

## Ministry Program of St. Juliana's Catholic Church

**Saturday Mass 6:00 pm**

DATE	LECTORS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	ALTAR SERVERS
December 21, 2019	María Noriega	Rafael Cervantes	
	Claudia Noriega	Consuelo Cervantes	

**Sunday Mass 8:00 am**

DATE	LECTORS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	ALTAR SERVERS
December 22, 2019	James Khoury	Patricia Medina	Kevin Cervantes
	Shirley Kempf		Adán Cervantes

**Sunday Mass 11:00 am**

DATE	LECTORS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	ALTAR SERVERS
December 22, 2019	Susana Tejeda	Hilda Rodríguez	
	Marisol Loera	Salvador Rodríguez	



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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*  
 Matilde Morales, *1st Communion Coordinator*

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Teresa Rodríguez, *Sacristan Coordinator*  
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 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*  
 María Martínez, *Janitor*

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 Office: (478) 825-7127  
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**Online Donations**

https://giving.parishsoft.com/stjulianaccgiving

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https://stjulianacc.org

**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. Quinceañera, 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- 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)

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019



**Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11**

*From his prison cell, John is encouraged by hearing about Jesus' cures*

## Rejoice in the Lord

“Be strong and do not fear! Here is your God.” Today is called Rejoicing Sunday. Today the candle on the Advent Wreath is pink, not purple as on the other three Sundays of Advent. It is meant to express our joy at the nearness of Christ's birthday.

Some people seem to be happy by nature; others mournful by nature. Here is the story of a priest who always preached mournful sermons. He was asked by his parish priest to preach about St. Joseph instead, as he was a cheerful man. The following Sunday the priest spoke about Joseph who happened to be a carpenter and as a result spent a lot of his time making coffins and here we go again with sad, sad tales.

Here are three impressions about happiness. First, that happiness is right here and now.. We convince ourselves that life will be better

when we get married, have a baby, then another. Then we are frustrated that the kids are not old enough and we will be more content when they are. After that we are frustrated that we have teenagers to deal with. We will certainly be happy when they are out of that stage. We tell ourselves that our life will be complete when our spouse gets his or her act together. The truth is there is no better time to be happy than right now.

Second, 'If you are happy, let your face know.' Maybe we could begin to be more joyful by taking a peek in the mirror and asking ourselves: does my face look like the face of someone who has heard the good news of the Gospel, namely that I am loved unconditionally by God?

Third, joy will come to us if we set about actively trying to create it for others. If I go about my life demanding that others carry me rather than seeking to carry them; feeding off others rather than feeding them; demanding that others meet my needs rather than trying to meet theirs, joy will never find me no matter how hard I party or try to crank up good cheer.

**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>

# This Week

**Monday, December 16th**  
**12-5pm** Office Open  
**7:00 pm** Posada (see schedule)

**Tuesday, December 17th**  
**12-5pm** Office Open  
**7:00 pm** Posada (see schedule)

**Wednesday, December 18th**  
**10:30 am** Rosary  
**11:00 am** Mass (English)  
**12-5pm** Office Open  
**4-6 pm** English Music Practice  
**6-8 pm** ESL Class  
**7:00 pm** Spanish Choir Practice  
**7:00 pm** Posada (see schedule)

**Thursday, December 19th**  
**12-5pm** Office Open  
**7:00 pm** Posada (see schedule)

**Friday, December 20th**  
**Office Closed**  
**7:00 pm** Posada (see schedule)

**Saturday, December 21st**  
**5-6:00 pm** Confessions  
**6:00 pm** Mass (Spanish)  
**7:00 pm** Posada (see schedule)

**Sunday, December 22nd**  
**8:00 am** Mass (English)  
**11:00 am** Mass (Spanish)  
**5:00 pm** Posada (St. Michaels)  
**7:00 pm** Posada (See Schedule)

+ *Sacrificial Giving* +  
**Dec 7/8, 2019**  
**General Offertory**  
 Weekend \$ 1,844.56  
**2nd Collection**  
 Religious Retirement \$ 453.00  
**Building Total Pledged & Given**  
 Since 09/16/18 \$87,908.00  
*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.

**English 2nd Language Class**  
 Our next class will be December 18th at 6pm. This will be the last class of the year 2019. The new year 2020 classes start on Wednesday, January 8th. 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.

**RCIA Classes** will start back up after the holidays on Tuesday, January 7th at 7:00 pm. For more information on this program, call Deacon Ken at (478) 832-2722.



**Reminders that Couldn't Hurt**  
 As a lot of people travel during the holidays, keep in mind safety first. Make sure your vehicles are travel worthy. Get a tune up, check your tires and check your weather forecast daily. Make sure your pets are taken care of while you are away, that you have enough medications for your length of stay and most importantly..... Don't leave Christ out of Christmas!!! He's the reason for the season. A prayer or mass a day helps keep the traffic tolerable and quite possibly the accidents at bay :) Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to our parishioners and visitors alike.

**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

**This Year's Christmas 2nd Collection**  
 Will benefit the Catholic Schools in our Savannah Diocese.  
**Tuesday, December 24th & Wednesday, December 25th.**  
 Please remember to mark your checks in the Memo area: *Catholic schools*.  
 Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**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**  
 9:30 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*



## 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.

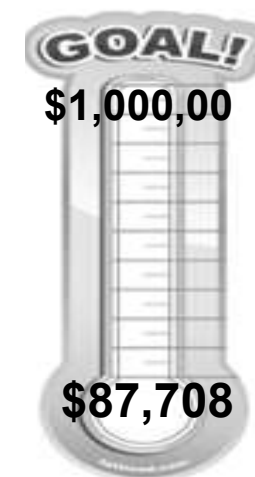


*Family of* Rev. Tim Ryan  
 Susan Rincon  
 Paula Shepard  
*Family of* Maria Auxilio Leal  
 Darren Flannery  
 Rev. Thaddeus Simon Kiwera  
 Dr. George Shoup  
 Suzanne Hutnick  
 Rev. Fredy Angel's Parents  
 Deacon Robert Philips' Father  
 Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy  
 Family of Jaloo Zelonis  
 Jane Thompson  
 Mary Ann Adams  
 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](mailto:stjuliana.bulletin@gmail.com) or call the office at (478) 825-7127.*

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