



<https://www.sasjrcc.org>



Saint Anne

216 East Liberty St.

Fax: (803)778-1644

Confession:

Sat:3:00-4:00pm

(or by appointment)

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday:8:00am,12:00noon



Saint Jude

611 West Oakland Ave

Confession:

Sat: 4:30-5:30pm

(or by appointment)

Mass Times

Saturday: 6:00pm

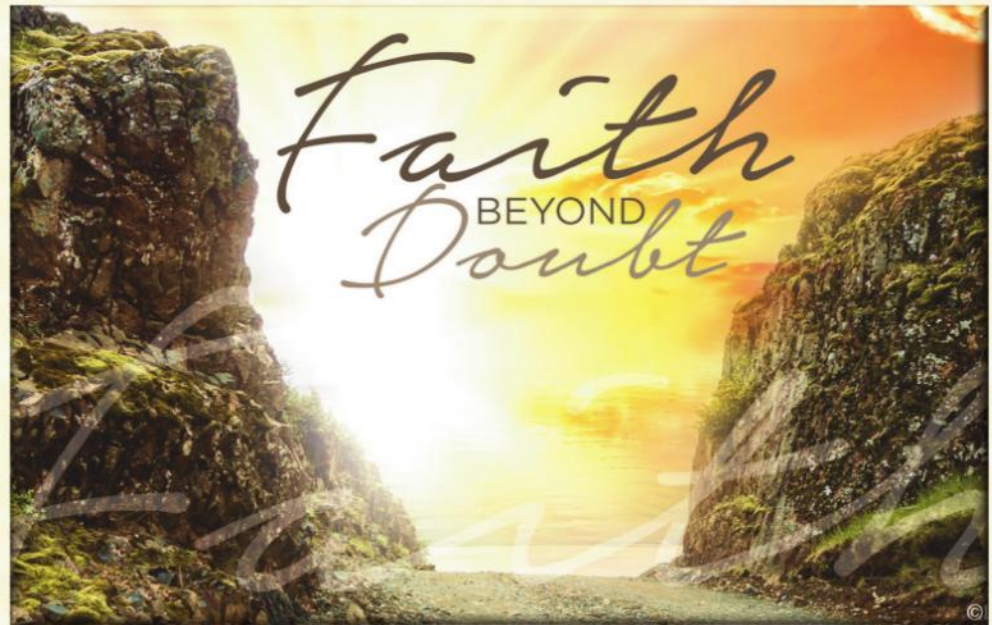
Sunday: 9:15am, 5:00pm

12:00pm (Spanish)

Saint Anne and Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church

August 26, 2018

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pastor : Rev. Giovannie Nunez, CRM

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Rufino C. Madrideojos , Jr., CRM

Deacon Stephen Frye

Parish Emergency Contact Number (803) 934-1204 *

Admin Asst: Donna Kearney Donna@sasjrcc.org

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St. Lawrence Cemetery - John Macmaster (803) 968-3466

The Parish Office (located at St. Anne) (803) 773-9244 (803)773-3524

Mon-Thurs 9:00am - 4:00pm Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

Diocesan Office of Child Protective Services Bonnie Sigers 843-261-0430

Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister Louisa Storen 843-856-0748



Faith Formation 2018-2019

Meet Your Teachers Sunday, August 26

4yr old preschool thru 8th grade
 Classes are offered Sunday mornings from 10:30am to 11:30am at the St. Jude location. Sunday, August 26th will be "Meet your teacher day".
 Classes will begin on September 9th. Confirmation class for ninth grade will meet in the Parish Hall at the same time. Please take advantage of the Open Registration Days on Saturday, August 18th and Sunday, August 19th.
 First Communion and Confirmation Candidates **MUST** be registered and **ATTENDING** Class by September 23rd.
 Registration forms can be found on our Parish website, in the back of each of the parish location, or in the church office. If your child needs to be baptized please stop by the church office to submit your form. If you are registering a child for a Sacramental class. You must submit the child's baptismal certificate upon registration.

AUGUST '18						
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Our Commitment to a Safe Environment

Saint Anne and Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church is dedicated to providing a safe environment for our children to learn their faith and further a love of Christ. We are committed to upholding the "National Charter for the Protection of Children & Young People" as established by the United States Council of Bishops.
 All adults who work with children must:

- *Complete the Safe Haven—It's Up To You Online Program OR Attended the "Protecting God's Children" Program (within 5 years)
- * Be Screened by Law Enforcement (Background Screening)
- * Adhere to the DOC Code of Conduct (Copy available in Church office, Church library, DRE office & online at www.sccatholic.org)
- * Read and sign the DOC Sexual Abuse Policy and Procedures.

Victim Assistance Coordinator, Louisa Storen, LISW is available to anyone who has questions or needs help. 843-856-0748 or 1-800-921-8122

The Diocese of Charleston Policy on Sacramental Preparation

"Each parish offers special sessions and special resources for children and youth preparing for First Confession, First Communion, and Confirmation. A general requirement is that a child preparing for a sacrament has been **actively and regularly** attending religious education prior to beginning the sacramental preparation program. Baptismal certificates and other sacramental records are required for the child or youth preparing for a sacrament and for his or her sponsor. Sacramental preparation programs include special study, prayerful preparation, regular attendance at classes, participation of parents in designated programs, certification of readiness for the sacrament, and regular participation in the liturgical life of the parish. The reception of sacraments is a **right** for baptized Catholics, a right that carries with it the **responsibility** for conscientious and reverent preparation."

The expectation of **Saint Anne and Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church** is that upon entering into a Sacramental program, the youth would have attended a Religious Education program for **at least one full year prior**. Once entered into a Sacramental program, it is the expectation that the youth will attend classes and retreats faithfully. If you know your child is going to be absent on a scheduled class day, please notify the teacher, DRE or Dir of Faith Formation. All contact information is available on the front cover of the bulletin OR on the parish website.

Gospel Weeklies

Pflaum  FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Hey parents and Students !! With the start of school comes the start of Religious Education. This year our day, time and location stay the same. But our curriculum has changed. We are now using Gospel Weeklies from Pflaum Publishing. This program follows the year of the church. So the curriculum will be timely and on target with the Gospel message that we will hear in Mass. This program also has an awesome Online resource for parents to use at home. Check it out at <http://www.pflaumweeklies.com/parents/>

odos los alumnos reciben 32 lecciones y el Manual de Catecismo. Vea al interior las lecciones semanales para alumnos. Cada lección bilingüe se brinda en español e inglés. Los alumnos pueden leer la lección y hacer las actividades en inglés, o voltear el folleto para la lección completa en español. Hay 32 lecciones semanales basadas en el Evangelio dominical (cambia cada año según el ciclo litúrgico), impartidas en 4 unidades durante todo el año. Otros recursos en español que están disponibles en nuestro sitio de web incluyen: El Evangelio en el hogar Este recurso simple que se conecta a la lección de su hijo cada semana. Diseñado para las familias ocupadas, El Evangelio en el hogar ofrece una breve descripción del Evangelio del domingo, más actividades sugeridas y arrancadores de discusión para cada nivel de edad. Estas ideas fáciles de hacer será unir a las familias a compartir lo que cada miembro ha aprendido sobre el evangelio que escucharon el domingo (y estudiado en clase.)



Catholic Youth of Sumter Open House Sunday, August 26th

6:00pm -7:00pm in the Youth Building at Saint Jude
All Fifth Grade through Twelfth Grade Youth and Parents are invited to come in and check out our plans for the year!! We will have refreshments, opportunities to register and get involved.

Formación de Fe 2018-2019

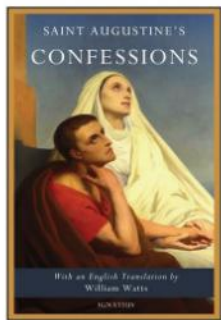
La póliza de la Diócesis de Charleston sobre la preparación Sacramental: La expectativa de la oficina de formación de Fé de Santa Ana y San Judas, es que al entrar a un programa sacramental, el joven haya asistido previamente al programa de educación religiosa por lo menos por un año completo (de acuerdo con los registros de asistencia). Porque una vez Ingresado al programa de preparación sacramental, es esperado que el joven asista a todas las clases, retiros y que participe fielmente. Si usted sabe si su hijo faltara a un día de Catecismo, favor de informar al maestro.

Looking for more Catholic content??
check out the ever changing selections
at Formed.org. Parish Code is **Y6RWDQ**

Saint Augustine's Confessions

A Must Read Christian Classic

This fourth century prodigal turned influential Catholic bishop has inspired millions of people across time with his poetic and passionate autobiography. Saint Augustine's powerful proclamation of God's Truth and Mercy through the lens of his own conversion has made this book one of the greatest Christian classics of all time.



"What an amazing, firsthand account of this saint's conversion. I was inspired by the insight into Christian community among Sts. Augustine, Monica, Ambrose, and others."

—Joseph B, Lincoln, NE

Read on formed.org



FORMED THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND.

Saint Anne Sunday Adult Education

Join the St. Anne Sunday Adult Ed group as we explore various aspects of our incredible faith. We meet after the 8:00 am Mass in the Adult Ed room (the old Kindergarten). Come by and be enriched by the faith, fellowship, and our donut ministry.

For more info contact Charley Francis at cfrancis@ftc-i.net or 803-469-4584.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you thinking about joining the Catholic Church? Do you want to know more about the Catholic faith? Are you a baptized Catholic but have not received First Communion or Confirmation?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the process for welcoming adults into the Catholic Church, begins for St. Anne and St. Jude and Our Lady of the Skies (Shaw AFB),

Wednesday, September 5th. We meet on Wednesdays, 7 to 9 PM in the Parish Center at St. Jude on 611 W. Oakland Ave.

The doors are open to all who want to know more about the life and teaching of the Catholic faith!

If you are interested or know someone who is, please call Jackie Francis, our RCIA Coordinator, at 803-469-4584 or speak to your parish priest, deacon, Dir of Faith Formation, or Catholic coordinator at Shaw AFB.

SASJ Bible Study

Mission: To bring the Scriptures to life for our parish community. Come journey with us as we discover who Jesus was and is.

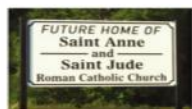
All are welcome.

We will begin a series on catholic beliefs, a deep look at the Nicene Creed

We meet on Sundays at 10:30 am in St Jude Conference Room.

Facebook: SASJ Bible Study

questions? Please contact Greg at (803) 406-0201 or gtavarez@sc.rr.com



The 521 Project

To find out the latest on Our New Church, check out the SASJRCC.org website and click the "Our New Church" tab on the top right of your screen. The Steering Committee is working to move us forward and give our new church life. Stay in the know with monthly meeting minutes and updates. Have a question or suggestion for the committee?? Email it directly to them using the website. Check it out!!

Our Prayer Today, Our Reality Tomorrow

Almighty and ever-loving God we thank You for the many blessings You have given to us all in our parish of St. Anne and St. Jude throughout these many years. Bless us today as we accept the challenges we face to build one united parish community. We ask you to bless all the families in our parishes. We ask that our love for you and for each other continue to grow and mature as we work to accomplish the task of building our future together. Teach us to be generous in giving so that our unified church will be a place of honor that will give glory to you forever. We ask that you unite us and lead us all to the glory of eternal happiness in heaven. Dear God may our prayer today be a reality tomorrow through the power of the Holy Spirit and the guidance of Jesus and with the blessings of our Mother Mary. **AMEN**



GAME NIGHT

Thursdays

August 30, 2018

September 6, 2018

September 20, 2018



**WHERE ST JUDE LOCATION
STARTING AT 6:30PM AND ENDING 8:30PM.
ALL ARE WELCOME, COME AND HAVE
SOME FUN. FOR MORE INFO CONTACT BILL
EAKER (803) 481-8155
(Adults Only Please)**

Sumter Catholic Young Adults: Flock17

Who's it for: Basically anyone 18-39ish, Single or married, Student, Professional, Military, or between jobs. Doesn't matter

Keep up with us on Facebook: **FLOCK17**

contact

Greg at (803) 406-0201 or gtavarez@sc.rr.com



September 1 / 2	Lector	Sacristan	EMOHC	Altar Server	Usher
<u>Saturday, 4:30 PM</u>	Donna Kearney Tom Paturzo	Wayne DeAngeli	Deanna Zito Therese DeAngeli Wayne DeAngeli	John Jamison Meagan Jamison McKayla Mouradjian Kairi Barwick	Joey Duggan Filipe Vergara Ushers Needed
<u>Saturday, 6:00 PM</u>	Ray Blanchette	Jim Kaczmarczyk	Jim Kaczmarczyk Rose Sestokas Chris Harvey	Michael Marlowe Christian Harvey	David Claeys Sandra Claeys
<u>Sunday, 8:00 AM</u>	Jackie Francis Charley Francis	John Owen	John Owen Dee Reiter Bob Lee	Althea Vicete Steven Russo Adam Reisenauer Jonah Reisenauer	Frank Brown TG Manus Jack Reyling
<u>Sunday, 9:15 AM</u>	Vernessa Baker Aida Sikora	Jack Hemming	Jack Hemming Mary Ellen Gussio Bill Todt	Samantha Fisher Charles Johnston	Hayes Baker John McDonald
<u>Sunday, 12:00 PM</u>	Brenda Bethune Rose Mary Dannelly	James Smith	Radene Miller Janie Stokes James Smith	Annemarie Sieger Shannon Sieger Christianna Fappiano Kaitlynn Fappiano	Ushers Needed
<u>Sunday, 12:00 PM</u>	Sandra Lizeth Rivera Ana Centeno Velasco	Manuel Ramon	Marlem Velazquez Irene Dunlap Paul Dunlap	Liliana Martinez Castillo Eva Ramon Evelyn Cruz-Duran Alej Lujan River	Maria Cruz Castillo Manuel Ramon
<u>Sunday, 5:00 PM</u>	Greg Tavarez	Chris Black	Darlene Hilditch Calvin Glisson Chris Black	Austin Foddrill Noah Tavarez	Sammy Burrows Chris Black

Parish App!!

Still haven't downloaded the PARISH APP!! www.Myparishapp.com. If you would like help installing the App or a brief tutorial on the features. Call the Parish Office.

Aplicación de la Parroquia ¿Todavía no has bajado la aplicación de nuestra parroquia?

www.Myparishapp.com

Si necesitas ayuda para instalarla en tu celular o quieres aprender cómo funciona llama a la oficina de la parroquia.

Are you using our new online Ministry Scheduler?

Contact Donna Kearney for help.
Donna@sasjrcc.org



A Secure and Convenient way to contribute to your parish

<https://www.sasjrcc.org/onlinegiving/>

- No need to hassle with checks or cash
- 24/7 web based access
- Easily schedule recurring donations to coincide with your pay period
- Credit card option allows you to take advantage of rewards such as air miles or cash bonuses
- No need to share bank account information because you enter it directly into the Online Giving secure site
- Allows you to give even if you are unable to attend parish services
- Contribution amount is easily adjusted .

Please pray for:

Roscoe Pendry
Gail Johnson
Richard Fales
Francis McBride
Rose Schenkel
Lawrence Braswell
Roberta Legendre
Mary Johnson
Tam Pham
Marie Savio
Cindy Hogan
David McDonald
William Rickard
Cherise Williams
James Van Frank
Diane Centofanti
Richie Tallman
Christopher Rosa
Katharina Clark
Austin Youngers
Mary Anne Damuth
Michelle Briggs
Barbara Dupree
Amani Williams
Brian Conklin
Rita Gallahar
Kim DeBraul
Ursula Guest
Chelato Family
Marie Fernandes
Danita Russell
Sally Clark
Patricia Kohner
Jean Jose
Taylor Scofield
Shirley Johnson
Maryn Dault
Margaret Huber
Tony Wicker
Roberta Carter
Sterling Fisher
Charlotte McPherson
Nona Sewell
Paul Gober
Tonya Venezia
Muriel O'Connell
Daniel P. Lawless
Henry Langlois
Barry Ferrell
Amy Ferrell
Jan Ferrell
Pete Watcher
Hayes E. Baker
Timothy Subocz
Francine Cronia
James Scannapieco
Jack Hemming Sr.
Mamie Williams
Alyce Brunke
Talmadge Riddick
Andree Bessette
Walter Boone
Allen Primos
Alvin Fusetti
Nancy David

Thank You For Your Continued Support !!

Finance Corner	5-Aug	12-Aug	19-Aug	26-Aug
Online Giving	\$950.00	\$519.00	\$574.00	
Actual Offertory	\$11,392.00	\$7,635.00	\$10,960.00	
Projected Expenses	(\$12,156.63)	(\$12,156.63)	(\$12,156.63)	(\$12,156.63)
Surplus/Deficit	\$185.37	(\$4,002.63)	(\$622.63)	(\$12,156.63)
Attendance				
4:30pm	113	109	117	
6:00pm	63	49	58	
8:00am	71	81	112	
9:15am	106	122	141	
12:00pm	95	85	98	
12:00pm Spanish	failed to record	130	166	
5:00pm	74	48	63	
Totals	522	624	755	0

Please help us keep this list updated. If a name can be removed, PLEASE let us know.

United Mass Intentions for the week of *August 25 through September 2*

Saturday	8:15am	Intentions of Linda L. Bush & Brenda Libner	Brenda Libner
Saturday	4:30pm	✠Mary Catherine Hartley	Renee Thurmond
Saturday	6:00pm	✠Gert Geyer Dix	Barbara Ellis
Sunday	8:00am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Sunday	9:15am	✠Steve Guest Jr & ✠Steve Guest Sr.	Guest Family
Sunday	12:00pm English	✠William & ✠Marietta Cleary	Burley Family
Sunday	12:00pm Spanish	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Sunday	5pm	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Monday	7:00am	Intentions of Brenda Libner	Carol Seback
Tuesday	7:00am	Intentions of Erika & Michael Dunlap	Winter Family
Wednesday	7:00am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Thursday	8:15am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Friday	8:15am	✠Alfred & Erma Kerkenbush	Kerkenbush Family
Saturday	8:15am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Saturday	4:30pm	✠Ray Harbuck	Monica Harbuck
Saturday	6:00pm	✠Alton Briggs	Marie Briggs
Sunday	8:00am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Sunday	9:15am	In Thanksgiving for bulletin Advertisers	
Sunday	12:00pm English	✠Peter & Matha Nguyen	Nguyen Family
Sunday	12:00pm Spanish	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Sunday	5:00pm	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	

Mass Intentions can be booked through the office Monday thru Thursday 9:00am – 4:00pm. 9:00am to 12 noon on Friday



www.adornofathersfoundation.org

Adorno Fathers Foundation

This week ...

Sunday, August 26

St. Anne Eucharist - 8:00am, 12:00pm
St. Jude Eucharist - 9:15am, 5:00pm
12:00 noon (Spanish)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
OPEN HOUSE/Meet Your Teacher
10:30am-11:30am

CATHOLIC YOUTH OF SUMTER
OPEN HOUSE 6:00pm-7:00pm

Monday, August 27

Saint Jude - 7:00am - Daily Mass

Tuesday, August 28

Saint Jude - 7:00am - Daily Mass
~Adoration ~

Wednesday, August 29

Saint Jude - 7:00am - Daily Mass

Thursday, August 30

Saint Anne - 8:15am - Daily Mass

Friday, August 31

Saint Anne - 8:15am - Daily Mass

Saturday, September 1

Saint Anne - 8:15am - Daily Mass
Saint Anne Confession 3:00-4:00pm
Saint Anne Vigil Mass - 4:30pm
Saint Jude Confession 4:30-5:30pm
Saint Jude Vigil Mass - 6:00pm

Sunday, September 2

St. Anne Eucharist - 8:00am, 12:00pm
St. Jude Eucharist - 9:15am, 5:00pm



If you or a family member are admitted to a hospital or nursing facility, or are homebound and unable to attend Mass, YOU must notify the Parish Offices, Priest or Deacon. Privacy Laws prevent hospitals or a nursing facility from notifying us directly.



Do you want to become closer to our Holy Mother? There are great CDs and books available on the Kiosks located in both parish locations.

Prison Ministry Interested?

Contact Richard Boisvert 803-406-0653.

Ministerio de la Prisión

¿Estás interesado en servir en este ministerio?

Llama a Ma. Elena al 803 773 5606.

The Sumter Cursillo Movement

Interested? Contact Noreen Wall
803-506-4408 Or Andrea Marcella 803-481-4269

Charismatic Prayer Group

Meets every Wednesday from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the
Library at Saint Jude. Everyone is welcome!



Knights of Columbus

In solidarity with our priests; supporting our
parish and community through works of
charity. Help us to help others by becoming a
Knight. Call Chris Hilditch, Grand Knight,
803-316-6283 for more information.

www.sumterkofc.org. Council
meetings take place the second Thursday of each
month at 7:00 PM at Council Hall located at
2325 Camden Hwy.

Knights of Peter Claver And Ladies Auxiliary

Your Invitation to Catholic Action To support parish and
community activities. To provide charitable support to worth
while causes. To provide social and intellectual fellowship. If
you are interested, then become a Knight or Lady of Saint
Peter Claver. For information call (803) 883-7113.

**In honor of the celebration of St Peter Claver's
Feast Day, the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies
Auxiliary would like to invite the parish to join us
for the Divine Mercy Chaplet following the 9:15 am
Mass at St. Jude's on September 9, 2018.**

**Ever wonder how we maintain TWO parish
facilities?? With a lot of Volunteers like YOU!!**

Please consider giving your Time & Talent to our church! If you have a
skill you are itching to use and would benefit the needs of our parish,
please let us know. If you have a company that we should be aware of
when quoting work to be done on our wonderful property, tell us. We Want
to Know!! We are in need of organizing, landscaping, cement work, tile,
roofing, carpets, paint, electrician, plumbing, etc. ... Please contact David
Marcella at 803-481-4269

Baptism: Please call the Parish office to make instruction
arrangements for parents & godparents.

Baptism in English Usually available on the 4th Saturday of the
month

Baptism in Spanish usually available on the 3rd Saturday of the
month

Matrimony: Couples planning to marry in the church should
contact the Pastor at least six months in advance.

Reconciliation (Saint Anne) : Saturday 3:00-4:00pm prior to
the 4:30pm Vigil Mass and by appointment.

Reconciliation: (Saint Jude) : Saturday 4:30-5:30pm prior to
the 6:00pm Vigil Mass and by appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please contact the Priest if you are
admitted to the hospital.

Rito de IMartes de Adoración al Santísimo

La adoración semanal está abierta a todos. Se expone el
Santísimo Sacramento del Altar todos los martes en Santa Ana
o en San Judas dependiendo de cuando le toque a cada
parroquia, desde las 8am a las 6:30 después de rezar el Rosario.
También los animamos a participar en la adoración mensual
que se hace cada Viernes primero del mes de 6pm-8am. Se les
invita a todos a asistir. Adquirirán gracias especiales por sus
esfuerzos. Demos le gracias al Señor!!

Tuesday Adoration at the Saint Jude Location

Weekly Adoration is open to everyone. If you would like to
signup for specific time slots, the points of contact are Calvin
Glisson (803) 521-3812 and Ray Blanchette (803) 481-5690.

**First Friday Devotion / Adoration will begin at
6:30pm in St. Anne's Little Chapel on September 7th.**

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of part time volunteers to help with
maintenance at St. Anne & St Jude. Please contact
David Marcella @ 803-481-4269 if you have any time or
talent to give to the churches.

Se Necesitan Voluntarios

Necesitamos voluntarios de medio tiempo para ayudar con
el mantenimiento de Sta. Ana y San Judas. Si tienes
habilidades y tiempo para ayudar por favor ponte en contac-
to con Ma Elena al 803 773 5606.

Business Cards

We also would like the business cards of any
parishioner that owns a business so that we can use
your services instead of calling an unknown outside
business.

Tarjetas de Presentación

Si tienes tarjetas de presentación de tu negocio,
déjalas en la oficina de Sta. Ana para que los que
necesiten de tus servicios puedan contactarte.
Preferimos patrocinar a los miembros de nuestra
comunidad que a otros negocios desconocidos.

Sacramentos:

Bautismos - Favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial para
obtener instrucción de arreglos para padres y padrinos.

Bautismos en Español - Estarán disponibles el tercer sábado
del mes

Matrimonio - Parejas planeando casarse en la Iglesia deben
contactar al Pastor al menos seis meses en anticipación.

Confesiones (San Judas) - Los sábados de las 4:30-5:30pm
antes de la misa vespertina de las 6pm o por cita.

Unción de Enfermos - Favor de contactar al Sacerdote si lo
ingresan a usted o a un familiar en el hospital.

August 26, 2018 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"This saying is hard; who can accept it?" The words of Jesus' disciples in today's Gospel must sound familiar. At some point in our lives, you and I have said it about some article of our faith. Christianity makes firm demands on our ethical behavior and gives no easy answers for suffering. Many disciples were confused and dismayed by Jesus' words in the Bread of Life Discourse. Not all of them, however, had the same reaction.

When the disciples question Jesus' teaching, he confirms its truth. "The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life." For some, Jesus' reassurance was not enough. These disciples do not question Jesus further or wrestle with their lack of understanding. The mighty deeds Jesus has done fade to the background. "Many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." For them, their doubt proves too much.

Jesus turns to the Twelve, knowing that confusion lives in their hearts as well. Peter answers. "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Notice this is not a confession of perfect understanding. It is a confession of faith in Jesus. The precise words may still confuse them, but they believe the One who said them.

In our own lives, we face doubt, confusion, and disillusionment in our Christian faith. The same choice available to the disciples is available to us. Do you have faith in Jesus, even when you lack perfect understanding? Will you stay or will you go? What do you do with your doubt?

26 de agosto de 2018 21er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Las lecturas de la Liturgia de este domingo nos retan a escoger si nos vamos o nos quedamos. Si escogemos quedarnos se nos exige ser sinceros y fieles al Señor. La Primera Lectura nos dice que Josué junto con su familia decide servir a Yavé. El pueblo, por su ejemplo, responde también servir a Dios. También, con respecto a la fe se deben tomar decisiones a veces arriesgadas, pero necesarias para continuar en el camino. En el Evangelio de hoy terminamos de leer el discurso del pan de vida. Ahora, aparecen de nuevo los discípulos con Jesús, ellos, si recuerdan, habían estado en la multiplicación de los panes y con clara evidencia de no comprender la actitud y acciones de Jesús. Después aparecen en escena los judíos que murmuraban y criticaban también las palabras del Señor. Ante tal realidad, Jesús, inmediatamente afronta la situación.

Jesús le preguntó a los Doce: "¿Quieren marcharse también ustedes?". (Juan 6:67). Pedro responde en plural en representación de todos. "Señor, ¿a quién iríamos? Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna. Nosotros creemos y sabemos que tú eres el Santo de Dios". (Juan 6:67-69) Los doce comprenden que fuera de Jesús no hay esperanza y no hay salvación. Sin él van al fracaso total. Pedro lo reconoce aún más allá, es el Santo de Dios. Pedro hizo lo suyo, pero, nosotros, ¿cómo confesamos la fe en Jesús? ¿cómo pedimos que el Señor aumente nuestra fe? Serviremos, al Señor en el necesitado, el pobre, el sin voz. Para eso, se debe tomar en serio el Evangelio y hay que dejar de vivir en la tibieza, tomando la única opción. ¡Servirlo

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Las enseñanzas de Jesús pueden ser difíciles de entender. De hecho, muchos de los que primero creían en Él, se alejaron y volvieron a sus formas de vida seculares. No estaban listos para aceptar el mensaje de Cristo o hacer los cambios necesarios para que sus vidas sean congruentes con el Evangelio. Muchas veces no es fuerte en su fe y una la considera más en términos de asegurar su lugar en el cielo en vez de vivir una vida en búsqueda del reino de Dios. Seguir a Jesús y vivir el Evangelio requiere acción ahora mismo. El Evangelio exige que uno cambie la manera en que conduce los negocios en su vida. Desafortunadamente, muchos tienen miedo de tomar riesgos y no pueden aceptar un cambio verdadero. ¿Usted está verdaderamente listo para arriesgarse a lo desconocido, o prefiere regresar a sus hábitos viejos?

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus' teaching is hard and challenging. In fact, many who originally believed in him left and returned to their former way of life. They were not able to accept what he had to say or to make the changes that are necessary to conform their lives to the Gospel. We often water down our faith and make it more about securing our place in heaven than leading a life in pursuit of the kingdom of God. Following Jesus and living the Gospel require action now. The Gospel demands that we change the way we conduct the business of our lives. Sadly, many are still afraid of taking risks and cannot accept change. Are we really ready to venture forth into the unknown, or would we prefer to simply return to our old ways of doing things?

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