

Holy Family Catholic Church
Iglesia Católica de la Sagrada Familia

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 11, 2018

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.
Pastoral and Financial Council Members:	Tommy Holloman, Mary Murkerson, Mary Netheron, Amos Sheffield, Teresa Organista, Rafael Valles, Karla Valles
Daily Mass or Word and Communion Services at 8:30 am unless otherwise indicated	Mon 2/12 Word and Comm. at 8:30 am Tues 2/13 Word and Comm. at 8:30 am Weds 2/14 7:30 pm Mass for Ash Wednesday Thurs 2/8 8:30 am Mass Fri 2/9 8:30 am Mass
Collections	Your GENEROSITY is appreciated!
Attendance: 10 am Mass	

Lent Starts This Week!

Ash Wednesday: We will have distribution of the ashes in the morning for those who would like to stop by on the way to work or school. It will take only a minute. And it can be a powerful witness to

others. Mass will be held in the evening. You can receive ashes a second time at the evening Mass.

Distribution of Ashes at Holy Family: 7:30 am – 8:30 am
 Distribution of Ashes at St. Luke's: 7:30 am – 8:30 am
 Mass at St. Luke's: 5:30 pm
 Mass at Holy Family: 7:30 pm

Lenten Program to Help with Your Prayer Life: on five Saturdays, Fr. Mike will be offering two programs, 30 minutes each. These are designed to help you with your prayer life, to bring inner balance and harmony, and to help reduce stress. You can attend either program separately. But the deepest experience will be doing both programs together. From 10 – 10:30 am there will a Chi Kung class (simple exercise that emphasize breathing and mind intention). Please dress in comfortable clothes (for ease of movement). Please refrain from eating an hour before class. From 10:30 – 11:00 am there will be a proram on *Lectio Divina*. This is an ancient Catholic prayer technique that is still used in Catholic monasteries. We will read Scripture very slowly and hear God speak directly to us. Then, we will rest in God's presence. Please see Fr. Mike if you have questions or if you plan on attending. Classes will be on February 17 and 24, and on March 10, 17, and 24th. No class on March 3rd. Classes are offered free.

Religious Education classes meet today,

Youth Group meets on Wednesday from 5:30 – 8:00 pm.

Liturgical Changes: During Lent, we will make the changes that we had discussed at Masses during January. We will move the Presider's Chair to the left of the altar. The tabernacle will be placed under the Crucifix. We will hang a different image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Church Office is Being Set-up in the Church Building: We were ready to move the office out of the Rectory and into its own dedicated space. But, we needed the room for the Christmas toy distribution. Now, we have had a chance to move the computer and the file cabinet to the office, which is located in the room on the other side of the kitchen. Since multiple people are using the office, it makes sense to put it in a more public and professional location.

Pastoral and Financial Council: we would like to set-up a date to meet.

Glenmary President, Fr. Chet visits from Monday, February 19th to Friday, February 23rd. This is part of the annual visit from a member of Glenmary's Executive Council. He will meet with all four of the Glenmarians and will preside at some of the weekday Masses and at the Oath Renewal for Charles.

Oath Renewal for Charles Osewe Aketch will be held on Wednesday, February 21st at a 6:00 pm Mass. Fr. Chet, the Glenmary President, will preside at this Mass. All are invited to the Mass and to support Charles on his journey. We congratulate Charles on his recommitment to Glenmary and its mission. His Final Oath will be held in Cincinnati on May 25th and his Ordination to the Diaconate is tentatively scheduled for July 5th in Kenya. Thank you Charles for responding to God's call.

World Marriage Day, as designated by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops will be held on Sunday, February 11, 2018. Let us pray for all married couples and those in preparation for marriage.

The International Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking was observed on February 8th as a time of remembrance for victims and survivors of forced labor and commercial sex trafficking. The day coincides with the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. Once Josephine was freed, she became a Canossian nun and dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering. She was declared a Saint in 2000. With an estimated over 25 million women, children, and men trapped in modern-day slavery, this day offers an opportunity to educate communities of faith about the prevalence of trafficking and to pray for its victims, who are often "hidden in plain sight". If you would like more resources, please click onto the following link:
www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/upload/Anti-Trafficking-Toolkit-Final-2018-2.pdf

An Update on Fr. John Brown: On Wednesday, Fr. John had the port removed, thus completing the last aspect of the surgical procedures. He will be receiving in the near future the schedule for his follow up evaluations. To put all this into perspective, the port was

inserted last April in preparation for John's chemo to shrink the tumor. To this point it has obviously been a long journey, with more laps to come. That said the success of the surgery and the positive prognosis leaves us truly grateful for the blessing of John's health. He will continue to reside at Glenmary Headquarters as he continues to return to full and hearty health.

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:

Weds., Feb. 14:	Ash Wednesday
Sat., Feb. 17:	First Class in Chi Kung and Lectio Divina
Sun., Feb 18:	Bishop's Annual Appeal Video will be shown
Sat., Feb. 24:	Second Class in Lectio Divina
Feb. 27 – Mar 2:	US Catholic Mission Assoc. Board Meeting, DC
Sun, March 25:	Palm Sunday
Sun., April 1:	Easter
Sun., April 8:	BAA Appeal

Un breve resumen en Español

El Grupo de jóvenes se reúne los miércoles de 5:30 a 8:00 p. m.

Consejo Pastoral y Financiero: nos gustaría establecer una fecha para reunirse.

Miércoles de Ceniza: Tendremos la distribución de las cenizas por la mañana para aquellos que quieran pasar por el camino al trabajo o la escuela. Solo tomará un minuto. Y puede ser un testigo poderoso para otros. La misa se llevará a cabo por la tarde. Puedes recibir cenizas por segunda vez en la misa de la noche.

- ❖ Distribución en Holy Family: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ Distribución en St. Luke's: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ Misa en San Lucas: 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ Misa en la Sagrada Familia: 7:30 p.m.

Programa de Cuaresma: en cinco sábados, el Padre Miguel ofrecerá dos programas, de 30 minutos cada uno. Puedes asistir a cualquiera de ellos. Pero la experiencia más profunda será hacer ambas cosas juntas. De 10 a 10:30 habrá una clase de Chi Kung (ejercicio simple que enfatiza la respiración y la intención de la mente). De 10:30 a 11:00 será la Lectio Divina. Estas son antiguas técnicas de oración católica, donde leemos las Escrituras muy lentamente y escuchamos a Dios hablar y luego descansar en la presencia de Dios. Por favor, consulte al Padre. Mike si tiene preguntas o si planea asistir. Las clases serán el 17 y 24 de febrero, y el 10, 17 y 24 de marzo. (No hay clases el 3 de marzo).

El presidente de Glenmary, Padre Chet visitará del lunes, 19 de febrero al viernes, 23 de febrero. Esto es parte de la visita anual de un miembro del Consejo Ejecutivo de Glenmary. Se reunirá con los cuatro Glenmarians y presidirá algunas de las Misas de los días de semana y en la Renovación de Juramentos para Carlos.

La renovación del votos para Charles Osewe Aketch se llevará a cabo el miércoles 21 de febrero a las 6:00 pm. Padre Chet, el presidente de Glenmary, presidirá esta misa. Todos están invitados a la misa y a apoyar a Charles en su viaje. Felicitamos a Charles por su compromiso con Glenmary y su misión. Su Votos Final se llevará a cabo en Cincinnati el 25 de mayo y su Ordenación al Diaconado está tentativamente programada para el 5 de julio en Kenia. Gracias Charles por responder a la llamada de Dios.

Cambios litúrgicos: durante la Cuaresma, haremos los cambios que habíamos discutido en las Misas durante enero. Moveremos la silla del presidir a la izquierda del altar. El tabernáculo será colocado bajo el crucifijo. Vamos a colgar una imagen diferente de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

La oficina de la iglesia estábamos listos para sacar la oficina de la rectoría y en su propio espacio dedicado. Pero, necesitábamos la habitación para la distribución de juguetes de Navidad. Ahora, hemos tenido la oportunidad de mover el computador, archivador a la oficina, que se encuentra en la habitación del otro lado de la

cocina. Por que hay varias personas están utilizando la oficina, sea necesario mover la oficina a un lugar más público y profesional.

El día mundial del matrimonio, designado por la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos, se celebrará el domingo, 11 de febrero de 2018. Oremos por todas las parejas casadas y las que están en preparación para el matrimonio

El día internacional de la oración por las víctimas de la trata de personas fue observado el 8 de febrero como un tiempo de conmemoración para las víctimas y sobrevivientes del trabajo forzoso y el tráfico sexual comercial. Con un estimado de más de 25 millones mujeres, niños y hombres atrapados en la esclavitud moderna, este día ofrece la oportunidad de educar a las comunidades de fe acerca de la prevalencia de la trata y a orar por sus víctimas, que a menudo están "escondidas a simple vista". Si desea más recursos: www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/upload/Anti-Trafficking-Toolkit-Final-2018-2.pdf

Padre Juan Brown: El p. John tuvo el puerto eliminado, completando así el último aspecto de los procedimientos quirúrgicos.