



Saint Anne and Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church

January 6, 2019

<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



THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

LA EPIFANÍA *del Señor*

*"Pues de ti saldrá un jefe,
que será el pastor de mi pueblo, Israel". - Mt 2, 6*

We all have had the experience of walking into a dark room and searching for the light switch. If we are really unfamiliar with the space, anxiety, uncertainty, disorientation, and even fear can easily arise. Once we find the light, all is illuminated and we are at peace. Our light has come into the world! The glory of God has been revealed! Today's feast of the Epiphany teaches us to look to our Savior, Jesus Christ, for the way to truly be the human beings we were created to be. He shows us how to prioritize our lives, order our relationships, care for creation, and live as daughters and sons of God. God's love and creative power is universal, transcending all races and nations. Jesus brings the light of peace to a broken world that still struggles to understand itself and to you and I who also struggle to understand who we are. May we find ourselves overjoyed that we have found our truth and allow Jesus to bring light to the darkness of our lives!

Pastor : Rev. Giovannie Nunez, CRM

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

Deacon Stephen Frye

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

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 – January 9: Matrimony
Presenters – Tonia & J Seth

¡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.

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.

January 13 – Thomas More

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!!



The next Women's Guild Meeting will be **Sunday, January 13**. All Ladies of the parish are welcome. We meet in the Saint Anne Parish Center 1:30pm to 3:00pm!

Women's Guild Annual Yard Sale
Saturday January 19, 2019
Saint Anne Parish Center
7 AM—11 AM

Drop off items at the hall.

Saturday (Jan. 12) 10 am—5 pm
Sunday (Jan 13) Noon—4 pm
Monday-Thursday (Jan 14-17) 9 am-4 pm
Tuesday & Thursday (Jan 15 & 17) 4-7pm

Accepting all items including clean clothes.
(No undergarments Please.)

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



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.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading: The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:6)

Gospel: They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Mt 2:11b)

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 February 1st.

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

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in works of pastoral ministry**

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



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Adorno Fathers Foundation

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



THURSDAY GAME NIGHT

January 17, 2019 & January 31, 2019

WHERE: ST JUDE LOCATION

STARTING AT 6:30PM AND ENDING 8:30PM.

(Adults Only Please)



Gifts for the person who has everything are available on the Lighthouse Kiosk.

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.

ST. ANNE & ST. JUDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

HOME OF THE GUARDIANS

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE IN ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN



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, & Individuals willing to donate 30 minutes per week tutoring lower school students. Contact the school with any questions.

Faith Formation 2018-2019 Religious Education

Classes will resume on Sunday January 6th.

JANUARY '19						
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20 No Class
21 M.L. King Day

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, January 6th 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!!

Catholic Youth Stand Up for Life Rally

Saturday, January 12, 2019
Township Auditorium - Columbia, SC
Key Note Speaker - Leah Darrow



This is the Best Saturday you will spend in 2019

On **Saturday, January 12th** we will be marching to the State House in Columbia and taking part in the Diocese of Charleston **Youth Rally For Life**.

We will depart the St. Jude location at 9:30 a.m. and will return home approximately 8:00 p.m. We will march to the State House from the USC bookstore and then attend the youth rally at the Township Auditorium. Mass will be celebrated at 4 p.m. with Bishop Guglielmone as celebrant. You will need to bring with you a bagged lunch, and warm clothes. We will stop for dinner on the way home for fast food. Please send money for dinner along with any other spending money you feel your youth may need. The speakers typically have

T-shirts, CDs and other items for sale. **Youth**... If you have attended in the past, join us again and invite a friend!! If you've never attended come and give your voice to those who cannot speak and are defenseless.

It's time for us to start planning for the **High School Diocesan Youth Conference! HSDYC 2019** is just around the corner. This is a 3-day 2-night youth rally starting on Friday March 8th and ending with mass celebrated by Bishop Guglielmone on Sunday March 10th. Youth...are you strong in your Faith?

A bit confused? Maybe you thought you had a clear picture of what you believe and something has happened to make you think twice? Maybe you are a 100% skeptic? If you answered YES to any of those questions, This weekend is geared 100% towards you. It is planned, performed, and executed by other youth in the diocese.

Come and listen to the engaging speakers, take in the talent of the E-team with their funny and meaningful skits, enjoy the music and learn more and more about your Faith. This weekend is for you no matter where you are in your faith life. Mark your calendars and keep this event in mind as the one that will make you see things in a totally different way. Oh yeahand you'll have some serious fun too!

- We will have registration forms available in **mid-January**. Parents, it will be important to get these back to us before **February 15th, 2019**. The cost of this weekend is **\$145 per youth**. After February 15th the cost goes up to \$155 per youth and they will not receive a t-shirt. Please do not let cost be a factor in your decision to send your child. There are scholarships available. Please see Nicole Macedo or Frank Costas for information.

January 12 / 13	Lector	Sacristan	EMOHC	Altar Server	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Louise Bock Mary Jones	Wayne DeAngeli	Deacon Steve Frye Wayne DeAngeli Therese DeAngeli	McKayla Mouradjian Kairi Barwick Devin Barwick Madeleine Moore	Bill Hartley Filipe Vergara
Saturday, 6:00 PM	Ray Blanchette Jim Kaczmarczyk	Calvin Glisson	Deacon Steve Frye Calvin Glisson Chris Harvey	Michael Marlowe Christian Harvey	Char Mossell Al Mossell
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Mike Doyle Kristi Doyle	Karl Selden	Deacon Steve Frye Charley Francis Jan Neuner	Jonah Reisenauer Adam Reisenauer	Frank Brown TG Manus Jack Reyling
Sunday, 9:15 AM	Leo Sheedy Cecilia Soto	Jack Hemming	Deacon Steve Frye Mitch Williams Thomas Miller	Alyssa Costas Nathan Costas	Hazel McLean Ernest Gamble
Sunday, 12:00 PM English	James Smith Michel Fleming	James Smith	Janie Stokes Denise Spivey John Owen	Christianna Fappiano Kaitlynn Fappiano Shannon Sieger	John Owen Ushers Needed
Sunday, 12:00 PM Spanish	Veronica Alonso Manuel Ramon	Manuel Ramon	Marief Ferrell Irene Dunlap Paul Dunlap	Jolly Orihuela Wyss Santiago Rivera Alej Lujan Rivera	Ricardo Sierra-Montes Maria Cruz Castillo
Sunday, 5:00 PM	Greg Tavarez Fatima Hernandez	Greg Tavarez	Cindy Tavarez Chris Black Rose Sestokas	Noah Tavarez Austin Foddrill	Sammy Burrows Chris Black

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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



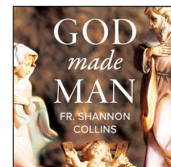
God Made Man

By Fr. Shannon Collins

Rediscover the True Meaning of Christmas

Fr. Shannon Collins sheds new light on the biblical narratives of the birth of Jesus Christ, as well as the beautiful traditions of the Church during Christmas. Listen before the Christmas season ends!

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December 23rd

Offertory \$ 12,257.00

Online Giving \$ 1,157.00
\$ 13,414.00

Parish App!!

Still haven' 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.



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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
January 5 through January 13**

Saturday	8:15am	✠Don Winter	Winter Family
Saturday	4:30pm	✠Constance Lareau	Mary Jones
Saturday	6:00pm	✠Andrew Jurusik	Rosemary Jurusik
Sunday	8:00am	Intentions of Father Rufino	Ultreya
Sunday	9:15am	✠Scott Follin	Follin Family
Sunday	12:00pm English	✠Elizabeth Watcher	Mary Jones
Sunday	12:00pm Spanish	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Sunday	5:00pm	Intentions of Father Gio	Knights of Columbus
Monday	7:00am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Tuesday	7:00am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Wednesday	7:00am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Thursday	8:15am	Intentions of Deidre Hartley	Jennifer Sullivan
Friday	8:15am	✠Mike Winter	Winter Family
Saturday	8:15am	Intentions of Gloria McMullan	Jennifer Sullivan
Saturday	4:30pm	Discernment of Charles and Luke Foyle	Foyle Family
Saturday	6:00pm	✠Joan Jordan	Grotzinger Family
Sunday	8:00am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Sunday	9:15am	✠John Hathaway ✠Nancy Hathaway	Hathaway Family
Sunday	12:00pm English	✠Larry Dannelly	Rose Mary Dannelly
Sunday	12:00pm Spanish	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Sunday	5:00pm	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	

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

Sunday, January 6

**St. Anne Eucharist - 8:00am, 12:00pm
Saint 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, January 7

Saint Jude - 7:00am - Daily Mass

Tuesday, January 8

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

Wednesday, January 9

Saint Jude - 7:00am - Daily Mass

Thursday, January 10

Saint Anne - 8:15am - Daily Mass

Friday, January 11

Saint Anne - 8:15am - Daily Mass

Saturday, January 12

Youth Rally for Life (see CYS page)

**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**

Sunday, January 13

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**10:30am-11:30am
CATHOLIC YOUTH OF SUMTER
6:00pm-8:00pm**



If you or a family member are admitted to a hospital or nursing facility, or are homebound and unable to attend Mass, YOU must notify the Parish Offices, Priest or Deacon.

Privacy Laws prevent hospitals or a nursing facility from notifying us directly.

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.



January 6, 2019 The Epiphany of the Lord

"Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying 'Where is the

newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.'" How strange to journey so far for perhaps so little. Of course the magi go to the capitol city. Of course they entreat with King Herod. Of course this is where they expect newborn royalty to be. But where is the child? "In Bethlehem of Judea," the scribes say. And so the magi go on to what is yet another Christmas miracle.

We don't know where the magi met the Christ Child, but it cannot have been lavish. Perhaps it was the stable. Perhaps it was a small hovel Joseph had found to wait out the census. But it would have been the home of a laborer, worn and threadbare.

Here, in this unassuming abode, the magi are still "overjoyed...they prostrated themselves and did him homage." Have you ever gotten to the end of a great work and found the results to be underwhelming? How did you respond? Were you disappointed or elated at God's providence and your upended expectations? The magi journeyed hundreds of miles over treacherous terrain to pay homage to royalty they have seen prophesied in the stars. They encountered an ordinary family displaced from their home. This Sunday, the magi are an example for us. Can we see God in the unexpected? Do we encounter Him in the person who doesn't fit our expectations of propriety? Do we revere Christ's presence in the poor? Or do we expect to meet God only in places of honor and esteem? This week, ask God for the grace to honor Him in the unexpected places and unassuming people. He is waiting for you!

"The Story of the Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke was first published in 1895. It tells the fictional story of Artaban, a fourth wise man who began a journey to visit Jesus, the newborn King. Unlike his fellow Magi, he failed to make it there for the birth of Jesus because he kept pausing to help various people in need. In fact, it took him about 33 years of searching before his quest comes to an abrupt end when he is hit in the head with a falling roof shingle. His final breath takes place in Jerusalem near the place where Jesus is being crucified. As he lies dying, he hears the voice of Jesus telling him that the gifts he has given all along the way to "the least of these" he has actually given to Jesus himself.

If you have never read this story or seen the made-for-television movie based on the tale, you really should seek it out. It is a story that reminds us of a profound truth: Jesus himself rests in the lives of all those around us in need. In the story, it was the wise man's constant response to a stewardship call that prevented him from getting where he wanted to go. In the end, where he needed to go was more significant than where he thought he should go.

If we live lives of generosity and graciousness, we may find ourselves on constant detours from the road on which we are traveling. It is in the detours and the unexpected circumstances of our journey that often times we find our true purpose in life. We think God is somewhere we must travel to, when in reality, God is closer than we think in the least likely of places.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



6 de enero de 2019 La Epifanía del Señor

Que tu estrella, Señor, nos guíe y nos ilumine todos los días de nuestras vidas.

Que Tu presencia nos

sostenga en la salud y en la enfermedad, en la alegría y en la tristeza, y que por medio de ella te manifiestes ante cada circunstancia de la vida cotidiana. Hoy, la Liturgia celebra la Epifanía del Señor. Epifanía quiere decir manifestación de una cosa. En este caso Jesús se manifiesta a los Reyes Magos y por medio de ellos, al mundo entero. Los Magos le adoraron y le ofrecieron regalos de oro, incienso y mirra. El Profeta Isaías lo anuncia así: "Los pueblos se dirigen hacia la luz y los reyes, al resplandor de tu aurora. Levanta los ojos a tu alrededor y contempla: todos se reúnen y vienen a ti; tus hijos llegan de lejos y tus hijas son traídas en brazos" (Isaías 60, 4-4).

La fiesta de los magos es una fiesta de Dios entre nosotros, aun es Navidad - ¡no lo olvidemos! Dios invita a personas de diferentes razas y culturas a descubrir que Jesús nos trae el regalo de la integración, no de la desunión. El Himno Litúrgico de este día nos invita a llenarnos de alegría y a orar todos juntos. "Reyes que vienen por ellas, no busquen estrellas ya, porque donde el sol está no tienen luz las estrellas".

¿Cómo se ha manifestado Jesús en tu vida? ¿Qué le ofreces tú a Jesús? ¿Qué estrellas buscas? La respuesta, ojalá, es una de compromiso y entrega generosa para los pobres, los inmigrantes los enfermos y los abandonados. Señor, manifiéstate hoy a mí, aquí, en esta Eucaristía. Escucha mis deseos y mis sueños...no tengo nada, solo un corazón para amarte.

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Todos hemos, en algún momento, entrado a un cuarto oscuro, tratando de buscar la luz. Si no conocemos bien el espacio, podemos sentirnos ansiosos, inseguros, desorientados o también con miedo. Cuando encontramos el interruptor de la luz, todo se ilumina y nos sentimos en paz. Bueno, ¡la luz ha llegado a nuestro mundo y la gloria de Dios se nos ha revelado! La fiesta de la epifanía nos enseña a seguir el ejemplo de nuestro salvador Jesucristo.

Él nos enseña cómo ordenar nuestras relaciones, cómo cuidar a la creación y cómo vivir como hermanos y hermanas de Dios. El amor y el poder creativo de Dios es universal, trasciende a todas las razas y las naciones.

Jesús trae la luz de la paz a un mundo roto que lucha entenderse, también nos la trae a mí y a usted que, en momentos, luchamos a entendernos a nosotros mismos. ¡Que estemos llenos de alegría porque hemos encontrado nuestra verdad y hemos permitido que Jesús llene la oscuridad de nuestras vidas con su luz!