

Holy Family Catholic Church
Iglesia Católica de la Sagrada Familia

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Third Sunday of Advent, December 17, 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: 229-726-6228. The cell is for emergencies.
Daily Mass/Word and Communion Services at 8:30 am unless otherwise indicated	This may be subject to change or cancellation due to the funeral of Fr. Richard Kreimer in Cincinnati. Mon 12/18 Word and Comm. at 8:30 am Tues 12/19 Word and Comm. at 8:30 am Weds 12/20 Word and Comm. at 8:30 am Thurs 12/21 Mass at 8:30 am Fri 12/22 Mass at 8:30 am

Collection 11/ 26 at 12:30 pm: \$ 41.65

Collection 12/9 at 10:00 am: \$342.00 Attendance was 34.

Thanks for your generosity!

The Third Sunday of Advent is called **Gaudete Sunday**, which comes from the Latin word "rejoice." The readings today are more joy-filled. This is the Church's way of heightening our expectations that Jesus' coming to us at Christmas is getting closer.

The "O" Antiphons: The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah. You might use these for reflection during this week.



December 17	O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!
December 18	O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!
December 19	O Root of Jesse's stem , sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!
December 20	O Key of David , opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness
December 21	O Radiant Dawn , splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.
December 22	O King of all nations and keystone of the Church; come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!
December 23	O Emmanuel , our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

Funeral for Glenmary Missionary Fr. Richard Kreimer: we received notification on Friday morning that Fr. Richard has gone home to God. Glenmary will be having a funeral this week in Cincinnati, OH. As of the printing of the bulletin, the dates have not been set. It is possible that Fr. Mike and/or Bro Jason will have to make the trip to Cincinnati this week. In that event, the weekday Masses and Word and Communion Services may be cancelled. We will try to give you more information when we get it. Thanks. And please keep Fr. Richard's family in your prayers.

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

Christmas Decorating: many THANKS TO THE YOUTH GROUP that did a lot of the Christmas decorating on Wednesday night. You are terrific! For those who are able and willing to finish the decorating, we will try to do that after Mass today.

Christmas Schedule:

- Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 24th: normal schedule: 10 am in English and 12:30 pm in Spanish.
- Christmas Eve, December 24th at St. Luke's in Cuthbert at 6:00 pm.
- Christmas Day (Monday) at 10:00 am (bilingual).

Church Office Closed During Christmas Week: from Tuesday, December 26 through Friday, December 29th. Fr. Mike will be spending two days at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, GA and two days at St. Luke's in Cuthbert. Bro. Jason will be away from Christmas afternoon to New Year's Day. There will not be any Masses or Communion Services scheduled this week. If there is an emergency, please call Fr. Mike's cell phone number.

New Year's Day/Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Mass will be on Monday morning, January 1st at 10:00 am, bilingual.

Fr. Mike has a new cell phone – this is for emergencies – 229-726-6228. Please continue to use the office number as the primary contact: 229-723-3339. Thanks.

Happy Birthdays to: Bob Daley (Dec. 24th); Cara Daley (Dec. 27th), and Ed Daley (Dec. 28th). They join Jesus in celebrating their birthdays at this wonderful time of the year. Enjoy all those birthday cakes!!!

Fr. Mike travels to Kenya: Before Fr. Mike's assignment here in Georgia, Glenmary asked him to accompany our Vocation Director, Bro. David, on his annual trip to Kenya. Fr. Mike will assist with a retreat with four vocation prospects and help them discern a possible vocation to Glenmary. He will also visit the homes of each of those vocation prospects. He leaves on Monday, January 15th and returns on Friday, February 2nd. Fr. Clif. ST will be here for the weekend Masses.

Joint Pastoral and Financial Council: if you have not filled out a nomination form yet, please do so today.

Fr. John Brown completes his last chemotherapy treatment tomorrow. The main side effect has been fatigue. In spite of that, he has been rather active and celebrating Masses and Confessions in Cincinnati, attending Hebrew classes, and participating in a prayer group. He also was at the National Catholic Youth Conference and visited with our youth group. For the future, it looks like Fr. John will have a continued blood monitoring every three months. He expresses his appreciation for all the prayers and support he has received.

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:

Christmas Mass: 10:00 am Christmas Day, bilingual
New Year's Mass: 10:00 am January 1st, bilingual

Un breve resumen en Español

El funeral por el Padre Richard Kreimer, un miembro de Glenmary, sera este semana en Cincinnati. Es posible que el Padre Miguel y Hermano Jason va a Cincinnati.

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.

Misa por el primero de Enero, la Solemnidad de Maria y un dia de obligación, sea a las 10:00 am.

La oficina parroquial sea cerrada después de La Navidad (12/27-12/29). El padre Miguel estará en Conyers (el Monasterio del Espíritu Santo) por dos días y en Cuthbert en la iglesia de San Lucas por dos días. Si hay un emergencia, llama su numero celular.

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.

Conselio Pastoral y Financiero Conjunto: este es el ultima semana para nombrar algien por el Concilio.

El Padre Miguel tiene un numero celular nuevo – eso es por emergencies – 229-726-6228. Por favor, continua usando el numero de la oficina primero: 229-723-3339. Gracias!

Por favor, ayudale al Padre Miguel con sus nombres – estan tratando de aprender sus nombres. Hagale el favor de decir su nombre. Gracias!

