

January 4
Enero 4

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.
Sabado: 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.

FOLLOW HIS
GUIDING.

Light

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Luz GUÍA

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The Epiphany of the Lord

The Star of Bethlehem

Almost every year at Christmastime, you can find an article or documentary about the star of Bethlehem. Astronomers give various theories about whether the magi saw a new star, perhaps a supernova, or a comet, or a conjunction of two or more planets. Since the magi are generally believed to be astrologers, the conjunction seems most likely.

But more important is the meaning of the star. In Matthew's Gospel, light is used as a symbol of the good news of Jesus coming into the world. Jesus is the light of the world, so the magi follow that light to get to Jesus. That's why verse 9 of the Gospel has the image of the star preceding the wise men and stopping over the house where Jesus was. By following the star, they become followers of Christ. So what do the magi show us about following Jesus?

First, they take the initiative. They saw the star, figured out what it meant, and made their journey. As followers of Jesus, we can look for what needs to be done (in our family, parish, or community) and do it. We don't have to wait for the pastor to call us and beg for help—there are probably articles in this bulletin asking for help.

Second, they expressed their faith in Jesus by the gifts they brought: gold—a gift for a king, who is worthy to be followed; frankincense—Jesus is worthy to be worshiped as Son of God; and myrrh—Jesus becomes king by dying for us all. We can express our faith in many ways. We can volunteer to help the poor, the elderly, or the disabled. We can teach our children how to pray and tell them about all that God has done for us.

Third, they were not afraid to take risks for Jesus. When they went back home without telling Herod where they found the child, Herod was furious (Matthew 2:16). For all they knew, he could have come after them. How often do we take risks for the Lord, by openly speaking about our faith or giving God credit for the good that we do? Let the star of Bethlehem remind us that Jesus is the star of our lives.

La Epifanía del Señor

La Estrella de Belén

Casi todos los años durante la temporada de Navidad, se puede encontrar un artículo o un documental sobre la estrella de Belén. Los astrónomos ofrecen diversas teorías sobre si los magos vieron una nueva estrella, quizás una supernova, un cometa o una conjunción de dos o más planetas. Dado que generalmente se cree que los magos eran astrólogos, la conjunción parece la más probable.

Pero lo más importante es el significado de la estrella. En el Evangelio de Mateo, la luz se utiliza como símbolo de la buena nueva de la venida de Jesús al mundo. Jesús es la luz del mundo, por lo que los magos siguen esa luz para llegar a él. Por eso, el versículo 9 del Evangelio presenta la imagen de la estrella que precede a los Reyes Magos y se detiene en la casa donde estaba Jesús. Al seguir la estrella, se convierten en seguidores de Cristo. Entonces, ¿qué nos enseñan los magos sobre seguir a Jesús?

Primero, toman la iniciativa. Vieron la estrella, comprendieron su significado y emprendieron su viaje. Como seguidores de Jesús, podemos identificar qué se debe hacer (en nuestra familia, parroquia o comunidad) y hacerlo. No tenemos que esperar a que el párroco nos llame para pedir ayuda; probablemente haya artículos en este boletín pidiendo ayuda.

En segundo lugar, expresaron su fe en Jesús con los regalos que trajeron: oro, un regalo para un rey digno de ser seguido; incienso, Jesús es digno de ser adorado como Hijo de Dios; y mirra, Jesús se convierte en rey al morir por todos nosotros. Podemos expresar nuestra fe de muchas maneras. Podemos ofrecernos como voluntarios para ayudar a los pobres, los ancianos o los discapacitados. Podemos enseñar a nuestros hijos a orar y contarles todo lo que Dios ha hecho por nosotros.

En tercer lugar, no tuvieron miedo de arriesgarse por Jesús. Cuando regresaron a casa sin decirle a Herodes dónde encontraron al niño, Herodes se enfureció (Mateo 2,16). Podría haberlos perseguido. ¿Con qué frecuencia nos arriesgamos por el Señor, al hablar abiertamente de nuestra fe o al atribuirle a Dios el bien que hacemos? Que la estrella de Belén nos recuerde que Jesús es la estrella de nuestras vidas.

MASS INTENTIONS

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, Roberto & Caridad Tuya, Olga Sevilla Gonzalez

6 p.m. Santos Cervantes & Aurelio Medina Mendoza

Monday/lunes

January/enero 5

Noon Angie Rocha

Tuesday/martes

January/enero 6

Noon Catherine Cook

Wednesday/miércoles

January/enero 7

8 a.m. Bill Wright

7 p.m. Hal Metzler

Thursday/jueves

January/enero 8

8 a.m. Tom Sima

Friday/viernes

January/enero 9

8 a.m. Hal Metzler

Saturday/sábado

January/enero 10

5:00 p.m. Allene Sculthorpe, Helen Sculthorpe Yorke, Cody Gibson & Patricia Barrett

7:00 p.m. Greg Meyer & Sandee Coddington

(at the Jekyll Isl. United Methodist Church)

Sunday/domingo

January/enero 11

8:30 a.m. Bernardita Ang Hahn

11:00 a.m. PJ Blanchard, Roberto & Caridad Tuya

6 p.m. Santos Cervantes & Paula Juana Paz Vega

Week of January 4/la Semana del 4 de Enero

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

Monday/lunes Memorial of St. John Neumann, Bishop

Memoria de San Juan Nepomuceno Neumann, Obispo

1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday/martes 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday/miercoles 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday/jueves 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22

Friday/viernes 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday/sabado 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday/domingo The Baptism of the Lord

Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 3:13-17

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.



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



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

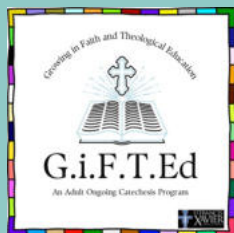
Sundays in the
St. Anne Room
Adult Bible Study
meets between
9:30 and 10:45
a.m. Please come join us on January 11th!



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!



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,

Happy New Year! As we begin this new year, we thank our parish family for your continued prayers, support, and partnership. May God bless you and your loved ones with peace, joy, and good health in the year ahead.

A heartfelt thank you to Seminarian Stephen for leading our middle school Advent retreat. We are grateful for his generosity and for helping create such a meaningful and faith-filled experience for our students.

Yours in Christ, Mrs. Annemarie Marr

Christmas Joy



PK-4 students make snow!



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



Middle school retreat led by Seminarian Stephen



4th grade students
decorate cookies!



1st grade students enjoying
their new books!

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
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Trust