



Saint Anne and Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church

November 25, 2018

<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)

Diocesan Office of Child Protective Services

Bonnie Sigers

843-261-0430



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
King of the Universe

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus
answered, "You say I am a king." - Jn 18:37a

Pastor : Rev. Giovannie Nunez, CRM

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

Deacon Stephen Frye

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

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 28: The Sacraments

Presenter—Monsignor Mark Rowan

A sincere thank you to Nora and Arland Compton for the delicious soup dinner on a cold rainy night November 14.

¡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.



The Women's Guild Meeting / Christmas Party will be **Sunday, December 9**. All Ladies of the parish are welcome. We meet in the Saint Anne Parish Center 1:30pm to 3:00pm!

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.

December 2—Francis of Assisi

THURSDAY GAME NIGHT

November 29, 2018 & December 6, 2018
WHERE: ST JUDE LOCATION
STARTING AT 6:30PM AND ENDING 8:30PM.
(Adults Only Please)

SASJ Bible Study

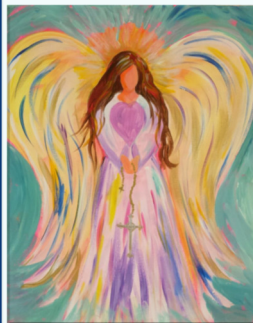
Mission: To bring the Scriptures to life for our parish community. Come journey with us as we discover who Jesus was and is. All are welcome.

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



COME PAINT WITH US!!

Have you ever wanted to learn to paint and have fun doing it? Join us for a Painting Party Fundraiser **Saturday, Dec. 8** from 10am-1pm at Sip & Gogh Studio, located across the street from Baker's Sweets! Space is limited, so please sign up soon and pay in the church office to hold your spot! \$40.00 per ticket with a portion going to support the Youth Ministry at SASJRCC.



Join the Knights of Columbus for Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 15 8:00am to 10:00am In St Anne Parish Hall

Christmas Luncheon

The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary invite all Senior Citizens to a Christmas Luncheon. **Saturday, December 15th 11:00am to 3:00pm** in the Parish Hall at Saint Jude. All Seniors are invited to celebrate the Holidays together.



Join The Hispanic Community in celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe Wednesday, December 12th beginning at 6:00pm at Saint Anne. There will be traditional food, music and dancing.

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

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

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.

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!!



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.

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!

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.

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.



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**

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




Haven't tried the Catholic Youth of Sumter Yet...Why not?? All Middle School and High School Youth are invited to Join us **Sunday, December 2nd 6:00pm—8:00pm** in the Youth Building at St. Jude . We'll have some good food, a little fun and a lot of fellowship.

All About FAITH... All About FUN...All About YOU!!

On **Sunday, December 9th** we will offer the **Touching Safety Program** to the participants of the Youth Ministry for a portion of the night meeting. 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 you do not want your student to receive this training, please sign and return the opt-out form.

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

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

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!!

Faith Formation 2018-2019

Religious Education

Classes are offered Sunday mornings from 10:30am -11:30am at the St. Jude location.

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>

Parents, are you interested in continuing your child's faith formation at home? Check out the following website.

<http://www.pflaumweeklies.com>

The Gospel At Home

This simple resource connects you to your child(ren)'s lesson each week. Designed for busy families, *The Gospel At Home* provides a short description of the Sunday Gospel plus suggested activities and discussion starters for each age level. These easy-to-do ideas will bring families together to share what each member has learned about the Gospel that they heard on Sunday (and studied in class.) Available in English or Spanish.

NOVEMBER '18						
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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

December 1 / 2	Lector	Sacristan	EMOHC	Altar Server	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Mary Jones J Seth	Wayne DeAngeli	Wayne DeAngeli Cathy Sides Therese DeAngeli	Meagan Jamison Lesley Jamison Devin Barwick Kairi Barwick	Joey Duggan Filipe Vergara
Saturday, 6:00 PM	Ray Blanchette	Jim Kaczmarczyk	Jim Kaczmarczyk Jack Hemming Chris Harvey	Michael Marlowe Christian Harvey	Sandra Claeys David Claeys
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Susanne Brotherton Christine Byrd	Karl Selden	Jackie Francis Charley Francis Jan Neuner	Adam Reisenauer Jonah Reisenauer Jessica Puccinelli	Frank Brown TG Manus Jack Reyling
Sunday, 9:15 AM	Cheryl Coleman Aida Sikora	Chris Hilditch	Chris Hilditch Frances Summers Bill Todt	Charles Johnston Aidan Hilditch	Havel McLean Ernest Gamble
Sunday, 12:00 PM	Michel Fleming Brenda Bethune	Rose Mary Dannelly	Rose Mary Dannelly Denise Spivey Minister Needed	Dominic Neil Nevaeh Little Christianna Fappiano Kaitlynn Fappiano	Ushers Needed
Sunday, 12:00 PM	Veronica Duran Fernando Hernandez	Manuel Ramon	Mariel Ferrell Marlem Velazquez Manuel Ramon	Jassiry Hernandez Santiago Rivera Krystal Ortiz-Flores Jolly Origuela Wyss	Maria Cruz Castillo Ricardo Sierra-Montes
Sunday, 5:00 PM	Fatima Herenandez Greg Tavarez	Chris Black	Darlene Hilditch Chris Black Rose Sestokas	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 DeBraal
Ursula Guest
Chelato Family
Marie Fernandes
Danita Russell
Sally Clark
Patricia Kohner
Jean Jose
Taylor Scofield
Shirley Johnson
Maryln 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.
Mamie 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 cel o quieres aprender cómo funciona llama a la oficina de la parroquia.

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.

Purchase yours through the Parish Office \$15.00 each



Thank You For the Continued Support !!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday Publishing Schedule, The Offertory For the weekend of *November 18, 2018* will be posted next week.

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, December 1st



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 .

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 24 through December 2

Saturday	8:15am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Saturday	4:30pm	✠George Pontes	Diane Centofanti
Saturday	6:00pm	✠Michael Krupa	Grotzinger Family
Sunday	8:00am	Intentions of Jimmy Touzeau	Foyle Family
Sunday	9:15am	✠George Pontes	Diane Centofanti
Sunday	12:00pm English	All RCIA Volunteers	Jackie Francis
Sunday	12:00pm Spanish	13th Anniversary Federico & Esperanza Sanchez	Sanchez Family
Sunday	5:00pm	Intentions of Deacon Ornate Vargas	Foyle Family
Monday	7:00am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Tuesday	7:00am	✠Thelma Wall	Wall Family
Wednesday	7:00am	Intentions of Erika & Michael Dunlap	Winter Family
Thursday	8:15am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Friday	8:15am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Saturday	8:15am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Saturday	4:30pm	✠Mary Hartley	Hartley Family
Saturday	6:00pm	✠Louise Hindinger	Marie Briggs
Sunday	8:00am	Intentions of Michael Ghattas	Foyle Family
Sunday	9:15am	Intentions of Fr. Gio	Knights of Columbus
Sunday	12:00pm English	✠Paul Flattery	Stokes Family
Sunday	12:00pm Spanish	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Sunday	5:00pm	✠Del. J Rockwood, Jr.	Rockwood Family



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.

Sunday, November 25

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

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

12:00 noon (Spanish)

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

10:30am-11:30am

NO CATHOLIC YOUTH OF SUMTER

6:00pm—8:00pm

Monday, November 26

Saint Jude - 7:00am - Daily Mass

Tuesday, November 27

Saint Jude - 7:00am - Daily Mass

~Adoration~

Wednesday, November 28

Saint Jude - 7:00am - Daily Mass

Thursday, November 29

Saint Anne - 8:15am - Daily Mass

Friday, November 30

Saint Anne - 8:15am - Daily Mass

Saturday, December 1st

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, December 2nd

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

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



The Light House Kiosk has exciting new offerings for the HOLY SAINTS of our church.

Check it out and see what you can learn about your favorites.



**MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO -
ALENTAR ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO
DE LA ESCRITURA**

25 de noviembre de 2018 Nuestro Señor Jesu Cristo,
Rey del universo

En este último domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. Se escuchará en las parroquias de los Estados Unidos y del mundo entero el canto de alabanza a Nuestro Señor Jesucristo Rey del Universo. Seguido por el grito de los fieles: ¡Viva Cristo Rey! Con la respuesta que sale desde el fondo del corazón: ¡Que viva! En este día, como cristianos, debemos de profundizar en el significado de vivir en los planes de Dios. ¿Cuál es el plan de Dios? Simplemente, es hacer posible el reino de amor, justicia y paz aquí y ahora. La lectura de Daniel explica cómo Jesucristo es el portador de este Reino, que nunca será destruido. El Apocalipsis, nos dice que Cristo Jesús es el Rey de Reyes.

El Evangelio, con respecto al Reino, narra lo siguiente: "Tú lo has dicho: yo soy Rey. Yo doy testimonio de la verdad, y para esto he nacido y he venido al mundo. Todo el que está del lado de la verdad escucha mi voz" (Juan 18:37). Que confusión para Pilato porque Jesús no parecía Rey, ni actuaba como tal. Sin embargo, si confiesa que su Reino no pertenece a este mundo. Por eso da testimonio de la verdad.

Su Reino es claro: luchar por el amor y la justicia. ¿Escuchamos esto? Vivimos y actuamos en este Reino o fuera de él. La Antífona de entrada de esta Solemnidad dice: "Digno es el Cordero que fue inmolado, de recibir el poder, la riqueza, la sabiduría, la fuerza y el honor. A él la gloria y el imperio por los siglos de los siglos." Amén. ¡Viva Cristo Rey! ¿Quién es Jesús para mí?

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA
Vivimos en un tiempo interesante. La vida cambia constantemente. Esto puede ser emocionante de una forma, pero el cambio también trae retos. Vivimos en un tiempo de relativismo donde la gente puede escoger las verdades que le conviene y crear su propio sistema de creencias. Mientras que los humanos tienen la libertad de escoger, perder vista de las verdades universales no es un camino saludable. ¡Jesucristo nuestro Rey es nuestra verdad universal! Él es el Dios no negociable, sin opción. En Cristo, sabemos la verdad. Solo Jesús nos enciende el camino hacia Dios, hacia nuestro ser verdadero, hacia nuestras relaciones hacia el mundo en que vivimos. Cristo nos dirige hacia el pobre y el vulnerable y nos demuestra cómo debe ser el Reino. Cristo es el rey que sirve a los demás. Se eleva al trono de la cruz. Estamos llamados a hacer lo mismo.



**November 25, 2018 Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

If you brought your child to the restroom during the Liturgy of the Word, you might walk away with one of two interpretations of Jesus as King. The first and second readings are bold and victorious. We see Christ coming on the clouds for the final judgment of heaven and earth. The Gospel sets a very different tone. Jesus is under arrest and facing death before Pontius Pilate. We know how this story will end. So if Christ is King, what does it mean? Is he a glorious conqueror or a suffering servant?

"My kingdom does not belong to this world." Here is the heart of Jesus' reign. He is a king -- and his "subjects" are alive and well on earth -- but, ultimately, Jesus' kingdom transcends our earthly concepts of power. Jesus faced down the temptation of a solely earthly kingship. At the close of his 40 days in the desert, the devil offered him the kingdoms of the world. Jesus only had to sacrifice his heavenly values and worship Satan. The same temptations to distort the kingship of Christ are present to us today. Jesus' invitation also endures. "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." It is important for us to belong to the full truth of Christ's kingdom.

First, our own hearts must be transformed. Our own rebellions in favor of selfishness and against holiness must be conquered by God's grace. Second, we must work to transform the world as best we can in our own corner of it. Like Jesus shows us by his life and death, this doesn't mean domination. It means service, sacrifice, respect, and love. Our lives must "testify to the truth" of Jesus Christ, who lays down his life for his people. That is the true beauty of Christ the King!

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK
We live in interesting times. Life is constantly changing. While this can be exciting on one hand, change also presents challenges. We live in an age of relativism where people can pick and choose the truths that suit them and build their own system of beliefs. While humans certainly have the freedom to choose, losing sight of long-standing universal truths is not such a healthy course. Jesus Christ our King is our universal truth! He is the God who is nonnegotiable, our non-option! In Christ, we know what truth is. He alone points us to God, our true selves, our proper relationships with one another, and the world in which we live. Christ directs us to the poor and vulnerable and teaches us what God's kingdom is meant to be. Christ is the king who serves others. He gets dirty. He ascends the throne of the cross. We are called to do the same.