

Ministry Program of St. Juliana's Catholic Church

Saturday Mass 6:00 pm

DATE	LECTORS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	ALTAR SERVERS
December 7, 2019	Gabriela Martinez	Hermilo Perez	
	Blanca Rivera	Maria Perez	

Sunday Mass 8:00 am

DATE	LECTORS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	ALTAR SERVERS
December 8, 2019	Jim O'Shields	Jean O'Shields	Andan Cervantes
	Susana Rincon		Angel Cervantes

Ushers: Travis Middleton, Roger Green, Mike Rincon, Efren Cervantes

Sunday Mass 11:00 am

DATE	LECTORS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	ALTAR SERVERS
December 8, 2019	Felix Ortega	Miguel y Sabina Cervantes	
	Marisol Loera	Maria Valencia	



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Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 12 noon - 5:00 pm

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MUSIC

Gary Deeb, *Music Ministry* (English)
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Olga Patricia Medina, *Confirmation Coordinator*
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 Erika Rodriguez, *Eucharistic Minister Coordinator*
 Martin Oseguera, *Lector Coordinator*
 Daniel Yañez, *Altar Server Coordinator*

HISPANIC GROUPS

Martin Noriega, *Movimiento Juan XXIII*

OFFICE

Michelle Booth, *Records Organizer*
 Yesenia Reyna, *Office Clerk*
 Maria Martinez, *Janitor*

New Family Registrations log onto:

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 Office: (478) 825-7127
 https://myparishapp.com

Online Donations

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Regularly Scheduled Mass Times

Saturday 6:00 PM. (Spanish)
Sunday 8:00 AM. (English)
 11:00 AM. (Spanish)
Wednesday 11:00 AM. (English)
Thursday 6:30 PM. (Spanish)
Confessions: 5-6:00 PM Saturday

New Policy in Place

Please note, that if you want to schedule an event at St. Juliana's (ie. Quinceanera, Wedding, Baptism, etc.) you must contact the office to make reservations and/or arrangements. There are registration forms available in the office. Our office number is 478-825-7127 from 12 noon - 5:00 pm M-Th for more information.

**St. Juliana's Catholic Church
Policies & Guidelines**

Baptism

- Parents and Godparents must attend Baptism Prep Class so, please call the office to register for a class.
- Godparents must be Catholics and if married, Married sacramentally. (Not civil union)
- Out of town godparents must provide a letter from their pastor as to their suitability to exercise this office.

First Communion and Confirmation

- Family must be registered at St. Juliana's.
- Preparation = two years of classes.
- Children must be at least 7 years old to receive First Communion and at least 13 years old for Confirmation.
- Must provide a baptismal certificate to register.

Marriage – Couples must:

- Contact the pastor at least 6 months (or more) prior to desired wedding date.
- Participate in a pre-Cana course or marriage-prep weekend.
- NO wedding date is guaranteed until ALL Diocesan and Parish requirements are fulfilled.

Quinceañeras

- Family must be registered at St. Juliana's and attend mass regularly.
- Preparation = workshop.
- Teen must be baptized, received 1st Communion and Confirmation (or in 2nd year of confirmation classes)

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019



Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

How John the Baptist prepared his people for a new era of grace

Preparing the way of the Lord

John the Baptist could be the central figure in our thoughts today. He prepared the way for the people of his time to understand the good news of their salvation. That is the way God normally works; He sends the message of salvation to us through each other. As St Paul once put it, how can people know the truth about God if they have never heard it; and how can they hear if nobody is sent to them?

Jesus found his first disciples among those who were influenced by the preaching of John the Baptist. He had showed them the value of self-control and of prayer; he urged them to listen to the inner voice of God, with repentance and a faithful heart. The high point of John's short ministry was his meeting with Jesus. Not only did he get to baptize Our Lord but he also helped some of his own followers to go with Jesus and become the first Christian disciples. Through him, Andrew and his brother Peter, and Philip and Nathanael became apostles of Jesus.

Clearly, God wishes us Christians also to help other people to know and love him. If in the first place, we were more committed to our own Christian calling, we would be more effective in influencing others towards religious commitment. Parents have the first opportunity to point their children towards God. But their words will only be effective when backed up by the actual example of their own faith and prayer.

People can influence others, for good or ill, in all sorts of ways. A special kind of influence rests with the journalists and opinion-formers who work in the media, press, radio and television and through the internet. But ordinary people outside the media can also influence the views and values of those with whom they talk and live. When looked at in light of today's Gospel, does our way of speaking and behaving in any way help others to share our values, or do we confirm their suspicion that this world is a selfish and cynical place?

And what about fostering vocations to the priesthood and religious life, or to some active form of church service? The ability of our Church to go on as a visible, organized community continuing in the prayer-life and values of Jesus is under serious question today. If people open their hearts to inspiration, Andrew and Philip and Peter, a way will be found to spread the saving message of Christ.

This Week

Monday, December 9th
12-5pm Office Open

Tuesday, December 10th
12-5pm Office Open
7:00 pm RCIA English
7:00 pm Juan XXIII

Wednesday, December 11th
12-5pm Office Open
4-6 pm English Music Practice
6-8 pm ESL Class
7:00 pm Spanish Choir Practice

Thursday, December 12th
12-5pm Office Open
7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass (Spanish)

Friday, December 13th
Office Closed

Saturday, December 14th
10:00 am Finance Council Meets
1:00 pm Cruz Wedding
5-6:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

Sunday, December 15th
8:00 am Mass (English)
11:00 am Mass (Spanish)
5:00 pm Posada (St. Michaels)
7:00 pm Posada (See Schedule)

+ *Sacrificial Giving* +
Nov 28-Dec 1, 2019

General Offertory	
Weekend	\$ 3,581.00
2nd Collection	
No Collection	
Building Total Pledged & Given	
Since 09/16/18	\$87,708.00

God will never be outdone in generosity. Thank you!

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December 2019

The Future of the Very Young

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.




2nd Collection This Week Religious Retirement

Support aging religious. Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

English 2nd Language Class

Our next class will be December 11th at 6pm. Sr. Therese Walker teaches this class. She is a member of the Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity Order. For additional questions contact us at the office (478) 825-7127 Mon-Thurs. 12-4pm.

Office Volunteer Needed

If you are interested in volunteering at St. Juliana's a couple of days a week and are Bilingual, please contact Michelle Booth in the office at 478-825-7127.

Are You Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?

Would you like to talk to someone about how to join the Church? RCIA Classes meet every **Tuesday in the church hall at 7:00 pm** with Deacon Ken Hutnick. For more information call Deacon Ken at (478) 832-2722.




Prayer for Vocations

O God, hear our prayer and let our cry come unto You. Bless our Diocese of Savannah with many vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Give the men and women you call the light to understand Your gift, and the love to follow always in the footsteps of Your priestly Son. Amen



Las Posadas: A Mexican Christmas Tradition

The story of Christ's birth has been told and retold so many times it could have lost its luster generations ago. But it hasn't—not even close. If anything, in this world of war, famine and natural disasters, holding on to something as simple and as singularly important as the Nativity story is a necessity to our faith.

And perhaps nowhere on earth is the Nativity story told with more flourish and faith-based exuberance than in the annual celebration of *Las Posadas*, a tradition held throughout Mexico and Guatemala.

A holy history lesson: The roots of *Las Posadas* stretch deeply into Latin culture. It originated in Spain, but it's been a yearly celebration throughout Mexico for over 400 years. The tradition commemorates Mary and Joseph's difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a warm place to stay the night. (*Posadas* is Spanish for "lodgings" or "accommodations.")

Beginning on December 16 and ending nine days later, on December 24, *Las Posadas* commemorates the nine months of Mary's pregnancy. Each night, one family agrees to house the pilgrims. And so it begins: At dusk, a procession of the faithful takes to the streets with children often dressed as angels and shepherds. Religious figures, images and lighted candles are a part of the festivities.

The group representing the Holy Family stands outside a series of houses, singing songs, asking for lodging. They are refused time and again until the group reaches the designated house. Finally, the travelers are permitted to enter. Prayer and song continue in the home, and festive foods are shared. The evening ends with a piñata in the shape of star.

The tradition continues each evening with a different house as the chosen Posadas. The last night—Christmas Eve—usually features a midnight Mass. The nine days of *Las Posadas* is more than just a feel-good tradition: It deepens faith and strengthens ties within the community at a holy time.

Just as Mary and Joseph faced the cold weather—and even colder innkeepers that night—participants brave the elements in bringing their love for the Christ Child to their streets. *Las Posadas* isn't about being somber and still during Christmas: It's about pilgrims and a pilgrimage, rousing song, prayer and deep faith—all of it in motion.

Here at St. Juliana's..... Our posada begins on Sunday, December 15th at 7pm. Our schedule is available in the Church Hall with the addresses of each evening location. Come join us in this community event this Christmas Season.



Welcome Visitors!

We welcome all visitors to our church. We are glad you are here worshipping with us. If you are attending Mass at St. Juliana's Catholic Church on a regular basis, please consider making us your home church. Registration forms in the church Hall on the wall.



Susan Rincon
Paula Shepard
Family of Maria Auxilio Leal
Darren Flannery
Rev. Thaddeus Simon Kiwera
Dr. George Shoup
Suzanne Hutnick
Rev. Fredy Angel's Parents
Deacon Robert Philips' Father
Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy
Family of Jaloo Zelonis
Jane Thompson
Mary Ann Adams
Rev. Tim Ryan
James Teabo (Abuelo)
All Military serving
At home & abroad
Our Mission Church, St. Michaels

If you would like to be added to our prayer list or would like us to pray for a love one or someone who is sick, email us at stjuliana.bulletin@gmail.com or call the office at (478) 825-7127.

Christmas Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent - December 22nd 8:00 am (English)
11:00 am (Spanish)

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24th
8:00 pm (Bilingual)

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25th
10:30 am (Bilingual)

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
New Year's Day - Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at 10:00 am (Bilingual)



Prayer for the Construction of the Church

Holy Father, through the intercession of Saint Juliana, our patron saint, we pray for the construction of our new Church and may this offering please you. Give us the wisdom, the strength, the patience and all other necessary virtues to carry out this mission. We place in your hands any difficulty that may arise with this trial.

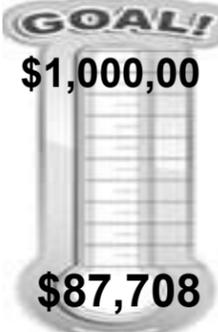
Holy Father do not let us falter in our struggle.

Help us to come together holding hands as one community. We are sure you hear our prayer and we thank you with all our hearts, we ask all of this in Jesus Christ Our Lord. AMEN

St. Juliana's Catholic Church
Diocese of Savannah GA

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Abuse Hotline Number To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number at 888-357-5330 or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, 912-201-4074. To read the diocesan policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection.

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People The Charter is a comprehensive set of procedures established by the USCCB in June 2002 for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy. The Charter also includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of future acts of abuse. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/charter.cfm>

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