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## Saint Anne

216 East Liberty St.

Fax: (803) 778-1644

Confession:

Sat: 3:00-4:00pm

(or by appointment)

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:30pm



## Saint Jude

611 West Oakland

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Confession:

Sat: 4:30-5:30pm

(or by appointment)

Mass Times

Saturday: 6:00pm

*Diocesan Office of Child  
Protective Services*

Bonnie Sigers  
843-261-0430

# Saint Anne and Saint Jude

## Roman Catholic Church

January 20, 2019

# SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." - Jn 2:3-5

Como llegara a faltar el vino, María le dijo a Jesús: "Ya no tienen vino". Jesús le contestó: "Mujer, ¿qué podemos hacer tú y yo? Todavía no llega mi hora". Pero ella dijo a los que servían: "Hagan lo que él les diga". - Jn 2, 3-5

**Pastor : Rev. Giovannie Nunez, CRM**

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

**Deacon Stephen Frye**

**\*Sacramental Emergency Contact Number (803) 934-1204\***

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**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**

## 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 23: The People of God**  
**Presenter—Jackie Francis**

**A sincere thank you to Cara-lin & Richard Getty for the delicious refreshments for RCIA hospitality January 9.**

## ¡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](mailto:cfrancis@ftc-i.net) or 803-469-4584.

*Jan. 27-John Wesley and the Origins of Methodism*

## 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 the Letters to the Corinthians.

**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](mailto:gtavarez@sc.rr.com)



## The 521 Project

To find out the latest on Our New Church, check out the [SASJRCC.org](http://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 Sisters of St. Mary Namur are celebrating their 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Sr. Mary Veronica and Sr. Coreen will be here next weekend. They are looking for people to help plan this Anniversary celebration. There will be a preliminary planning meeting on Sunday, January 27 in the Parish Hall at St. Jude. Everyone is welcome.**



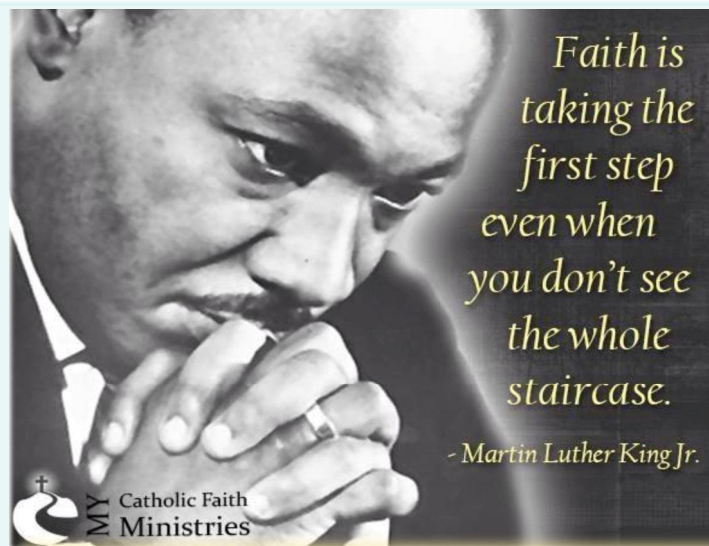
## The Feast of the Santo Nino

Everyone is invited on Friday, January 25th to Saint Anne for the Mass and celebration of the

## Feast of Santo Nino

Beginning at 6:00pm with Mass, you are invited to bring your images and

statues of the Infant Jesus/Santo Nino to be blessed. A fellowship will follow in the Parish Hall after the Mass. You are ALL encouraged to attend this beautiful parish event



*Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.*

*- Martin Luther King Jr.*

The Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver invite the parishioners of Saint Anne and Saint Jude to join them in a celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. There will be a reception in the Parish Hall at Saint Jude following the 9:15 am mass on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Please come and share in the contributions made by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

## St. Lawrence Cemetery and Columbarium

The columbarium is located in a beautiful garden setting in St. Lawrence Cemetery and provides a reverential place of interment for the cremated ashes of our beloved deceased. Please Contact John MacMaster (803) 968-3466 for more information.

### 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](http://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?

### 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

**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](http://www.adornofathersfoundation.org)

## 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 Greg at (803) 406-0201 or

[gtavarez@sc.rr.com](mailto:gtavarez@sc.rr.com)



### THURSDAY GAME NIGHT

January 31, 2019 & February 7, 2019

WHERE: ST JUDE LOCATION

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

(Adults Only Please)



Check out the media in the Lighthouse Kiosk. There is something for everyone !!

### 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](mailto: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

\*There is a conversational Spanish class being offered beginning on Monday, January 28th and continuing every Monday until the end of the school year. The cost is \$16.00 per person. We will meet in the Parish Hall at Saint Anne. Call the school office (803-775-3632) if you are interested.

\*SASJCS is in need of a qualified 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

*Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed*

**Saturday January 26th, 2019 Progressive Dinner**—Americana Theme. Appetizers, beer and wine from the United States, Brisket and pulled pork with sides and delicious desserts. \$25 per person, adults only please. Call the school office for more details or to reserve your space.

**Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, Wacky Tacky, Student Appreciation Day.** Students get a treat at the end of the day. Free NUT Card day.

**Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, Teacher Appreciation Day.** We are providing breakfast for our teachers, faculty and staff.

**Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, Show our Love Day.** Please provide names and addresses for anyone you think would like to have a card to cheer them up.

**Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, Family Appreciation Day.** We will provide dinner and games for our school families beginning at 5:30 pm. Please send in RSVP form as soon as possible.

**Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, Priest Appreciation Day.** Please join us for the 8:15 Mass.

## Faith Formation 2018-2019 Religious Education

\*No Class Session on Sunday, January 20th.

We encourage all families to attend the Martin Luther King Celebration in the Parish Hall.

\*The First Reconciliation Retreat and Sacrament will be held on Sat. February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00am—1:00pm in the Parish Hall at Saint Anne. This is for Students who are currently enrolled in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade at SASJCS, the Religious Education Sacrament Program and the RCIC Program .

JANUARY '19							20	No Class
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27	28	29	30	31				

FEBRUARY '19						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29

## Catholic Youth of Sumter

### No Youth Group Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King Weekend.

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 yeah .....and 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. The cost of this weekend is **\$145 per youth**. After February 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

Check out the action from last year <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSNYB-sBOss>

January 26 / 27	Lector	Sacristan	EMOHC	Altar Server	Usher
<a href="#">Saturday, 4:30 PM</a>	Louise Bock Jerry Donovan	Jerry Donovan	Deacon Steve Frye Cathy Sides Donna Kearney	McKayla Mouradjian Kairi Barwick Devin Barwick Madeleine Moore	Bill Hartley Filipe Vergara
<a href="#">Saturday, 6:00 PM</a>	Jim Kaczmarczyk Ray Blanchette	Jim Kaczmarczyk	Deacon Steve Frye Chris Harvey Rose Sestokas	Michael Marlowe Christian Harvey	Sandra Claeys David Claeys
<a href="#">Sunday, 8:00 AM</a>	Mike Doyle Kristi Doyle	Karl Selden	Deacon Steve Frye Deidre Goebel Bob Lee	Jessica Puccinelli Server Needed	Frank Brown TG Manus Jack Reyling
<a href="#">Sunday, 9:15 AM</a>	Vernessa Baker Leo Sheedy	Jack Hemming	Deacon Steve Frye Radene Miller Paul Krouse	Mike Fisher Samantha Fisher	Hayes Baker Ernest Gamble
<a href="#">Sunday, 12:00 PM</a> <a href="#">English</a>	Rose Mary Dannelly Brenda Bethune	Rose Mary Dannelly	Janie Stokes James Smith John Owen	Christianna Fappiano Kaitlynn Fappiano Shannon Sieger	John Owen Usher Needed
<a href="#">Sunday, 12:00 PM</a> <a href="#">Spanish</a>	Ana Centeno Velasco Manuel Ramon	Manuel Ramon	Marlem Velazquez Mariel Ferrell Sonia Orellana	Jassiry Hernandez Brigitte Cortez-Flores Rosalba Herrera-Rivera	Ricardo Sierra- Montes Manuel Ramon
<a href="#">Sunday, 5:00 PM</a>	Fatima Hernandez Rose Sestokas	Chris Black	Chris Black Greg Tavarez Calvin Glisson	Austin Foddrill Noah Tavarez	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  
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  
Bary 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

Looking for more Catholic content?? check out the ever changing selections at [Formed.org](http://Formed.org). Parish Code is **Y6RWDQ**



## Feminism Misunderstood

By Jane Brennan

### Journey into Truth

Jane Brennan shares her powerful story of abortion and her final conversion to the Catholic Church. Men and women alike will be moved as they listen to the reconciliation, healing, and hope Jane found in Christ and his Church.

[Listen on formed.org](http://formed.org)



"Jane's ability to tell her story so clearly makes this an excellent talk that will inform and inspire."

## Thank You For the Continued Support !!

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

January 13th

Offertory \$ 9209.46  
Online Giving \$ 387.00  
\$ 9596.46

### Parish App!!

Still haven' downloaded the PARISH APP for your iPhone or Android Phone!! [www.Myparishapp.com](http://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](http://www.Myparishapp.com)  
Si necesitas ayuda para instalarla en tu cel o quieres aprender cómo funciona llama a la oficina de la parroquia.



## 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.**

**United Mass Intentions  
for the week of  
January 19 through January 27**

Saturday	8:15am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Saturday	4:30pm	✠Mary Hartley	Hartley Family
Saturday	6:00pm	✠James Briggs	Marie Briggs
Sunday	8:00am	Intentions of the Witherspoon Family	Margaret Sullivan
Sunday	9:15am	Deceased Members of the Magpayo & Grace Families	Naida Grace
Sunday	12:00pm English	✠Mary Forsberg	Donald Forsberg
Sunday	12:00pm Spanish	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Sunday	5:00pm	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Monday	7:00am	Intentions of Catherine Grace Powell	Carol Seback
Tuesday	7:00am	✠Dean Rockwood	Rockwood Family
Wednesday	7:00am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Thursday	8:15am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Friday	8:15am	✠Quinton Wall	Noreen Wall
Saturday	8:15am	✠Robert J. Hardin	Brenda Libner
Saturday	4:30pm	Intentions of Father Rufino	Foyle Family
Saturday	6:00pm	✠Mary Krupa	Grotzinger Family
Sunday	8:00am	✠Raymond and Ruth Grace	Charley & Jackie Francis
Sunday	9:15am	✠John Wannamaker	Alma Wannamaker
Sunday	12:00pm English	✠Kenneth Forsberg	Donald Forsberg
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 20**

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

**Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration**

**NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**10:30am-11:30am**

**NO CATHOLIC YOUTH OF SUMTER**

**6:00pm-8:00pm**

**Monday, January 21**

Saint Jude - 7:00am - Daily Mass

**Tuesday, January 22**

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

**Wednesday, January 23**

Saint Jude - 7:00am - Daily Mass

**Thursday, January 24**

Saint Anne - 8:15am - Daily Mass

**Friday, January 25**

Saint Anne - 8:15am - Daily Mass

Saint Anne 6:00pm Feast of Santo Nino Mass

**Saturday, January 26**

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 27**

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 20, 2019 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When you think of being Catholic, what do you think of? Perhaps you grew up with your only associations being fasting, nuns with rulers, and "Catholic guilt." Our faith can sometimes have the connotation of restriction and absence, not abundance. Who is God in your life? Is He the divine law-giver, the judge punishing the rule-breakers? These are certainly attributes of God. But the laws don't exist for themselves alone. They exist to help us love one another as God loves us. And this loving God is the author of abundance and joy.

Did you hear today's Gospel? "There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee." Here at this wedding, Jesus would perform "the beginning of his signs...and so reveal his glory." This first sign isn't a miraculous healing. He didn't raise someone from the dead. He kept a party going! "There were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons...the water...had become wine." The wine has run out. Jesus creates somewhere between 120 and 180 gallons to help his friend save face. We may not have such momentous miracles in our lives, but God is watching out for us. The string of green lights when you're running late. The sale on the replacement appliance you need. The friend who calls at just the right time. These are the little moments of God's abundance. We just need to look for them!

Not only does Jesus surprise, but the guests point out to their host: "You have kept the good wine until now."

The divine wine is better than the earthly variety. God's goodness is better than what we can grasp at for ourselves. Isn't that how it always goes?

## MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO

20 de enero de 2019 2º Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario  
Hoy, dejamos el Evangelio de Lucas para escuchar el de Juan. En este, se narra el primer signo de Jesús en la boda de Caná. Juan le dice signos a lo que Lucas llama milagros y en este caso se resalta la señal manifiesta, de la dignidad eminente de Cristo. En la escena de la boda Jesús aparece como el que trae un vino nuevo a petición de su Madre María. "Todo el mundo sirve al principio el vino mejor, y cuando ya todos han bebido bastante, les dan el de menos calidad; pero tú has dejado el mejor vino para el final" (Juan 2:10). Con este signo milagroso, sale lo viejo y entra lo nuevo para quedarse para siempre.

"Esta señal milagrosa fue la primera, y Jesús la hizo en Caná de Galilea. Así se manifestó su gloria y sus discípulos creyeron en él" (Juan 2:11). El sacerdote español, José Luis Martín Descalzo (1930-1991), lo explica así: "La vida pública de Jesús comienza con una fiesta. Porque el anuncio de la buena nueva sólo puede empezar con un estallido de alegría. Cristo no puede presentarse ante los hombres como un aguafiestas que viene a rebajar el vino de la alegría. Él trae un vino mejor, no una tinaja de aburrimiento. Quizás algunos hubieran preferido un funeral o quizás una solemne liturgia en el gran templo". En el banquete actual que es la Eucaristía, entramos todos sin distinción de raza ni color; todos somos bienvenidos a celebrar la presencia real de Cristo entre nosotros. Sigamos atentos a la voz de la Madre. "Hagan lo que él les diga" (Juan 2:5). Es un mensaje que se aplica para entonces y para hoy.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

There are close to 7.6 billion people currently on earth. That is a lot of people! If you try to estimate how many people have collectively been born since the beginning of time, a good guess is 108 billion! It is hard to contemplate that many distinctly different human beings created by our God. In the midst of all those people, where do you and I fit? Can we really be created to make a difference in the world?

One can feel very small and insignificant when reflecting on the numbers.

We render ourselves insignificant when we make the mistake of seeing ourselves as being just like everybody else. However, when looking at the numbers, how can one honestly think we are all the same? Another way we become insignificant is believing the lie that one person in the midst of so many does not have the power to make an impact. However, we all spend time reading books, watching movies, or listening to news about singular people who made all the difference in some part of the world. Imagine your own world without a few key people who have touched you and made a difference.

We are all created with unique gifts. We have those gifts that have been part of us from birth and those that have been imparted to us by the Holy Spirit. St. Paul tried to get the Corinthians to understand that reality when he explained to them the many gifts of the Spirit. Perhaps some of his audience back then thought they were insignificant. The message then remains the message today: God is counting on you to use what He has given you. If you don't, who will?

-- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Did you ever consider that God takes great delight in you?

We are by no means second or afterthoughts of God. As the master artisan, God takes delight in every fabric of our being and every single component of who we are. We are intentionally and lovingly designed! God gets much joy out of every child He creates, and He does not abandon us. God is definitely in charge! God can take a painful past or an apparent dead-end and turn it into a glorious future. He can transform nothing into something and is always eagerly ready to give us the gifts of faith, hope, and love. We are never bound by the past and never without options. All we have to do is listen to Him. Are we willing to give up the controls and allow Him to do what He does best?

## VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

¿Usted ha considerado que Dios se llena de felicidad por usted? De ninguna forma, Dios nos quita nuestra importancia para Él. Como el artesano maestro, Dios se alegra por cada cosa que nos hace únicos. ¡Dios nos hizo intencionalmente con mucho amor! Dios se llena de alegría por cada hijo que crea, y nunca nos abandona. ¡Dios está a cargo! Dios puede convertir un pasado lleno de dolor a un futuro lleno de gloria. Él puede transformar algo de nada y siempre está dispuesto a darnos fe, esperanza y amor. Nunca estamos atados al pasado siempre tenemos opciones. Lo que necesitamos hacer es escuchar a Dios. ¿Estamos dispuestos a dejarle el control a Dios para que Él haga lo mejor para nosotros?