



LOVE ~ SEEK ~ TRUST

WITH ALL YOUR HEART

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

Which commandment is the first of all?

With all your heart

At first sight, today's gospel seems to contain nothing new or startling that was not already known by the Jews of the Old Testament. Indeed the words, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind," were words written on the heart of every Jew, and to this day they form part of the daily prayer a devout Jew is required to say. This prayer is referred to as the Shema, because it begins with the Hebrew words, "Shema Yisrael," meaning "Listen Israel." "Listen Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord," and it continues with the words just quoted. And yet, there is a certain paradox about today's gospel reading, in that it tells us that love of God is realised by our love for each other.

In other words, our love of God is illusory if it stops short with God, if it does not result in our loving each other, reaching out to everyone without exception, even our enemies. But then, a word of caution, love of neighbour, if it is divorced from love of God, can well become refined self love. For one can easily end up loving others purely for the response one gets from those loved, for the feeling of satisfaction and self-gratification one derives from being generous and kind to them. A Jewish Rabbi, named Hillel, a renowned scholar, a spiritual and ethical leader of his generation, who had a great following just before the birth of Christ, when asked, "Which is the greatest commandment?," gave the famous reply, "What you hate for yourself, do not do to your neighbour. This is the whole law; the rest is commentary."

Jesus, however, stated that love of God linked with love of neighbour jointly form the greatest commandment. Commenting on that, the advice of St Augustine was, "Love God first, and then do what you will," meaning that if we love God with all our heart, soul, strength and mind, then we cannot but be obedient to his will, which wants others to share in that love. St John, the evangelist, who saw all the events of Christ's life on earth in terms of love, and kept preaching about this virtue to

the early Christians, to the extent that they became wearied of it, and asked him to talk about something else, St John in his first letter puts it forcibly like this, "Anyone who says, "I love God," and hates his brother, is a liar, for how can a man who does not love the brother that he can see, love God whom he has never seen. So this is the commandment that he has given us, that anyone who loves God must also love his brother" (1 Jn 4:20f).

If we embrace this commandment, if we try and put it into practice, as did the saints, then we will be doing something which is truly radical, which to the non-Christian outsider will often be seen as odd, a seeming contradiction, difficult to understand. These seeming contradictions abound in our faith. For we believe that life comes from death, that gain comes from loss, that receiving comes from giving, and that Christ had to die and come to life again that we might share a new life with him in heaven. We profess to be followers of Christ, who made a complete offering of himself to the Father – "Not my will but yours be done" – who gave his life, his energies, his time in the service of others, who returned to his Father devoid of any earthly goods – the clothes he had worn ceasing to be his before he yielded up his spirit, having being made over by lots into the possession of his executioners.

All this does not imply that we have to tread exactly the same path as Christ. What it does indicate, however, is that our surrender to God does not mean that we retreat into a paradise of unreal spirituality. It means that if we love God, then we have to concern ourselves with others, with the members of our family and community. It means that we must rise above ourselves, and our own interests, and become convinced from Christ's words that St Paul, has given us, that "there is greater happiness in giving than in receiving" (Acts 20:35).

"The world is too much with us," the poet Wordsworth wrote, "late and soon, getting and spending, we lay waste our powers." We pass this way but once, and while we are on our way let us do as much good as we possibly can with our God-given powers, the gifts that each of us has, in serving God and others. But always keep in mind as well the promise of Jesus (Jn 15:5), "Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty," and because of the presence of Jesus, this fruit will last.

This Week

Monday, November 1st

12-5 pm Office Open
7-8:30 pm Confirmation Class

Tuesday, November 2nd

12-5 pm Office Open
7:00 pm All Souls Day Mass
(Bilingual)

Wednesday, November 3rd

7:00 am Mass
12-5 pm Office Open
7:00 pm Coro Spanish Meets
7:00 pm Hispanic Pastoral Meeting

Thursday, November 4th

7:00 am Mass
12-5 pm Office Open
7:00 pm Adoration

Friday, November 5th

Office Closed
7:00 am Mass
7-8:30 pm 1st Communion Class

Saturday, November 6th

7:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

Sunday, November 7th

8:30-9 am Confessions
9:00 am Mass (English)
10-11 am Confessions
11:00 am Mass (Spanish)

** (HC) denotes Scheduled Hall Classroom

Please Take Note

St. Juliana's Staff nor Fr. Carlos E. Pinzon, 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 gifts, **PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND** Call the church office at 478-825-7127 if you have any doubts or concerns.

Did You Know We Have an App?



Download myParish App on your smartphone or tablet



All Souls Day Mass

Tuesday, November 2nd at 7:00 pm



Hispanic Pastoral Council Meets

On Wednesday, November 3rd, the Parish Hispanic Pastoral Council will meet in the new classroom. Please mark your calendars and thank you in advance for your time and service.

Pre-Baptismal Class

The next Pre-baptismal class is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 17th 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.



The Director of Communications at the Diocese of Savannah has posted a page of resources for those looking to help Afghan refugees resettle in the U.S. <https://diosav.org/ccharities/afghanistan>

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.

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



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 -5:pm.

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 +

September 27-October 3, 2021

General Offertory

Week \$ 4,001.95

2nd Collection

New Building \$ 80.00

October 4-10, 2021

General Offertory

Week \$ 2,185.00

2nd Collection

Southern Cross \$ 857.00

New Building \$ 30.00

Guadalupe Raffle \$ 355.00

October 11-17, 2021

General Offertory

Week \$ 2,566.00

2nd Collection

New Building \$ 280.00

October 18-24, 2021

General Offertory

Week \$ 1,912.00

2nd Collection

New Building \$ 5.00

World Mission Sunday. \$ 674.00

Building Total Given

Since 09/18/2018 \$101,735.00

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!

Pray for Us

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.



"If we wish to make any progress in the service of God we must begin every day of our life with new eagerness. We must keep ourselves in the presence of God as much as possible and have no other view or end in all our actions but the divine honor."

- St. Charles Borromeo (1538-1584), Bishop, Patron of Spiritual Leaders,

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.



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention

October 2021

Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

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:** Sundays: 8:30-9:00 am; 10-11:00 am



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Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 12 noon - 5:00 pm

*If you need to talk to Fr. Carlos 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)*

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Miguel Cervantes, *Lector Coordinator*
Daniel Yañez, *Altar Server Coordinator*
Martin Noriega, *Movimiento Juan XXIII*

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Michelle Booth, *Office Manager*
María Martínez, *Janitor*

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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 Messenger

(478) 538-3398

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](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/charter.cfm).