



Saint Anne and Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church December 9, 2018 The Second Sunday of Advent

<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

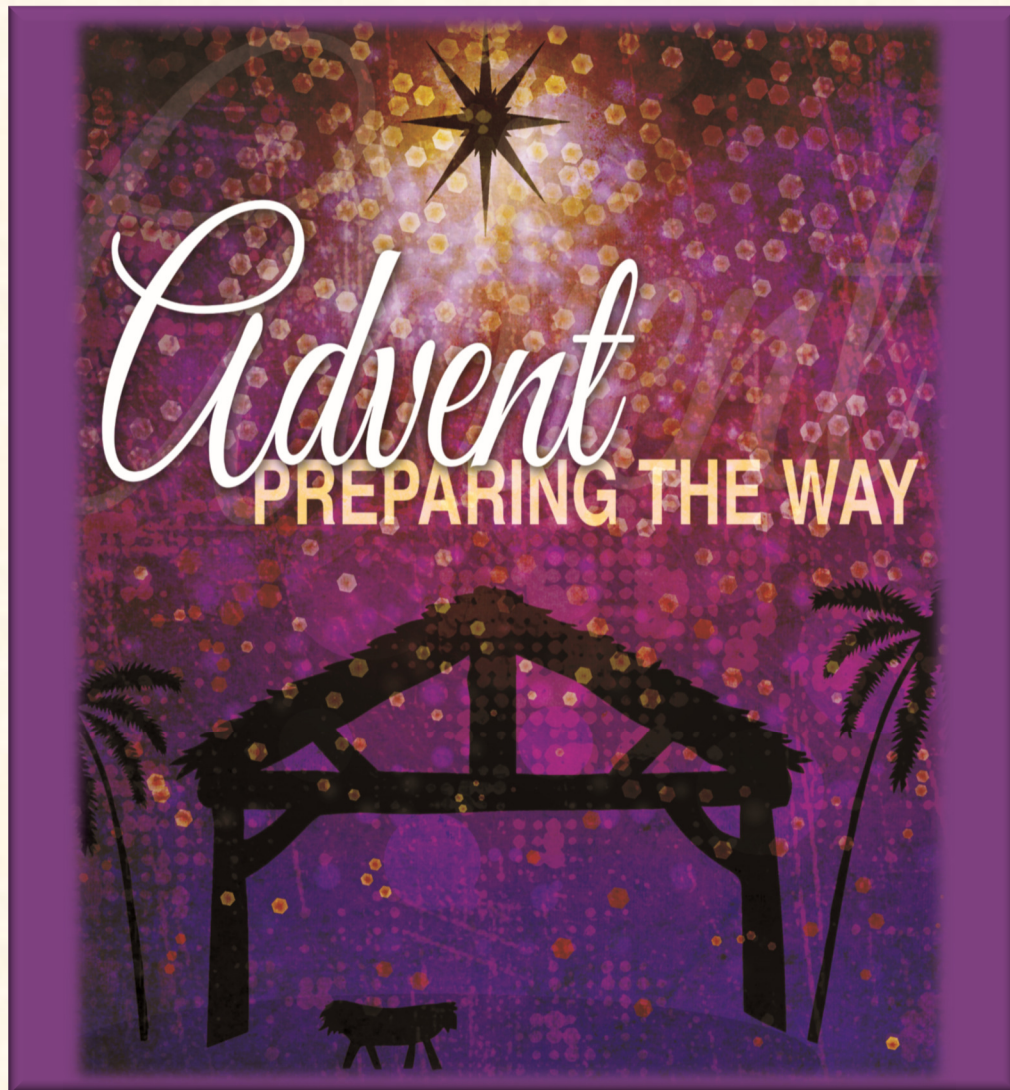
Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:15am, 5:00pm

12:00pm (Spanish)

Diocesan Office of Child Protective Services

Bonnie Sigers
843-261-0430



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

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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

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 January 4th.

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**



www.adornofathersfoundation.org

Adorno Fathers Foundation

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 12: Eucharist Presenter—Charley Francis
A sincere thank you to Dr. Linda Crabbe and Barbara Martin provided delicious fried chicken, pasta salad, and brownies for refreshments on November 28.

¡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 and 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.

YARD SALE

The Women's Guild will hold it's annual YARD SALE on January 19th from 7:00 am - 11:00 am. Donations can be dropped off at St Anne Parish Hall starting January 12th. Thank you for your support!

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 16— Catherine of Siena

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



Join The Hispanic Community in celebration of

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday, December 12th

beginning with Mass at 6:00pm at Saint Anne. Followed by traditional food, music and dancing. Everyone is invited!

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.



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

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.

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 9th 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!!



Many Thanks to The Sumter High Drum Line for their surprise visit and performance!!! What a talented group of young people!!

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

On **Sunday, December 9th** for the first part of the evening, we will offer the **Touching Safety Program** to the participants of the Youth Ministry. This years program is centered around **INTERNET SAFETY**. 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 provided to your student and available on the Facebook Page

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.

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 15 / 16	Lector	Sacristan	EMOHC	Altar Server	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Louise Bock J Seth	Donna Kearney	Deacon Steve Frye Cathy Sides Donna Kearney	Meagan Jamison Amber Jamison Lesley Jamison Devin Barwick	Dave Martin Joey Duggan
Saturday, 6:00 PM	Rose Sestokas Jack Hemming	Jim Kaczmarczyk	Deacon Steve Frye Jim Kaczmarczyk Chris Harvey	Christian Harvey Michael Marlowe	Joe Casey Calvin Glisson
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Charley Francis Jackie Francis	Karl Selden	Deacon Steve Frye David Marcella Susanne Brotherton	Adam Reisenauer Jonah Reisenauer Madeleine Moore	Frank Brown TG Manus Jack Reyling
Sunday, 9:15 AM	Thomas Miller Radene Miller	Chris Hilditch	Deacon Steve Frye Chris Hilditch Paul Krouse	Aidan Hilditch Althea Vicete	Hayes Baker Ernest Gamble
Sunday, 12:00 PM	Aida Sikora Michel Fleming	Denise Spivey	Denise Spivey Janie Stokes John Owen	Shannon Sieger James Krivejko Alexander Krivejko	John Owen Ushers Needed
Sunday, 12:00 PM	Veronica Alonso Manuel Ramon	Manuel Ramon	Marlem Velazquez Irene Dunlap Paul Dunlap	Alek Lujan Rivera Brigitte Cortez-Flores Eva Ramon	Manuel Ramon Ricardo Sierra-Montes
Sunday, 5:00 PM	Fatima Hernandez Greg Tavarez	Greg Tavarez	Chris Black Cindy 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

December 2nd

Offertory \$ 12048.00
Online Giving \$ 1569.00
\$ 13,617.00

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 8 through December 16

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
Monday	7:00am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Tuesday	7:00am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Wednesday	7:00am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Wednesday	6:00pm	✠Guadalupe Portillo	Alice and Chuck Ingram
Thursday	8:15am	✠Larry Dannelly	Rose Mary Dannelly
Friday	8:15am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Saturday	8:15am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Saturday	4:30pm	Intentions of Chet Foyle	Foyle Family
Saturday	6:00pm	✠Don and ✠Stephanie Fink	Underwood Family
Sunday	8:00am	✠Dean Rockwood	Rockwood Family
Sunday	9:15am	Intentions of Father Rufino	Foyle Family
Sunday	12:00pm English	Intentions of Father Gio	Foyle Family
Sunday	12:00pm Spanish	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Sunday	5:00pm	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	



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 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

Monday, December 10

Saint Jude - 7:00am - Daily Mass

Tuesday, December 11

Saint Jude - 7:00am - Daily Mass

~Adoration~

Wednesday, December 12

Saint Jude - 7:00am - Daily Mass

Saint Anne-6:00pm-Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday, December 13

Saint Anne - 8:15am - Daily Mass

Friday, December 14

Saint Anne - 8:15am - Daily Mass

Saturday, December 15

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

St. Jude Vigil Mass-6:00pm-Christmas Novena

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12:00 noon (Spanish)

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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.

**COME AND JOIN US
IN CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES**
(Misa de Gallo / Sinbang Gabi / Mass of the Rooster)

"And she gave birth to her
first-born son and wrapped him in
swaddling clothes, and laid
him in a manger, because there
was no place for them in the inn."
Luke 2:7



December 15, 2018 (Saturday)
Confession at 4:30 PM - Mass at 6:00 PM
St. Jude's Church

President: Rev. Fr. Giovannie Nuñez, CRM
Choir: St. Jude's 6 PM Choir

December 16, 2018 (Sunday) at 5:00 PM
St. Jude's Church

President: Rev. Fr. Rufino Madridejos Jr., CRM
Choir: c/o Ann

December 17, 2018 (Monday)
Confession at 5:00 PM - Mass at 6:00 PM
St. Jude's Church

President: Rev. Fr. Noly Berjuega, CRM
Choir & Sponsor: Filipino Community of Sumter
*Fellowship after Mass in St. Jude's Cafeteria c/o
Filipino Community of Sumter*

December 18, 2018 (Tuesday)
Confession at 5:00 PM - Mass at 6:00 PM
St. Jude's Church

President: Rev. Fr. Ryan Dela Peña, CRM
Choir & Sponsor: Parish Hispanic Community
*Fellowship after Mass in St. Jude's Cafeteria c/o
Hispanic Community*

All are welcome to participate in our Parish Christmas
Novena Masses.

The Mass will be said in English and there will be a
combination of English, Filipino and Spanish songs for
Hymns.

Everyone is welcome to our fellowships and we are
accepting food, dessert and drinks to share (Pot Luck).

December 19, 2018 (Wednesday)
Confession at 5:00 PM - Mass at 6:00 PM
St. Jude's Church

President: Rev. Fr. Binil Attappattu, CRM
Choir: St. Jude's 9:15 Choir c/o Sherlyn
*Fellowship after Mass in St. Jude's Cafeteria c/o
Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver (Sponsor)*

December 20, 2018 (Thursday)
Confession at 5:00 PM - Mass at 6:00 PM
St. Anne's Church

President: Rev. Fr. Rufino Madridejos Jr., CRM
Choir & Sponsor: Filipino Community of Sumter
*Fellowship after Mass in St. Anne's Parish Hall c/o
Filipino Community of Sumter*

December 21, 2018 (Friday)
Confession at 5:00 PM - Mass at 6:00 PM
St. Anne's Church

President: Rev. Fr. Frank Palmieri, CRM
Choir: St. Anne's 12 NN Choir c/o Raymond
*Fellowship after Mass in St. Anne's Parish Hall c/o
Women's Guild (Sponsor)*

December 22, 2018 (Saturday)
Confession at 4:30 PM - Mass at 6:00 PM
St. Jude's Church

President: Rev. Fr. Rufino Madridejos Jr., CRM
Choir: c/o Anne Marie

December 23, 2018 (Sunday) at 5:00 PM
St. Jude's Church

President: Rev. Fr. Giovannie Nuñez, CRM
Choir: c/o Ann

**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS**

I remember growing up in Catholic school and having to make construction paper Advent wreaths every single year! The little yellow flames would be cut out and held until each new candle was lit. Great idea, except for the fact that the chance you could find the flames greatly diminished as each week passed. I will bet over 50% of the wreaths never received a 4th flame! Of course by then, most kids in elementary school had moved on to Christmas.

Christmas was not a day. It was an entire experience of vacation from school. You may or may not have an Advent wreath in your home or office, but those flames are rather insignificant to the flame that should be burning in our hearts during this season. How are you finding ways to light your fire? How are you preparing the way for Christ to come into your life and the lives of those around you in a more profound way?

The ritual of an Advent wreath is a good idea for anyone. But don't think that your preparations are done simply because you have one. You are called to be a flame to others during this season, reminding them of why we celebrate this time at all. Each person is a candle to be lit, and you have the gifts, given to you by God, to light them. At Christmas, you want God to look at you and see all the light generated by those He lit through you. Now is the time. Don't wait until Advent is almost over. You might not be able to find your own flames if you wait too long.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA - RECONOCER A DIOS EN LOS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS (Everyday Stewardship)

Recuerdo haber ido a la escuela católica durante la primaria y cada año teníamos que hacer una corona de adviento hecha de cartulina de colores. Cortaba las llamitas amarillas y se ponían cada vez que era tiempo de encender una nueva vela. Era una gran idea, pero faltaba la experiencia de ver que a una vela se le acababa su llama con cada semana que pasaba. Estoy seguro de que más de mitad de las coronas que se hicieron nunca recibieron una cuarta llama. Esto era porque para ese entonces muchos niños de la primaria ya estaban celebrando la navidad. La navidad no era un solo día, era una experiencia de vacaciones de la escuela.

Quizás usted tiene una corona de adviento en su casa o su oficina; quizás no. Pero esas llamas son insignificantes comparadas con la llama que debe estar quemando en nuestros corazones durante esta temporada. ¿De qué maneras enciende su propio corazón? ¿Cómo está preparando el camino para que Cristo entre en su vida y la vida de los de su alrededor de una manera más profunda?

El ritual de tener una corona de adviento es buena idea. Pero no piense que sus preparativos terminan ahí. Está llamado a ser una llama para los demás durante esta temporada, recordándoles por qué celebramos este tiempo. Cada persona es una vela que debe encender, y usted tiene los dones, dados por Dios, para encenderlos. Durante la navidad, es importante que Dios vea toda la luz que usted ha generado por los que Él encendió a través de usted. Ahora es el tiempo. No espere hasta que se acabe el adviento. Quizá no podrá encontrar su llama si se espera.

-- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS