

December 28
28 Diciembre

Office Hours

Mon. - Thurs. -
8:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Fri.
8:00 a.m. - 12:30
p.m.

Oficina de Ministerio
Hispano

Lunes— cerrado
Martes a Viernes:
12:30pm.-3pm.
Sábado: cerrado
Domingo: 9:30-11am

Sacrament of
Reconciliation
Horario de
Confesiones

Wednesday/
Miércoles
6:15 - 6:45 p.m.
Thursday/Jueves
7 - 8 p.m.
Saturday/ Sábado
4 - 4:45 p.m.
Sunday/Domingo
7:45 - 8:15 a.m.

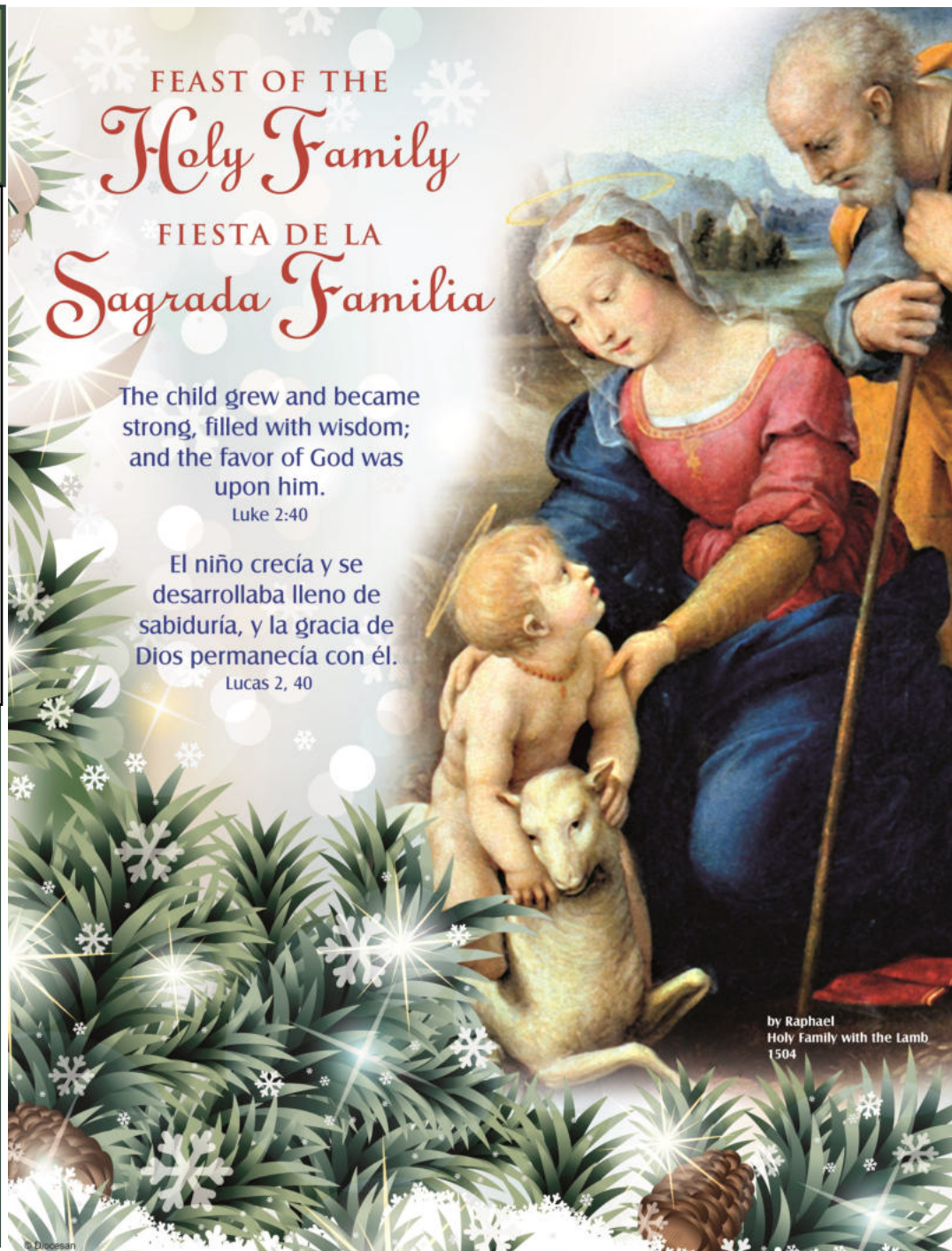
FEAST OF THE
Holy Family
FIESTA DE LA
Sagrada Familia

The child grew and became
strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was
upon him.

Luke 2:40

El niño crecía y se
desarrollaba lleno de
sabiduría, y la gracia de
Dios permanecía con él.

Lucas 2, 40



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The Place of Love Is the Home of God

Families are not perfect! But they are a gift from God to humanity. On this Sunday that falls within the Octave of Christmas, the Church calls us to meditate upon the Holy Family as the place in which God became man, and also to come to understand and acknowledge the gift of family. In our expressions of faith, we describe the Blessed Trinity in words that present them as a divine family, as Father and Son and the fruit of their love, the Holy Spirit. The life of the Blessed Trinity is characterized by eternal bonds of charity. Therefore, in sending the Son to become part of the human family, the Father was placing the Son in the human institution which best reflected the divine life of the Holy Trinity; in an institution which is born out of love. We can acknowledge that the Son had never been human before the incarnation, but he had always known what it means to exist within a bond of charity (love).

What does this mean then? This means that the earthly family is a reflection of the life of the Holy Trinity; a place where love takes precedence above any other role, responsibility, or duty there could ever be. Our readings of today seem to point to roles within the family that must be performed by each member. And roles are important in families. But we risk losing the point if we only focus on roles and duties and separation of powers, among other things. The family is first and foremost a place of love; a place of love in which even God himself can feel at home in.

But we can acknowledge that we have not always had it right. We may not have always given the best love to our family. Likewise, we may not have always received the best love from our family. Today's celebration calls us to acknowledge where we have not had it right and to work at becoming better for the sake of the other. We are called today to prioritize love over duties and roles when it comes to family, because it is the bond of love which allowed even God to find a home in the human family.

Going forward, we are called to ask the question "is this the most loving thing to do at this time for this person?" whenever we must make a decision concerning family. Our relationships do not always have to be pleasant, but they must always be influenced by love for one another; a love which could sometimes look like disagreement, correction, among others but all rooted in and flowing out of love for the other.

Stephen Owusu Dwamena, Seminarian

El Lugar Del Amor Es El Hogar De Dios

Las familias, aunque imperfectas, son un regalo divino para la humanidad. En este domingo dentro de la octava de Navidad, la Iglesia nos invita a reflexionar sobre la Sagrada Familia como el lugar donde Dios se encarnó y a reconocer el don de la familia. En nuestras expresiones de fe, describimos a la Santísima Trinidad como una familia divina: Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo, fruto de su amor. La vida de la Santísima Trinidad está marcada por lazos eternos de caridad. Al enviar al Hijo a formar parte de la familia humana, el Padre lo colocó en la institución humana que mejor reflejaba la vida divina de la Santísima Trinidad: una institución nacida del amor. Aunque el Hijo nunca había sido humano antes de la encarnación, siempre comprendió lo que significa existir dentro de un vínculo de caridad.

Esto implica que la familia terrenal refleja la vida de la Santísima Trinidad, un lugar donde el amor tiene prioridad sobre cualquier otro papel, responsabilidad o deber. Nuestras lecturas de hoy parecen indicar roles que cada miembro de la familia debe desempeñar. Si bien los roles son importantes, corremos el riesgo de perder el sentido si solo nos centramos en ellos, en los deberes y en la separación de poderes. La familia es, ante todo, un lugar de amor, un lugar donde incluso Dios mismo puede sentirse en casa.

Reconocemos que no siempre hemos tenido la razón ni hemos demostrado el mejor amor a nuestra familia. Del mismo modo, puede que no siempre hayamos recibido el mejor amor de ellos. La celebración de hoy nos invita a reconocer nuestras deficiencias y a esforzarnos por mejorar por el bien de los demás. Nos insta a priorizar el amor por encima de los deberes y roles familiares, ya que es el vínculo de amor el que permitió incluso a Dios encontrar un hogar en la familia humana.

De cara al futuro, debemos preguntarnos constantemente: "¿Es esto lo más cariñoso que se puede hacer en este momento para esta persona?" al tomar decisiones familiares. Nuestras relaciones no siempre serán agradables, pero siempre deben estar guiadas por el amor mutuo. Este amor puede manifestarse como desacuerdo o corrección, pero siempre está arraigado y fluye del deseo de lo mejor para el otro.

Stephen Owusu Dwamena, Seminarista

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday/sábado,

December/diciembre 27

5:00 p.m. Nita Birge &
Margaret Zito

7:00 p.m. Pat Overholt

(at the Jekyll Isl. United Methodist Church)

Sunday/domingo

December/diciembre 28

8:30 a.m. Catherine Cook

11:00 a.m. PJ Blanchard

6 p.m. Santos Cervantes &
Aurelio Medina Mendoza

Monday/lunes

December/diciembre 29

Noon CD Burgess &
Lew Orians

Tuesday/martes

December/diciembre 30

Noon Rowena Rumer

Wednesday/miércoles

December/diciembre 31

7 p.m. PJ Blanchard

Thursday/jueves

January/enero 1

8 a.m. Beau Vendetti &
Elaine Knight

Noon Rocha Family

7 p.m. Our Parish Family

Friday/viernes

January/enero 2

8 a.m. Eleanor & Luis Cristobal

7 p.m. Souls in Purgatory

Saturday/sábado

January/enero 3

5:00 p.m. PJ Blanchard

7:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

(at the Jekyll Isl. United Methodist Church)

Sunday/domingo

January/enero 4

8:30 a.m. Diane Lott

11:00 a.m. Manuel Rocha

6 p.m. Santos Cervantes &
Aurelio Medina Mendoza

Week of December 28/la Semana del 28 de Diciembre

Sunday/domingo Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph-Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday/lunes 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday/martes 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a; 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday/miercoles

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

Thursday/jueves Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God/ Solemnidad de María Santísima, Madre de Dios

Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Friday/ viernes Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church/ Memoria de San Basilio Magno y San Gregorio Nacianzeno, Obispos y Doctores de la Iglesia

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

Saturday/sabado 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Sunday/domingo The Epiphany of the Lord/Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 2:1-12

All donations for the 2025 tax year must be deposited by December 31st to be included on your tax letter. To be sure that your donation is included please have **all payments in the Parish Office no later than noon on Wednesday, December 31st.**

If you have **moved** in the last year, please get with the office to change your address.

First Friday, January 2 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church from 1 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for silent prayer. Bi-lingual Mass at 7 p.m.



2 de enero, Primer viernes del mes tendremos al santísimo sacramento expuesto en la iglesia desde la 1pm. Hasta las 7pm.



The **Knights of Columbus** is currently accepting new members: Must be 18 and older, and in Good Standing with the Catholic Church. Council Meetings on the **1st Tuesday of the month.** Please contact SK Grand Knight Greg Marr for more information.
Vivat Jesus!



Please join the Knights of Columbus Sunday January 4 for the **Red Cross blood drive.** Thank You for giving your precious gift to save a life.



Grupo de Oración
Nuestra Señora de Lourdes te Invita



Preside: Padre Chilo
de Matamoros Tamaulipas México

UNA TARDE DE ENCUENTRO CON JESUS



**COMENZANDO
A LAS 6PM**

- PRÉDICA
- HORA SANTA
- ORACIÓN POR LOS ENFERMOS



Ministerio de Alabanza
POR SU MISERICORDIA

JUEVES 8 DE ENERO 2026

Iglesia Católica St Francis Xavier

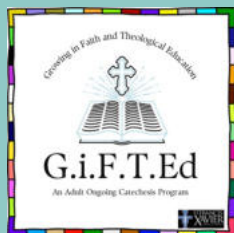
Sundays in the
St. Anne Room
Adult Bible Study
meets between
9:30 and 10:45
a.m. Please come join us on January 11th!



Returning on January 14th

Our **Youth Group** meets each Wednesday that school is in session and is open to all **rising 9th through 12th graders**. The youth rooms in the St. Joseph Family Center will be open at **3:30 pm** for homework or games, with an activity or sport beginning at **4:30 pm**, dinner is provided at **5:30 pm**, a spiritual lesson at **6:00 pm**, followed by Holy Mass at **7:00 pm**.

Ministerio Juvenil, Grados 9 a 12. Nos Reunimos Todos Los Miercoles en los salones de la escuela de catecismo 3:30pm. A 7:30pm, los esperamos!



Gifted Catechesis Program

The next session of Gifted Catechesis will be on January 14, speaking about the mystery of the incarnation and Jesus as true God and true man.

For more information, contact Seminarian Stephen (stephen@xavierbrunswick.org)

If you have not made a pledge or gave a one time donation, it is not too late! Every dollar raised counts! Please help us meet our goal and raise our participation percentage!



HARVEST
of HOPE
COSECHA de ESPERANZA

The Council of Catholic Women would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. We thank you all for your support this past year and appreciate all the volunteers who have helped to make this past year a wonderful success. As we approach 2026 let us ask God to shine His face upon us blessing us with peace and unity throughout the world. Happy New Year!



Are you interested in sponsoring a student to attend DYC? Please contact the parish office. Those who did so last year were an INCREDIBLE blessing to so many of our students.

Our **St. Francis Xavier Young Adults** Group is on Facebook now. Our Young Adult Ministry) meets most Friday evenings and consists of college students, FLETC students and young adults (single and married between the ages of 18-35. They meet for faith and fellowship on most Friday evenings. Please reach out to stephen@xavierbrunswick.org or deaconchrissadowski@xavierbrunswick.org to get connected today.



SAVE THE DATE

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE 2026



CALLED

SPEAK, LORD, FOR YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING
DYC 2026 1 SAMUEL 3

FEBRUARY 27–MARCH 1, 2026
ST. TERESA OF AVILA, GROVETOWN

January 11th second collection is for Black & Native Americans.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Please scan this code to follow us on our parish **Facebook page** and turn on notifications for photos, updates, events, announcements, livestreams, etc. You can also contact us through this platform, and we will gladly respond to your messages as soon as possible.



HOPE AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Contact Patrick Tunnell, Director of Fellowship and Life for the Diocese of Savannah, at ptunnell@diosav.org



RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Rachel's Vineyard Savannah

RachelsVineyardSavannah.com
Confidential Hotline: (706) 399-2670
Healing Retreat: April 24–26
Weekly Virtual Bible Study: January 8–March 26

Pregnancy Resource Centers and Parish Ministries in the Diocese of Savannah
diosav.org/pregnancy-centers-and-ministries



All calls and inquiries are strictly confidential.



The Roman Catholic Diocese of Savannah
Office of Fellowship and Life

LA ESPERANZA Y LA CURACIÓN DESPUÉS DEL ABORTO

Contacte con Patrick Tunnell, Director del Compañerismo y la Vida de la Diócesis de Savannah, en ptunnell@diosav.org



RECURSOS RECOMENDADOS

Rachel's Vineyard Savannah (El Viñedo de Raquel de Savannah)

RachelsVineyardSavannah.com
Línea directa confidencial: (706) 399-2670
Retiro de sanación: 24 al 26 de abril
Estudio bíblico virtual semanal: 8 de enero al 26 de marzo
Los eventos pueden ser solo en inglés.

Centros de Recursos para el Embarazo y Ministerios Parroquiales en la Diócesis de Savannah
diosav.org/pregnancy-centers-and-ministries



Todas las llamadas y consultas son estrictamente confidenciales.



La Diócesis Católica Romana de Savannah
La Oficina del Compañerismo y la Vida



School News

Our Mission

Inspired by the Sisters of St. Joseph, St. Francis Xavier Catholic School provides an excellent academic foundation, promotes spiritual formation, and instills within each student a desire to serve others.

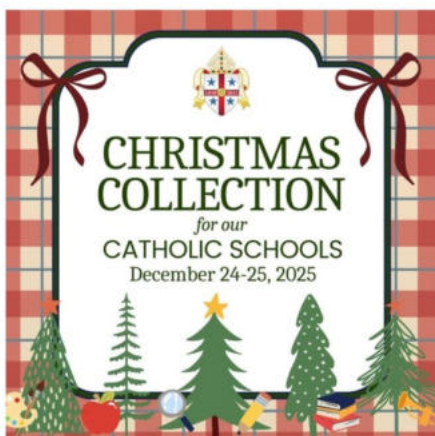
Dear Friends,

"Today a Savior has been born for you." (Luke 2:11)
May the miracle of Christ's birth renew our faith and remind us of God's everlasting love.

This Christmas, we give thanks for the gift of Jesus and for our parish community. May His light guide you, His love surround you, and His peace remain with you throughout the coming year.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas filled with the joy of Christ's birth and the peace of His love.

Yours in Christ, Mrs. Annemarie Marr



Christmas Joy



TOUR OUR SCHOOL!

10:00 A.M. -
1:00 P.M.



Please join us on any
Wednesday for a
school tour!

WALK-IN WEDNESDAY

1129 Grant Street, Brunswick, GA 31520

912-265-9470

sfxc.org/admissions

SUNDAY - Domingo

8:30 am (inglés), 11:00am. (inglés)
6:00 pm. (español)

MONDAY - Lunes 12:00 pm (inglés)

TUESDAY - Martes 12:00 pm (inglés)

WEDNESDAY - Miércoles

8 a.m. School Mass & 7:00 pm (inglés)

THURSDAY - Jueves

8:00 am (inglés), 7:00 pm Hora Santa

* adoración del Santísimo Sacramento

FRIDAY - Viernes 8:00 am (inglés)

Primer viernes de cada mes misa

bilingüe a las 7:00 pm

SATURDAY - Sábado 5:00 pm (inglés)

VIRTUS Training

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

diosav.org/en/resources/how-do-i/register-for-virtus-training



LIST OF UPCOMING SESSIONS

virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0
Select "Savannah, GA (Diocese)"



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Excellence
Builds
Trust