

Who do You Love?

Jesus asks his disciples to have total dedication to following him. As an example, he tells us that to be worthy we must love him more than we love our parents or children. He does not expect us to abandon them, just to have so much love for Jesus that it spills over to our family, allowing us to love them more deeply. But we can be so dedicated to Jesus that he comes first. That means that if we lose a family member through death or divorce, we still keep our faith in the Lord. If we see someone in our family stray from the faith, we try to bring them back through our prayers, example, and encouragement. If our spouse tries to lead us into sin, we have the courage to stand up for our faith.

Jesus then gives examples of three kinds of disciples. First are the prophets. These are people who have lived the faith and are able to teach others the wisdom they have learned. They may be good counselors who advise us, teachers who inspire us, or leaders who encourage us to follow Jesus. While we may not have those qualities, Jesus promises to reward all who take their advice, learn from their teaching, or follow Jesus because of them.

Second are the righteous, those whose quiet lives teach by example. Many good parents practice this type of discipleship. Children may not listen to their parents' advice, but still grow up with memories of how they lived. If we imitate the best of our parents' ways, we will receive the reward of the righteous.

Finally, there are the "little ones." These, like children, follow Jesus with great joy and love. They may not be leaders or always get things right. They may be elderly, or disabled. In their weakness, they show us the Lord's

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Catholic Diocese of Charleston



Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 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

Mon. through Fri.	11:30 am
Saturday Vigil	5:30 pm
Sunday	9:00 am and 11:30 am

Make reservations for Weekend Mass attendance.

Church is open Daily for Private Prayer and Devotion.

Weekdays and Saturday: 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

**Social distancing guidelines
must be observed at all times.**

Parish Office Hours

**The parish office remains open but
many of the staff are working remotely.
Please call before you visit to make sure
someone is available to assist you.**

power. When we respect and cherish them, we are able to see Jesus in them. And anytime we can experience Jesus through another person is a wonderful reward for a disciple.

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For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord

Today's Psalm PS 89

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 104.

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 x 104.

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 104.

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 104

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.

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.

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.

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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.

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myEoffering (Jun 15—Jun 19)	\$ 2,394. 41
Budget (1 weeks)	<u>\$ 14,326. 92</u>
Difference	\$ - 2,078. 51
Registered Households	668
Envelopes Used (Jun 20—Jun 21)	
Active myEoffering Families	154
MyEoffering Family Donations (Jun 15—Jun 19)	

If you are unable to attend Mass,
Please consider making your regular offerings by
mail or online (myEoffering).

Thank you for your Generosity.

Please use your envelopes.

Liturgical Ministers

The ministry lists are being revised to comply
with the new Mass attendance guidelines.

The ministry schedules will be emailed to the
ministers and posted in the bulletin when these
changes have been integrated.

We are sorry for the inconvenience and appreciate
your understanding during this period of change.

Intentions

Mass: This Week

Sat	27	5:30 pm	Bill Reed+
Sun	28	9:00 am	John Cordray, Sr.+
		11:30 am	
Mon	29	11:30 am	Arnold Bennett+
Tues	30	11:30 am	Xavier Martin+
Wed	1	11:30 am	
Thurs	2	11:30 am	
Fri	3	11:30 am	
Sat	4	5:30 pm	
Sun	5	9:00 am	John Cordray, Sr.+
		11:30 am	Ed & Pat Abel++

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.

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Let Us Pray

For members of our community who have
requested our prayers

Recently Added: Rob Barker

From previous months: Allene Barans, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Britt Lamarr Boswell, Joe Caraviello, Herman Connor, 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, Brenda Kennerty, Fred Kornahrens, Teresa LaTorre, Tommy Lavelle, Delores Lopez, Paul Madden, Paul & Carole Moran, Chet Nowak, 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

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Mass and Sacrament Guidelines for the Current Conditions

Social distancing remains in effect for Mass. Here are the guidelines at Nativity

As stated by Bishop Guglielmone, Mass attendance must not exceed 50% of our sanctuary's seating capacity of 734. However, to allow plenty of room for social distancing at Nativity

- The number of people attending each weekend Mass is limited to 150.
- Once we reach our maximum number, then no one else can attend that Mass.

The Bishop has extended the dispensation from the requirement to attend Sunday Mass during this transition period.

- Those with underlying health conditions and the elderly should consider not coming to Mass.
- The sick and vulnerable should definitely not come to Mass.
- If you would feel more comfortable with a smaller number of people, then you may wish to attend a weekday Mass instead and use that as your "Communion day".

The Interim Mass schedule at Nativity

- Monday through Friday—Mass is 11:30 am
- **Sign up is not required for weekday Mass.**
- Saturday—Mass is 5:30 pm and attendance is limited to 150
- Sunday—Masses are 9:00 and 11:30 am and attendance is limited to 150 at each Mass.

Nativity has established a system so you can reserve your place at Weekend Masses

- Here is the link to Reserve your space at Weekend Mass.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4caaad29a2f58-confirmed>
- Here is another option. Try this shorter link.
<https://bit.ly/2YR2mr6> (note that short links like this are case sensitive)
- Or even easier, just scan the QR code at right with your smart phone app. —>>>
- If you cannot access the online sign up system, please call the parish office and leave a message with Mass time and number of attendees. We will register you and only call you back if spaces are full for requested Mass time.
- Once we reach our maximum number, then no one else can register for that Mass.



To schedule a Mass intention

- Put your Mass intention envelope in the basket at the back of the church,
- or put it through the mail slot in the parish office door,
- or email your intention to Fr. Kingsley at Pastor@NativityCharleston.org.

Other Safety Guidelines at Mass

- You may wish to wear a protective mask.
- Please use the restroom only when absolutely necessary.
- Stay at least six feet away from non-family members at all times.
- Please don't use the hymnals. We will provide disposable worship aids.
- There will be no sign of peace.
- Communion will only be distributed in the hand.
- There will be no social events, such as coffee and doughnuts, before or after Mass.
- We will ensure proper cleaning of frequently touched surfaces after each Mass.
- Children's Liturgy, Nursery and Quiet Room are not available during this time.
- Please take uncomfortable children outside if needed.

Offertory Collection

In the interests of your health, will not be taken up during Mass. Please place donations in the baskets at the back of the church (near the restrooms).

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Saturday afternoon confessions (4:15 to 5:00 pm)

- Please examine your conscience and know your sins before you go to confession. During these extraordinary times, the priest may not be able to spend more than a few minutes to hear your confession. So please be brief.
- Wear a mask if you wish.
- Ensure there is six feet of separation between you, other people waiting in line, and the priest.
- If you choose to go behind the screen, the priest will sit six feet away from the screen.
- Disinfecting wipes will be available in the confessional. When exiting, please wipe any surface you may have touched, such as the kneeler, a chair, and the door knob.
- It is recommended that you wash your hands after going to confession.

Anointing of the Sick

- Currently, priests are not being allowed to visit hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living facilities.
- If you are having a procedure and want to be anointed beforehand, please contact Fr. Kingsley to schedule a time to be anointed at the church office.

Other Sacraments

- Weddings and funerals may be celebrated with the limitations stated above.
- We will inform you of the dates for First Communion and Confirmation once they are determined.
- For Baptisms, contact Mary Smith at DRE@NativityCharleston.org.



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The book cover features a painting of the Last Supper in the upper half, showing Jesus, Peter, and John at a table with bread and wine. Below the painting, the word "EUCARIST" is written in large, gold-colored letters. Underneath that, a smaller banner reads "DISCOVERING THE MASS IN THE OLD & NEW TESTAMENTS".

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For more information or to sign up, please contact Vicki Vazquez at admin@nativitycharleston.org.

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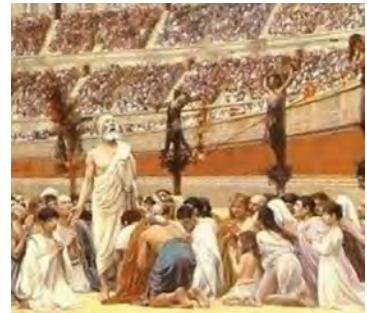
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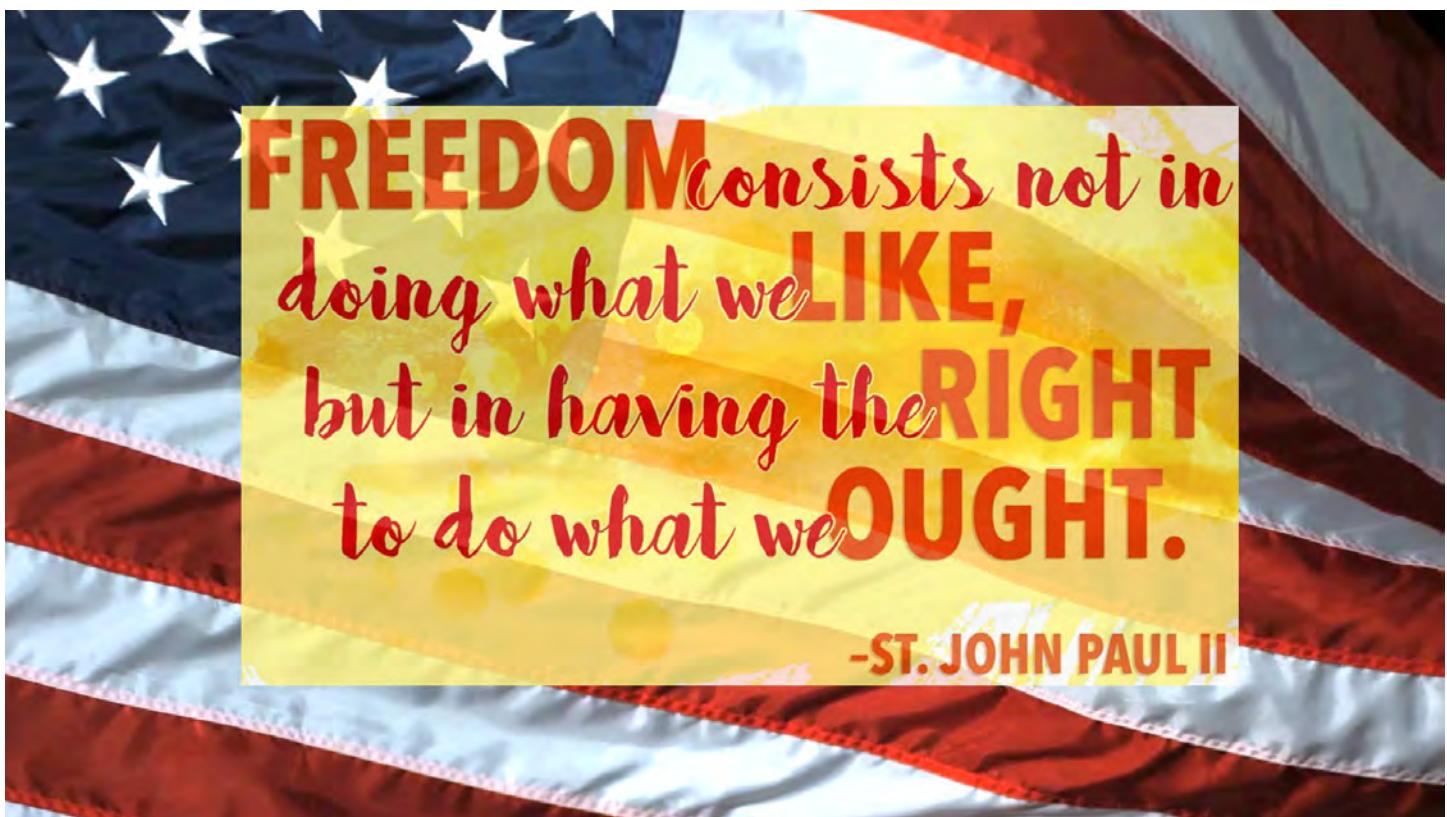
June 30th is the Feast of the First Martyrs of Christianity in Rome

In July of 64 AD, Rome was devastated by fire. Largely made up of wooden tenements, fire was a frequent occurrence in the city of Rome. It was widely believed that this tragedy was caused by the Roman emperor Nero. He needed more land to enlarge his palace. However, Nero blamed the fire on Christians, condemned them and had them put to torturous and painful death in public spectacles.



This feast first came into the General Roman Calendar in the 1969 calendar reforms. The intention of the feast is to give a general celebration to the faith and fortitude of the early Roman martyrs. Prior to the calendar reforms, there were dozens of relatively minor Roman martyrs celebrated or commemorated in the calendar but for whom there is scant historical information.

Wherever the Good News of Jesus was preached, it met the same opposition as Jesus did. Many of those who followed Him shared His sufferings and death. However, no human force could stop the Spirit unleashed upon the world through the Christians. They only became stronger witnesses to the faith.



July 4th — Have a safe and enjoyable Independence Day!



**Michael P. Cellars to be ordained to Priesthood
Friday, July 10 at 5:00 pm
At Holy Spirit Church (Johns Island)**

Michael Cellars is a graduate of Nativity and Bishop England schools. He was ordained a transitional deacon in May, 2019 and recently completed theology studies at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston TX.

Fr. Cellars will be saying Mass at Nativity at 11:30 on Sunday, July 19

If possible, please attend the ordination and Father Cellars Mass at Nativity. Attendance limits apply. Social distancing is required and masks are encouraged.

Please keep Father Cellars in your thoughts and prayers as he takes on his new assignment in the upstate.



At the Church of the Nativity
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