



SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

332 S. Lee Street, Americus, GA 31709

October 15, 2023

15 de Octubre del 2023

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigésimo Octavo Domingo del T.O.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Evangelio: Mateo 22:1-14

General Parish Information / Información General de la Parroquia

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Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE): Robbie Hopkins

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RCIA (Spanish): Raul Yanez and Sara Rueda

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

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

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

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Music Coordinator (Spanish): Martin Lara

Youth Ministry Coordinator: Rocío Aparicio

Altar Linens: Karina Rueda

Facilities Coordinator: Britt Miller

Knights of Columbus #7113 Grand Knight: Ron Akerman

Safe Environment Coordinator / VIRTUS Facilitator: Louise Bosse



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday: 5:30 PM (English); Rosary before Mass 5:00 PM

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 platicas 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.

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

Father Sam's Corner

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

You are invited to the heavenly Feast. Don't miss it!

This Sunday's first reading and Gospel give us the picture of how we shall live in heaven. In the first reading Isaiah describes heaven as a mountainous place where God prepares "a feast of juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines," for all peoples (Isaiah 25:6). Also, in today's Gospel Christ pictured our life in the kingdom in the parable of a wedding feast prepared by a king for his son. According to this parable the king, after preparing the food of the feast with meats from calves, fattened cattle, and every good thing you can imagine, invited all peoples to enjoy. The king in this parable is God and the wedding feast represents the celebration of eternal joy in the kingdom of God. Thus, both the first reading and the Gospel give an image of the heavenly joy that is going to surpass all our expectations. The happiness waiting for us in heaven is going to be more wonderful than we can imagine. Jesus used the wedding feast to help us have a glimpse of the joy of heaven. But in the first reading Isaiah showed us the heavenly feast will be more wonderful than the earthly wedding feast. For instance, an earthly wedding ceremony could be interrupted or marred by lack of material things, like the wedding in Cana where the joy of the celebration was interrupted by lack of enough wine (John 2:3-5). Also, I was in a wedding ceremony when sad news of the passing on of the bride's relative changed the entire mood of the occasion. Unlike the above instances, Isaiah told us in the first reading that in the heavenly banquet there is no sickness, death, no worry for lack of material things, and no grief. "For on this mountain (in this heavenly feast), the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces...On that day it will be said: this is the Lord for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that He has saved us!" (Isaiah 25:6-9).

Although the stories in both the first reading and Gospel show the heavenly banquet is for all people, the Gospel parable shows the sequence in the invitation and people's responses to the invitation. Consequently, the sequence in the Gospel can be likened to times people from different parts of the world receive the Gospel or the word of God. Those who ignored the invitation in the parable can be said to be some whose too much attachment and love of the material things have caused them to pay little or no attention to their spiritual life. Whereas those invitees who "laid hold of the servants of the king, maltreated and killed them" are those who killed the prophets, Son of God and His servants. Then the person found in the hall without the wedding garment can be said to represent those who will not be spiritually ready at the second coming of the Son of God. Perhaps Christ might have noticed the above attitudes in the lives of some people in his audience that he warned them: "Many are invited, but few are chosen" (Matthew 22:14). By the virtue of our baptism we are both invited to the feast and called to invite others to the banquet of the kingdom of God. Also, all of us are already invited to participate in the joy of the kingdom of God through our baptism. Let us not allow anything to make us miss it.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS / PETICION PARA INTENCION DE MISA

10/14/2023	Sat	5:30PM	St. Mary's Parishioners
10/15/2023	Sun	9:30AM	Father and Mother
10/15/2023	Sun	11:30AM	All Souls
10/19/2023	Thu	Noon	Thanks to God for everything

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.

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



Father Sam's Corner

Vigésimo Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Evangelio: Mateo 22:1-14

Estáis invitados al Banquete celestial. ¡No te lo pierdas!

La primera lectura y el Evangelio de este domingo nos dan una idea de cómo viviremos en el cielo. En la primera lectura, Isaías describe el cielo como un lugar montañoso donde Dios prepara “un banquete de manjares jugosos y ricos y de vinos puros y escogidos” para todos los pueblos (Isaías 25:6). Además, en el Evangelio de hoy Cristo describió nuestra vida en el reino en la parábola de un banquete de bodas preparado por un rey para su hijo. Según esta parábola el rey, después de preparar la comida de la fiesta con carnes de terneros, ganado engordado y todo lo bueno que puedas imaginar, invitó a todos los pueblos a disfrutar. El rey en esta parábola es Dios y el banquete de bodas representa la celebración del gozo eterno en el reino de Dios. Así, tanto la primera lectura como el Evangelio dan una imagen del gozo celestial que va a superar todas nuestras expectativas. La felicidad que nos espera en el cielo será más maravillosa de lo que podemos imaginar. Jesús usó el banquete de bodas para ayudarnos a vislumbrar el gozo del cielo. Pero en la primera lectura Isaías nos mostró que el banquete celestial será más maravilloso que el banquete de bodas terrenal. Por ejemplo, una ceremonia de boda terrenal podría verse interrumpida o estropeada por la falta de cosas materiales, como la boda en Caná donde el gozo de la celebración fue interrumpido por la falta de suficiente vino (Juan 2:3-5). Además, estaba en una ceremonia de boda cuando la triste noticia del fallecimiento de un familiar de la novia cambió todo el ambiente de la ocasión. A diferencia de los casos anteriores, Isaías nos dijo en la primera lectura que en el banquete celestial no hay enfermedad, ni muerte, ni preocupación por la falta de cosas materiales, ni dolor. “Porque en este monte (en esta fiesta celestial), el Señor Dios enjugará las lágrimas de todos los rostros... En aquel día se dirá: Éste es el Señor a quien esperábamos. ¡Alegrémonos y gocemos de que Él nos haya salvado! (Isaías 25:6-9).

Aunque las historias tanto de la primera lectura como del Evangelio muestran que el banquete celestial es para todas las personas, la parábola del Evangelio muestra la secuencia en la invitación y las respuestas de las personas a la invitación. En consecuencia, la secuencia del Evangelio puede compararse con las ocasiones en que personas de diferentes partes del mundo reciben el Evangelio o la palabra de Dios. Se puede decir que aquellos que ignoraron la invitación de la parábola son aquellos cuyo demasiado apego y amor por las cosas materiales les ha hecho prestar poca o ninguna atención a su vida espiritual. Mientras que aquellos invitados que “agarraron a los siervos del rey, los maltrataron y los mataron” son los que mataron a los profetas, Hijo de Dios y a sus siervos. Entonces se puede decir que la persona encontrada en el salón sin el traje de bodas representa a aquellos que no estarán preparados espiritualmente para la segunda venida del Hijo de Dios. Quizás Cristo pudo haber notado las actitudes anteriores en la vida de algunas personas de su audiencia y les advirtió: “Muchos son los invitados, pero pocos los escogidos” (Mateo 22:14). En virtud de nuestro bautismo estamos invitados a la fiesta y llamados a invitar a otros al banquete del reino de Dios. Además, todos nosotros ya estamos invitados a participar del gozo del reino de Dios a través de nuestro bautismo. No permitamos que nada nos haga perderlo.



As part of the Apostleship of Prayer and in union with our Pope, please remember the following intention this month. **For the Synod:** We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

En unión a nuestro Papa, recordar la Oración de este mes. **Por el Sínodo:** Oremos por la Iglesia, para que adopte la escucha y el diálogo como estilo de vida a todos los niveles, dejándose guiar por el Espíritu Santo hacia las periferias del mundo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / ANUNCIOS

1. Today's bulletin insert is a letter from Bishop Parkes announcing a special *Called by Name* campaign in which he is asking all parishioners to help identify faithful young men and women in our diocese who could be future priests, religious or leaders in our Church. Please kindly read the Bishop's letter and prayerfully consider participating in this campaign. The letter is also posted on St. Mary's website.

1. En el boletín de hoy se inserta una carta del obispo Parkes anunciando una campaña especial *Called by Name* en la que pide a todos los feligreses que ayuden a identificar a hombres y mujeres jóvenes fieles de nuestra diócesis que podrían ser futuros sacerdotes, religiosos o líderes de nuestra Iglesia. Por favor, lea amablemente la carta del obispo y considere, en oración, participar en esta campaña. La carta también está publicada en el sitio web de St. Mary.

2. The 2023 Knights of Columbus Seminarians' Dinner will be Friday, October 27, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM in Sherlock Hall. Our guest speaker is seminarian Noah Pace, who is completing his pastoral year at Saint Francis Xavier parish in Brunswick. Father Brett Brannen, Vicar for Priestly Life and Vocations for the diocese, will also attend. A delicious meal of chicken, rice pilaf, grilled green beans and dessert will be served. Tickets are \$20 for one person, \$25 for a couple or \$45 for a family, and will be sold at the door. There will also be a silent auction again this year. If you would like to donate silent auction items, please call Ron Akerman at 229-942-1653 or David Finley at 229-591-7224. Keep in mind that if you would not pay money for the item as it is today, it may not be a good choice for the auction. We will collect silent auction items the week of the Seminarians' Dinner. Please pray for the success of this dinner. We hope to see you there.

2. La Cena de Seminaristas de Caballeros de Colón 2023 será el viernes 27 de octubre de 6:00 a 8:30 p.m. en Sherlock Hall. Nuestro orador invitado es el seminarista Noah Pace, quien está completando su año pastoral en la parroquia San Francisco Javier en Brunswick. También asistirá el padre Brett Brannen, Vicario de Vida Sacerdotal y Vocaciones de la diócesis. Se servirá una deliciosa comida de pollo, arroz pilaf, judías verdes asadas y postre. Los boletos cuestan \$20 para una persona, \$25 para una pareja o \$45 para una familia, y se venderán en la puerta. También habrá una subasta silenciosa nuevamente este año. Si desea donar artículos para la subasta silenciosa, llame a Ron Akerman al 229-942-1653 o a David Finley al 229-591-7224. Tenga en cuenta que si no pagaría dinero por el artículo tal como está hoy, puede que no sea una buena opción para la subasta. Recolectaremos artículos de subasta silenciosa la semana de la Cena de los Seminaristas. Por favor, oren por el éxito de esta cena. Esperamos verte ahí.

3. The Knights of Columbus will hold their October Bake Sale in conjunction with the Seminarians' Dinner on Friday, October 27. Baked goods will be available during the dinner. Please support our council by bringing something to sell and/or by buying something to eat. Proceeds help us serve our faith family. Thank you for your support of the Knights!

3. Los Caballeros de Colón llevarán a cabo su venta de pasteles de octubre junto con la cena de los seminaristas el viernes 27 de octubre. Habrá productos horneados disponibles durante la cena. Por favor apoye a nuestro consejo trayendo algo para vender y/o comprando algo para comer. Las ganancias nos ayudan a servir a nuestra familia de fe. ¡Gracias por su apoyo a los Caballeros!

4. A celebration for Bernie and Louise Bosse's many years of presence and service to St. Mary will be held after each Mass on the weekend of November 4th and 5th. Please come to say your goodbyes and to thank them for all they have meant to you and this parish.

4. Después de cada Misa, el fin de semana del 4 y 5 de noviembre, se llevará a cabo una celebración por los muchos años de presencia y servicio de Bernie y Louise Bosse a Santa María. Por favor vengan a despedirse y agradecerles por todo lo que han significado para usted y esta parroquia.



OUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



Weekend	Offertory	Budget/Presupuesto	+	—	2nd Collection
Oct 1	\$3,877	\$3,417	\$460		
Oct 8	\$3,669	\$3,417	\$252		\$653 Southern Cross
Oct 15					
Oct 22					World Mission Sunday
Oct 29					



October 1, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today I am announcing a special *Called by Name* campaign to help identify faithful young men and women in our diocese who could be future leaders in our Church.

As you know, our diocese has a great need for "more workers for the harvest." Not only do we need more Priests and Sisters, but also faithful lay disciples who will serve as leaders in our parishes. We need the entire Church to identify these future leaders so that we can offer support and encouragement as they encounter Christ and discern their vocations. For a young person, the correct discernment of their vocation may be the most important decision they make in their entire life!

Called by Name Sunday will take place on the weekend of October 21/22, 2023. On this day, I am asking for two things:

1) For Young People

For those of you discerning your life's vocation, be open to God's call to the priesthood or religious life. God's calling is a beautiful gift – be courageous and open to His call! Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full. Do not be afraid. If God is calling you to the priesthood or religious life, then nothing less will satisfy you and He will give you the grace to live that life with great joy!

2) For All Parishioners

I invite you to think deeply about the youth and young adults in your parish who you believe could be faithful leaders in the Catholic Church of the Diocese of Savannah. These young people do not necessarily need to desire to become Priests or Sisters; we also need leaders in the vocation of marriage. They need to desire Jesus Christ! They need to desire to bring others to Him.

Please submit the names of at least one (but hopefully several!) faithful young people you know. You can use the envelope provided at Mass or online at savannahvocations.org. If you submit the name of a person under age 18, please include the names of his or her parents.

This initiative is near to my heart, and I ask you to please participate thoughtfully so that it will bear much fruit throughout the diocese. I also ask you to join me in praying that the Lord will raise up many new leaders for the future of the Church!

May we meet each day in our prayers and *Rejoice in the Lord always!*

In Christ,

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Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes
Bishop of Savannah

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