

¿QUE ES LA CAMPAÑA DEL OBISPO?



Esta Campaña es la fuente primaria de ingresos para sostener y expandir los ministerios en 79 parroquias y 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.

¿POR QUÉ NECESITAMOS MINISTERIOS Y PROGRAMAS? La iglesia católica responde a las necesidades de muchas personas en la diócesis. Mientras que algunos de estos servicios se ofrecen al nivel de la parroquia, es mucho más eficaz cuando nos unimos todos para los ministerios y para servir a toda la gente de la diócesis.

¿CÓMO PODEMOS AYUDAR? En dos formas: (1) Regalo de Oración, es decir, rece para que podemos lograr nuestra meta parroquial de \$14,376 el cual representa \$1,051 menos de lo que recaudamos en 2017 gracias a todos de nuestra parroquia inclusive de la comunidad Hispana; (2) Por Regalo de Abnegación, es decir, considere una promesa durante esta campana de donación semanalmente en la segunda colecta o una donación de un solo pago para apoyar a los ministerios de nuestra diócesis de Savannah. Tendremos diez colectas segundas durante las próximas dos o tres meses como lo hicimos en años anteriores. Gracias por su generosidad.

<u>Si la donación Total es:</u>	<u>Entonces los 10 pagos a la segunda Colectas =:</u>
\$400	\$40
\$300	\$30
\$200	\$20
\$100	\$10

Programa cuaresmal: “Vive la Eucaristía”



Su urgen todos los fieles tomar parte en grupos para compartir la fe con adultos o jóvenes, leer y meditar de las lecturas usando el método de rezar que se llama “Lectio Divina”. Para juntarse a un grupo de adultos o jóvenes favor llame o Rocio, o Sara o Karina.

ESTE MIERCOLES: Confesiones,



28 de febrero a las 7 PM. Para prepararse bien a celebrar la Pascua, vengan el rito comunal del sacramento de reconciliación, con confesiones particulares, este miércoles. Tendremos cinco padres confesores, Padres: Oscar Mendoza,

Ray, Paulinus, Francois y nuestro párroco, P. Paco. Se urge la asistencia de adultos, jóvenes y chicos, inclusive chicos que van a hacer su primera Confesión.

Este Jueves,: Hora Santa delante de la Santísima . Como este



jueves es el primero del mes todos están invitados a venir a la iglesia de las 6:55 hasta a las 8:00 para adorar, rezar, y cantar en una Hora Santa.

Corresponsabilidad: 25 de febrero, 2do. de Cuaresma

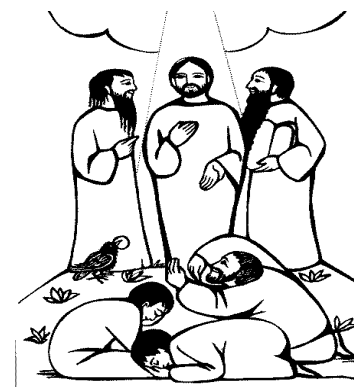


Abraham estaba preparado para sacrificar a Isaac, su único hijo. San Pablo nos recuerda que el mismo Dios “no salvó a su propio Hijo.” ¿Son mis dones para el Señor, de mis recursos, de mi tiempo, de mi mismo, - también sacrificio?



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 February 25, 2018 2nd Sunday of Lent



“Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus.” (Mark 9)

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

Sábado: 5:30 PM (Ingles)
 Domingo: 9:30 (Ingles); 11:30 (Español)
 Martes a Viernes a las 12:00 (ingles) en la capilla

SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY MASSES

Saturday: 5:30 pm - English
 Sunday: 9:30 (English); 11:30 (Spanish)
 Tuesday thru Friday, 12 Noon, in chapel (English)

Diocesan Office for Protection of Children & Youth (912-201-4074); toll free hotline is (888) 357-5330

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES is the theme for this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal. As Bishop Hartmayer has written in his BAA letter to us, to be



Missionary Disciple is our mission, the very nature of what it means to be Catholic. And quoting Pope Francis he writes, "We are all missionary disciples with the power of the Spirit."

Our pledges and gifts to this year's BAA will again help make it a success. This year our parish's goal is \$14,376 a figure that is \$1,051 LESS THAN our parish's actual contribution to last year's BAA. Therefore, using the same formula that has proven successful the last four years, let us first pray over an amount that is sacrificial yet manageable for us to contribute; secondly, pledge that amount; thirdly meet it by installments in the months ahead. Thank you for your contribution to assist our Bishop meet material and spiritual needs of our diocese.

St. Mary's 2018 BAA goal:	\$14,376
Amount we contributed in 2017	\$15,427

Living The Eucharist (LTE) Groups. The



LTE groups are through their second week of Lenten praying and sharing that praying. Current groups are listed below. For more

info contact LTE Coordinator Lynn Ingle at : lynn.ingle@mga.edu. If you have not yet done so, consult: www.livingtheeucharist.org

LTE GROUPS ALREADY MEETING
 Sunday morning, c. 11 AM (Calcutt's home)
 Monday evening, 6:30; (McGowan's home)
 Tuesday at 1 PM, (C. Campbell, hall classroom)
 Friday evening, 6:30, (M. Turner's home)



The funds raised through the Bishop's Annual Appeal help make possible ministries, programs and offices especially the following:

VOCATIONS

Substantial funding for the education of seminarians presently studying for the priesthood. It also helps fund the Diaconate program.

SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRIES

Deanery Social Services
 Catholic Charities
 Family Life

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Faith Formation for our children and youth
 Young Adult Ministry
 Campus Ministry
 Catholic Schools
 Ecumenical Outreach

MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMS

Migrant and African American programs which reaches as many as 75,000 people in peak seasons. Much of the expenses are priest salary subsidies.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY e.g. printed and social media, live streaming of Masses, etc

Traditional Devotion: Stations of the Cross



In addition to participating in the new diocesan program of "Living The Eucharist", which holds priority for this and the next two Lents, the traditional devotion of the Stations of the Cross will be available twice for all who wish

to set aside more time for praying in Lent. The schedule is as follows:
FRIDAY Stations of the Cross (in English):
Morning: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament starts at 11 in the chapel; 11:30, one Station selected for our Lectio Divina; Mass follows at Noon;
Evening: 6:00-7:00 PM in the church (Stations only)

WEDNESDAY Via Cruces (Stations in Spanish):
 6:25 PM -7:10 PM; from 7:15 to 7:30
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Remind Me: How do I make a Confession?



The following 5 steps summarize confessing:

- 1) First prayerfully make an examination of conscience to identify your sins;
- 2) Once inside the confession space, make the sign of the cross then say; "Bless me Father for I have sinned, it has been _____ (days, weeks, months, years, decades) since my last confession and I want to tell God I am sorry for the following sins";
- 3) State your sins as you have prepared them beforehand guided by an examination of conscience;
- 4) Afterwards the priest gives you a penance. Then you say audibly an act of contrition (you can either bring your own or use the one that will be available for confession);
- 5) When you are finished the priest administers absolution to you. After he is done, you depart remembering to do your assigned penance.



THE LENTEN RICE BOWLS

which have been distributed to the children in our Faith Formation Classes to be brought home to

their families, are also available for the rest of us in the back of the church. We are invited to use them as another way of Lenten almsgiving, to drop our loose change or more in them as a way to be mindful of the famished in foreign countries and to help feed them. The money one saves from Lenten fasting and abstaining and deposited in the bowls is sent to Catholic Charities in their world wide effort to feed the hungry. As adults are practicing stewardship of treasure in their support of our Bishop's Annual Appeal, our children and youth are to learn to give alms by dropping sacrificial coins in their Rice Bowls during Lent. The sheet enclosed in the Rice Bowl is most instructive for parents to read.

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget/Presupuesto</u>	<u>Surplus/(+Sobre)Deficit/(—Falta)</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>
February 4	\$3,202	\$2,925	\$ 277	
February 11	\$2,312	\$2,925	\$ -613	Eastern Europe Church
\$621 Ash Wed	\$ 578			
February 18	\$2,737	\$2,925	\$ -188	
February 25				

Confessions 7PM This Wednesday Evening



Lent is a time for repentance and the sacramental way of manifesting our desire for this is by going to Confession, preferably during our parish's Communal Penance Service. This service is for adults, youth and children eligible to go to confession. The confessors are Fathers Ray, Paulinus, Francois, Oscar Mendoza, and Fr. Fran. To properly prepare oneself all are asked to consult an Examination of Conscience guide ahead of time.

February 28	Wednesday	St. Mary, Americus
March 13	Tuesday	St. Theresa, Cordele
March 14	Wednesday	St. Teresa, Albany



Mass Intentions Request

Please contact the pastor by phone or email to arrange a Mass intention, either for a weekend or weekday.

<u>2/24-3/3</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>	<u>Requestor</u>
Saturday	Parishioners	Pastor
Sunday 9:30	+Gert Oswald	Betty Shenk
Sunday 11:30	+Adele Boykol	Sherri Weil
Tuesday	+Frank Macedonia	Family



Pope's Prayer Intentions For March

As part of the Apostleship of Prayer in union with our Pope, please remember the following intention in your prayers this month. Intention: Formation in Spiritual Discernment. That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.