

Please Note: The Dispensation From Sunday Mass Attendance has been Lifted.

Everyone is encouraged to return to Sunday Mass Attendance with the following precautions:

- The wearing of masks inside the church and church buildings is encouraged but not mandatory.
- Hand Sanitizer is available at the entrances and encouraged.
- The Sign of Peace should take place with the invitation: Let us offer one another a gesture of peace or a simple acknowledgement.
- Please continue to maintain at least 3 feet of distance between households
- If you are sick please stay home and call the office if you would like communion if permitted.

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*
 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>.



Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Scribes' and Pharisees' worship of God was mere lip-service

What way to follow?

"You have abandoned the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men." Have you ever been sat in a church service and wondered that you might be out doing something more useful instead? It's not that you don't believe, not that you don't feel that God is present in your life, but that you wonder if the church has anything to do with your faith. There are occasions when such thoughts have crossed my mind, perhaps it was a failing on my part, but there have been moments at church services where I did not get a great sense that I was meeting with the living Jesus.

The Jesus we meet in the Gospels is always exciting; always relevant to the problems and needs of people; always challenging to those who need change; always open to those who seek help; always a friend to the stranger; always a support to the tired and depressed; always an inspiration to anyone who tried to follow him. The Jesus we meet in the Gospels is the most amazing, most charismatic, most life-changing man. Shouldn't coming to church be about meeting with him?

I remember someone talking about growing up and having to endure what he called "the mind-numbing boredom of the Church of Ireland." There are moment when I wonder if that feeling is widely felt in the Catholic Church too. When we hear Jesus' scathing attack on the Pharisees, we think it's got nothing to do with us. The Pharisees were a religious group 2,000 years ago, but they had become stuck in their ways. Their beliefs were sincere and they were good people,

but the life and the power had gone out of their religion. Jesus says to them, "You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men."

The Pharisees would have been furious with Jesus, seeing him as a troublemaker and a rabble rouser. They would have been angry with him because he had hit a sore spot. Many devout Jews knew that their religion had become lifeless. The very reason why groups like the Pharisees had sprung up was to try to counteract what they

saw as the rottenness and deadness at the heart of religion.

Jesus doesn't tell them that what they believe is wrong. He tells them that how they go about practicing their beliefs is the problem They have forgotten the commands of God and they have become concerned only with their own traditions.

There are many people, particularly younger people, who have no problem with Christianity, their problem is with the way the church goes about things. They are happy with the commands of God, what they are not happy with are the traditions of the church.

Jesus' command to us is clear, to make disciples of all people, but we will not be able to do that if our traditions become an end in themselves. Traditions are only useful if they serve the original purpose, which is to tell people about Jesus. Jesus is not concerned with the outward rituals, he is concerned with what is in our hearts and the hearts of those we meet.

It is not what we do, it is the way that we do it. It's not the outward traditions that count, it's the faith we have in our hearts. There can be 16th Century liturgies that are full of warmth and life, and modern worship events that are cold and impersonal; what is important is that we meet with God and not just with tradition. What is important is our meeting with this amazing, charismatic, life-changing man, and our response to him.

Jesus criticized the worship of the Pharisees in words from Isaiah, "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me". I'm sure that criticism applies to all of us at times, it certainly does to me, what matters is how we respond. What matters is us asking ourselves, 'how can I help make my church a place where anyone who walks in feel that they can meet with God?'

This Week

Monday, August 30th
12-5 pm Office Open via phone
7:00 pm Hispanic Eucharistic Class

Tuesday, August 31st
7:00 am Mass
12-5 pm Office Open via phone

Wednesday, September 1st
7:00 am Mass
12-5 pm Office Open via phone
7:00 pm Coro Spanish Meets

Thursday, September 2nd
7:00 am Mass
12-5 pm Office Open via phone
7:00 pm Adoration

Friday, September 3rd
 Office Closed
7:00 am Mass

Saturday, September 4th
7:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

Sunday, September 5th
8:30-9 am 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?



Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)

After this last collection we have made our goal of **\$10,899.00**. Thank you for your contributions to this mission.

Pre-Baptismal Class

The next Pre-baptismal class is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:00 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 and arrive at 5:45 to complete the registration. Please note that baptisms are advised to take place during the weekend masses unless a special event is planned in advance and with permission. Also, if you are not a parishioner of St. Juliana's and/or attending another parish that you will need to bring a letter of good standing from that church with you to the class.

Mexican Independence Day Celebration Scheduled

This year we have planned the Mexican Independence Day Celebration for Sunday, September 19th beginning with Spanish Mass at 11 am followed by the celebration outside under the pavilion. Proceeds from the celebration will fund the Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration planned for December 12th.

1st Communion & Confirmation Registration

Please register your children for 1st communion and confirmation by going to our website www.stjulianacc.org click on "Ministries" then "Religious Education" and the 2021-2021 RE Registration link at the bottom. *Classes will begin in September and you need to register soon.* Call (478) 825-7127 for questions or Whatsapp 478-538-3398.

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 Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, 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 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.

Adoration

Did you know that Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm you have the opportunity to come and adore our Lord Jesus Christ for an Hour or more. What a way to have time alone with Jesus, praising and giving thanks. We may also wish to recite our favorite prayers, read the bible, contemplate acts of faith, hope, charity, offer reparation for grievances against Him, pray a rosary or do whatever type of prayerful devotion that suits us before Our Lord. Or, we can simply sit and say nothing, just savoring His Presence with us.

Capital Campaign Ended

After much thought and prayer, Bishop Parkes has decided not to continue our capital campaign endeavors until the diocese has developed a more detailed plan to assess, implement and ensure success and sustainability for the project. He feels it would not be in the best interests of the parishioners to continue the campaign at this time since in the past campaign we've not been able to reach our goal and therefore risk "campaign fatigue" if we continued to go forward. Once the new guidelines and possible funding models for rural communities like ours are established as well as a more comfortable financial plan arranged then further discussion may be entertained. His prayers and hopes are with our community for an acceptable path to go forward.

Painting Supplies Needed

We will be painting the inside of the church the week of September 6-10th. In need of painter's items: tarps, brushes, rollers, painter's tape, paint trays and **Paint** (Sherwin Williams, Painters Edge) Paint color is "Agreeable Gray #6508-33411". If you would like to donate any of these new items, please contact Matilde Morales at m.morales@stjulianacc.org or through Whatsapp at 478-538-3398.

Sacred Heart Columbarium, "A Sacred Place"

Sacred Heart in Warner Robins is beginning to construct a columbarium, which is a structure with individual niche vaults to hold urns containing cremated remains (ashes). This sacred place is aligned with the teachings of the Catholic Faith. Pre-construction discounts are available. For more info.... Visit www.SacredHeartWR.org/Columbarium or email Columbarium@SacredHeartWR.org.



Over the last year, many parish ministries were "inactive" due to the pandemic. If you are now returning to volunteer in a ministry you must ensure you are up-to-date on your Safe Environment Compliance. Please call the Church Office to ensure your status.

Protecting Our Youth: Effective June 28, 2012*, Diocesan policy requires ALL employees and volunteers (age 18 and up) to be Safe Environment Compliant. This means he/she receive VIRTUS *Protecting God's Children for Adults* training, undergo a background

check, and read and acknowledge a Code of Conduct in advance of employment or volunteering ministry. A five-year training refresher is required for all active volunteers/employees, and certain roles require monthly training bulletins. If you have any questions, please contact your parish/school Safe Environment Coordinator, or Joan Altmeyer, Director Safe Environment (912) 201-4074. You can also find many answers at <https://diosav.org/offices/child-and-youth-protection> *<https://diosav.org/cyp/mandated-reporting>

+ Sacrificial Giving + July 26-August 1, 2021

General Offertory
Week \$ 2,675.10

August 2-8, 2021
General Offertory
Week \$ 1,966.38

2nd Collection
Church in Latin America \$ 244.45
Building \$ 5.00

August 9-15, 2021
General Offertory
Week \$ 2,354.53

2nd Collection
Building \$ 130.00

August 16-22, 2021
General Offertory
Week \$ 1,938.06

2nd Collection
ACA \$ 604.00
Building \$ 205.00

Building Total Pledged & Given
Since 09/16/18 **\$101,045**

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal
Goal- \$ 10,899.00
Pledged & Collected \$ 10,899.00
Balance- \$ 0.00

God will never be outdone in generosity. Thank you!

Our Parish Provides ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is an easy, convenient electronic tool for contributions so you can give via internet. Online Giving helps you maintain your giving even if you cannot be here at Mass. If you haven't signed up, you can go to our parish website at www.stjulianacc.org and click on "Online Donations" at the top. Need help or have questions about online giving.... Call Michelle in the office M-Th 12-5pm or text to (478) 538-3398 for assistance.

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

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.



Rev. Nicholas Mansell
 All Children returning to School
 Dub Shepard
 All those homebound
 World Peace
 Susan Flores
 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.

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NoTaxpayerAbortion.com

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention

August 2021

The Church
 Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.