

Holy Family Catholic Church
Iglesia Católica de la Sagrada Familia

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First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2017

Missionary Pastor	Fr. (Padre) Mike Kerin, Glenmary 229-723-3339 land line/rectory
Glenmary's Missionary Team	Bro. Levis Kuwa, 270-244-0698 cell Bro. Jason Muhlenkamp 229-359-0065 cell Residence: 341 North Main St., Blakely, GA Land line: 229-724-7150 Mr. Charles Osewe Aketch: see below.
Weekend Masses	Saturday, 6:00 pm at St. Luke's, bilingual Sunday, 10:00 am in English Sunday, 12:30 pm en Español
St. Luke's Church	304 Court Street PO Box 491, Cuthbert, GA 39840
Pastoral Associate for St. Luke's	Glenmary Seminarian, Mr. Charles Osewe Aketch, 812-430-7204 cell Residence: 533 Arlington Avenue, Blakely GA
Emergencies	Please call the Rectory first. If no answer, leave a message. Then call Fr. Mike's cell phone: 252-724-0737. The cell is for emergencies only.
Daily Mass/Word and Communion Services at 8:30 am unless otherwise indicated	Mon 12/4 Mass at 8:30 am Tues 12/5 Word & Comm, 8:30 am, Deacon Weds 12/6 Word & Comm, 8:30 am Thurs 12/7 Word & Comm, 8:30 am Fri 12/8 Mass at 8:30 am

Collection 11/ 19 at 12:30 pm: \$ 81.47
 Collection 11/26 at 10:00 am: \$362.00. Attendance was 42.

Thanks for your generosity!

Welcome Lorraine Vancamp, who will be doing a presentation with the Hispanic community after the 12:30 am Mass. Thanks for being here.

Please continue to help Fr. Mike learn your names. It takes a while, so please continue to tell him your name. Thanks.

The Youth Group will share their experience of the NCYC after Mass today. Come hear how the national youth conference had an impact on our youth. Several described it as "awesome." Pancakes will be served. Please join us. They will meet on Wednesday at the normal time.

Advent Reconciliation (also called Confession or Penance): In order to help us get ready for one of the Advent Reconciliation Services that are listed below, there were attachments to last week's bulletin. Extra copies are available at the entrance to the Church. The sheet, "*Rite of Reconciliation*," is the full ritual. When we celebrate it as a community during Advent, we make it even simpler and easier. There is also an "*Examination of Conscience*" to help you to prepare.



Please do not let fear, embarrassment, or any other concern keep you from the incredible experience of God's love and forgiveness in this Sacrament. The focus is NOT on our sins but on God's forgiveness, mercy and healing.

Holy Family Advent Reconciliation Service will be this Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 pm. Fr. Vic, ST from Bainbridge will be with us.

Other Advent Reconciliation services are:

- Monday, December 4th at 6 pm Central Time at Holy Redeemer in Eufala, AL.
- Wednesday, December 13 at St. Theresa's in Albany at 7:00 pm.
- Friday, December 15 at St. Joseph's in Bainbridge at 7:00 pm.

Fr. Mike will be at these services also.

Advent Retreat will be held at the Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat from December 4-8. \$70 per overnight. 334-855-4474. You can stay one night or several.

Our Lady of Guadalupe: we will celebrate her feast at the Sunday Mass, December 10th at 12:30 pm, followed by una fiesta. Some parishioners are also coming on Monday night at 11:00 pm to celebrate to sing "Las Manaitas." All are welcome.

Christmas Schedule:

Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 24th: normal schedule: 10 am in English and 12:30 pm in Spanish.
Christmas Day (Monday) at 10:00 am (bilingual).

Weekday Masses & Word & Communion Services: please note that there are some changes over the next few weeks. Fr. Mike will be helping other churches with Advent Reconciliation Services, which requires some adjustments in the schedule. Everything is still at 8:30 am. There will be some adjustments whether it will be Mass or a Word and Communion Service. Thanks for your understanding.

Travel to Kenya: Brother Levis will be leaving on Monday, to visit his family. Charles will leave on December 15th for Kenya. We wish both of them a safe travel and a blessed Christmas with family and friends. It is very hard to be far from home and we appreciate the incredible sacrifices that they make to serve Glenmary and the Home Missions -- especially here in Early County and in SW Georgia.

Landscaping needs: we are looking for a few folks that can help trim the hedges along the parking lot and to trim some of the trees between the "old" property and the "new" property. The vines are choking off some of the trees. We would like to thin out some of the underbrush. If you have the tools (hedge trimmer, chain saw, etc.) and can help out, please let Fr. Mike know. You can work whenever it is convenient for you.

Parish List: we have made an attempt to update the parish list. Without a doubt, we are still missing some names. If your name is not on the parish list, please fill out a Registration Form so that we can add your name. A copy of the parish list is on the table in the back of Church. We apologize in advance for any errors.

AA Meetings: (for your information) there are AA (Alcoholic Anonymous) meetings held in the basement of First Baptist Church in Blakely on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

Please Pray for the Sick: Fr. John Brown, Dan Staib, Mary Wright, Fr. Cliff Marquis, Jimmy Griffin, Peggy Grimes, Debra Hutto. Bob Sharpe's brother, David Roman-Reyes, Tracie Murkerson (cancer), all those in the hospital and in our nursing homes.

Future Dates:

Sun., 12/3 Youth Group Presentation at 11:15 am
Lorraine Vancamp's Presentation at 1:30 pm
Mon., 12/4 Penance Service at Holy Redeemer, Eufala, 5 pm
Thurs, 12/7 Penance Service at Holy Family, Blakely, 7 pm
Fri, 12.8 Glenmary Mission Planning Mtg, at 4 pm
Sun., 12/10 Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at 12:30 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Pot Luck at 1:30 pm
Mon, 12/11 Las Mananitas , Our Lady of Guad., 11 pm
Weds, 12/13 Penance Serve at St. Theresa's in Albany, 7 pm
Fri, 12/15 Penance Service in Bainbridge at 7 pm

Un breve resumen en Español

El grupo de jóvenes:

- Darán una presentación hoy sobre NCYC a las 11:15 a.m. (después de la misa en inglés). Hay comida por todos.
- Tendrá su junta este Miércoles, a las 5:30- 8:00 pm.

Loraina Vancamp esta con nosotros hoy por una presentación después de la misa en Español.

El Sacramento de la Reconciliación por Adviento es este Jueves, el 7 de Diciembre, a las 7:00 por la noche. El Padre Vic. de Bainbridge estará con nosotros. Él habla Español. Hay hojas incluidas con este boletín que pueda ayudarle.

El énfasis de este sacramento no está en nuestros pecados sino en el amor de Dios, la misericordia y el perdón. No tengan miedo. Todos están invitados!

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe es un martes. Con los horarios de trabajo, celebraremos a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el domingo, 10 de diciembre en la Misa de las 12:30. Tenemos otra imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe que es más grande. Tenemos unas serapes para decorar. Y hemos otras copias de las canciones por las Mananitas. A la gente le gustaría traer comida para celebrar después de la Misa están invitados hacerla. Todos están invitados.

Las Mananitas serán a las 11:00 por la noche, Lunes, el 11 de Diciembre. Habrá comida después de Las Mananitas. Todos están invitados.

Horario por la Navidad: Por el cuarto domingo de Adviento, tendremos el horario normal de misa, a las 10 a.m. en Inglés y a las 12:30 en Español. Lunes, el día de Navidad, tendremos Misa a las 10 am, bilingüe. Todos están invitados.

Viaje a Kenia: el Hermano Levis partirá el lunes para visitar a su familia. Charles partirá el 15 de diciembre para Kenia. Les deseamos a ambos un viaje seguro y una bendita Navidad con familiares y amigos. Es muy difícil estar lejos de casa y apreciamos los sacrificios increíbles que hacen para servir a Glenmary y a las Misiones Domésticas, especialmente aquí en Early County y en SW Georgia.

Necesidades de jardinería: estamos buscando algunas personas que puedan ayudar a recortar los setos a lo largo del estacionamiento y recortar algunos de los árboles entre la propiedad "vieja" y la propiedad "nueva". Las vides se están ahogando en algunos de los árboles. Nos gustaría reducir algo de la maleza. Si tiene las herramientas (cortasetos, sierra de cadena, etc.) y puede ayudar, por favor, deje que el p. Mike sabe. Puedes trabajar cuando sea conveniente

Lista parroquial: tenemos una lista nueva de los miembros de la parroquia. Sin duda, todavía nos faltan algunos nombres. Si su nombre no figura en la lista de la parroquia, complete un Formulario de Inscripción para que podamos agregar su nombre. Una copia de la lista de la parroquia está sobre la mesa en la parte posterior de la iglesia

Reuniones de AA: (para su información) hay reuniones de AA (Alcohólicos Anónimos) que se llevan a cabo en el sótano de la Primera Iglesia Bautista en Blakely los martes por la noche a las 7:00 p.m.