

**Holy Family Catholic Church**  
**Iglesia Católica de la Sagrada Familia**

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 14, 2018

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 1/15 Mass at 8:30 am Tues 1/16 Word and Comm. at 8:30 am Weds 1/17 Word and Comm. at 8:30 am Thurs 1/18 Word and Comm. at 8:30 am Fri 1/19 Word and Comm. at 8:30 am
Collections	1/7: \$417.00 <b>Your GENEROSITY is appreciated!</b>
Attendance: 10 am Mass	1/7: 42

**Baptisms Today:** We are blessed to be able to (1) Baptize Teresa Renjith Cyril, daughter of Renjith and Ranimol Cyril and (2) Bethnya Vionod, daughter of Wilson and Betsie Vinod. The families will be bringing some food for all to enjoy after the Mass.

**Religious Education Classes resume today,**

**Youth Group meets on Wednesday** from 5:30 – 8:00 pm.

**Elections to the Joint Pastoral and Financial Council:** thanks for all whose names were submitted for nomination. And please remember that this is not a popularity contest; but rather, a call to serve the Mission of Jesus in SW Georgia. Those elected were:

- ❖ Mary Murkerson (10:00 am Mass)
- ❖ Amos Sheffield (10:00 am Mass)
- ❖ Teresa Organista (12:30 Mass)
- ❖ Rafael Valles (12:30 Mass)
- ❖ Karla Valles (Youth)

These five will join Tommy Holloman and Mary Netherton who were appointed by Fr. Johh Brown. Thanks to all who participated in this process. We will schedule a meeting after Fr. Mike returns from Kenya.

**Fr. Mike leaves for Kenya tomorrow** and returns on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fr. Cliff. ST will be here for the weekend Masses. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, please call Brother Jason or Brother Levis; they have the contact information for a half a dozen priests in GA and AL.

**Men's Retreat at Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat,** "An Invitation to Grow Closer to our Loving God," will be held from Feb. 9-11. The presenter is Fr. David Hamm, ST, Pastor of St. Joseph's in Holy Trinity, AL. For more information, please call: 334-855-4474. The retreat house is at: 107 Holy Trinity Road, Ft. Mitchell, AL 36856.

**Ash Wednesday:** We will have distribution of the ashes in the morning for those who would like to stop by on the way to work or school. It will take only a minute. Mass will be held in the evening at 7:30 pm.

**Lenten Program:** on five Saturdays, Fr. Mike will be offering two programs, 30 minutes each. You can attend either one. But the deepest experience will be doing both together. From 10 – 10:30 there will a Chi Kung class (simple exercise that emphasize breathing and mind intention). From 10:30 – 11:00 will be *Lectio Divina*. These are ancient Catholic prayer techniques, where we read Scripture very slowly and hear God speak and then rest in God's presence. More information is on a handout. Please see Fr. Mike if you have questions or if you plan on attending. Classes will be on February 17 and 24, and on March 10, 17, and 24<sup>th</sup>. (No class on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.)

**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:**

Mon. Jan. 15: Fr. Mike leaves for Kenya. Returns Feb. 2.  
Weds., Jan 24: Charles returns from Kenya  
Fri., Feb, 2: Fr. Mike is back home  
Tues., Feb. 6: Deanery Meeting in Americus  
Weds., Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday  
Sat., Feb. 17: First Class in Chi Kung and Lectio Divina  
Sat., Feb. 24: Second Class in Lectio Divina

**Un breve resumen en Español**

**P. Mike se va a Kenia mañana** y regresa el viernes 2 de febrero. P. Clif. ST estará aquí para las Misas del fin de semana. Si hay una emergencia y necesita un sacerdote, llame al hermano Jason o al hermano Levis; tienen la información de contacto de media docena de sacerdotes en GA y AL.

**El Grupo de jóvenes** se reúne los miércoles de 5:30 a 8:00 p. M.

**Elecciones al Consejo Conjunto Pastoral y Financiero:** Los elegidos fueron:

- ❖ Mary Murkerson (10:00 a.m.)
- ❖ Amos Sheffield (10:00 a.m.)
- ❖ Teresa Organista (12:30 Misa)
- ❖ Rafael Valles (12:30 Misa)
- ❖ Karla Valles (Juventud)

Estos cinco se unirán a Tommy Holloman y Mary Netherton, quienes fueron nombrados por el padre. Johh Brown.

**Miércoles de Ceniza:** Tendremos la distribución de las cenizas por la mañana para aquellos que quieran pasar por el camino al trabajo o la escuela. Solo tomará un minuto. La misa se llevará a cabo en la tarde a las 7:30 p.m.

**Programa de Cuaresma:** en cinco sábados, el p. Mike ofrecerá dos programas, de 30 minutos cada uno. Puedes asistir a cualquiera de ellos. Pero la experiencia más profunda será hacer ambas cosas juntas. De 10 a 10:30 habrá una clase de Chi Kung (ejercicio simple que enfatiza la respiración y la intención de la mente). De 10:30 a 11:00 será la Lectio Divina. Estas son antiguas técnicas de oración católica, donde leemos las Escrituras muy lentamente y escuchamos a Dios hablar y luego descansar en la presencia de Dios. Más información está en un folleto. Por favor, consulte al Padre. Mike si tiene preguntas o si planea asistir. Las clases serán el 17 y 24 de febrero, y el 10, 17 y 24 de marzo. (No hay clases el 3 de marzo).

**Caridad Catolicas y La Oficina de Ministro Hispano:** hay un "webinar , Lunes 22 de Enero at las 7:30 -9: 30por la noche, con Graham Cunningham, abogado con Catholic Charities pro-bono immigration attorney, y con Hermana Pat Brow and Lili Nierderkorn. Hay informacion sobre DACA , como podemos preparar por el future, etc. Puede asister, gratis, con su computador o "smart phone":  
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/943378381>  
O pudes llamar: (669) 224-3412 y usar este "Access Code:" 943-378-381

**From Fr. John Brown: e-mail received on 1/12/2018**

Dear all,

Yesterday I had an unpleasant procedural at the hospital here to see if my colon was healing sufficiently to "resection", i.e. re-attach my small to my large intestine. The two were separated on August 12th to remove a large malignant tumor in my lower colon, and then sewed back together to fill in the 4 inch gap. In the same operation the surgeon cut apart my small and large intestines at a point much higher up, and ran the small intestine to drain through a hole at about belt level in my abdomen. This diversion, called a "section" or "ileostomy," gives chance for the lower part, much abused by the tumor and surgery, to rest and heal itself without pressure from digestion.

I just now hung up from talking with the nurse at Dr. Christopher Juergen's office, the surgeon for my cancer surgery last August. She said that the test yesterday gave Dr. Juergens reason to proceed with the re-section" (re-attachment). We scheduled that resection surgery for Wednesday, January 24. Soon! My notes are not clear on the exact hour.

Removing the permanent port from my chest and heart vein will be later on in January or February, as the doctor may need to use that port during the resection surgery.

I will go in to meet with the nurse at the surgeon's on Monday, Martin Luther King Day, and may have more details then. The surgeon already told me two weeks ago that if the surgery went ahead I would be two-three days in the hospital. This is longer than I expected, but may be to have time to be sure that the large intestine working alright, and to be sure for the paralysis in the intestines caused by general anesthesia to go away.

I will give you more details the beginning of next week after I see the nurse at the surgeon's office. Those details will include a contact person here at Glenmary for the day or days of recovery when I cannot answer the phone.

I finished chemotherapy two weeks ago, and my weekly blood tests have shown a slight, but steady rise back towards normal levels of red blood cells, platelets and hemoglobin. I still am and feel anemic.

The Chemotherapy Doctor's nurse-practitioner told me about three weeks ago that there was probably a "95 % chance that it (the cancer) will never come back." So, God willing, this upcoming surgery will turn a corner towards greater healing and full activity. Health difficulties will then probably be more likely to arrive from some other, maybe unexpected angle. I am very grateful to the Lord and to all the many people involved in my physical, psychological and spiritual treatment so far. Thank you!

Best, and God bless.

John  
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