



# Saint Anne and Saint Jude

## Roman Catholic Church

### February 3, 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



# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

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

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

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

**St. Anne & St. Jude Catholic School Principal:**

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

**Parish Receptionist: Tina Couture Tina@sasjrcc.org**

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

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

**Dir. of Faith Formation: Nicole Macedo Nicole@sasjrcc.org**

**Youth Minister: Frank Costas Frank@sasjrcc.org**

**Ministry Coordinator : Donna Kearney Donna@sasjrcc.org**

**St. Lawrence Cemetery - John Macmaster (803) 968-3466**

# ST. ANNE & ST. JUDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

HOME OF THE GUARDIANS

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE IN ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN



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St. Anne & St. Jude Catholic School Grades K-12  
11 S. Magnolia Street Sumter, S.C. 29150  
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## St. Anne & St. Jude School Parents

Do you want to reward your child for something special? Or perhaps celebrate their birthday or special event in a special way? If so, have we got a deal for you. A donor has provided ten NUT (No Uniform Today) cards and you can obtain one to reward your child in a special way. To obtain a card, simply come by the school office and make a \$25 or more donation and you get one of the cards. Because of the limited number of cards, it is strictly first come, first served; no rain-checks or IOUs. All school rules concerning NUT cards must be followed.

\*SASJCS is in need of a qualified 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher and Individuals willing to donate 30 minutes per week tutoring lower school students. Contact the school with any questions.

### SAVE THE DATE

Our 10th Annual St. Anne & St. Jude Gala is on Friday, **MAY 3, 2019** from 6:30 – 10pm at the O'Donnell House. This event will include heavy hors d'oeuvres, music, a cash bar and silent auction.

Rafe, our master of ceremonies from J.R. Dixon Auctions, will also conduct a live auction.

Tickets are **\$30 per person** prior to the event and \$35 at the door. **All proceeds** will benefit St. Anne & St. Jude Catholic School and assist in continuing our various programs and funding scholarships. Are you an artisan, craftsman, entrepreneur, or hobbyist? Would you like to get your name and talent out to the public? Please consider donating to the St. Anne & St. Jude Gala.

All donations are needed no later than March 29, 2019. Please call the school office at 803-775-3632 for more details.

## Faith Formation 2018-2019 Religious Education

Sunday - 10:30am to 11:30am at the St. Jude Location

Congratulations to the Students of Saint Anne and Saint Jude Community who attended the retreat and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday!

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## Catholic Youth of Sumter

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>

## 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—February 6: Church History**

**Presenter—Greg Tavarez**

**A sincere thank you to Nida Grace for the delicious meal for RCIA hospitality January 23.**

**¡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.

*February 10—Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Maximilian Kolbe*

SAVE THE DATE, Saturday March 16 for the Annual **St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance**, hosted by The Knights of Columbus.

A Silent Auction will also be conducted to benefit St. Anne St. Jude School and Columbus Hope Foundation (Intellectual Disabilities).



## 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!!



A special farewell and thank you from Deacon Steve

I truly appreciate all your prayers and support during my service as Deacon at Saint Anne and Saint Jude Parish. I met many Parishioners and made many new friends. I thank each of you and promise to continue to pray for all those associated with the Saint Anne and Saint Jude community. I have accepted a transfer in the federal civil service from Shaw AFB to the Pentagon. I begin work there on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. May God bless you and your families.

In Christ, Deacon Steve

Get your Tickets now for our 4th Annual Saint Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance

Saturday, February 9, 2019

7:00pm—10:00pm

Saint Anne Parish Hall

\$40.00 per couple and \$25.00 for Singles

Featuring Music by DJ Derrick Rhems

Dinner Catered by Chef Josh Bentley

And photo booth by Quick Image

This Catered Dinner will be Served to you by the members of the Catholic Youth of Sumter. A professional Photo Booth will be on site. You'll go home with memories of a lifetime and you'll have the pictures to prove it. Don't miss this opportunity for a fun evening and a chance to help the Catholic Youth of Sumter.



## South Carolina Catholic MEN'S CONFERENCE

**Faith In Action**

March 2, 2019

Cardinal Newman High School / 2945 Alpine Road / Columbia, SC

Do you want to:

Men's Issues

- Grow in your Catholic Faith?
- Deepen your relationship with Christ?
- Be a better father, son, husband and man?
- Be a spiritual leader in your family, church, work place, and community?

**This conference is for you!**

Come and fill your spiritual toolbox with the information you need to build your faith and lead your family.

Spiritual Leadership

**COST:** \$40 Pre-Registration  
\$50 at the door

**Discounts for:** Knights of Columbus  
• Knights of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem • Knights of Peter Claver • Ancient Order of Hibernians • College/HS Students •  
Early Registration  
Includes light breakfast and lunch

Being Faithful

**REGISTRATION:**  
On-line at

[www.sccatholicmensconf.org](http://www.sccatholicmensconf.org) or mail check to: Michael D. Radl | 2823 Arrowwood Lane | Rock Hill, SC 29732

Registration at 7:30 a.m., Mass 8:30 a.m., Presentations 9:45 a.m., Conclude 4:00 p.m

**Hotel Accommodations:** Courtyard / 111 Gateway Corporate Blvd. / Columbia SC 29223 / 803-736-3600 / **Rate:** \$99.00 plus tax / By 2-15-2019

The South Carolina Catholic Men's Conference is sponsored by the South Carolina Knights of Columbus State Council in support of the Diocese of Charleston Office of Family Life & Youth Ministry.

## WOMEN'S EVENING EVENT

Friday, March 1, 2019  
6:30 — 8 p.m. (Registration at 6:00 p.m.)

Cardinal Newman High School  
2945 Alpine Road, Columbia SC

Speakers: Deacon Burke-Siver and Fr. Longenecker



**Deacon Harold Burke-Siver**  
Catholic Evangelist, Radio Host and National Speaker

Family



**Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo**  
Bishop of Charleston

Relationships



**Fr. Dwight Longenecker**  
National Speaker, Author and Pastor



**Fr. Raymond Flores**  
Parochial Vicar at St. Mary Help of Christian, (Aiken, SC) on loan from Brooklyn Diocese

### **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 March 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? 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](http://www.adornofathersfoundation.org)

## **Adorno Fathers Foundation**



**The next Women's Guild Meeting will be Sunday, February 10. All Ladies of the parish are welcome. We meet in the Saint Anne Parish Center 1:30pm to 3:00pm!**

### **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**

February 7, 2019 & February 21, 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.

February 9 / 10	Lector	Sacristan	EMOHC	Altar Server	Usher
<a href="#">Saturday, 4:30 PM</a>	Louise Bock J Seth	Donna Kearney	Donna Kearney	McKayla Mouradjian Devin Barwick Kairi Barwick Madeleine Moore	Bill Hartley Filipe Vergara
<a href="#">Saturday, 6:00 PM</a>	Ray Blanchette Jim Kaczmarczyk	Calvin Glisson	Calvin Glisson	Michael Marlowe Christian Harvey	Joe Casey Calvin Glisson
<a href="#">Sunday, 8:00 AM</a>	Charley Francis Christine Byrd	Karl Selden	Susanne Brotherton	Adam Reisenauer Jonah Reisenauer Jessica Puccinelli	Jack Reyling Frank Brown TG Manus
<a href="#">Sunday, 9:15 AM</a>	Cecilia Soto Aida Sikora	Andrew Williams	Jaci Gibson	Althea Vicete Samantha Fisher	Hazel McLean Ernest Gamble
<a href="#">Sunday, 12:00 PM</a> <a href="#">English</a>	Brenda Bethune Rose Mary Dannelly	James Smith	James Smith	Dominic Neil Nevaeh Little Shannon Sieger	John Owen Usher Needed
<a href="#">Sunday, 12:00 PM</a> <a href="#">Spanish</a>	Beatriz Medina Sanchez Fernando Hernandez	Manuel Ramon	Manuel Ramon	Jassiry Hernandez Briggitte Cortez-Flores Krystal Ortiz-Flores	Maria Cruz Castillo Ricardo Sierra- Montes
<a href="#">Sunday, 5:00 PM</a>	Fatima Hernandez Roan Jean Dagalea	Greg Tavarez	Greg Tavarez	Austin Foddrill Noah Tavarez Leia Zellers	Chris Black Sammy Burrows

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

## The Jeweller's Shop

See True Love Lived Out in Marriage

Based on Pope John Paul II's best-selling book, this film tells of the struggles and triumphs in the marriages of three couples and provides insight into the sacrament and the meaning of love.



"This is an amazing gift to have a Hollywood quality film using the script and story written by Pope Saint John Paul the Great!"

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

### 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 Rickard  
Cherise Williams  
James Van Frank  
Richie Tallman  
Christopher Rosa  
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.  
Mamie Williams  
Alyce Brunke  
Talmadge Riddick  
Andree Bessette  
Walter Boone  
Allen Primos  
Alvin Fusetti  
Nancy David  
Flossie Brailsford  
Seth Dyke  
Estella Richardson

Please help us keep this list updated.

## Thank You For the Continued Support !!

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

January 27th

Offertory \$ 6637.50  
Online Giving \$ 570.00  
\$ 7207.50

### 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 .

**United Mass Intentions  
for the week of  
February 2 through February 10**

Saturday	8:15am	Intentions of Millie Berg	Winter Family
Saturday	4:30pm	✠Mary Hartley	Hartley Family
Saturday	6:00pm	✠Janet Casey	Joe Casey
Sunday	8:00am	✠Roland Davis	Charley & Jackie Francis
Sunday	9:15am	✠John Hathaway ✠Nancy Hathaway	Hathaway Family
Sunday	12:00pm English	✠Anita Potbin	Danielle Cullum
Sunday	12:00pm Spanish	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Sunday	5:00pm	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Monday	7:00am	✠Jane Mulhern	Allene Compton
Tuesday	7:00am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Wednesday	7:00am	✠Lucia Yriarte	Winter Family
Thursday	8:15am	✠Larry Dannelly	Rose Mary Dannelly
Friday	8:15am	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Saturday	8:15am	✠Lohman D. Reiter II	Dee Reiter
Saturday	4:30pm	Intentions of the Women's Guild	Women's Guild
Saturday	6:00pm	Saint Anne and Saint Jude	
Sunday	8:00am	✠Deacon Billy Ellis	Barbara Ellis
Sunday	9:15am	Deceased Members of Magpayo and Grace Families	Naida Grace
Sunday	12:00pm English	Intentions of Father Gio	K of C
Sunday	12:00pm Spanish	Intentions of Father Rufino	Ultreya
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, February 3**

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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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

**NO CATHOLIC YOUTH OF SUMTER**

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

**Monday, February 4**

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

**Tuesday, February 5**

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

**Wednesday, February 6**

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

**Thursday, February 7**

**Saint Anne - 8:15am - Daily Mass**

**Friday, February 8**

**Saint Anne - 8:15am - Daily Mass**

**Saturday, February 9**

**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**

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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.

### **GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

Today's Gospel is one of tension and contradiction. We enter the scene at the local synagogue. It is near the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry, and he has returned home to Nazareth for a short while. There, in the midst of the men who watched him grow up and who played with him as a boy in the dusty streets, Jesus proclaims that he is the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies of Isaiah. The response is understandably mixed. "All spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, 'Isn't this the son of Joseph?'"

Jesus reminds them - none too gently - of the Israelites' rejection of the prophets throughout history. Not only did the people ignore Elijah and Elisha, but they worked miracles among the pagans instead. Then comes the rage. "They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong."

No one likes to be reminded of their own faults. In the deeply religious Jewish society, nobody wanted to be the unfaithful one. Jesus exposes the sins of the community, and it drives them not to conversion, but to rage. We can consider our own time. How often, when someone is contracted, do they quickly resort to anger, name-calling, and undermining the reputation of the other?

How quickly we want to destroy! This Sunday, we ought to consider our own lives. Do we listen to the prophetic voices around us, even when they threaten to upturn our expectations? If we hear something difficult, something that reminds us of our own sin, do we accept the opportunity to prayerfully ponder? If we allow ourselves to be open to the prophetic voices in our own lives, we'll notice that God speaks through the unexpected, if we have ears to hear it.

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

La estancia de Jesús entre sus paisanos siempre tuvo momentos de tensión; era cuestionado por su origen y por sus hechos. La gente se decía, "Pensar que es el hijo de José". Un conocido de ellos que de algún modo les daba referencias de una formación y educación dentro de una familia. Pero, de profeta nada, él no podía, era hijo de José. Jesús les echa en cara su proceder y da una respuesta segura: "Seguramente ustedes me van a recordar el dicho: Médico, cúrate a ti mismo. Realiza también aquí, en tu patria, lo que nos cuentan que hiciste en Cafarnaúm". (Lucas 4:23).

Pero, Jesús no calla; Sigue recordándoles lo que paso en Sarepta con la viuda y Naamán el sirio. Fue rechazado por aquellos que debían haberlo recibido con los brazos abiertos. Sus paisanos, al contrario, furiosos, lo conducen a las afueras del pueblo para hacerle daño. Sin embargo, nos dice la Escritura, "¿pasó por medio de ellos y siguió su camino". (Lucas 4:30). ¿Cuál es la buena noticia de todo este acontecimiento? ¿Cuál es la enseñanza de Jesús para la sociedad actual? La Buena Noticia es que nuestro Dios no es vengativo ni justiciero, por el contrario, es un Dios de infinita misericordia. Estamos muy necesitados del amor y el perdón entre nosotros; en especial la Iglesia que actualmente sufre por los errores cometidos por sus líderes.

Recordemos que Dios sigue revelándose más allá de nuestros límites y nos llama a la conversión siempre. Busquemos con sinceridad al Señor; él es nuestro Salvador. Recibámoslo con un corazón abierto en esta Eucaristía dominical.

### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

If you feel strongly about something, you might want to share your thoughts and feelings with others. When that something has to do with things such as food, art, or travel, others might show an interest, so the conversation is enjoyable. However, when that something is politics or religion, watch out! The conversation can quickly turn to debate and then to anger. That can be anything but enjoyable.

The Gospel does not always lead to joy when initially presented. Sometimes, it convicts us and makes us see the error of our ways. Other times, it seems what is asked of us is too hard and requires us to step out of our comfort zone. When Jesus spoke the truth about the Kingdom of God, not everyone cheered. That was never a reason to be silent.

Stewardship living allows us to give witness to the Gospel with few words. Our actions speak very loudly. However, no one should ever be left to wonder why you and I would choose to do the things we do. What a shame it would be if you passed away and at your funeral people commented on how great a person you were, but they had no idea you were a Christian. People need to understand the "why" of what we do. The truth is that there is great joy in being a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Don't rob others of the chance to know that joy for themselves. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### **LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

No one wants to listen to a prophet, especially when the prophet is someone close to us. We have a hard time accepting that ordinary associations can develop the type and depth of wisdom that can not only positively change lives but profoundly challenge them. To many folks, Jesus was simply the son of Joseph, even though his words caught their attention and amazed them. After his words sunk in, they were infuriated and drove him out of town. Is Jesus simply the son of Joseph to us as well, or is he the God who knew us before we were formed in the womb? If he is God, then we need to heed his message and change our lives accordingly.

### **VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA**

Nadie quiere escuchar a un profeta, especialmente cuando el profeta es alguien cercano a nosotros. Nos cuesta mucho aceptar que conocidos ordinarios puedan desarrollar el tipo y la profundidad de sabiduría que no solo puede cambiar positivamente las vidas sino también desafiarlas profundamente. Para muchas personas, Jesús era simplemente el hijo de José, a pesar de que sus palabras atrajeron su atención y los asombró. Después de que sus palabras fueron comprendidas, se enfurecieron y lo expulsaron de la ciudad. ¿Es Jesús simplemente el hijo de José para nosotros también, o es el Dios que nos conoció antes de que fuéramos formados en el vientre? Si Él es Dios, entonces debemos prestar atención a su mensaje y en consecuencia cambiar nuestras vidas.