

July 12

12 Julio

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**

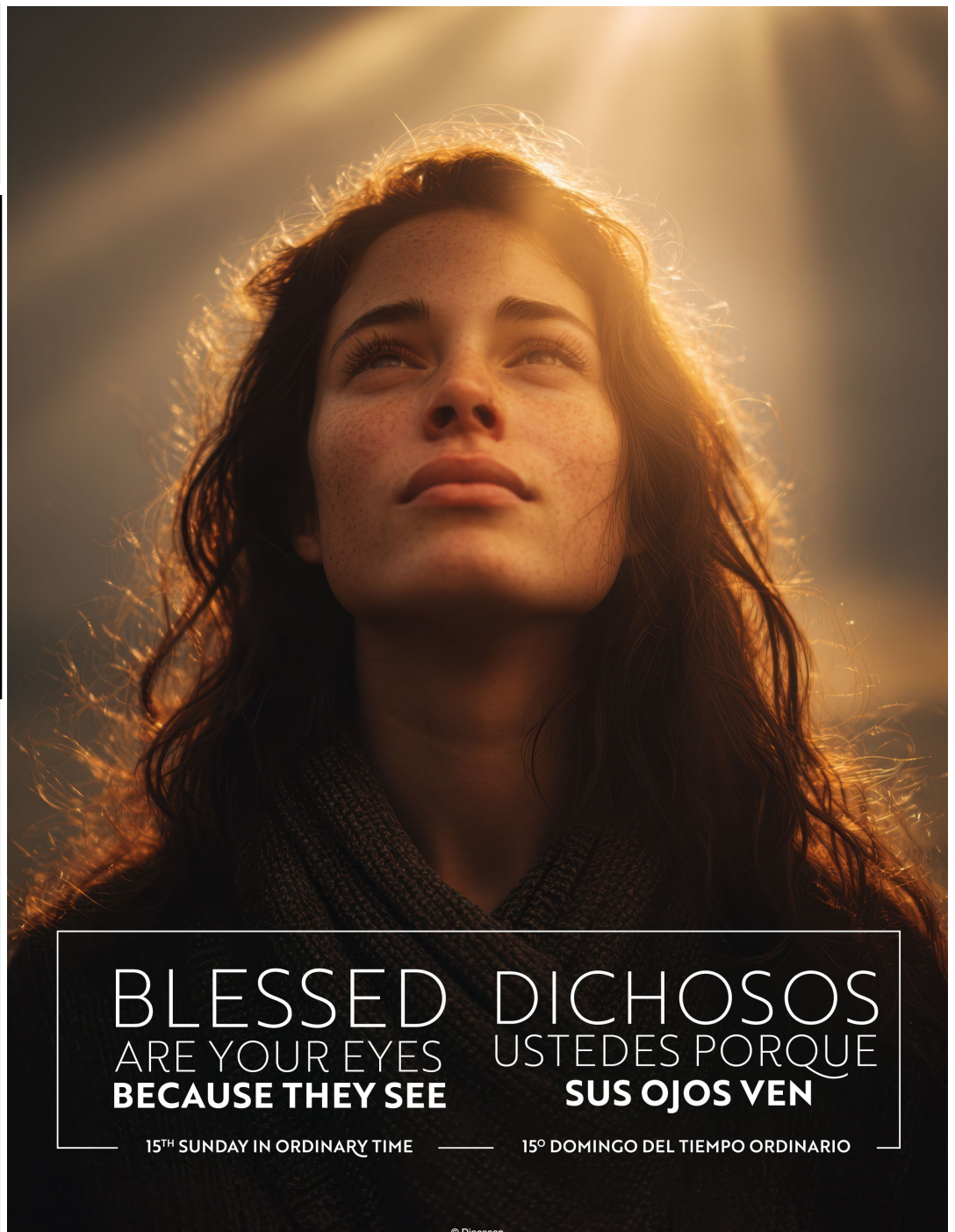
**Wednesday/
Miércoles**

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.



**BLESSED ARE YOUR EYES
BECAUSE THEY SEE** **DICHOSOS
USTEDES PORQUE
SUS OJOS VEN**

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15^º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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“What Goes Up Must Come Down?”

One of the greatest laws of Physics, proposed by Sir Isaac Newton, and generally known to be true in how nature operates is the law of universal gravitation which states that “what goes up must come down.” But why am I quoting a law of physics at the start of the reflection for this Sunday. The answer is simple. Today’s readings help us to think of this law in the reversed direction. That is to say “what goes down must come up.” And this is demonstrated in each of the readings today.

In the first reading from the Prophet Isaiah, he speaks of how the rain which comes down from above does eventually return after it has fulfilled its purpose on the earth. He likens this to the word of God which must return to God after it has fulfilled its purpose. In the light of the New Testament, we can see this fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who is the word of God (Jn. 1:1), who having descended from the heavens, did ascend back into the heavens after he had achieved the salvation of humankind. In this, we see the reality of the reversed law of gravitation in the Christian context. Christ came from above, and he returned from whence he came.

In the second reading, St. Paul reinforces the point that the Christian is not destined to stay down, weighed by the sufferings of this world. Our proper trajectory is to face upwards. Sufferings may push us down, but we always have the hope of rising up again through the grace of God. This is how God has made us; not to remain down but to rise up.

The Gospel of the day drives the point home using an agricultural imagery. Seeds are planted by putting them in the ground, but the hope is not to stay in the ground. When seeds are planted, they must bring forth shoots rising above ground. Any seed that fails to bring forth shoot is deemed a bad seed. Thus, buttressing the point that the proper orientation of whatever God plants is to return to him, who is above. This is what is known in Thomas Aquinas’ theology as the “exitus-reditus” framework which can be summarized as “from God we came, and to him we are destined to return.”

Therefore, the point of today’s readings proves to us that in the framework of God’s world, everything, including us, is on an upward trajectory. Therefore, we are called to not allow anything to keep us down, be it sin, temptations, struggles, the pleasures of this world, and many others. In everything, let us look to Christ who has ascended before us to be an example of how we must live, always looking to ascend and looking to rise above all that may keep us down.

Stephen Owusu Dwamena, Seminarian

«¿Lo que sube tiene que bajar?»

Una de las grandes leyes de la física, propuesta por Sir Isaac Newton y reconocida universalmente como cierta en el funcionamiento de la naturaleza, es la ley de la gravitación universal, que afirma que «lo que sube tiene que bajar». Pero, ¿por qué cito una ley de la física al comienzo de la reflexión de este domingo? La respuesta es sencilla. Las lecturas de hoy nos invitan a considerar esta ley en sentido inverso: es decir, «lo que baja tiene que subir». Y esto se demuestra en cada una de las lecturas de hoy.

En la primera lectura, el profeta Isaías habla de cómo la lluvia que desciende de lo alto regresa finalmente tras haber cumplido su propósito en la tierra. Compara este fenómeno con la Palabra de Dios, que debe volver a Él después de haber cumplido su cometido. A la luz del Nuevo Testamento, vemos esto cumplido en Jesucristo, el Hijo de Dios y Palabra de Dios (Jn 1,1): quien, habiendo descendido de los cielos, ascendió de nuevo a ellos tras haber logrado la salvación de la humanidad. En esto apreciamos la realidad de esa ley de gravitación invertida en el contexto cristiano: Cristo vino de lo alto y regresó al lugar de donde procedía.

En la segunda lectura, San Pablo refuerza la idea de que el cristiano no está destinado a permanecer abajo, agobiado por los sufrimientos de este mundo. Nuestra trayectoria natural es mirar hacia arriba. Los sufrimientos pueden hundirnos, pero siempre tenemos la esperanza de levantarnos de nuevo gracias a la gracia de Dios. Así es como Dios nos ha creado: no para permanecer abajo, sino para elevarnos.

El Evangelio de hoy reafirma esta idea utilizando una imagen agrícola. Las semillas se plantan en la tierra, pero la esperanza no es que permanezcan allí. Al ser sembradas, deben producir brotes que emerjan a la superficie. Cualquier semilla que no logre germinar se considera una semilla defectuosa. Así se refuerza la idea de que la orientación adecuada de todo lo que Dios planta es regresar a Él, que está en lo alto. Esto es lo que en la teología de Santo Tomás de Aquino se conoce como el esquema *exitus-reditus*, que puede resumirse así: «de Dios venimos y a Él estamos destinados a volver».

Por tanto, el mensaje de las lecturas de hoy nos demuestra que, en el orden del mundo de Dios, todo —incluidos nosotros— sigue una trayectoria ascendente. Estamos llamados a no permitir que nada nos mantenga abatidos, ya sea el pecado, las tentaciones, las dificultades, los placeres de este mundo o cualquier otra cosa. En todo momento, miremos a Cristo, quien ha ascendido antes que nosotros para darnos ejemplo de cómo debemos vivir: aspirando siempre a ascender y a elevarnos por encima de todo aquello que pretenda retenernos abajo.

Stephen Owusu Dwamena, seminarista

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday/sábado

July/julio 11

5:00 p.m. Grier & Shirley Gatch

7:00 p.m. Frances Gargiulo

(at the Jekyll Isl. United Methodist Church)

Sunday/domingo

July/julio 12

8:30 a.m. Diane Lott & Family

11 a.m. Harry Clark

6 p.m. Santos Cervantes, Alejandro Patino, Maria, Rafael & Rafael Jr. Mendez

Monday/lunes

July/julio 13

Noon Joseph Osinski

Tuesday/martes

July/julio 14

Noon Our Parish Family

Wednesday/miércoles

July/julio 15

7 p.m. Heidi Stilwell (int.) &
Charlie Bischof

Thursday/jueves

July/julio 16

8 a.m. Dorcas-Ehlman Families

Friday/viernes

July/julio 17

8 a.m. Our Parish Family

Saturday/sábado

July/julio 18

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

7:00 p.m. Frances Gargiulo

(at the Jekyll Isl. United Methodist Church)

Sunday/domingo

July/julio 19

8:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

11 a.m. Dutch (int.) & Jean Erkenbrock

6 p.m. Santos Cervantes, Brian Adrian Espinoza, Delfina Galindo & Pedro Bautista

Adult Bible Study will not be meeting July 12, 19 & 26. We will start back on August 2nd.

Week of July 12, 2026

**Para la Semana del
12 de Julio de 2026**

Sunday/Domingo Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

Monday/Lunes Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday/Martes Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday/Miercoles Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday/Jueves Is 26:7-9; 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21; Mt 11:28-30

Friday/Viernes Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday/Sabado Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday/Domingo Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

PREPARING FOR MASS

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

PREPARACIÓN PARA LA MISA

Les pedimos que, antes de la Misa, entren en silencio para permitir que los demás puedan orar y prepararse para la celebración sin distracciones.

Special Collection

Coleccion especiales

Church in Africa - La Iglesia en África
July 19

Religious Education in July

Educacion religiosa en julio

Envelopes available on the tables

Sponsor A Child - Children's Faith Formation (C.F.F.)

We had 130 students in this program last year. Some of these children are from families with multiple children. The books cost around \$30 a piece, and that does not include tax and freight per book. We are trying to keep it affordable for each family so they can continue to raise their children in the Catholic Faith. We currently charge \$25 registration fee to help cover some of the cost. If you can help us by sponsoring a child or children, take an envelope, place your donation in it, and drop in the collection basket at Mass during July. If you participate in Online Giving, select Religious Education.

Si puede ayudarnos patrocinando a uno o varios niños, tome un sobre, coloque en él su donativo y deposítelo en el cestillo de la colecta durante la Misa en el mes de julio. Si utiliza el sistema de donaciones en línea, seleccione la opción de Educación Religiosa.

CHURCH CLEANLINESS BUSINESS

Respect our sacred space by disposing of trash properly. The book holders are not trash cans.

Chewing gum is not permitted in the Church! Please make sure that gum is disposed of properly before entering the Church!

We know that small children need entertainment or snacks to keep them quiet. Please clean up all remnants of food before you leave. It is not fair for others to sit in crumbs left before them.

MANTENIMIENTO Y LIMPIEZA DE LA IGLESIA

Por favor, respete nuestro espacio sagrado desechando la basura correctamente.

Los porta-libros no son papeleras.

¡No está permitido mascar chicle en la iglesia! ¡Asegúrese de desecharlo adecuadamente antes de entrar!

Sabemos que los niños pequeños necesitan entretenimiento o algún refrigerio para mantenerse tranquilos. Por favor, recoja cualquier resto de comida antes de marcharse. No es justo que otras personas tengan que sentarse entre las migajas dejadas por quienes estuvieron allí antes.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

INTENCIONES DE MISA

Si desea solicitar una misa por un difunto o por una intención de oración especial, por favor llame a la oficina.

TMIY/SHE

Wednesday

6 a.m. Adoration

6:30 a.m. Video & Breakfast

End at 7:30 a.m.

**Family sized boxed cereal
Jelly (plastic jar)
Canned Veggies
Rice (2lb. Bags)
Black Beans
Hamburger
Helper
Jiffy Corn Muffin
Mix (8.5 oz.)**



YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



New group open to women aged 18-30. Meetings are Thursdays at 6PM at the Young Adults room. Holy Hour afterwards!



Rosary Retreat at Nativity of Our Lady Saturday, September 5, 2026 10:00 AM–2:00 PM

All are invited to join us for a Rosary Retreat at Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church. This day will include Adoration, the Sacrament of Confession, and Mass. After Mass, there will be a light brunch, teaching on the Rosary, testimony, and prayer—an opportunity for all to grow

closer to Christ through the Rosary and to be renewed in faith and grace.

Please RSVP at the link below. Come with your rosary and invite someone you know to come with you. We look forward to praying together as a community.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showRSVPSignUp/10C0848A8AD2DA0F58-64576212-rosary?useFullSite=false>

Or call 912 437 4750



Annual Catholic Appeal 2026

Our goal this year is \$74,429.

So far we have collected \$39,845.43, which is a little more than half our goal. If you have not made a pledge or gave a one time donation, please consider doing so. Envelopes are available in the pews.

**Apple tree board is available!
Please help our School!**

Campaña Católica Anual 2026

Nuestra meta para este año es de \$74,429. Hasta ahora hemos recaudado \$39,845.43, lo que representa un poco más de la mitad de nuestra meta. Si aún no ha realizado una promesa de donación o una contribución única, por favor considere hacerlo. Hay sobres disponibles en los bancos.



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.

Why Families Choose SFXCS!

- ★ Faith-filled education
- 📖 Academic excellence
- 💙 Small classes & caring teachers
- 🎓 Preschool through 8th Grade
- 🤝 A community that feels like family

Now Enrolling!

Contact us to schedule a tour!

(912) 265-9470



Scan for more information or to schedule a tour!



Back to School Countdown!

Read Psalm 23 as a family!

23 days

We Are Hiring!

Join us for the 2026-2027 School Year!

Paraprofessional

Maintenance/
Handyman

Substitute Teachers

Extended Day Program
(EDP) Workers

Visit [SFXCS.org](https://www.sfxcs.org) for more information.

*Background Check and
VIRTUS Training Required.*

Good News at SFXCS!

Another year of Georgia GOAL is underway!

Thank you to the many families, alumni, parishioners, and friends who choose to invest in our mission by redirecting a portion of their Georgia state income taxes to support scholarships at our school.



Scan to learn more about supporting SFXCS at no additional cost to you!

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

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)"



Safe Environment is a Ministry, through and through, because it ensures GRACE is prevalent where Child Protection abides.



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