

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

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



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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*
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Daniel Yañez, *Altar Server Coordinator*
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OFFICE

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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>

Pentecost

Sunday, May 23, 2021



Gospel: John 20:19-23

They disciples receive the Holy Spirit to continue the mission of Jesus

The Spirit who bears fruit

In our churches there is no shortage of images, mostly statues, paintings or stained glass. They are mostly images of Jesus, Mary and the saints. There are also images of some Old Testament figures like Abraham and Sarah, or Moses and Miriam. There is a long tradition of images within the church, beginning with the paintings in the Roman Catacombs. The Holy Spirit, whose feast we celebrate on Pentecost, does not lend itself easily to imagery. The traditional image of the dove is drawn from the scene of the baptism of Jesus. But the language in that passage is rather vague; the Holy Spirit descended like a dove, or in the way that a dove might descend. There are two other images of the Holy Spirit in today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Luke says that all who gathered in one room heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven; he goes on to say that something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire. Just as the evangelists do not portray an actual dove at the baptism of Jesus, Luke does not say that the wind and fire at Pentecost were tangible phenomena. The Holy Spirit is impossible to visualize, because the Spirit cannot be seen as such. Yet the Holy Spirit is profoundly real.

Many things in our universe are real even though invisible to the naked eye. What we see with our eyes is only a fraction of our physical world. The Holy Spirit belongs to the spiritual world, and it naturally cannot be seen with our eyes. Yet, there are helpful ways of imagining the Holy Spirit. St Paul uses an image drawn nature when he says that the Spirit bears fruit. He means the visible effect of the Spirit on one's life. We may not be able to see the Holy Spirit, but we can see the effect of the Spirit in our life, just as we cannot see the wind but can see the effect of the wind on people and objects of various kinds. Paul is saying that

wherever we find love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control, the Spirit is there at work. The Spirit becomes visible in and through these qualities and virtues. The person who most of all had those qualities was Jesus because he was full of the Holy Spirit, full of the life of God. The Holy Spirit is essentially the very life of God, and that life is a life of love. It is that divine life, that divine love, which was poured out at Pentecost, initially on the first disciples but through them on all who were open to receive this powerful and wonderful gift. Paul expresses it simply in his letter to the Romans, 'God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us'. It is that Spirit of God's love we have received who bears the rich fruit in our lives that Paul speaks about in today's 2nd Reading. The Spirit is constantly at work in our lives, making us more like Jesus. The ordinary, day to day expressions of goodness and kindness, of faithfulness and self-control, of patience and gentleness, are all manifestations of the Spirit that has been given to us by God. We can recognize the Spirit's presence in the common happenings of everyday life. The spiritual is not something other-worldly; it is humanity at its best.

Humanity is at its best in today's first reading. Pentecost brought about a wonderful bonding of people from all over the Roman Empire. They were united in admiring and praising the marvels of God. In spite of differences of language and culture there was a real communion among them. Wherever communion of heart and mind exist among people of different backgrounds, the Holy Spirit is at work. Unity in diversity is the mark of the Spirit. Jesus points out another manifestation of the Spirit: the pursuit of truth. Only the Spirit can lead us to the complete truth. If someone is genuinely seeking for truth, and willing to engage in good works with others, there the Spirit is at work. Fullness of truth and love is always beyond us; but the Spirit is given to lead us towards the complete truth and love, in all its height and depth.

This Week

Monday, May 24th
12-5 pm Office Open via phone

Tuesday, May 25th
7:00 am Mass
12-5 pm Office Open via phone

Wednesday, May 26th
7:00 am Mass
12-5 pm Office Open via phone
7:00 pm Hispanic Lector Meeting
7:00 pm Coro Spanish Meets

Thursday, May 27th
7:00 am Mass
12-5 pm Office Open via phone
7:00 pm Adoration

Friday, May 28th
Office Closed
7:00 am Mass

Saturday, May 29th
7:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

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

***(HC)* denotes Scheduled Hall Classroom

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



Did You Know We Have an App?



Download myParish App on your smartphone or tablet



Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Savannah Diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

New Chairs

We have purchased more chairs for the overflow crowd in the Church Hall. With the pandemic restrictions loosening in our state more parishioners are returning to the regularly scheduled masses on the weekends. Unfortunately, the chairs are not cheap. Anyone who would like to donate to help offset the cost (\$1300.00) please put your donation in a blue envelope with your name on it and Chair Donation written across the top of the envelope. You can put the envelopes in the regular offertory baskets. *Our parish is very generous to its needs and your generosity is greatly appreciated.*

What does the Catholic Church say in regards to the Covid-19 vaccines?

- ◆ The chairs of the Committees on Doctrine and Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have declared that the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are morally permissible and can be used in good conscience. But if these are not available, it is morally acceptable to receive COVID-19 vaccines that come from compromised cell lines like Johnson & Johnson's vaccine.
- ◆ The Bishops have concluded that "being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good."
- ◆ Please know that all decisions related to your health care are personal and individual. We join together praying for an end to the pandemic in a spirit of hope and healing.

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.

Hispanic Lector Meeting

There will be a Hispanic Meeting for Lectors on **Wednesday, May 26th at 7:00 pm**. For more information contact the office at (478) 825-7127 from 12-5 pm Monday-Thursday.

Pre-Baptismal Class

The next Pre-baptismal class is schedule for Wednesday, **June 16th 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.

Homeschool Mass of Thanksgiving

Welcoming all Catholic homeschoolers in the Diocese of Savannah for a Homeschool Mass celebrated by Bishop Stephen D. Parkes. **Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 11 a.m. at St. Anne Catholic Church, 10550 Ford Avenue, Richmond Hill.** Please join us for a Homeschool Mass in thanksgiving for the opportunity to homeschool, the close of another successful school year and a blessing of graduates. Please contact Christina at schooltones@comcast.net if you have a graduating senior to be recognized or with any questions. A light reception will follow, and a time of fellowship with others. Feel free to bring a picnic lunch and stay at the playground afterwards. Considering homeschooling? Please join us!

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."

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 9,665.23 thus far. We still need \$1,233.77 to meet our goal. Our next ACA collection will be June 13th. Thank you for your contributions to this mission. For additional questions? Email the Diocese of Savannah at stewardship&development@diosav.org



Online Giving 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, 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 yo9ur 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!*

With God, All Things Are Possible!

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.



Saturday June 5, 2021 11:00 am
St. Juliana's Catholic Church
Everyone's Invited

+ Sacrificial Giving +	
Week of April 26-May 2, 2021	
General Offertory	
Week	\$ 4,233.00
2nd Collection	
N/A	\$ 0.00
Week of May 3-9, 2021	
General Offertory	
Total Week	\$ 3,610.00
2nd Collection	
(ACA) Annual Catholic Appeal	\$ 759.00
Week of May 10-16, 2021	
General Offertory	
Week	\$ 1,985.71
2nd Collections	
N/A	\$ 0.00
Building Total Pledged & Given	
Since 09/16/18	\$91,898.00
<i>God will never be outdone in generosity. Thank you!</i>	



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



May 2021

The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.