

May 17

17 Mayo

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 HAVE KEPT
YOUR WORD**

**ELLOS HAN CUMPLIDO
TU PALABRA**

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7^º DOMINGO DE PASCUA

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Intentional Love

Have you ever accompanied a loved one to the airport or to a point of departure as they set off on a journey for either a long or indefinite amount of time? If you have, perhaps you may be able to relate to the question at the end of the first reading: "Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" Personally, this experience strikes home for me, reminding me of my departure from home three years ago, and the various times I have had to depart from the different communities I have been with (as I am doing here also this week).

The moment of separation of loved ones changes a lot of relationship dynamics. For instance, when your conversations have to change from daily face to face encounters to virtual encounters. Thoughts like these keep us "looking at the sky" as our loved ones take off, frozen with thought as we contemplate the dynamics of our new "long-distance relationship."

I imagine that this was the case with the disciples as captured in the Acts of the Apostles. The man who had been their leader and guide for the last three years was being taken up right before their eyes, with no clarity on when he would return. Everything was changing right then and there! What would life now look like?! However, as sad and dreadful as this sounds, we still celebrate this moment because even in this departure and separation, there is grace to be found.

The moment of Christ's ascension into heaven challenged the disciples to find a way grow even more closer to him by building a relationship with him not built on proximity but on genuine love which resides in the heart. And this is one of the realities of long-distance relationships; that we are "forced" to learn to become more intentional about maintaining the bond we share with our loved one. This is what we are also called to do as we recall the ascension of Christ today. We are called to be more intentional about maintaining our relationship with Christ; a relationship built in the heart, and not just on proximity.

In doing this, we must remember that it is not a one-sided endeavor. Christ is also intentional about maintaining his bond with us, which is why he has left us his real presence in the Blessed Sacrament. In adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, his desire for us meets our desire for him, and our bond grows ever stronger. This week, let us find ways to spend time in his presence as a way to deepen the bond we have with him. May we also find ways to become more intentional about our relationship with him.

Stephen Owusu Dwamena, Seminarian

Amor intencional

¿Alguna vez has acompañado a un ser querido al aeropuerto o a un punto de partida mientras emprendía un viaje, ya fuera por un periodo largo o indefinido de tiempo? Si es así, tal vez puedas identificarte con la pregunta que aparece al final de la primera lectura: «¿Por qué se quedan ahí mirando al cielo?». Personalmente, esta experiencia me toca muy de cerca, recordándome mi propia partida de casa hace tres años, así como las diversas ocasiones en las que he tenido que despedirme de las distintas comunidades con las que he convivido (tal como estoy haciendo aquí también esta semana).

El momento de la separación de los seres queridos altera muchas de las dinámicas de la relación. Por ejemplo, cuando las conversaciones deben transformarse, pasando de encuentros diarios cara a cara a encuentros virtuales. Pensamientos como estos nos mantienen «mirando al cielo» mientras nuestros seres queridos alzan el vuelo, quedándonos paralizados en la reflexión mientras contemplamos las dinámicas de nuestra nueva «relación a distancia».

Imagino que este fue el caso de los discípulos, tal como se relata en los Hechos de los Apóstoles. El hombre que había sido su líder y guía durante los últimos tres años estaba siendo elevado ante sus propios ojos, sin que hubiera claridad alguna sobre cuándo regresaría. ¡Todo estaba cambiando justo en ese preciso instante! ¿Cómo sería la vida a partir de ahora? Sin embargo, por triste y desolador que esto parezca, seguimos celebrando este momento, pues incluso en esta partida y separación, es posible hallar gracia.

El momento de la Ascensión de Cristo a los cielos desafió a los discípulos a encontrar la manera de estrechar aún más su vínculo con Él, construyendo una relación fundamentada no en la proximidad física, sino en un amor genuino que reside en el corazón. Y esta es, precisamente, una de las realidades de las relaciones a distancia; ...que nos vemos «obligados» a aprender a ser más intencionales a la hora de mantener el vínculo que compartimos con nuestros seres queridos. Esto es también a lo que estamos llamados al recordar hoy la Ascensión de Cristo. Estamos llamados a ser más intencionales en el mantenimiento de nuestra relación con Cristo; una relación edificada en el corazón, y no meramente en la proximidad física.

Al hacerlo, debemos recordar que no se trata de un esfuerzo unilateral. Cristo también es intencional en el mantenimiento de su vínculo con nosotros; razón por la cual nos ha dejado su presencia real en el Santísimo Sacramento. En la adoración al Santísimo Sacramento, su deseo por nosotros se encuentra con nuestro deseo por Él, y nuestro vínculo se fortalece cada vez más. Esta semana, busquemos maneras de pasar tiempo en su presencia como un medio para profundizar el vínculo que tenemos con Él. Busquemos también formas de ser más intencionales en nuestra relación con Él.

Stephen Owusu Dwamena, seminarista

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday/sábado

May/mayo 16

5:00 p.m. Grier & Shirley Gatch

7:00 p.m. Sandee Coddington

(at the Jekyll Isl. United Methodist Church)

Sunday/domingo

May/mayo 17

8:30 a.m. Joe Doud, Chuck Studzinski,
Kathy Tommasini

11 a.m. Juian Lopez Medina

6 p.m. Aurelio Medina, Carlos Lopez,
Alejandro Patino, Maria, Rafael & Rafael Jr.
Mendez

Monday/lunes

May/mayo 18

Noon Diane Smith (int.)

Tuesday/martes

May/mayo 19

Noon Diane Smith (int.)

Wednesday/miércoles

May/mayo 20

8 a.m. Jacqueline Vasquez (int.) &
Bill Van Alstine

7 p.m. Mike & Marisol Soler (int.)

Thursday/jueves

May/mayo 21

8 a.m. Dorcas-Ehlman Families

Friday/viernes

May/mayo 22

8 a.m. Diane Smith (int.)

Saturday/sábado

May/mayo 23

5:00 p.m. Jack & Jeanne O'Donnell

7:00 p.m. Joatie Smola

(at the Jekyll Isl. United Methodist Church)

Sunday/domingo

May/mayo 24

8:30 a.m. Diane Lott & Family

11 a.m. Yolanda, Caridad & Roberto Tuya

6 p.m. Aurelio Medina, Carlos Lopez &

Bryan Adrian Espinoza

Week of May 17, 2026

Para la Semana del

17 de Mayo de 2026

Sunday/Domingo Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7,
8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Mt
28:16-20

Monday/Lunes Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-
5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday/Martes Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11,
20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday/Miercoles Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-
30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday/Jueves Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-
2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday/Viernes Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-
12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday/Sabado Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps
11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday/Domingo Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24,
29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-
23

Special Collections

Colecciones especiales

Catholic Communication

Comunicación Católica

May 24

Peter's Pence

Óbolo de San Pedro

June 28

Church in Africa

La Iglesia en África

July 19

Latin America

América Latina

August 9

Mission Coop Appeal

Colecta para la Cooperación Misionera

September 27

Southern Cross

Cruz del Sur

October 11

World Mission Sunday

Domingo Mundial de las Misiones

October 18

PREPARING FOR MASS

We ask that before Mass, you enter in silence to allow people to pray and prepare for Mass without distraction.

St. Joseph's Guild -SUMMER HELP

We have so many small projects that pop up all over our campus. We would love to **utilize the many talents of our parishioners to maintain and beautify the church property and buildings.** Interested in serving? Contact the office for more information.

The CCW held their last meeting for the 2025-2026 year this past Tuesday. We had a wonderful time meeting our secret sisters and enjoying the various dishes provided by the members. CCW will take a break from monthly meetings during the summer. We will begin the 2026-2027 year in September. Keep an eye out for the upcoming date. Blessings to all of you as well as a big thank you for your support throughout the year. Have a safe and wonderful summer. See you in the fall.



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



May 20 will end our 8 a.m.
Masses on Wednesday until
school comes back in session in
August.

WE LOVE HAVING YOU AS

a part of
our Flock!



Keep in touch with us via
email and text!



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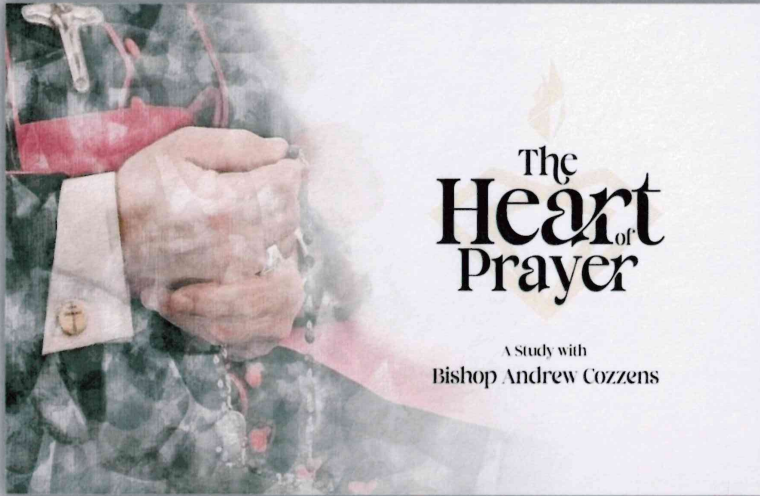
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Our **St. Francis Xavier Young Adults** Group is on Facebook now. Our Young Adult Ministry) meets most Friday evenings and consists of college students, FLETC students and young adults (single and married between the ages of 18-35. They meet for faith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

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



- 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 lanevepi@bellsouth.net.

Thursdays 6 p.m. in the SCHOOL CAFETORIUM

Annual Catholic Appeal 2026

Our goal this year is
\$74,429.

If you have not made your pledge or contribution, please consider doing it now. Envelopes are available in the pews.

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.

NOVENA AL ESPIRITU SANTO

Los Rosarios se harán en la capillita San José.

Sabado 16 de mayo 6 p.m.

Domingo 17 de mayo 5 p.m.

Lunes 18 de mayo 7 p.m.

Martes 19 de mayo 6 p.m.

Miércoles 20 de mayo 6 p.m.

Jueves 21 de mayo 6 p.m.

(En la vigilia) Vigilia de Pentecostés de 6.00 pm a 9.00 pm En el salón parroquial.

TMIY/SHE

6 a.m. Adoration

6:30 a.m. Video & Breakfast

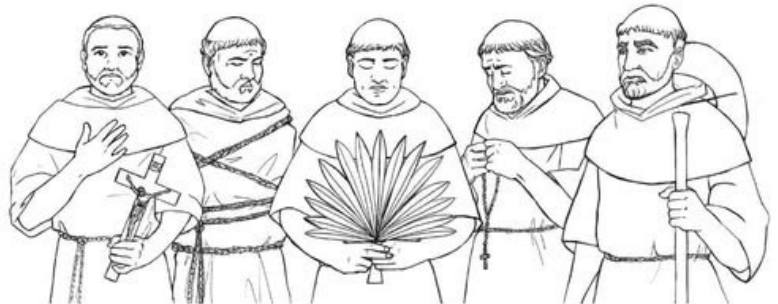
End at 7:30 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE!

Beatification of the Georgia Martyrs

October 31, 2026 | Savannah, GA

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS COMING SOON!



¡RESERVA LA FECHA!

Beatificación de los Mártires de Georgia

31 de octubre de 2026 | Savannah, GA

¡HORARIO DE EVENTOS PRÓXIMAMENTE!



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.



CONGRATULATIONS St. Francis Xavier School First Communicants



Heavenly Father,
Thank You for the many blessings
You have poured upon our school
community this year. We are grateful
for our teachers, staff, students, and
families who reflect Your love each
day. Bless our graduating 8th graders
as they prepare for their next
journey. Fill their hearts with
courage, wisdom, and faith so they
may continue to shine the light of
Christ wherever they go. May Mary,
our Blessed Mother, continue to
guide and protect our school family
always.
Amen.

Thank you for your continued
partnership, prayers, and support.
We are so blessed to walk this
journey of faith and education
together.



By honoring Mother Mary, our school community united in two meaningful May Crowning ceremonies, cultivating a deeper sense of togetherness and illuminating a path forward with promise and possibility.

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