

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MASS TIMES

Saturday 7:00 PM (Spanish)
Sunday 9:00 AM (English); 11:00 AM (Spanish); 5:00 Noon (Adoration)
Tues.-Fri.: 7:00 am Bilingual;
Confession Times are Sundays: 8:30-9:00 am; 10-11:00 am



The Diocese of Savannah is committed to providing safe environments and fostering continuous improvement in every organization that sponsors activities and/or provides services to children and youth.
Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People:
Please visit the diocesan website, www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection. (912) 201-4073/4074



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THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED! Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

If you need to talk or come in please call the church number (478) 825-7127 for an appointment.

MUSIC

Gary Deeb, *Music Ministry* (English)
Daniel Sales, *Music Ministry* (Spanish)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Matilde Morales, *Director of Religious Education (DRE)*

PASTORAL CARE

Erika Rodríguez, *Eucharistic Minister Coordinator*
Miguel Cervantes, *Lector Coordinator*
Daniel Yañez, *Altar Server Coordinator*
Martin Noriega, *Movimiento Juan XXIII*

OFFICE

Michelle Booth, *Records Organizer*
María Martínez, *Janitor*

New Family Registrations log onto:

www.savannah.parishsoftfamilysuite.com
Office: (478) 825-7127
<https://myparishapp.com>

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)

Online Donations

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/stjulianaccgiving>

Parish Website: <https://stjulianacc.org>



Whatsapp (478) 538-3398
Messenger

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>

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 11 2021

Divine Mercy Sunday

Gospel: John 20:19-31

The presence of the risen Jesus banishes fear and brings peace to his friends

Unlocking our doors

Most houses are well alarmed nowadays; the computerized alarm has become as basic an item as table and chairs. We also need to have good strong locks; long gone, at least in the cities and towns, are the days when you could just leave the key in the door, and let neighbors ramble in casually for a chat and a cup of tea. We are more fearful about our security than we used to be, and this fear and anxiety has led us to take more precautions to protect ourselves. Fear of what others can do to us tends to close us in on ourselves, not just in the physical sense of getting stronger door-locks, but also in other senses. We tend to be somewhat withdrawn around people whom we perceive to be critical. We are slow to open up to someone we think will judge us. We hesitate to share ideas and plans we might have with those who are known not to suffer fools gladly. Fear of others can often hold us back and stunt our growth.

In the gospel we find the disciples locking themselves into a room because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Even after an excited Mary Magdalene came to them from the empty tomb announcing that she had seen the Lord, this was not enough to overcome their fear. What had been done to Jesus could be done to them. .. which led to their hiding in self-imposed confinement. The turning point came when the risen Lord himself appeared to them behind their closed doors and helped them over their fear. He did this by breathing the Holy Spirit into them, filling them new energy and hope, freeing them from fear and releasing them to share in his mission. "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you," he said. In the power of the Spirit they came to life and went out from their self-imposed prison, to bear witness to the risen Lord. This is the picture of the disciples that Luke gives us in today's reading from Acts. He describes a community of believers, the church, witnessing to the resurrection both in word and by the quality of their living.

We can all find ourselves in the situation of those first disciples, locked in their hiding place. Any combination of the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" can

water down our commitment to following the Lord. Like the disciples in today's gospel, we can be tempted to give up on our faith journey. The will to self-preservation can prevent us from doing what we are capable of doing with the Lord's help. The wounds we carry from earlier, failed initiatives make us hesitate to try again. Even when someone seems full of enthusiasm and hope like a Mary Magdalene, we shrug it off. We let them get on with it, while we hold back and stay safe. The gospel today suggests a way out of our self-imposed confinement. If Magdalene makes no impact on us, the Lord will find another way to enter our lives and to fill us with new life and energy for his service. No locked doors, nor even locked hearts, can keep him out. He finds a way to enter the space where we have chosen to retreat and he empowers us to resist what is holding us back. He does require some openness on our part; at the least some desire on our part to become what he is calling us to be. The risen Lord never ceases to recreate us and to renew us in his love. Easter is the season to celebrate the good news.

Just as the disciples were unmoved by the hopeful enthusiasm of Mary Magdalene who had seen the Lord, so Thomas was unmoved by the witness of the disciples who told him they too had seen the Lord. Thomas, it seems, was an even harder nut to crack than the other disciples. He is one of those people who insist on certain conditions being met before he makes a move, "Unless I see, I can't believe." As he had done with the other disciples, the Lord takes Thomas on his own terms. He accommodates himself to Thomas' conditions and says, "Put your finger here." The gospel today implies that the Lord meets us wherever we are. He takes us seriously in all our fears and doubts. The Lord is prepared to stand with us on our own ground, whatever that ground is, and from there he will speak to us a word suited to our personal state of mind and heart. We don't have to get ourselves to some particular place in order for the Lord to engage with us. He takes himself to where we are, wherever it is a place of fear or of doubt. We might pray this Easter season for the openness to receive the Lord's coming into the concrete circumstances of our own lives, so that we too might say with Thomas, "My Lord and my God." We might also pray that, like the Lord, we would receive others where they are, rather than where we would like them to be.

This Week

Monday, April 12th
12-5 pm Office Open via phone

Tuesday, April 13th
7:00 am Mass
12-5 pm Office Open via phone

Wednesday, April 14th
7:00 am Mass
12-5 pm Office Open via phone
7:00 pm Coro Spanish Meets

Thursday, April 15th
7:00 am Mass
12-5 pm Office Open via phone

Friday, April 16th
Office Closed
7:00 am Mass

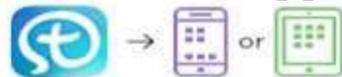
Saturday, April 17th
7:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

Sunday, April 18th
8:30-9am Confessions
9:00 am Mass (English)
10-11 am Confessions
11:00 am Mass (Spanish, outside)

***(HC)* denotes Scheduled Hall Classroom



Did You Know We Have an App?



Download myParish App on your smartphone or tablet



Pre-Baptismal Class

The next Pre-baptismal class is schedule for Wednesday, **April 21st at 6:00 pm** in the New Church Hall Classroom. This class is required for any parent or godparent of a new infant for baptism. Please call the office to register for the class at (478) 825-7127. Please note that baptisms are advised to take place during the weekend masses unless a special event is planned in advance and with permission.

Thanks for giving!

"We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year," says a Catholic sister. "Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters." Thank you for donating to last week's second collection.

Update Regarding COVID -19 Dispensation from Sunday Mass Attendance

by The Bishop of Savannah, The Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes, DD, ...As of the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020, the dispensation from Sunday Mass attendance is granted only for the following:

- those who belong to vulnerable populations due to age or health;
- Caregivers and those who live with those in vulnerable populations;
- those who are sick or have symptoms;
- those who suffer from extreme uneasiness or anxiety from being in any public places in this time of pandemic.

Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)

The Diocese of Savannah 's Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) for 2021 continues for 2021. **Our Goal this year is \$10,899.00.** We have raised \$7866.23 thus far. We still need \$3,032.77 to meet our goal. Our next ACA collection will be May 9th. Thank you for your contributions to this mission. For additional questions? Email the Diocese of Savannah at stewardship&development@diosav.org

Please Take Note...

St. Juliana's Staff or Fr. Carlos E. Pinzon, our Pastor, will never ask you to give them money, gift cards, texted money, or transfer money to them through email, text or via phone. If you received a solicitation for money to send through transfer or gift cards, **PLEASE** do not respond. Call the church office at 478-825-7127 if you have any doubts or concerns.



Important information to know..... There is not a charge for sacramental masses or quinceaneras if it is held during a regularly scheduled Mass. Special Masses are required to be requested through the office. Please note there is a fee. Please contact the office for more information at (478) 825-7127 12 noon -5:pm.

+ Sacrificial Giving +

Week of March 22-28 , 2021

General Offertory	Week	\$ 2,273.96
2nd Collection	Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)	\$ 823.36

Week of March 29-April 4, 2021

General Offertory	Week	\$ 5,739.00
2nd Collections	Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$ 489.05
	Retired Religious	\$ 367.00
	Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)	\$ 1,040.00

Building Total Pledged & Given Since 09/16/18 \$90,508.00

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal- \$ 10,899.00	Pledge to Diocese & Collected	\$ 8,906.23
	Balance-	\$ 1,992.77

God will never be outdone in generosity. Thank you!



With God, All Things Are Possible!



"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there, and I unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen"



God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.



Susan Flores
Lynn Gavel
Teresa Aguilar
Maggie Garcia
Those sick from COVID-19
Martha Cedillo
For the unborn children
Jackie Reyes
Darren Flannery
Dr. George Shoup
Jane Thompson
Mary Ann Adams
James Teabo (Abuelo)

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.



For an end to the Coronavirus pandemic. For the safety of medical workers, first responders, and all who are working. For all the victims of the pandemic including the repose of the souls of the deceased. For the health and wellbeing of those who are ill, those suffering financial difficulty, and those whose lives are disrupted. We pray to the Lord. Amen

You can use the Capital Campaign Envelopes at the Entrance to pay your pledges. Please put them in the offertory baskets. Also you can give online at <https://stjulianacc.org>



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 ww.diosav.org/childyouthprotection.



April 2021
Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.