

Holy Family Catholic Church
Iglesia Católica de la Sagrada Familia

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Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24, 2017
 Christmas, December 25, 2017

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| Missionary Pastor | Fr. (Padre) Mike Kerin, Glenmary 229-723-3339 land line/rectory |
| Glenmary's Missionary Team | Bro. Levis Kuwa, 270-244-0698 cell Bro. Jason Muhlenkamp 229-359-0065 cell Residence: 341 North Main St., Blakely, GA Land line: 229-724-7150 Mr. Charles Osewe Aketch: see below. |
| Weekend Masses | Saturday, 6:00 pm at St. Luke's, bilingual Sunday, 10:00 am in English Sunday, 12:30 pm en Español |
| St. Luke's Church | 304 Court Street PO Box 491, Cuthbert, GA 39840 |
| Pastoral Associate for St. Luke's | Glenmary Seminarian, Mr. Charles Osewe Aketch, 812-430-7204 cell Residence: 533 Arlington Avenue, Blakely GA |
| Emergencies | Please call the Rectory first. If no answer, leave a message. Then call Fr. Mike's cell phone: 229-726-6228. The cell is for emergencies. |
| Daily Mass or Word and Communion Services at 8:30 am unless otherwise indicated | Mon 12/25 Mass at 10:00 am, bilingual Tues 12/26 Nothing scheduled Weds 12/27 Word and Comm.at 8:30 am Thurs 12/28 Word and Comm.at 8:30 am Fri 12/29 Word and Comm.at 8:30 am |

Combined deposit for both Masses on 12/10 and the English Mass on 12/17: \$747.30. Sunday attendance: 12/17: 44

Your GENEROSITY is appreciated!



From Brother Jason and Brother Levis, Seminarian Charles, and Fr. Mike -- your Glenmary Missionaries -- we wish each and every one a very happy, joy-filled

Christmas and a New Year filled with many blessings. It is an honor and privilege to serve this community of faith.

Christmas Schedule: Christmas eve Mass is today, in Cuthbert at 6:00 pm. Tomorrow, Christmas Day Mass will be at Holy Family at 10:00 am (bilingual). Merry Christmas to all.

Incredible Christmas GENEROSITY: through the kindness of many people, Brother Jason was able to help a lot of people for Christmas. We thank: Holy Name of Jesus in Niceville, FL that brought up a trailer with presents for about 110 children. The Marian Catholic Community from Maria Stein, OH (Br. Jason's parish) that brought a truck filled with shoe boxes filled with toiletries and gifts for the senior members of our community. Individual donors. And, Glenmary Home Missioners, which provided some additional clothing and financial support to make this possible. Approximately 150 children received Christmas gifts. And 100 seniors at the Senior Center and 50 more in the nursing home were the beneficiary of these gifts. Many of you helped collect, sort and distribute. Many thanks to all. We are a small church; but these efforts showed tremendous generosity and kindness. May all of you be blessed for what you have done for our sisters and brothers in the community.



Church Office Closed During Christmas Week: from Tuesday, December 26 through Friday, December 29th. Fr. Mike will be spending two days at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, GA and two days at St. Luke's in Cuthbert. Bro. Jason will be away from Christmas afternoon to New Year's Day. If there is an emergency, please call Fr. Mike's new cell phone number: 229-726-6228.

Thanks to all who helped decorate for Advent and Christmas!!!

New Year's Day/Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Mass will be on Monday morning, January 1st at 10:00 am, bilingual.

Please continue to help Fr. Mike learn your names. It takes a while, so please continue to tell him your name. Thanks.

Un breve resumen en Español

Please pray for the repose of the soul of: (1) Donald James Molleur who died suddenly on Monday. He was 74 years old. And, (2) Lem Williams who died on Wednesday evening. He was being cared for by hospice. Lem was 59 years old. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Fr. Mike has a new cell phone – this is for emergencies – 229-726-6228. Please continue to use the office number as the primary contact: 229-723-3339. Thanks.

Happy Birthdays to: Bob Daley (Dec. 24th); Cara Daley (Dec. 27th), and Ed Daley (Dec. 28th). They join Jesus in celebrating their birthdays at this wonderful time of the year. Enjoy all those birthday cakes!!!

Fr. Mike travels to Kenya: he was asked him to accompany the Glenmary Vocation Director, Bro. David, on his annual trip to Kenya. Fr. Mike will assist with a retreat with four vocation prospects and help them discern a possible vocation to Glenmary. He will also visit the homes of each of those vocation prospects. He leaves on Monday, January 15th and returns on Friday, February 2nd. Fr. Cliff. ST will be here for the weekend Masses.

Fr. John Brown completed his last chemotherapy treatment this past week. The main side effect has been fatigue. In spite of that, he has been rather active and celebrating Masses and Confessions in Cincinnati, attending Hebrew classes, and participating in a prayer group. He also was at the National Catholic Youth Conference and visited with our youth group. For the future, it looks like Fr. John will have a continued blood monitoring every three months. He expresses his appreciation for all the prayers and support he has received.

Please Pray for the Sick: Fr. John Brown, Dan Staib, Mary Wright, Fr. Cliff Marquis, Jimmy Griffin, Peggy Grimes, Debra Hutto. Bob Sharpe's brother, David Roman-Reyes, Tracie Murkerson (cancer), all those in the hospital and in our nursing homes.

Future Dates:

New Year's Mass: 10:00 am January 1st, bilingual
Mon., Jan. 8: Bro. Levis returns from Kenya
Mon. Jan. 15: Fr. Mike leaves for Kenya. Returns Feb. 2.
Weds., Jan 24: Charles returns from Kenya

Horario por la Navidad: Lunes, December 25th a las 10:00 am, bilingual. Todos están invitados.

La generosidad de muchas personas ayudaron mas de 150 niños y 200 personas mayores. Gracias a todos los que ayudaron.

Misa por el primero de Enero, la Solemnidad de Maria y un dia de obligación, sea a las 10:00 am, Lunes, 1º de Enero.

La oficina parroquial sea cerrada después de La Navidad (12/26-12/29). El padre Miguel estará en Conyers (el Monasterio del Espiritu Santo) por dos días y en Cuthbert en la iglesia de San Lucas por dos días. Si hay un emergencia, llama su numero celular.

El Padre Miguel tiene un numero celular nuevo – eso es por emergencias – 229-726-6228. Por favor, continua usando el numero de la oficina primero: 229-723-3339. Gracias!

Por favor, ayúdale al Padre Miguel con sus nombres – estan tratando de aprender sus nombres. Hagale el favor de decir su nombre. Gracias!

