

A Low Salt Faith

Jesus uses two different examples of a good disciple—salt of the earth and light of the world. While these images seem to have little in common, there are similarities, the most obvious being that a little of either goes a long way. Just a pinch of salt can change the taste of food. Similarly, when we wake up in a dark room, one light bulb can be blinding. So also, a little faith can make a big difference. The faith of little children can bring their parents back to the Church. The way we live our faith can speak even louder.

Isaiah gives us some hints in the first reading when he writes about feeding the hungry and giving shelter to the homeless and clothes to the poor. When someone has so much faith that it shows in their actions, as Isaiah puts it, "Your light shall break forth like the dawn." But we sometimes get things backwards. If we do the things Isaiah tells the people to do, we might think that the deeds will give us faith. But faith is the source of those actions, not the result. If we truly believe in God's love for us, and we believe that God lives in the people around us, especially the poor, then we will want to show our love by caring for each other.

When we do have faith, we don't have to worry about how people react to us. Like St. Paul in the second reading, we don't need to be dramatic or full of worldly wisdom. As he preached the wisdom of Christ who died on the cross and was raised from the dead by the power of the Spirit,

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Catholic Diocese of Charleston



Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

**Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
February 9, 2020**

Mission Statement

We strive to be a faith-centered, Catholic community. By virtue of Baptism, we are called forth to minister to one another the Gospel message of Jesus Christ through education, evangelization, social justice and ecumenism. We reach out in love, respect and support for all as we seek to do the will of God.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	5:30 pm
Sunday	9:00 and 11:30 am
Mon. Tues., Wed.,	4:15 pm
Thursday	9:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:15 to 5:00 pm and by Appointment

Weekday Rosary in the Church

Mon. Tues., Wed., 3:50 pm

Regular Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
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website: www.nativitycharleston.org

he let people see that power in the lives of other believers as well as his own life.

But if we don't have faith, then we are like the salt that has lost its flavor. A low-salt diet may be good for us; but a low-salt faith, instead of making things better, would make them worse. Without faith in God's love for us, we would not respond with love of our own. We could still be a good person, but we would not be a very good disciple. We could not spread the faith if we didn't have it ourselves.

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The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright.

~ Today's Psalm PS 112

THINGS TO KNOW

Nursery: Is available for children age 6 weeks to 4 yrs. old during the Sunday 9:00 am Mass. It is located on the right side of the school's breezeway entrance. For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Vicki Vázquez at admin@nativitycharleston.org or at 843-795-3821.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Is offered to children age 4 years through 5th grade during the 9:00 am Mass on Sundays. The children are dismissed after the opening prayers and re-join their family for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Religious Education Programs: Nativity School serves students in grades K4 through 8. The Parish School of Religion (PSR) is offered for other parish children, grades K4 through 8. PSR classes are held in the School Building from 10:00 to 11:15 am on Sunday mornings during the school year. To register, please contact Mary Smith at 843-795-3821 x 24.

Creating Safe Environments: All volunteers who minister in programs involving children at Nativity Parish or School are required to complete the Safe-Haven Online Abuse Prevention Training program. To complete this program, please visit <http://charleston.CMGconnect.org>. For more information please contact Vicki Vázquez at 843-795-3821.

Baptism: To schedule a Baptism preparation class, a parent should be an active parishioner. For more information please contact Mary Smith at 843-795-3821 x 24.

Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation: A two year preparation period is required for these sacraments. Children planning to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in the 2nd grade, must also have participated in a 1st grade PSR or Catholic school program. Children planning to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the 8th grade must also have participated in a 7th grade PSR or Catholic school program. For more information please contact Mary Smith at 843-795-3821 x 24

Alpha: is a series of sessions that explore the Christian faith. These sessions provide an opportunity to explore life's big questions, to say what you think and to hear other people's points of view. Each session considers a different question of our faith via a video presentation and interactive discussion designed to create conversation. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. For more information and/or to sign up, please visit www.nativitycharleston.org/alpha.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):) is a program to prepare adults for entry into the Catholic Church. For information or to register please contact Vicki Vázquez at 843-795-3821.

FORMED.org: is a digital platform that gives our parish access to video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and eBooks from the Church's foremost presenters. You just need an e-mail to sign in. No password.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples need to contact the priest at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date. Please contact the parish office at 843-795-3821 x 27.

Care of the Sick and Homebound: We care about you. To arrange for a pastoral visit, please contact the parish office at 843-795-3821 x 21

Sacrament of the Sick: Anointing of the Sick is the sacrament that is received by those who are suffering from a potentially life-threatening illness, those planning to have serious surgery and those in advanced years. Please do not wait until the 'last minute' to request the Anointing of the Sick. For more information or to request this sacrament, contact the parish office at 843-795-3821 x 21.

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843-853-2130 x 209

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800-921-8122

Note from the Finance Council

You can provide for the needs of future generations of Catholics by remembering Nativity in your will. You may also choose to make a gift through a charitable trust or an annuity. For more information about joining the newly established Catholic Heritage Society or to learn more about legacy gifts, please contact Carrie Mummert at (843) 261-0435 or email cmummert@catholic-doc.org.

All inquiries are handled in confidence.

An Active Parishioner

- is registered with the parish for at least 3 months,
- attends liturgies weekly
- makes regular and identifiable contributions by using parish envelopes or myEoffering.

These criteria are used to verify parishioner status for Weddings, Sacramental Preparation, Parish School of Religion enrollment, Sponsor Certificates for Baptism and Confirmation, and to receive parishioner tuition rates at Catholic schools. An extended time with no activity will place a person or family on inactive status.

Please be an active parishioner



New to Our Community?

To register in our parish, please fill out a registration form on our web site: www.nativitycharleston.org.

Forms are available at the church entrances. However, for immediate access, just scan this image with your smart phone >>>

For more information, please call the parish office at 843-795-3821.



Please consider joining our parish family!

Our God Wants Us to...

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... Today's First Reading: Isaiah 58:

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Collections at Mass (Feb 1—Feb 2)	\$ 14, 241. 00
Mail in Offerings (Jan 27—Jan 31)	\$ 1, 345. 00
myEoffering (Jan 27—Jan 31)	\$ 1, 677. 49
Budget (1 week)	<u>\$ 14, 326. 92</u>
Difference	\$ + 2, 936. 57
Registered Households	668
Envelopes Used (Feb 1—Feb 2)	244
Active myEoffering Families	154
MyEoffering Family Donations (Jan 13—Jan 19)	67

Offerings for Catholic Schools: \$1, 050. 00

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Please use your envelopes.

If you need envelopes, call the parish office.
at 843 795-3821.

Liturgical Ministers for Feb. 15-16

Please arrange for a substitute if you are unable to fulfill
your ministry as scheduled

5:30 pm Mass

Greeters:	Patrick Kelley & Kathy Wiley Tom & Marcia McNamee
Altar Servers:	Alexandra Lannie, Angel Salceda, Daniel Salceda
Eucharistic Ministers:	Paula Ballo, Claire Bergstrom, Ernest Bergstrom, Carolyn Smith, Mary Smith, Alice Veyera, John Warren
Lector:	Carl Borick
Ushers:	Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg, Randall Lannie

9:00 am Mass

Greeters:	Horner Family, Knight Family
Altar Servers:	Eliza Compton, Mary Compton, Maisy McElroy
Eucharistic Ministers:	Jimmy Craven, Wendy Craven, Donica Dennis, Mark Hollifield, Cathy Marino, Kristi Roberts, Gary Warriner
Lector:	Andrew Preston
Ushers:	Jim Anderson, Richard Bragiel, Larry Fisk, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass

Greeters:	Sheila Griner
Altar Servers:	Jackson DeLoach, Caryn Hasenberg, Emma Jakubowski
Eucharistic Ministers:	Irene Bennett, Karen Cellars, Lynn Curry, Ed Defourneaux, Sharon Doniphan, Lewis Doscher, Phu Tran
Lector:	Tara Hasenberg
Ushers:	Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien



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Let Us Pray

For members of our community who have requested our prayers

From previous months: Allene Barans, Arnold Bennett, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Britt Lamarr Boswell, Joe Caraviello, Herman Connor, John Cordray, Jake DuPree, Jo Ann Frederick, Ellen Pate Futrell, Ruby Inez Germroth, Malcolm Hale, Linda Hames, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, James Michael Huber, Ronnie & Myrtis Jenkins, Fred Kornahrens, Teresa LaTorre, Tommy Lavelle, Delores Lopez, Paul Madden, Paul & Carole Moran, Suzette Nowak, Charlie Organ, Irene Parmenter, Brenda Pearson, Ed and Terry Pop, Betty Ann Quinn, James Romero, Rosemary Saari, Kyle Souza, Fran Taylor, Inge Thornley, Rachel Villeponteaux, Courtney Wilson, Sally Wojcik

For our service men and women and their families throughout the world.

For Members of our Community who have recently lost loved ones.

To have names added or removed from these lists,
please contact the parish office at 843-795-3821
or at Office@NativityCharleston.org.

Intentions

Sanctuary Candle:

Feb 8 — Feb 14 51st Anniversary
Wendy and Jimmy Craven

Mass: This Week

Sat	8	5:30 pm	Michael LaTorre+
Sun	9	9:00 am	Jeffrey Giacinto+
		11:30 am	
Mon	10	4:15 pm	
Tues	11	4:15 pm	
Wed	12	4:15 pm	
Thurs	13	9:30 am	Erline Craven+
Sat	15	5:30 pm	Soledad Torres+
Sun	16	9:00 am	Philip Eacock+
		11:30 am	John Ulichnie+

Envelopes for Sanctuary Candle and Mass Intentions are at the church entrances. Please fill one out and put it in the collection basket. Please include your telephone number in case your requested date is unavailable.

Intention requests cannot be accepted
more than 3 months in advance.

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Nativity School is accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year.

For more information, please visit us at www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights or call us at 843-795-3975.

Don't miss this great Catholic Education opportunity for your children.



Sewing Group: Mon. Feb. 17 at 6:00 pm in the Nativity Parish Office.

Please bring your sewing machine if you have one.

All ladies of the parish are invited.

For more information please contact Marian Hoffman at
m.hoffman@earthlink.net.

February Monthly Meeting: Monday February 24 in the Nativity Parish Office.

Refreshments at 6:30 pm and Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Please Plan to Attend These Enjoyable Activities!

Baptism

Annabella Noelle Vázquez

daughter of Lindelia and Noel Vázquez was welcomed into our faith community on Sunday, February 2.

Congratulations to this new member of our church.



Dinner & Discourse

by the Cathedral Women's Club

**February 13th at 6:30 pm
in the parish hall/Allegro School**



Dr. Cormac O'Duffy will tell us about Bishop England, a very important person in Charleston, a book, a video from the Bishop of Cork. He will also discuss a pilgrimage to Cork in Ireland to witness the very exciting setting of a memorial. All this will happen this year - of Charleston's 350th anniversary of the Diocese of Charleston and the 200th anniversary of the Charleston cathedral.

Please join us to witness a Memorable evening of great history!!



Baptism

Luca Joseph Sanfrancesco

son of Claire and Dr. Joseph Sanfrancesco. was welcomed into our faith community on Sunday, February 1.

Congratulations to this new member of our church.

Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Oanh Nguyen,

whose memorial funeral Mass was celebrated at Nativity, January 28.



May she rest in peace.

HER LIGHT IS SHINING
BRIGHTLY TODAY



•BURRONS•

If you give yourself to the hungry
And satisfy the desire of the afflicted,
Then your light will rise in darkness
And your gloom will become like midday. Is 58:10



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

THIS SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 9TH)!

in the school hall after the 9:00 Mass. The price is still only \$3.00 for adults; Sugar free syrup is available.

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AND COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP.

MORE UPCOMING K OF C ACTIVITIES

FEBRUARY OFFICERS MEETING: Thursday, February 20 at American Legion Post 147 at 7:30 pm and Refreshments at 8:30 pm.

ALL KNIGHTS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND COUNCIL 6250 MEETINGS.

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT: Sunday, May 5 at Oak Point Golf Course (Kiawah Island)
ALL ARE INVITED—SAVE THE DATE

Sponsoring this event is a great way to support Local Charities. For more information about sponsorships, please contact Joe TedersJoe@charlestontrentpartners.com or at (843) 939-0333

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY



EVANGELIZATION—THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

There is no better place to look for guidance in the New Evangelization than the Acts of the Apostles. This chronicle of the Church in action gives us the blueprint for the life and mission of the Church today.

Evangelization and the Acts of the Apostles is an 8 session video series. It combines Bible study with Church teaching and practical wisdom to show you how modern Catholics can effectively lead people to Jesus Christ.

The sessions are held at the Nativity Parish Office. We begin at 5:45 pm by saying a Rosary for Healing. The presentation starts at about 6:00 pm. For more information, please contact Andrea Gilliard at acgilliard@comcast.net or at 843-696-2161.

All are welcome and invited to attend.



Thursday Evening Bible Study

Following Christ takes more than simply believing in him or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer — He wants you to be his disciple and friend. ***Follow Me*** invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ.

This is an 8 part video series. The sessions are held at the home of Ryckie Watkins and begin at 6:30 pm. For more information please call Ryckie Watkins at 843-795-4194 or email Ryckiewatkins1329@comcast.net

Please join us as often as you are able!



Rosary for Life with Fr. Kingsley

Monthly Rosary: Sat, Feb 15 at 8:00 am: at Planned Parenthood Charleston Health Center (1312 Ashley River Road Hwy. 61). For more information call Stephen Boyle at 843-763-0681.

Pregnant? Need Help? Nationwide Toll Free:

800-395-HELP
www.pregnancycenters.org

Lowcountry Pregnancy Center

843-225-3010 in West Ashley or
843-553-3505 in North Charleston

There are also many other resources available to help people who have been hurt by their experience with abortion. For more information please contact the Diocese of Charleston: Office of Family Life

<https://charlestondiocese.org/respect-life/post-abortion-healing>



Parish Mission of Divine Mercy

**Feb 17, 18 and 19 at 6:30 pm.
at Christ Our King Church
Mount Pleasant**

Each evening, Fr Dan Cambra, will provide reflections and prayers regarding Divine Mercy.

Fr Cambria is the Director of the Evangelization Team for the Marian Fathers. His presentations will help participants

- Learn the ABC's of Divine Mercy,
- Learn how to receive special graces on the Feast of Mercy
- and understand the importance of the Divine Mercy message.

There is no charge for this event and all are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Church of the Nativity Annual Oyster Roast & Chili Cook Off

**Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 6:30 pm
At the Nativity School Hall and Portico**



**Presented by Nativity Ladies Guild &
Knights of Columbus Council 6250**



Tickets are on sale after All Weekend Masses.

Tickets	Oysters	No Oysters
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Don't forget to bring your own knife and glove for the oysters!

This is an adult only event.



**Be sure to enter your best Chili in
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For more information regarding the Chili Cookoff, please contact April Ulichnie at aprilu33@gmail.com or any Ladies Guild Member.

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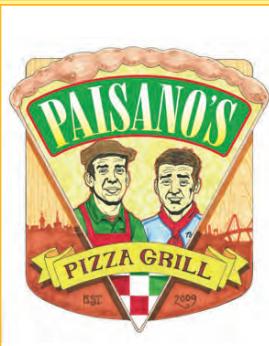
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