spanish): Juan Alejo and Angélica Sanchez

Liturgical Ministers Coordinators (English): Deacon Bernie and Louise Bosse

Liturgical Ministers Coordinators (Spanish): Sara Rueda and Karina Rueda

Music Coordinator (English): Kathy Calcutt / Music Coordinator (Spanish): Martin Lara

Youth Ministry Coordinator: Rocío Aparicio

Altar Linens: Maureen Turner

Facilities Coordinator: Craig Martindale

Parish Council of Catholic Woman (PCCW): Carolyn Campbell

Knights of Columbus #7113 Grand Knight: Ron Akerman

SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY MASSES

Saturday: 5:30 PM (English)

Sunday: 9:30 AM (English); 11:30 AM (Spanish)

Tuesday thru Friday: 12 PM in chapel (English)

HORARIO DE LAS MISAS

Sábado: 5:30 PM (ingles)

Domingo: 9:30 AM (ingles); 11:30 AM (español)

Martes a Viernes a la 12:00 (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 - Contact the pastor at least 6 months before the expected wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick – For Anointing or for emergency, please call 412-606-7701.

Reconciliation - Saturday 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm or call Fr. Samuel for an appointment.

INFORMACIÓN SACRAMENTAL

Clases de Preparación Bautismal - Por favor llame nuestros feligreses Juan y Angélica Alejo (229-591-9846) para registrarse por pláticas pre-bautismales a menos un mes antes del Bautismo proyectado.

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 - Para Unción o Emergencia, llamar 412-606-7701.

Reconciliación - Sábado 4:00 pm a 4:30 pm o llame el padre Samuel por una cita particular.

Our 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.

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 a María, difundiendo la Palabra, y sirviendo a los demás.

FATHER SAM'S CORNER

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Gospel: Mark 10: 2-16 or 10: 2-12

A Childlike Heart Enhances Good Relationship

Jesus enjoined his followers today in the gospel that they must apply a childlike mind in their witness to his Gospel to enhance their relationship with God and chance of salvation. A reminder of the characteristics of a child's mind can enrich our quick grasp of this message. Let us pause a while to try to answer the question why it takes a few minutes for two children who engaged in a fight to make up and become good friends again, but it takes forever for some two adults to make up with each other in the same situation? I think the reason is that the hearts of children retain more joy, love, obedience, humility, serenity, forgiveness and trust than adults' hearts. Whereas adults' hearts retain and nurse anger, bitterness, retaliation, disobedience and revengefulness more than children's. For the fact that children are more innocent, obedient, humble and forgiving than adults, they mend broken fences of their friendship faster, and enjoy a happier friendship/relationship with God and others more than adults. No wonder Jesus said today in the Gospel that the kingdom of God belongs to children and enjoined his disciples to be children in heart in matters of the kingdom of God (Mark 10: 2-16).

The above divergent conditions of human minds can be seen in Adam and Eve's minds with regard to their relationship with each other and God as captured in the first reading. Deducing from the story of this Sunday's first reading one can opine that Adam and Eve were united in love that he could describe his wife (Eve) as: "bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh" (Genesis 2: 18-24). Consequently Christ has the above picture of Adam and Eve's union in mind when he advised that marriage is meant to be a permanent union for "from beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh" (Mark 10:6-8). But does this mean there was no flaw in Adam and Eve relationship? The answer is no. Because of the disobedience that is part of the weakness of the adults' minds, they questioned God's law; disobeyed God and blew everything up. We can see that Adam and Eve enjoyed their relationship with God and one another in the garden throughout the periods they humbled themselves and obeyed God's commands like every good child. But immediately they started to question and doubt the validity of an aspect of the Divine rules set down for them in the garden, they disobeyed God, injured their relationship with God, marred their happiness and were thrown out of the Paradise.

Christ enjoined his followers today to always apply the heart of a child in the matters of heaven and marriage relationship. Application of a childlike heart in matters of the kingdom of God means we should ask less questions and obey and trust more of the revealed messages of God. Just like a child who after questioning and getting few explanations, out of trust and obedience resigns to his parent's will and power, God wants us to behave like that in the matters of His kingdom. Additionally, God wants us to find more reason in our hearts to forgive when others offend us in our relationship like a child can do to his colleague. May God Bless us as we humble ourselves in prayer and service before Him like the children He blessed today in the Gospel. Amen.

Reverend Father Samuel Aniekwe

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

Please contact our office to request for a weekday or weekend Mass to be celebrated for your intention. You can as well mail your intention with the stipend (\$10) to our church or hand them to Father Sam after Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

10/6/2018	Sat	5:30PM	+ Mary-Magdalene Linh Le
10/7/2018	Sun	9:30AM	St. Mary's Parishioners
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10/9/2018	Tue	12PM	Peter Vinh Quang Mai (for the + souls)
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LA ESQUINA DEL PADRE SAM

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Evangelio: Marcos 10:2-16 o 10:2-12

Tener corazon de nino mejora una buena relacion

Jesus en el Evangelio de hoy, induce a sus seguidores a disfrutar su Palabra con corazon de nino asi mejoraria su discipulado, sus buenas relaciones y su salvacion. Recordemos, un poco las caracteristicas de la mente de un nino que pudiese mejorar este mensaje. Hagamos una pausa mientras tratamos de respondernos esta interrogante que tomara pocos minutos: dos ninos se estan peleando y luego siguen siendo buenos amigos despues de eso, quizas para siempre, pero, que harian dos adultos en la misma situacion? Pienso, que la razon es que el Corazon del nino esta mas lleno de alegria, amor, obediencia, humildad, serenidad, perdon y verdad, creanme mas que el Corazon del adulto. Mientras que los corazones adultos tienen en su interior mas disgusto, amargura, retaliacion, desobediencia y venganza mas que los ninos. Por el simple hecho que los ninos son mas inocentes, obedientes, humildes y comprensivos en su actitud de lidiar con otros, ellos rompen las barreras de su amistad rapidamente y disfrutan una buena relacion con Dios y con otros mas que con los adultos.

Lo analizado arriba tiene diversas condiciones de la mente humana lo podemos haber visto en Adan y Eva en su relacion entre ellos, como lo describe Dios en la primera Lectura. Deduciendo de la historia de esta primera Lectura del Domingo uno puede opinar que Adan y Eva estaban muy enamorados y unidos uno al otro. Ademas, Adan puede describir a su "esposa" (Eva) como: "hueso de mis huesos y carne de mi carne" (Genesis 2:18-24). Consecuentemente, Cristo tiene la imagen de la union de Adan y Eva en el Evangelio de hoy cuando nos dice: "... desde el comienzo de la creacion, Dios los creo hombre y mujer. Por esta razon un hombre dejara a su padre y a su madre y se unira a su esposa y se convertiran en una sola carne" (Marcos 10:6-8). Pero, esto quiere decir que no iba haber defectos en su relacion? La respuesta es no, porque la desobediencia es parte de la debilidad de la mente adulta, ellos cuestionaron las leyes de Dios, desobedecieron a Dios e hicieron que Dios se volviera en contra de ellos mismos. Podemos ver que Adan y Eva disfrutaban de su relacion con Dios y todos disfrutaban en el jardin con humildad y obediencia entre ellos y hacia los mandamientos de Dios, como ninos, como buenos ninos. Pero, inmediatamente ellos comenzaron a preguntarse, cuestionarse y dudando de la validez de un aspecto de las Divinas reglas del jardin, ellos desobedecieron a Dios, hiriendo su relacion con Dios, interrumpiendo su felicidad y luego fueron expulsados del Paraíso.

Cristo, junto a sus seguidores les dice hoy que siempre apliquen como el Corazon del nino para llegar al cielo y en sus relaciones matrimoniales. Para llegar al Reino de los Cielos con su Corazon de nino, significa que ellos deberian hacer menos cuestionamiento y obedecer y creer mas sobre los mensajes revelados por Dios como nino que a pesar de las preguntas y a las pocas explicaciones dadas por los padres se resignan a su poder y obediencia. Dios nos quiere asi en su Reino. Adicionalmente, Dios desea que tengamos un Corazon que olvide y perdone, asi como hacen los ninos en sus relaciones con sus discipulos.

Reverend Father Samuel Aniekwe

PETICION PARA INTENCION DE MISA

Por favor, comuniquese con nuestra Oficina, cualquier dia de la semana para Petición de Intención de Misa. Usted, tambien puede enviarla vía mail con el costo, a nuestra Iglesia o entregarle el mismo al Padre Samuel en sus manos, después de la Misa.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/ANUNCIOS

1. A Bible study will begin at St. Mary in the near future. If you are interested in participating please pick up a survey from the ushers, complete it indicating your preferences and return it in the box provided in the vestibule.
1. Estudios Biblicos comenzaran en nuestra Iglesia de St. Mary, en muy corto tiempo. Si usted esta interesado en participar tome un catalogo de los servidores y llénelos y regreselos en la caja ubicado en el vestíbulo. Solo honrando a María, la Madre de Dios, nos acercaremos a su Hijo y conoceremos su vida.
2. The Seminarian Dinner will be on Friday, October 26th from 6:00 – 8:30 PM in Sherlock Hall. Tickets are \$15 for one family member, \$25 for two family members, and \$40 for more than two family members. Bishop Gregory J Hartmayer will be in attendance and there will be many silent auction items on which to bid. All proceeds go to our diocese's seminarians to support them as they serve our diocese and parishes. Please see any local Knight of Columbus for tickets and/or information. The contact person for this Announcement is David F. Finley, Ed.D. Phone 229-931-2068
2. La cena para los Seminaristas sera el Viernes 26 de Octubre de 6:00 – 8:30 PM en Sherlock Hall. Los tickets tendrán un costo de \$15 por un miembro de familia, \$25 por dos miembros y \$40 por mas de dos miembros. Con la presencia del Obispo Gregory J. Hartmayer y habrá muchos artículos para subastar. Todo lo recaudado sera para el seminario de la diócesis para apoyarlos asi como ellos nos apoyan en nuestra diócesis y parroquias. Por favor, adquiera los tickets o cualquier información, con los Caballeros de Columbus. La persona a contactar es David F. Finley, teléfono 229-931-2068.
3. Thank you to the more than sixty adults and children who attended the rosary making gathering on Sunday, September 30th. What a blessing it was to see mothers and fathers making rosaries alongside their children! Surely our patroness, the Blessed Virgin Mary, was smiling down on us. Remember that October is the Month of the Rosary so please try to say the Rosary as often as you can.
3. Gracias a todos los adultos y niños (mas de 60) que asistieron el Domingo para hacer rosarios. Fue una bendición ver a madres y padres hacer rosarios con sus hijos. Nuestros patrones, la bendita Virgen María estuvo muy complacida al mirarnos desde el cielo. Recuerde que Octubre es el mes del Rosario, por favor trate de rezarlo con la frecuencia que usted pueda.
4. RCIA for the English speaking community will begin next Sunday, October 14 after the 9:30 AM Mass in the Hall. The sessions will go from 10:45 AM until 12 noon every Sunday. If you are a non-Catholic who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or are a Catholic who wants to learn more about your faith please join us. If you have any questions, contact Deacon Bernie Bosse in person, by phone or by email. His contact information is as follows: cell phone 229-815-0189; email address, bcbosse@mchsi.com.
- 5 . Calvary Episcopal Men's Club wishes to invite all United States Veterans from St. Mary Catholic Church to a Thank You steak dinner on Monday, November 12, 2018 from 6 PM to 8 PM at Calvary Episcopal Church. Please contact Ron Akerman at 942-1653 or by email at ronakerman@mediacombb.net and provide Ron with your name, address and phone number. Veterans, thank you for your service.
- 6 . Second collection next week is for Southern Cross Subscription Drive.



Pope's Prayer Intention for October As part of the Apostleship of Prayer and in union with our Pope, please remember the following intention this month. **INTENTION:** Evangelization: The Mission of Religious :That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

Oracion del Papa para Octubre, nuestro Apostolado de Oracion y en unión al Papa, recordar la intención de este mes. **INTENCION:** Evangelizacion: Los hombres y mujeres consagrados religiosos que dan lo



OUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend	Offertory	Budget/Presupuesto	+Surplus/Sobre	Deficit/Falta	2nd Collection
Sept 2	\$2,802	\$3,121		\$319	S.A.M.A. \$586
Sept 9	\$2,215	\$3,121		\$906	
Sep 16	\$3,099	\$3,121		\$22	
Sept 23	\$2,928	\$3,121		\$193	Mission C appeal \$647.51
Sept 30	\$2,776	\$3,121		\$355	