

## Update Regarding COVID –19 Dispensation from Sunday Mass Attendance

by *The Bishop of Savannah, The Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes, DD,*

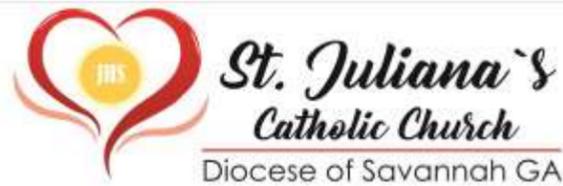
...As of the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020, the dispensation from Sunday Mass attendance is granted only for the following:

- 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.

While we must not forget that we are still living in a time of pandemic, as a Church we are to be guided with a desire to move forward with hope, confident in God's help. We are called to promote a culture of hope, not a culture of fear...

### REGULARLY SCHEDULED MASS TIMES

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



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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



**Whatsapp (478) 538-3398**  
**Messenger**

### 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>

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 25 2021

### Gospel: John 10:11-18

*Christ is the true Shepherd; nobody can take away his sheep*

A very personal relationship

When people go to Rome on pilgrimage, they usually try to include a visit to the Catacombs, the earliest Christian cemeteries in existence. The earliest Christian art is there in the catacombs, in images are very simple and unadorned compared to the art that would emerge in later centuries. Yet these pictures are very striking just because of their simplicity and directness. One of the images of Jesus most found in the catacombs is that of the Good Shepherd. One is in the Catacomb of San Callistus, showing a young beardless man with a sheep draped around his shoulders and holding a bucket of water in his right hand. Clearly the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd that we find in today's gospel spoke to Christians from the earliest days of the church.

The shepherd image in the catacombs appealed to Christians from the start, because it conveys the *personal* nature of the relationship between Jesus and his followers; it portrays the close personal care that the shepherd has for the sheep. The shepherd has gone looking for the one sheep that was wandered

off and having found it, he takes it home to the flock upon his shoulders. There is a bond between the shepherd and this one sheep. That is what Jesus conveys in today's gospel. He declares that he knows his own and his own know him, just as the Father knows him and he knows the Father. It is an extraordinary statement to make. Jesus is saying that the very personal relationship he has with his heavenly Father is the model for the equally personal relationship he has with each one of us. Jesus knows us as intimately as the Father knows him, and he wants us to know him as intimately as he knows the Father. There is a great deal to ponder there. When it comes to the Lord we are not just one of a crowd, lost in a sea of faces. In a way that we will never fully understand, the Lord knows each one of us by name. He relates to us in a personal way and he invites us to relate to him in a personal way. He wishes to enter into a personal relationship with each one of us. I am often struck by a line in Saint Paul's letter to the churches in Galatia, where he says, 'I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for



me'. We can each make our own those words of Saint Paul. When Jesus says in today's gospel that, as the good shepherd, 'I lay down my life for my sheep', he is saying that he lays down his life for each one of us individually.

The Lord who knows us by name, who gave himself in love for each one of us, also calls us by name. Today is *Vocations Sunday*. The Lord has a calling that is personal to each one of us. He calls us in our uniqueness with our very particular temperament, our unique identity, the background that is specific to each one of us. No one of us is like anyone else. Parents know how distinct and unique each of their children is. They will all have been given the same love; they grow up in basically the same environment. Yet, from a very early age, their uniqueness becomes very evident. The family is a microcosm of the church as a whole. From the time of our baptism, we are each

called to be the Lord's disciples, to follow the good Shepherd. However, the way we do that will be unique to each one of us. The particular way in which the Lord works through us is unique to each one of us. I can do something for the Lord that only I can do. Each person in this church can do something for the Lord that only he or she can do.

Each one of us has a unique contribution to make to the work of the Lord in the world, to the life of the church, and that contribution is just as vital as anyone else's contribution. We each have a unique vocation and each vocation is equally significant. Each one of us is vitally important to the Lord. When we each respond to our unique vocation, we give a lift to everyone else. When any one of us fails to respond to that vocation, we are all a little bit impoverished.

The first reading talks about the stone that was rejected by the builders becoming the keystone of the building. There is a clear reference there to Jesus himself, the rejected one. We can all feel at times like the rejected stone, for whatever reason. Yet, we are never rejected in the Lord's eyes. He continues to call us in the way that is unique to us. He sees us as the keystone for some aspect of his work. He recognizes the potential for good that is within us all. On this Vocations Sunday we commit ourselves anew to hearing and responding to the call of the good shepherd.



*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](http://www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection). (912) 201-4073/4074

#### 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, April 26th**  
12-5 pm Office Open via phone

**Tuesday, April 27th**  
7:00 am Mass  
12-5 pm Office Open via phone  
6:00 pm Confirmation

**Wednesday, April 28th**  
7:00 am Mass  
12-5 pm Office Open via phone  
6:00 pm Pre-Baptismal Class  
7:00 pm Coro Spanish Meets

**Thursday, April 29th**  
7:00 am Mass  
12-5 pm Office Open via phone

**Friday, April 30th**  
Office Closed  
7:00 am Mass

**Saturday, May 1st**  
9am-5pm 1st Communion  
Parent Retreat  
7:00 pm NO Mass

**Sunday, May 2nd**  
8:30-9am Confessions  
9:00 am Mass (English)  
10-11 am Confessions  
11:00 am Mass (Spanish, outside)

\*\**(HC)* denotes Scheduled Hall Classroom

## 2nd Collection - Catholic Home Missions

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Over 40% of dioceses United States and its territories are considered mission territories, because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

## 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 8,906.23 thus far. We still need \$1,992.77 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](mailto:stewardship&development@diosav.org)

## COVID-19 Vaccination Opportunities

Dr. Joseph Lomboy, MD and Dr. Marietta P. Olaivar-Lomboy, DNP, MSN, APRN-BC, of **South Houston Internal Medicine**, has the COVID 19 Vaccine to offer. There are COVID-19 restrictions so, go to their website for instructions: <https://www.southhoustonim.com/> Their office is located at 1018 Keith Drive, Suite A, in Perry, GA 31069. Office phone 478-987-7444.

For other COVID Vaccine Locations in Georgia visit: <https://myvaccinegeorgia.com/>, Click 'Pre-Register' button for the following information: **Macon Farmers Market**, 2055 Eisenhower Pkwy, Macon, GA 31206 Call and make an appointment; Phone: 844-274-9841; TTY: 844-275-8208 (You stay in your car for the vaccine)

## 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.

## Pray 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, & 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."



Your Invited to Join This Year's Confirmation Class

As they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

**Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 6:00pm**

*The Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes, DD, The Bishop of Savannah,*

*Reverend Carlos E. Pinzon, Pastor*

**St. Juliana's Catholic Church**

804 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Fort Valley, Georgia

**Important information to know.....** There is not a charge for sacramental masses or Quinceanera 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 -5pm.

## + Sacrificial Giving +

### Week of March 29-April 4, 2021

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

### Week of April 5-11, 2021

<b>General Offertory</b>	Week	\$ 1,865.00
<b>2nd Collections</b>	N/A	\$ 0.00

### Week of April 12-18, 2021

<b>General Offertory</b>	Week	\$ 2,380.00
<b>2nd Collections</b>	N/A	\$ 0.00

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

### 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

<b>Goal-</b> \$ 10,899.00	<b>Pledge to Diocese &amp; Collected</b>	\$ 8,906.23
	<b>Balance-</b>	\$ 1,992.77

*God will never be outdone in generosity. Thank you!*



## Online Giving is Available Now

### 2 Ways to Give Online:

- (1) Download our **myParish** App on your smartphone, go to "Giving" and click on the "online Giving" icon, and follow the instructions. or
- (2) Go to our website at [www.stjulianacc.org](http://www.stjulianacc.org), click on upper left hand "bars", click on "online donations" and then follow the directions. Online giving is easy, convenient and can be accessed on your phone or on your computer. Need help or have questions about online giving.... Call Michelle in the office M-Th 12-5pm or text to (478) 5383398 for assistance.

Thank you for your generosity always. And God Bless You!



*already there, and I unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen"*

*"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"*

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>



## Please Pray For Us

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](mailto: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



## The Holy Father's Prayer Intention

**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.



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