

April 26

26 abril

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.



**THEY RECOGNIZE
HIS VOICE**

**ELLAS CONOCEN
SU VOZ**

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4^º DOMINGO DE PASCUA

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Living Like Sheep

On this 4th Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, our readings are unsurprisingly filled with imagery of sheep and shepherd, and emphasis is placed on the goodness of the shepherd, who is the Lord. The readings are clear on what makes the shepherd good. David's Psalm 23, which is our responsorial psalm, elaborates on these qualities of the good shepherd. But the readings also point out the tendency of the sheep to go astray, and the desire of thieves to tear the flock apart.

Therefore, part of the reality of acknowledging the Lord to be our shepherd is to acknowledge that we are (like) sheep, and as sheep, to realize some truths. One of these truths is that we need a head or a figure to constantly direct us due to our tendencies to want to go our own ways. Also, we need to realize that there are other voices that seek to isolate us from the flock and to "slaughter and destroy" us, therefore we need to remain with the flock. A sheep that walks alone, without a shepherd or without a flock sets itself up to be destroyed. And the same applies to us.

If we desire to walk alone, living our lives unguided or even self-directed, isolated, alone, and without community, it is a danger to ourselves. But this is what the world and our society teach us today. The Lord, our shepherd, desires to walk with us and to lead us. He also desires that we walk with him alongside others in the flock who also follow him. This is how we will "save ourselves from this corrupt generation" as Peter advises in the first reading today.

What, then, is our call today? It is this. Do not isolate yourself. Do not despise community and fraternity. Do not resist holy guidance and instructions. Rather, make friends within the church community, with those who also follow the same shepherd. Learn to discern God's voice. Be aware that there are those voices which only seek to destroy you. And in all things, learn to listen to God's will and there will be nothing you shall lack, as the Psalm says.

Stephen Owusu Dwamena, Seminarian

Viviendo Como Ovejas

En este cuarto domingo de Pascua, también conocido como Domingo del Buen Pastor, nuestras lecturas están, como era de esperar, llenas de imágenes de ovejas y pastores, y se pone énfasis en la bondad del pastor, que es el Señor. Las lecturas son claras sobre qué hace bueno al pastor. El Salmo 23 de David, que es nuestro salmo responsorial, desarrolla estas cualidades del buen pastor. Pero las lecturas también señalan la tendencia de las ovejas a desviarse y el deseo de los ladrones de destrozar el rebaño. Por lo tanto, parte de la realidad de reconocer al Señor como nuestro pastor es reconocer que somos (como) ovejas, y como ovejas, comprender algunas verdades. Una de estas verdades es que necesitamos una cabeza o una figura que nos guía constantemente debido a nuestra tendencia a querer seguir nuestro propio camino. Además, debemos darnos cuenta de que hay otras voces que buscan aislarnos del rebaño y "masacrarnos y destruirnos", por lo que debemos permanecer con el rebaño. Una oveja que camina sola, sin pastor ni rebaño, se prepara para ser destruida. Y lo mismo nos pasa a nosotros.

Si deseamos caminar solos, vivir nuestras vidas sin guía o incluso de forma autodirigida, aislados, solos y sin comunidad, es un peligro para nosotros mismos. Pero esto es lo que el mundo y nuestra sociedad nos enseñan hoy. El Señor, nuestro pastor, desea caminar con nosotros y guiarnos. También desea que caminemos con él junto a otros del rebaño que también le siguen. Así es como "nos salvaremos de esta generación corrupta", como aconseja Peter en la primera lectura de hoy.

¿Cuál es entonces nuestra decisión hoy? Eso es. No hay pasillos. No desprecies la comunidad y la fraternidad. No resistas la guía y las instrucciones sagradas. Más bien, haz amigos dentro de la comunidad eclesiástica, con quienes también siguen al mismo pastor. Aprende a discernir la voz de Dios. Diez en cuenta que existen voces que solo buscan destruirte. Y en todo, aprendió a escuchar la voluntad de Dios y no os faltará nada, como dice el Salmo.

Stephen Owusu Dwamena, seminarista

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday/sábado

April/abril 25

5:00 p.m. Albert Lee & Benjamin Parse

7:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

(at the Jekyll Isl. United Methodist Church)

Sunday/domingo

April/abril 26

8:30 a.m. Ruth Zachow & Rufina Batingal

11 a.m. Ken Thompson & Marianita Guanzan

6 p.m. Candido German

Monday/lunes

April/abril 27

Noon Marion Stilwell

Tuesday/martes

April/abril 28

Noon Emma Lou Abel

Wednesday/miércoles

April/abril 29

8 a.m. Alexander Erwin Davis &
Thomas Hill Davis (ints.)

7 p.m. Our Parish Family

Thursday/jueves

April/abril 30

8 a.m. PJ Blanchard (Frenchi)

Friday/viernes

May/mayo 1

8 a.m. Caridad Tuya

7 p.m. Souls in Purgatory

Saturday/sábado

May/mayo 2

5:00 p.m. Laurie Anderson

7:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

(at the Jekyll Isl. United Methodist Church)

Sunday/domingo

May/mayo 3

8:30 a.m. SFX Council of Catholic Women

11 a.m. Ken Thompson

6 p.m. Our Parish Family

Week of April 26, 2026

**Para la Semana del
26 de Abril de 2026**

Sunday/Domingo Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Monday/Lunes Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday/Martes Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday/Miercoles Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67:2-3,5,6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday/Jueves Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21, 22, 25 and 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday/Viernes Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday/Sabado Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday/Domingo Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

First Friday, May 1 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.

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

The CCW, Council of Catholic Women, Mass is scheduled for 8:30AM on Sunday May 3rd. We will honor the recipients of the Golden Rose Award and the Ann Marie Morris Award. We still need a few ladies to volunteer as Eucharist Ministers and Ushers.

The CCW will be having a Bake Sale after all Masses the weekend of May 2nd & 3rd. All proceeds from the bake sale will go to various charities in the Community. Please help support this event.



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!

**Vienna Sausages
Cup of noodles
Single serve mac n cheese
Instant packets grits & Oatmeal
Snack size potato chips**



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.

Please join the Knights of Columbus Sunday, May 3 for the Red Cross blood drive. Thank You for giving your precious gift to save a life.

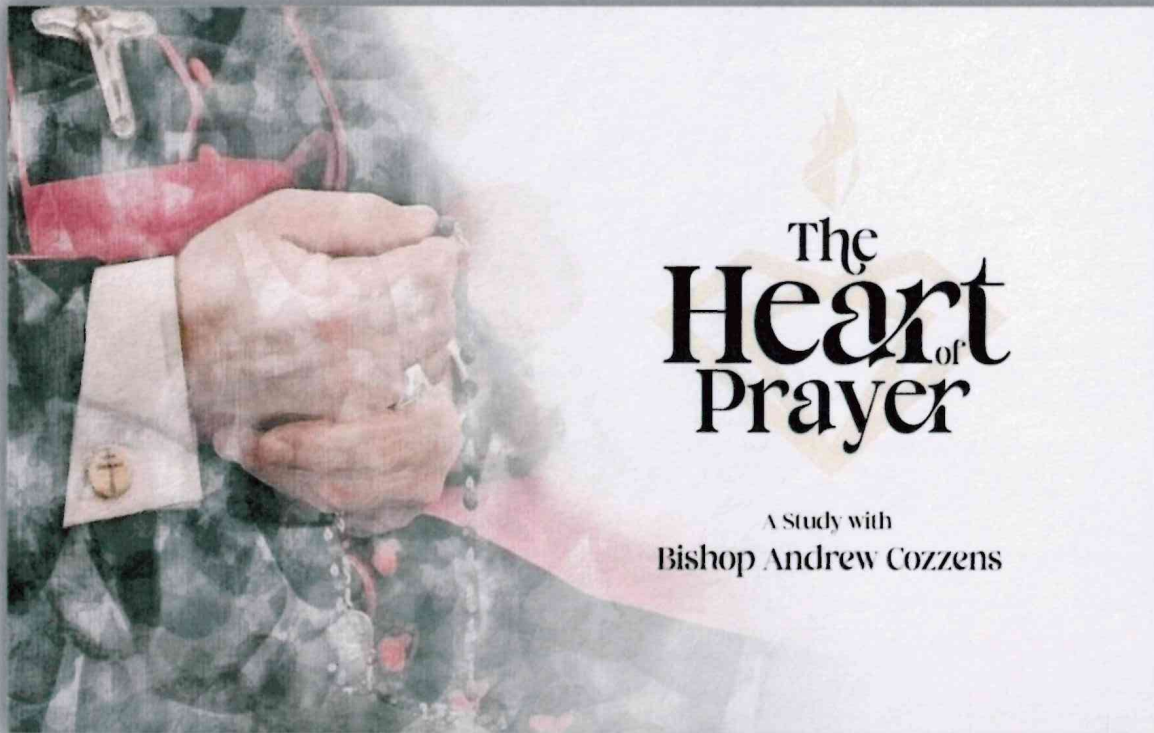


Annual Catholic Appeal 2026

Envelopes are available in the book holders of the pews. Please take one, pray about it, and give what your heart tells you on the following weekend. You can make a pledge or pay it fully through the envelope.

Our goal this year is \$74,429.

Esta semana empezamos la Campaña Católica Anual. Sus oraciones y ofrenda hechas con sacrificio ayudarán a que este año la campaña sea un éxito. La meta de nuestra parroquia es \$74,429 y podremos lograrlo si, después de profunda consideración y oración, todos participamos según nuestras posibilidades.



- The Heart of Prayer -

Join the Faith & Fellowship Ministry for a meaningful journey into deeper prayer through *The Heart of Prayer*, guided by Bishop Cozzens' practical and down-to-earth teaching.

Discover how to quiet your heart and mind so you can truly hear God's voice calling to you.

In this study, we respond to God's loving invitation to grow closer to Him. You will come away with a deep longing to pray more and a practical format to deepen your personal relationship with God through prayer.

All are welcome! Each session will begin with a potluck dinner, video presentation, and group discussion. Bring an appetizer, main dish, or dessert to share. If you have any questions, please email lanevepj@bellsouth.net.

Beginning May 7th in the St. Francis Xavier School Cafetorium at 6:00 pm.

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!



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.

We enjoyed hosting the priests of the Diocese of Savannah this week and were especially happy to welcome back SFXCS alumnus Reverend Vernon Knight, Parochial Administrator of St. Joseph Catholic Church.



Congratulations NJHS Inductees



Six students were recently inducted to the National Junior Honor Society. These students must have a strong GPA and show good behavior and responsibility. From left: Evan Bors, Charles Andrews, Benjamin Spicer, Eliana Tsai, Hannah Sartorio, and Maie Kennedy.

NOW



ENROLLING

for the 2026-2027 School Year
GRADES PS3 -8



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

Easter Egg Hunt Fun!



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)"



The VIRTUS Admin for your Church is Ann Buebel. Please contact her with any questions or concerns.