



Saint Anne and Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church December 2, 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

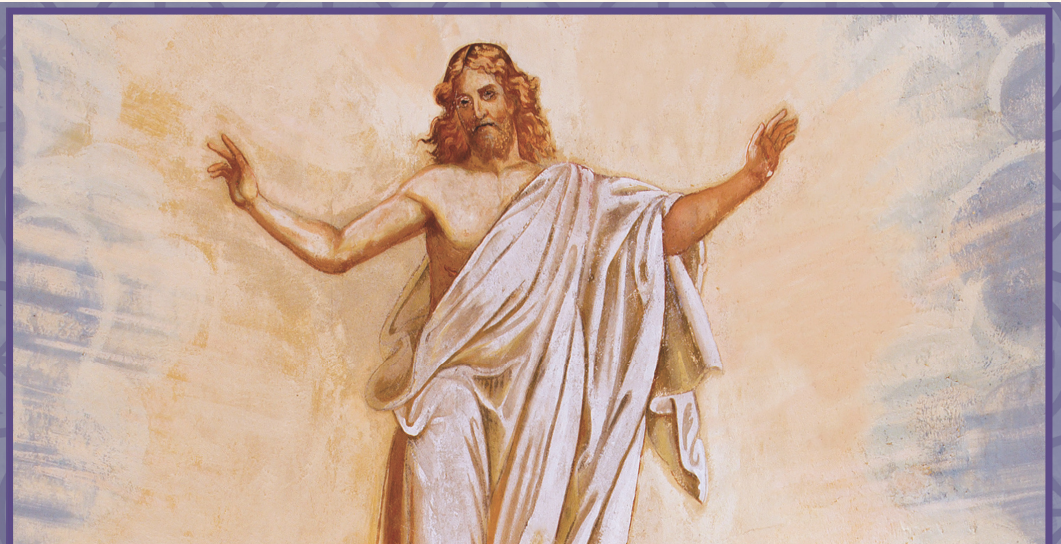
Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:15am, 5:00pm

12:00pm (Spanish)

*Diocesan Office of Child
Protective Services*

Bonnie Sigers
843-261-0430



1st SUNDAY of Advent

"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." - Lk 21:27

1^{er} DOMINGO de Adviento

"Entonces verán venir al Hijo del hombre en una nube, con gran poder y majestad". - Lc 21, 27

"The season of Advent means there is something on the horizon the likes of which we have never seen before." - Jan Richardson

Pastor : Rev. Giovannie Nunez, CRM

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

Deacon Stephen Frye

Sacramental Emergency Contact Number (803) 934-1204 *

St. Anne & St. Jude Catholic School Principal:

Mrs. Kristi Doyle - kristidoyle@sasjcs.com (803) 775-3632

Financial Officer: Tom Paturzo Tom@sasjrcc.org

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Parish Receptionist: Tina Couture Tina@sasjrcc.org

Ministry Coordinator : Donna Kearney Donna@sasjrcc.org

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

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.



PARISH YEAR FOR PASTORAL CARE

Christ's Mercy & Charity
in works of pastoral ministry

Launches: First Sunday of Advent 2018
Culminates: Solemnity of Christ the King 2019

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!!



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.

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—December 5: Baptism; Confirmation
Presenter—Deacon Steve Frye

A sincere thank you to Brenda Libner for providing lunch for the retreat for the Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming November

¡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! Please bring your favorite finger food.

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 9—Clare of Assisi

THURSDAY GAME NIGHT

December 6, 2018 & December 20, 2018
WHERE: ST JUDE LOCATION
STARTING AT 6:30PM AND ENDING 8:30PM.
(Adults Only Please)

SASJ Bible Study

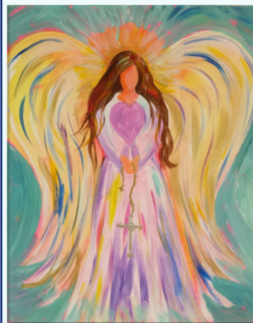
Mission: To bring the Scriptures to life for our parish community. Come journey with us as we discover who Jesus was and is. All are welcome.

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 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.

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

Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone will host a Town Hall meeting for all parishioners in the Columbia Deanery on Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. at The Basilica of Saint Peter, 1529 Assembly Street in Columbia. During the meeting, the Bishop will talk about and answer questions related to the current crisis in the Church and the USCCB bishops' meeting in Baltimore. Please consider attending what will be an informative evening.



ST. ANNE & ST. JUDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

HOME OF THE GUARDIANS

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE IN ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN



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.

SASJCS is in need of a qualified 2nd Grade Teacher, a Part-time Spanish Teacher, and Individuals willing to donate 30 minutes per week tutoring lower school students. Contact the school with any questions.

Kristi Doyle, Principal
principal@sasjcs.com

St. Anne & St. Jude Catholic School Grades K-12
11 S. Magnolia Street Sumter, S.C. 29150
(803) 775-3632 FAX (803) 938-9074



Join us for the SASJCS Christmas Program
Thursday December 6th at 6:30pm in the Church at Saint Anne.

Scholastic Book Fair

December 3rd - 7th 7:00am to 5:00pm
December 9th 9:00am to 2:00 pm
in the SASJCS Library.



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 TIII!

Faith Formation 2018-2019 Religious Education

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

Our Commitment to a Safe Environment

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

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

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

December 8 / 9	Lector	Sacristan	EMOHC	Altar Server	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Mary Jones Louise Bock	Therese DeAngeli	Deacon Steve Frye Therese DeAngeli Wayne DeAngeli	John Jamison McKayla Mouradjian Amber Jamison Madeleine Moore	Filipe Vergara Bill Hartley
Saturday, 6:00 PM	Ray Blanchette Jim Kaczmarczyk	Calvin Glisson	Deacon Steve Frye Calvin Glisson Rose Sestokas	Michael Marlowe Christian Harvey	Char Mossell Al Mossell
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Mike Doyle Kristi Doyle	Karl Selden	Jackie Francis Charley Francis Bob Lee	Adam Reisenauer Jonah Reisenauer Jessica Puccinelli	Frank Brown TG Manus Jack Reyling
Sunday, 9:15 AM	Vernessa Baker Valerie Williams	Andrew Williams	Radene Miller Thomas Miller Andrew Williams	Mike Fisher Samantha Fisher	Hayes Baker Hazel McLean
Sunday, 12:00 PM	Brenda Bethune Denise Spivey	Rose Mary Dannelly	Deacon Steve Frye Rose Mary Dannelly Janie Stokes	Christianna Fappiano Kaitlynn Fappiano Shannon Sieger Neveah Little	Ushers Needed
Sunday, 12:00 PM	Ana Centeno Velasco Osbaldo Perez Sanchez	Manuel Ramon	Irene Dunlap Paul Dunlap Manuel Ramon	Liliana Martinez Castillo Evelyn Cruz Duran Rosalba Herrera-Rivera	Maria Cruz Castillo Ricardo Sierra-Montes
Sunday, 5:00 PM	Rose Sestokas Fatima Hernandez	Greg Tavarez	Deacon Steve Frye Cindy Tavarez Greg Tavarez	Noah Tavarez Austin Foddrill	Sammy Burrows Chris Black

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
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
Marlyn Dault
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.

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

November 18	Offertory	\$ 7,657.00
	Online Giving	\$ 914.00
		\$ 8,571.00
November 25	Offertory	\$ 6861.00
	Online Giving	\$ 599.00
		\$ 7,460.00

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 15th



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.

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**United Mass Intentions
for the week of
December 1 through December 9**

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
Monday	7:00am	✠Barry Watcher	Watcher Family
Tuesday	7:00am	✠Jane Winter	Winter Family
Wednesday	7:00am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Thursday	8:15am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Friday	8:15am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Saturday	8:15am	Intentions of Robert Connelly 95 th Birthday	Fran Cecil
Saturday	4:30pm	✠Mary Hartley	Mary Jones
Saturday	6:00pm	✠Ann Sanker	Marie Briggs
Sunday	8:00am	Intentions of Raphael Ghattas	Foyle Family
Sunday	9:15am	✠Guido Centofanti	Centofanti Family
Sunday	12:00pm English	✠Valerie Cummings	Carole McCaskey
Sunday	12:00pm Spanish	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Sunday	5:00pm	Intentions of Father Rufino	Ultreya



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, December 2

**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, December 3

Saint Jude - 7:00am - Daily Mass

Tuesday, December 4

Saint Jude - 7:00am - Daily Mass

~Adoration~

Wednesday, December 5

Saint Jude - 7:00am - Daily Mass

Thursday, December 6

Saint Anne - 8:15am - Daily Mass

Friday, December 7

Saint Anne - 8:15am - Daily Mass

Saint Anne Little Chapel—6:30pm

First Friday Adoration

Saturday, December 8

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 9

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



Gifts for the person who has everything are available on the

Lighthouse Kiosk. Take a minute to check out the new selections, especially the titles for children and Advent. They make great stocking stuffers. There is a Kiosk located in the back of each of our parish locations.



ALERT FOR THE PRESENCE OF GOD

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
December 02, 2018 1st Sunday in Advent

Tribulation. Wildfires. Tsunamis. Moral corruption. Disease. War. We tend to associate these things with the end times, and perhaps for good reason! In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world." Not exactly putting us in the

Christmas spirit, is it? During Advent, we anticipate a celebration of Christ's first coming. There is a quiet stillness about our waiting, or at least we try to encourage that in ourselves. Perhaps we have an Advent devotional or we take time to pray together as a family around the Advent wreath.

But Jesus did not come only once into history. During Advent, we remember that he will come again. You may remember the rapture craze in the early 2000s, when a series of books and movies envisioned a future where Jesus was coming soon and all the true believers had been whisked away. Everyone else had one more chance to repent before things really went to hell...literally, in this case!

But is that what Jesus is talking about here? The truth is, we don't know what Jesus' Second Coming will be like. The actual return of Christ - though sudden and perhaps frightening to some - should not frighten us. Despite all the stories we may have heard about the apocalypse, the advice of Jesus is not to hang our heads or cower in fear. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." In a certain sense, we are already living in the end times. We already encounter great tribulation. We all find it easy to get distracted or discouraged in the grind of daily life. Today's Gospel reminds us that vigilance for God's presence is needed now.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

As we begin our Advent journey in preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth and in anticipation of his coming again in glory, we are reminded of our need to be vigilant and prepared. This short season of Advent can be a mini-retreat for us who find ourselves living in a world that is often counterproductive to developing mature, focused, and meaningful relationships with God. Being a Christian and standing firm in our faith requires a strength that can only come from prayer. These four short preparatory weeks can help us look back to what God has done in history, to what God continues to do in our lives today, and to what God promises for the future. May we use this Advent time wisely, calling us to greater holiness.



ESTÉ ATENTO. LLEGA JESÚS.

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO -
ALENTAR ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA (Gospel Meditation)

2 de diciembre de 2018 1er Domingo de Adviento
Muéstranos Señor tu misericordia, y danos tu salvación. Caminamos hacia un Año Nuevo Litúrgico, el Año "C". Escucharemos durante este tiempo el Evangelio según San Lucas. Y es bueno saber que uno de los componentes principales del Evangelio de San Lucas es el mensaje de salvación para el mundo entero. También se le llama el Evangelio de la misericordia porque Lucas presenta a Jesús, como el que siempre buscaba, lo que le faltaba. "El Hijo del Hombre ha venido a buscar y a salvar lo que estaba perdido" (Lucas 19:10). Pero, a la vez, existe la exigencia a la conversión; es voltear el corazón hacia el amor de Dios, donde está la fuente de la verdadera alegría.

Hoy damos comienzo al Adviento; son cuatro semanas antes de la Navidad. Es un tiempo corto pero lleno de contenido para prepararnos para la venida del Salvador. Es un lapso de tiempo de cuidado y de atención a las señales de los tiempos que se viven hoy en día. Vale la pena preguntarse: ¿hacia dónde debo de levantar la cabeza? ¿Dónde está la liberación? Jesús nos lo dice claramente: "Estén vigilando y orando en todo momento" (Lucas 21:36). El reto es no perder el tiempo esperando regalos, que, en muchas ocasiones, no sirven para nuestra salvación. Busquemos el regalo principal que es Jesús hecho carne entre nosotros. El Papa Francisco nos invita a levantar la mirada hacia María en este tiempo de Adviento. Ella es la Madre que sabe guiar hacia su Hijo. Dejémonos llevar por ella siendo activos en la espera y en atención vigilante.

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Ya que comenzamos nuestra jornada de adviento, en preparación para la celebración del nacimiento de Cristo y en anticipación de su gloria, tenemos que recordar de estar preparados. Esta temporada corta de adviento puede ser un mini retiro para esas personas que viven en un mundo que frecuentemente es contraproducente en desarrollar una relación madura, enfocada y significativa con Dios. Ser cristiano y estar seguro en su fe requiere una fuerza que solo le puede llegar a través de la oración. Esas cuatro semanitas de preparación le pueden ayudar a recordar lo que Dios ha hecho en nuestra historia y pueden ayudarle a abrir su corazón para que puedan ver más claramente lo que Dios hace por usted hoy y Sus promesas para el futuro. Que todos usemos este tiempo de adviento de una manera productiva y que podamos llegar a una santidad más grande.