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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

November 4, 2018



31st SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him,
"You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

Pastor : Rev. Giovannie Nunez, CRM

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

Deacon Stephen Frye

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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

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Our volunteer maintenance coordinator, David Marcella, is looking for volunteers to help with St. Anne Facility Maintenance Day On every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 9:00am until finished. Come out to mow, weed, edge, rake or do general clean up of our Parish facility.

Our Next date is Saturday, November 17th

Sumter United Ministries



has asked our parish to donate **150 cans** of Cranberry Sauce to go in the Thanksgiving Baskets for those in need within the Sumter Community. If you wish to help, please drop off your donations at the Saint Anne Parish Office or the Saint Anne and Jude Catholic School Office during normal school hours.

All donations are needed by **Wednesday, November 14th.**

May God bless you for all you do for our parish!



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**

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

November 11—St. Benedict and His Rule

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA, the process for welcoming adults into the Catholic Church, has started for St. Anne & St. Jude and Our Lady of the Skies (Shaw AFB). We meet Wednesdays, 7 to 9 PM in the St. Jude Parish Center at 611 W. Oakland Ave. Please call Jackie Francis, our RCIA Coordinator, at 803-469-4584 if you have any questions. The doors are open to all who want to know more about the life and teaching of the Catholic faith. Come and join us!

Wednesday—November 7: Mary; The Saints
Presenter: Erin McArthur

A sincere thank you to Carolyn & Leo Mansueti for the delicious refreshments they provided October 24.

¡El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (RCIA) Comenzará! ¿Has pensado en completar tus sacramentos para tener participación plena en la Iglesia Católica? ¿Quieres saber más sobre la Fe? ¿Fuiste bautizado en la Iglesia Católica pero has recibido la Eucaristía ni la Confirmación? RICA, el Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos, proceso que da la bienvenida a adultos dentro de la Iglesia Católica, El curso se lleva a cabo cada domingo antes de la Misa en español, empezando a las 10:15 a.m. y terminando a las 11:45am, diez minutos antes de la Misa, en la última aula del pasillo exterior del Centro Parroquial de San Judas. Si estás interesado o sabes de alguien que se interese por favor llama a Ma. Elena Ferrell, nuestra coordinadora de RICA en español, al 803 840 5149, o habla con alguno de los Padres.

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



GAME NIGHT

Thursdays

November 15, 2018

November 29, 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



The next Women's Guild Meeting will be **Sunday, November 11**. All Ladies of the parish are welcome. We meet in the Saint Anne Parish Center 1:30pm to 3:00pm!



The annual "Coat Give-Away" will be **Saturday, November 10, 9-11am**. Donations of outer wear in clean, good condition and new socks are being accepted at the parish and school offices. Thank You very much.

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 Council Hall located at 2325 Camden Hwy.

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.

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.

**Sumter "Life Chain" Sunday, November 4th
2:30 - 3:30 P.M. On Broad Street.**



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 del Martes de Adoración al Santísimo

La adoración semanal está abierta a todos. Se expone el Santísimo Sacramento del Altar todos los martes en San Judas dependiendo 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 sign up 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 December 7th.

St. Lawrence Cemetery and Columbarium

The columbarium is located in a beautiful garden setting in St. Lawrence Cemetery and provides a reverential place of interment for the cremated ashes of our beloved deceased. *Interment of more than one person or cremains in one cemetery plot will incur additional expenses applicable at the time of request and must be approved by the cemetery management. Please Contact John MacMaster (803) 968-3466 for more information.

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 contacto 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.



We are still collecting Box Tops for Education. They can be dropped off in the box at the entrance to St. Jude Church, at the St. Anne Church office or at the school. Please pay attention to the expiration date. Are you interested in learning to **Speak Conversational Spanish**? We are organizing a class for one evening a week starting in January. There will be a one-time fee of \$20 for the class. Please call the school office (803-775-3632) if you are interested.

Catholic Youth of Sumter
 Join us this Sunday, November 4th 6:00pm—8:00pm we'll have some good food, a little fun and a lot of fellowship.

No te has unido al grupo de jóvenes de Sumter? Qué esperas? El grupo de jóvenes de Sumter se reúne los **Domingos por la tarde de 6:00pm-8:00pm, en el edificio de jóvenes de San Judas**. Está abierto a todos los jóvenes de los grados 5 a 12 de la Iglesia de Santa Ana y San Judas, y de Nuestra Señora de los Cielos. **TODO SOBRE FE, TODO SOBRE DIVERSION Y TODO SOBRE TI!!**

We Work Hard, We Play Hard ...We PRAY Harder!!



SASJ_CYS We now have our own YouTube channel. Please subscribe.

Christ Experience is a retreat for **Young Adults** ages **18 to 35** years old. Provided by the Office of Hispanic Ministry. Our focus is to tackle issues such as addiction, chastity, relationships, the talks and the testimonies are designed to direct our young adults to have a personal encounter with God through the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. The retreat will be on November 16-18 in Camp Kinard, Batesburg SC. The cost is \$120.00 and covers the costs of the retreat center as well as meals for the weekend. Contact Reinaldo Mendoza or The Parish Office.

Experiencia de Cristo es un retiro para jóvenes adultos de 18 a 35 años de edad. Es un refugio que es proporcionado por la oficina del Ministerio Hispano en la diócesis de Charleston. Nuestro objetivo es abordar cuestiones como la adicción, la castidad, las relaciones, las conversaciones y los testimonios están diseñados para dirigir a nuestros jóvenes a tener un encuentro personal con Dios a través de los sacramentos de la reconciliación y la Eucaristía. El retiro será del 16 al 18 de noviembre en el campamento de Kinard, Batesburg SC. El costo es de \$120.00 y cubrirá los costos del centro de retiros, así como sus comidas para el fin de semana.

Faith Formation 2018-2019
Religious Education

Classes are offered Sunday mornings from 10:30am to 11:30am at the St. Jude location. Registration is now closed.

Saint Anne and Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church presented a sexual abuse prevention program, **Teaching Touching Safety**, to our students on, **Sunday, October 21st** with a make-up date, **Sunday, October 28th**. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Charleston and is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain safe environments for all children and youth in our care.

If your child did not attend either offered session but you would like them to, please call the Office of Faith Formation.

<http://tncrrg.virtus.org/touchingsafety/charleston.cfm>

NOVEMBER '18						
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

22 Thanksgiving Day
 25 No Class

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
- * 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

PROMISE TO PROTECT



PLEDGE TO HEAL

BELIEVE IN THE POSSIBILITY OF HELP AND HEALING. THERE IS HOPE.

Your local Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. We will listen to your needs and support you. We will help you make a formal complaint and arrange a personal meeting with the bishop, or his delegate, if desired. We encourage you to come forward and speak out.

November 10 / 11	Lector	Sacristan	EMOHC	Altar Server	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 PM	J Seth Mary Jones	Donna Kearney	Wayne DeAngeli Therese DeAngeli Donna Kearney	John Jamison Meagan Jamison McKayla Mouradjian Kairi Barwick	Dave Martin Bill Hartley
Saturday, 6:00 PM	Ray Blanchette	Jim Kaczmarczyk	Jim Kaczmarczyk Rose Sestokas Calvin Glisson	Servers Needed	Sandra Claeys David Claeys
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Kristi Doyle Susanne Brotherton	Karl Selden	Deidre Goebel Bob Lee Mike Doyle	Adam Reisenauer Jonah Reisenauer Jessica Puccinelli	Frank Brown TG Manus Jack Reyling
Sunday, 9:15 AM	Cheryl Coleman Valerie Williams	Andrew Williams	Frances Summers Chris Hilditch Andrew Williams	Aidan Hilditch Althea Vicete	Ernest Gamble Hazel McLean
Sunday, 12:00 PM	Brenda Bethune Michel Fleming	Denise Spivey	Denise Spivey Janie Stokes Rose Mary Dannelly	Dominic Neil Nevaeh Little Shannon Sieger	Ushers Needed
Sunday, 12:00 PM	Federico Sanchez Martinez Veronica Alonso	Manuel Ramon	Irene Dunlap Paul Dunlap Manuel Ramon	Jassiry Hernandez Krystal Ortiz-Flores Evelyn Cruz Duran	Maria Cruz Castillo Ricardo Sierra-Montes
Sunday, 5:00 PM	Rose Sestokas Greg Tavarez	Greg Tavarez	Darlene Hilditch Cindy Tavarez Chris Black	Noah Tavarez Austin Foddrill	Sammy Burrows Calvin Glisson

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 Rickerd
- 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 DeBrael
- Ursula Guest
- Chelato Family
- Marie Fernandes
- Danita Russell
- Sally Clark
- Patricia Kohner
- Jean Jose
- Taylor Scofield
- Shirley Johnson
- Marilyn Dault
- Margaret Huber
- Tony Wicker
- Roberta Carter
- Sterling Fisher
- Charlotte McPherson
- Nona Sewell
- Paul Gober
- Tonya Venezia
- Daniel P. Lawless
- Henry Langlois
- Barry Ferrell
- Amy Ferrell
- Jan Ferrell
- Pete Watcher
- Hayes E. Baker
- Timothy Subocz
- Francine Cronia
- Helen Scannapieco
- Jack Hemming Sr.
- Marnie Williams
- Alyce Brunke
- Talmadge Riddick
- Andree Bessette
- Walter Boone
- Allen Primos
- Alvin Fusetti
- Nancy David
- Flossie Brailsford
- Seth Dyke
- Estella Richardson

Parish App!!

Still haven't downloaded the PARISH APP for your iPhone or Android Phone!! www.Myparishapp.com. If you would like help installing the App or a brief tutorial on the features please 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



Online Giving

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 .

Thank You For Your Continued Support !!

Finance Corner	7-Oct	14-Oct	21-Oct
Online Giving	To be posted	To be posted	
Actual Offertory			
Projected Expenses	(\$12,156.63)	(\$12,156.63)	(\$12,156.63)
Surplus/Deficit			
Attendance	Due to Holiday		
4:30pm	collection		
6:00pm	To be posted		
8:00am			
9:15am			
12:00pm			
12:00pm Spanish			
5:00pm			
Totals			

BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

As of September 30, 2018, the BAA has collected over \$3.9 million. Our parish has contributed **\$ 43,353.00** towards our goal of **\$ 39,384.00**. This represents **110.08%** of our goal from **25.35%** of Saint Anne and Saint Jude registered families.

The BAA provides funding for incredible programs and ministries doing critically important work in our diocese. Through charitable, educational, outreach, and evangelization efforts, a real difference is being made. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Appeal if you have not done so already. We are One Faith, One Family and our parish family is called to join in this endeavor. Every gift makes an impact! Please visit <https://sccatholic.org/donate.php> to make a difference.

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

United Mass Intentions for the week of November 3 through November 11

Saturday	8:15am	All Souls Novena	
Saturday	4:30pm	All Souls Novena	
Saturday	6:00pm	All Souls Novena	
Sunday	8:00am	All Souls Novena	
Sunday	9:15am	All Souls Novena	
Sunday	12:00pm English	All Souls Novena	
Sunday	12:00pm Spanish	All Souls Novena	
Sunday	5:00pm	All Souls Novena	
Monday	7:00am	All Souls Novena	
Tuesday	7:00am	All Souls Novena	
Wednesday	7:00am	All Souls Novena	
Thursday	8:15am	All Souls Novena	
Friday	8:15am	All Souls Novena	
Saturday	8:15am	All Souls Novena	
Saturday	4:30pm	All Souls Novena	
Saturday	6:00pm	All Souls Novena	
Sunday	8:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
Sunday	9:15am	✠Guido Centofanti	
Sunday	12:00pm English	✠Mary Hartley	
Sunday	12:00pm Spanish	All Souls Novena	
Sunday	5:00pm	Father Rufino	Ultreya

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



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.

Si tu o algún miembro de tu familia es admitido a un hospital, clínica de rehabilitación, residencia de ancianos, o está confinado al hogar y no puede asistir a Misa, tú debes notificarlo a la oficina parroquial o alguno de los Padres. Las leyes de privacidad no permiten que los hospitales y las demás instituciones médicas avisen a la iglesia directamente.



The Official Saint Anne and Saint Jude T-Shirt

A durable Gildan T-shirt in Heather Gray with our SASJ Logo on the front, Initials on the sleeve, and Isaiah 12:2 on the back.

Reserve yours through the Parish Office OR buy it at the Parish Picnic \$15.00 each

Sunday, November 4

St. Anne Eucharist - 8:00am, 12:00pm

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

12:00 noon (Spanish)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

10:30am-11:30am

CATHOLIC YOUTH OF SUMTER

6:00pm—8:00pm

Monday, November 5

Saint Jude - 7:00am - Daily Mass

Tuesday, November 6

Saint Jude - 7:00am - Daily Mass

~Adoration ~

Wednesday, November 7

Saint Jude - 7:00am - Daily Mass

Thursday, November 8

Saint Anne - 8:15am - Daily Mass

Friday, November 9

Saint Anne - 8:15am - Daily Mass

Saturday, November 10

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

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St. Anne Eucharist - 8:00am, 12:00pm

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12:00 noon (Spanish)

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10:30am-11:30am

CATHOLIC YOUTH OF SUMTER

6:00pm—8:00pm

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately bound together. You cannot have one without the other. Who are my neighbor and how do I love them? It is easy to confess with our lips that we love our neighbor. But how does this get translated into action? Our neighbors are not only those who live around us or are most familiar to us. Everyone is our neighbor: those who are foreign to us, those who have come here illegally, those who have hurt us, those we envy, those we take for granted, and those who are poor. Embracing humanity in all of its forms is not always an easy task, and doing so can quickly take us out of our comfort zones. Working for justice, as God desires, often means adjusting how much I can have and sacrificing our wants and desires. The very image of God is on the faces of our neighbors, and our face can be found there as well. How much do we really love them?

SUNDAY'S READINGS - First Reading:

"Fear the LORD, your God,
and keep, throughout the days of your lives,
all his statutes and commandments." (Dt 6:2a)

Psalm:

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

Second Reading:

But Jesus, because he remains forever,
has a priesthood that does not pass away. (Heb 7:24)

Gospel:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength." (Mk 12:30)

04 de noviembre de 2018

31er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Imagina la escena del Evangelio de este domingo. El maestro de la ley estaba observando atentamente las enseñanzas de Jesús. Escuchaba cómo Jesús daba respuestas acertadas y esto le causa admiración y se atreve a preguntar: ¿Qué mandamiento es el primero de todos? La respuesta dada abarca no solo una respuesta sino dos: amar a Dios y al vecino. "Escucha, Israel: El Señor nuestro dios es el único Señor. Amarás al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma, con toda tu inteligencia y con todas tus fuerzas." Luego, añade lo siguiente. "Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo" (Marcos 12:29-31). Ya desde los tiempos de Moisés, el pueblo de Israel vivía en comunidad, cuidándose uno al otro.

Jesús enfoca dos cosas importantes, tanto en su tiempo como ahora. Amar a Dios primero y al vecino como a uno mismo. ¡Qué difícil es esto! Dios ante todo lo que tengo y soy. ¿Cómo despojarme de lo que está lleno mi corazón? Nuestro 'vecino' no es solo la persona que vive a su lado. Dar la excusa que uno no conoce a su 'vecino' es inaceptable. Prójimo, quiere decir próximo. Su prójimo es su esposo/a, sus hijos, su comunidad. Definitivamente, la enseñanza de la Palabra de Dios no es un juego de niños. Es un proceso de crecimiento en el amor para toda la vida.

Gastarse en darse, eso es amor. El Papa Francisco, nos ayuda en comprender esto: "He aquí el camino del Señor: adorar a Dios, amar a Dios por encima de todo, y amar al prójimo. Es muy sencillo, pero muy difícil. Se puede hacer sólo con la gracia. Pidamos la gracia" (Homilía 15 de octubre de 2013).

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

El amor a Dios y el amor al prójimo son dos cosas que están atados íntimamente. No puede existir uno sin el otro. ¿Quién es mi prójimo y cómo lo amo? Es fácil confesar con los labios que amamos al otro, pero ¿cómo se demuestra esto en acción? Nuestros prójimos no son solo esas personas que están a nuestro alrededor. Todos son nuestros prójimos: los extranjeros, los que han llegado aquí sin papeles, los que nos han lastimado, los que envidiamos, los que damos por hecho y los pobres. Aceptar a la humanidad en todas sus formas no siempre es algo fácil, y hacerlo nos puede sacar de nuestro confort. Trabajar hacia la justicia, como Dios quiere, muchas veces significa ajustar cuánto se sacrifica uno y ajustar sus deseos. La imagen de Dios está en las caras de nuestros prójimos y también está en la nuestra. ¿Cuánto ama usted a su prójimo?



The Hispanic Community will host a Food Sale at the Saint Jude Location on Sunday, November 11th starting at 9:00am. Funds are being raised for the Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Come out and have some good food and support this beautiful parish event.

November 04, 2018 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
"You are not far from the kingdom of God." What does it mean to be close to God's kingdom? In today's Gospel, Jesus is in a dialogue with teachers of the law. They know well the Law of Moses, with its complex codes, expectations, and punishments. What will Jesus say? "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength ... You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus effortlessly distills all the books of law into two commands. The simplicity of the Gospel message doesn't mean it's easy to follow. Far from it! The simplicity of the Gospel indicates its totality. Anything that requires the passions of our heart, the choice of our soul, the reason in our mind, or the strength of our body -- all of this ought to be animated by love. As you can imagine, that means pretty much everything! The love of God and love of neighbor is meant to flow into our entire lives.

The Gospel can appear complicated because life is complicated. Not every outcast is easy to love. We lack the knowledge or compassion to heal everyone who suffers. Personal sacrifice is not always noticed or valued. In the face of the unknown, fear can be easier than faith. Life's circumstances can seem like obstacles to God's love, not opportunities. And yet Jesus' command still stands. As you reflect this week, examine those areas where it's easy to love. Thank God for them! But take some time to consider the people and circumstances that challenge you. Ask God to show you what it means to love there. How is He inviting you to enlarge your heart, strengthen your soul, open your mind, and persevere in your strength? How is He inviting you to love?