

February 15
15 febrero

Office Hours

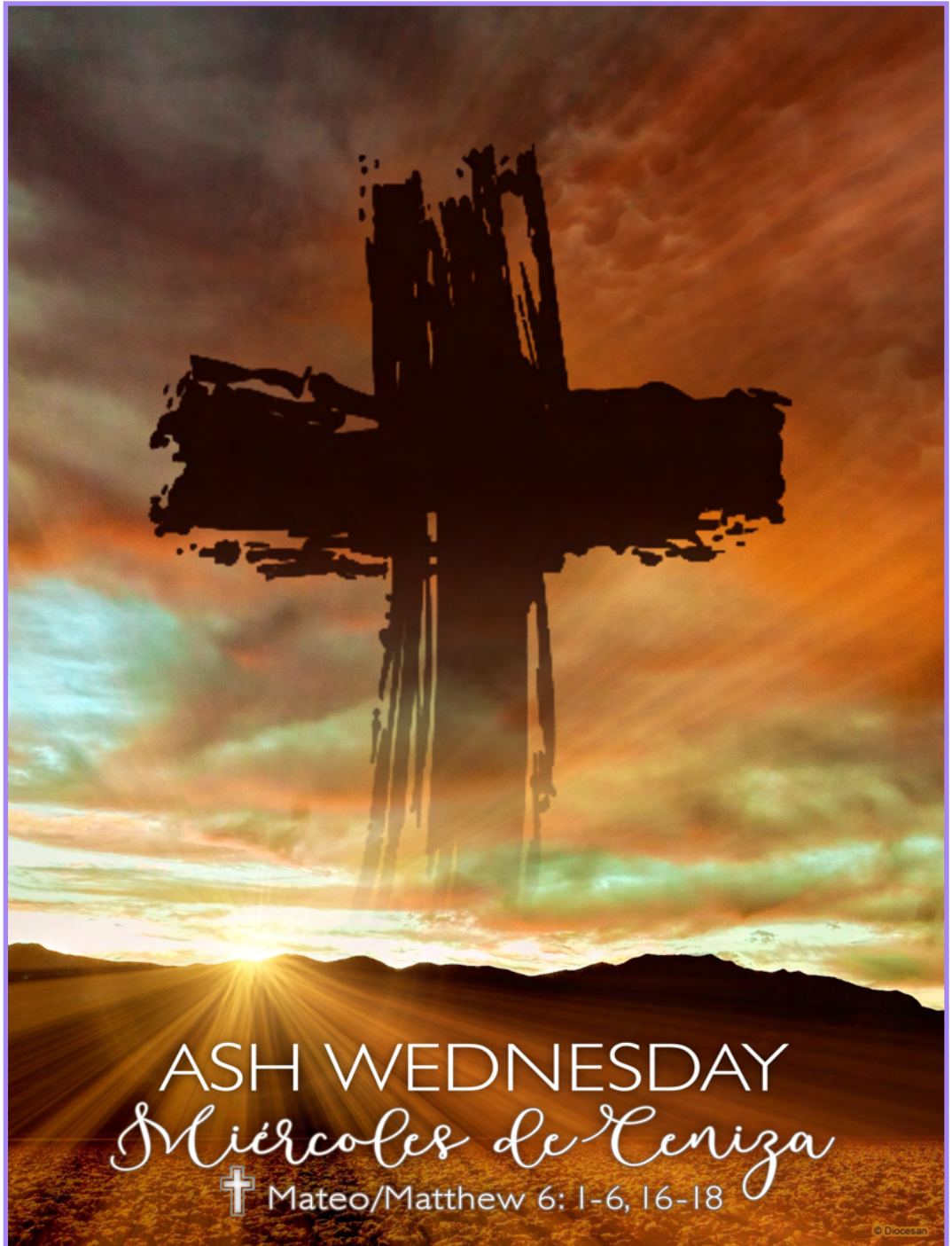
Mon. - Thurs. -
8:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Fri.
8:00 a.m. - 12:30
p.m.

**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.



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I Choose You

"If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you..." With these words, the author of the book of Sirach opens our first reading for today. To put this in another way, the inspired author says to his audience "no one is forcing you to keep the commandments, to keep the law, to keep following God, but know that it would be in your best interest to remain faithful." And this message is true for us as well.

Friends, unless you are a child under the care of your parents, you are not compelled to come to church every Sunday or every weekday, or to do the right thing even when no one is watching, or to live by the laws of the Church and the commandments of God. The believer is not under any form of legalistic obligation. Our relationship with God is not forced. We are free. Like I was always told in my seminary in Ghana, "you can walk out of here and no one will stop you." And God reminds us of this today.

Friends, God does not want us to follow Him out of fear or mere obligation. Love is the reason and love is the goal. The one that follows God or remains in his Church out of mere obligation cannot appreciate the loving nature of his laws and of his Church. Such a person cannot look beyond the legalism present in the Church or in Christianity. But the one that follows God out of a choice made in love can look beyond the legal codes and is not controlled or threatened by the volumes of legal requirements. True love fulfills the law without even realizing it.

Like a husband or wife who chooses each day to love their spouse, we are invited each day to choose Christ. Then the commandments are not burdens but the joyful path of love. Is love our reason for following God? Do we choose every day to love him? May God grant us the grace to choose him every day.

Stephen Owusu Dwamena, Seminarian

Te Elijo

"Si decides, puedes guardar los mandamientos, ellos te salvarán..." Con estas palabras, el autor del libro de Siraj abre nuestra primera lectura de hoy. Dicho de otra manera, el autor inspirado dice a su audiencia: "nadie te obliga a guardar los mandamientos, a guardar la ley, a seguir a Dios, sino que sepas que te conviene seguir la fidelidad." Y este mensaje también es cierto para nosotros.

Amigos, a menos que seáis niños bajo el cuidado de vuestros padres, no estáis obligados a venir a la iglesia todos los domingos ni todos los días laborables, ni a hacer lo correcto aunque nadie os esté vigilando, ni a vivir según las leyes de la Iglesia y los mandamientos de Dios. El creyente no está bajo ninguna obligación legalista. Nuestra relación con Dios no es forzada. Somos libres. Como siempre me decían en mi seminario en Ghana, "puedes salir de aquí y nadie te lo detendrá." Y Dios nos lo recuerda hoy.

Amigos, Dios no quiere que le sigamos por miedo o mera obligación. El amor es la razón y el amor es el objetivo. Quien sigue a Dios o permanece en su Iglesia por mera obligación no puede apreciar la naturaleza amorosa de sus leyes y de su Iglesia. Una persona así no puede mirar más allá del legalismo presente en la Iglesia o en el cristianismo. Pero quien sigue a Dios por una decisión tomada por amor es capaz de mirar más allá de los códigos legales y no está controlado ni amenazado por la gran cantidad de requisitos legales. El amor verdadero cumple la ley sin siquiera darse cuenta.

Como un esposo o una esposa que elige cada día amar a su cónyuge, estamos invitados cada día a elegir a Cristo. Entonces los mandamientos no son cargas, sino el camino alegre del amor. ¿Es el amor nuestra razón para seguir a Dios? ¿Elegimos cada día amarlo? Que Dios nos conceda la gracia de elegirle cada día.

Stephen Owusu Dwamena, seminarista

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday/sábado

February/febrero 14

5:00 p.m. Howard, Allene & Helen
Sculthorpe

7:00 p.m. Jean Gluckler
(at the Jekyll Isl. United Methodist Church)

Sunday/domingo

February/febrero 15

8:30 a.m. Ethan Cooper

11:00 a.m. Richard Fiese

6 p.m. Santos Cervantes

Monday/lunes

February/febrero 16

Noon Ethan Cooper & Sheri Stilwell

Tuesday/martes

February/febrero 17

Noon Humberto Vasquez

Wednesday/miércoles

February/febrero 18 (Ash Wednesday)

8 a.m. Robert & Michael Johnson &
Baby Grace

Noon Robert Price

2 p.m. (J.I.) Our Parish Family

7 p.m. Our Parish Family

Thursday/jueves

February/febrero 19

8 a.m. Dorcas-Ehlman Families

Friday/viernes

February/febrero 20

8 a.m. Alberta Kinstle Burgess &
Leo Walasinski

7 p.m. Stations of The Cross

Saturday/sábado

February/febrero 21

5:00 p.m. PJ Blanchard

7:00 p.m. Sculthorpe Family
(at the Jekyll Isl. United Methodist Church)

Sunday/domingo

February/febrero 22

8:30 a.m. Anthony Arbino & Genny Kujat

11:00 a.m. Jack & Jeanne O'Donnell

6 p.m. Santos Cervantes

**ASH Wednesday is
February 18th. Mass will
be 8 a.m. (School), noon,
2 p.m. (J.I.U.M.C.), 7 p.m.
(bilingual). The second
collection for that day will
be Aid to Eastern Europe.**

Week of February 15, 2026

**Para la Semana del 15
de Febrero de 2026**

Sunday/Domingo Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5,
17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or Mt 5:20-
22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday/Lunes Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72,
75, 76; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday/Martes Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-
15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday/Miercoles Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2
Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday/Jueves Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4
and 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday/Viernes Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-
19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday/Sabado Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-
6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday/Domingo Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-
6, 12-13, 17; Rm 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

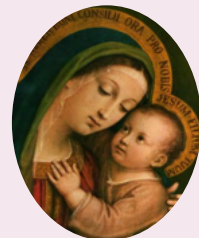
STEWARDSHIP

Donaciones a la iglesia

Deposit Dates: February 2 - \$11,263

February 9 - \$13,077

The Council of Catholic Women, CCW, International Food Tasters Festival is next Saturday, February 21st, from 11-1 in Xavier Hall. There is still time to purchase your tickets from any CCW member or at the Church Office. Cost prior to the event is \$10.00 for 10 bites or at the door \$12.00 for ten bites. Come and enjoy some tasteful delights.



“The St. Francis Xavier Young Adults will embark on a Lenten retreat at Tybee Island from Friday, March 20 to Sunday, March 22. If you are interested in joining this experience, scan this code to fill out a form.”



She Shall Be Called Woman is back! We are excited to begin this Spring Season of SHE - ***Ten Virtues of Mary***. We will begin **Wednesday mornings at 6am** with adoration in the chapel, followed by breakfast, video and small group discussion in the St Anne's room. *She* is a transformative journey designed to strengthen your identity in Christ while fostering authentic relationships with the women of our community.

The program is a sanctuary for women seeking to be truly seen, known, and loved as they grow in their relationship with the Lord. In this spring season we will hear from 6 speakers from diverse stages of life. These inspiring women offer participants deeper insight into Scriptural teachings, theological truths, and practical wisdom.



6 a.m. Adoration
6:30 a.m. Video & Breakfast
End at 7:30 a.m.

We'd love for you to join us this year as we learn about **The Fight of Faith!**

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!

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

Fish Fry Fridays has been cancelled.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Group will be selling food February 22nd after the Masses.

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 deaconchrisadowski@xavierbrunswick.org to get connected today.



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!



RETIRO PARA FAMILIAS SANANDO FAMILIAS

Enfocado en las familias con hijos
adolescentes de 12 años en adelante



¡POSPUESTO!

sábado 28 de marzo, 2026, 9 am a 5 pm

Iglesia St. Paul, Douglas

Registrarse en diosav.org/familia
o escaneando en código QR



Please join the Knights of Columbus Sunday March 1 for the **Red Cross blood drive**. Thank You for giving your precious gift to save a life.



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.

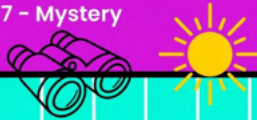


Camp Crusader



Get ready for an unforgettable camp experience filled with fun, learning and friendship!

June 1-5 - Mad Science Lab
 June 8-12 - Around the World
 June 15-18 - Outdoor Adventure Week
 June 22-26 - Game On!
 June 29- July 2 - Brain Builders
 July 6-10 - Earth & Eco
 July 13-17 - Mystery



Monday - Friday
 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Rising 1st- 4th
 Rising 5th-8th

Call 912-265-9470
 for more info

\$200 - SFXCS Student
 \$230 - Non-SFXCS Student
 Sign up using FACTS
 Web Forms



Little Saints Summer Camp



Get ready for an unforgettable camp experience filled with fun, learning and friendship!

June 1-5 - We are Friends
 June 8-12 - Creatures and Creation
 June 15-18 - Helpers and Heroes
 June 22-26 - Caring for God's Creation
 June 29- July 2 - Made to Create
 July 6-10 - Water, Weather, and Wonder
 July 13-17 - Once Upon A Summer
 July 20-24 - Celebration Week

Monday - Friday
 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Rising PS3 - K

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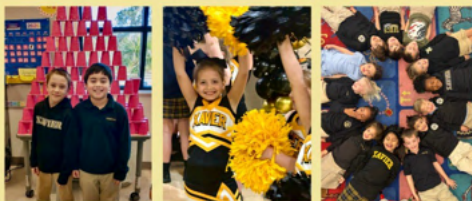
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ENROLLING

for the 2026-2027 School Year

GRADES PS3 -8



We'd love to meet your family!
 Call us today 912-265-9470



First grade met their growth goal in MAP Testing and celebrated with a class party!

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
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