

May 3

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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.

DO NOT LET
YOUR HEARTS
BE TROUBLED

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

NO
PIERDAN
LA PAZ

5^º DOMINGO DE PASCUA

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A Call to Service

If you have ever wondered about the origin of the order of deacons in the Church, the first reading today from the Acts of the Apostles retells that story. Deacons were originally appointed to distribute food to the early Christian community. This was done to free the “leaders” to devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word. They could not do it all. (As I personally look forward to being ordained to the diaconate in a year, this passage really strikes home. Again, I find it interesting that the first deacon mentioned in the Bible is called Stephen.)

The existence of the order of the diaconate serves to remind us that the Church is a community where we are called to serve each other. And in this duty of service, no one person can do it all. It takes communal effort. It is usually a hurtful sight for me when the priest has to celebrate Mass without altar servers. Or when there is no one to read at a Mass. Or when there are no cantors or musicians. Outside the liturgy, when there is no one to visit the sick, serve the poor, etc. The priests and deacons would love to do it all, but they simply cannot take on everything at once.

And this is where we are also called to step into the roles of service for the Church community. We are being served so that we can also be free to serve others. Those serving us cannot do all by themselves. That is what defined the early church and must define us as well. The church as a community is and has always been simply a group of people serving each other. Just as you have been served and are being served, you must also serve others.

And so, today, we are filled with appreciation for the ministers of the church, knowing that they exist not to dominate or subdue us, but to serve us. And in this spirit of appreciation, we are also called to ask ourselves what we are also doing to serve others in the community, to make them feel valued, and to keep the Christian community alive.

A task for today could be to find an area of ministry in the parish where your strengths could be of service to the mission of the Church.

Stephen Owusu Dwamena, Seminarian

Un Llamado al Servicio

Si alguna vez te has preguntado sobre el origen del orden de los diáconos en la Iglesia, la primera lectura de hoy de los Hechos de los Apóstoles relata esa historia. Los diáconos fueron originalmente designados para distribuir alimentos a la comunidad cristiana primitiva. Esto se hizo para liberar a los “líderes” y que pudieran dedicarse a la oración y al ministerio de la palabra. No podían hacerlo todo. (Mientras personalmente espero ser ordenado diácono en un año, este pasaje realmente me llega al corazón. Además, me parece interesante que el primer diácono mencionado en la Biblia se llame Esteban.)

La existencia del orden del diaconado nos recuerda que la Iglesia es una comunidad donde estamos llamados a servirnos unos a otros. Y en este deber de servicio, ninguna persona puede hacerlo todo. Se necesita un esfuerzo comunitario. Generalmente me duele ver cuando el sacerdote tiene que celebrar misa sin monaguillos. O cuando no hay nadie para leer en la misa. O cuando no hay cantores ni músicos. Fuera de la liturgia, cuando no hay quien visite a los enfermos, sirva a los pobres, etc. Los sacerdotes y diáconos quisieran hacerlo todo, pero simplemente no pueden encargarse de todo al mismo tiempo.

Y es aquí donde también estamos llamados a asumir roles de servicio en la comunidad de la Iglesia. Somos servidos para que también podamos ser libres de servir a los demás. Aquellos que nos sirven no pueden hacerlo todo por sí solos. Eso fue lo que definió a la Iglesia primitiva y debe definirnos también a nosotros. La Iglesia, como comunidad, es y siempre ha sido simplemente un grupo de personas que se sirven unas a otras. Así como has sido servido y sigues siendo servido, también debes servir a los demás.

Y así, hoy estamos llenos de agradecimiento por los ministros de la Iglesia, sabiendo que existen no para dominarnos ni someternos, sino para servirnos. Y en este espíritu de gratitud, también estamos llamados a preguntarnos qué estamos haciendo nosotros para servir a otros en la comunidad, para hacerlos sentir valorados y para mantener viva la comunidad cristiana.

Una tarea para hoy podría ser encontrar un área de ministerio en la parroquia donde tus talentos puedan estar al servicio de la misión de la Iglesia.

Stephen Owusu Dwamena, Seminarista

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday/sábado

May/mayo 2

5:00 p.m. Laurie Anderson

7:00 p.m. Anthony Neff

(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. Humberto Vasquez, Miguel Abraham Estrada
& Aurelio Medina

Monday/lunes

May/mayo 4

Noon Kent Rutledge

Tuesday/martes

May/mayo 5

Noon Rutledge Family

Wednesday/miércoles

May/mayo 6

8 a.m. Alexander Erwin Davis & Thomas Hill Davis

7 p.m. Everyone affected by the fire

Thursday/jueves

May/mayo 7

8 a.m. Eddie Fernando

Friday/viernes

May/mayo 8

8 a.m. Donna Kujat (int.)

Saturday/sábado

May/mayo 9

5:00 p.m. Sculthorpe Family & Humberto Jose
Vasquez (int.)

7:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

(at the Jekyll Isl. United Methodist Church)

Sunday/domingo

May/mayo 10

8:30 a.m. Judy Joines & the Ocampo Family

11 a.m. Manuel & Manuela Rocha,
Caridad & Yolanda Tuya

6 p.m. Paula Juana Paz Vega, Aurelio Medina &
Carlos Lopez

MASS INTENTIONS

If you'd like to have a mass said for someone deceased or for a special prayer intention, please call the office.

Week of May 3, 2026

Para la Semana del

3 de Mayo de 2026

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

Monday/Lunes Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday/Martes Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday/Miercoles Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday/Jueves Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday/Viernes Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday/Sabado Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday/Domingo Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

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.

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.



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



May 20th will end our 8 a.m. Masses 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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SFX2025

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

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!

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.

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.

TMIY/SHE

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

Last day of **Youth Group** is May 6th.

El último día **del Grupo de Jóvenes** es el 6 de mayo.

Children's Faith Formation has ended.
La formación en la fe para niños ha concluido.

NOVENA AL ESPIRITU SANTO

Los Rosarios se harán en la capillita San José.

Viernes 15 de mayo 7 p.m.

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.

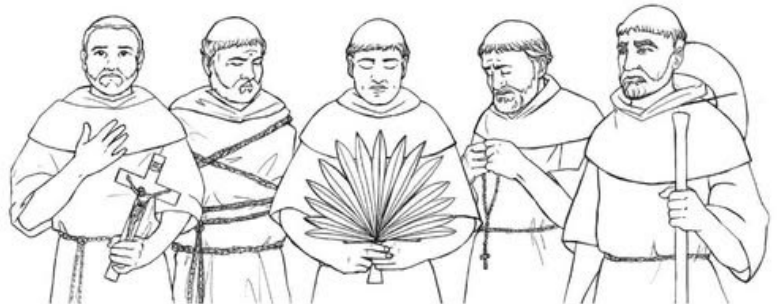
(En la vigilia) Vigilia de Pentecostés de 6.00 pm a 9.00 pm En el salón parroquial.

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.

Awards Ceremony - April 22, 2026



Poetry Contest winners



Kiwanis Essay winners



Model UN Distinguished School



DAR Essay winners



Crusaders of the Month (May)



Crusaders of the Month (April)

NOW



ENROLLING

for the 2026-2027 School Year

GRADES PS3 -8

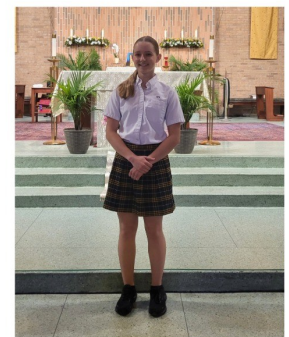


We'd love to meet your family!
Call us today 912-265-9470

We celebrated our students at a recent awards ceremony with Crusader of Month for March, April, and May, Model UN, essay contest, poetry contest, and Lux Mundi essay awards. We are so proud of our students, awards for Crusader of the Month for March, April, and May, Model UN, the essay contest, the poetry contest, and the Lux Mundi essay teachers! who work hard every day to accomplishment great things.



Crusaders of the Month (March)



Lux Mundi Essay winner

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.