



Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

June 7, 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. through Fri.	11:30 am

Social distancing guidelines must be observed at all times and it is advised to make reservations for Mass attendance.

All other services in the church are cancelled until further notice.

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

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.

loves the world, that God's own Son was sent to die for us. But we sometimes forget that God's love comes first. We think that the more loving we are, the more God will love us. But love comes from God (1 John 4:7-11), so when we love someone it doesn't make God love us more; we love because God loves us first. Our decision to love is a response to God's love, and our ability to love is itself a gift from God. The meaning of life, the universe, and everything is Love, the love of the Trinity for each other and for us. The question now is, how well do we use that gift of God's love by loving each other?

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



June 7, 2020

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
might not perish but might have eternal life.

John 3:16

Life, the Universe, and Everything

Why does God love us so much? And why are we able to love others? The answer to these questions is found in the meaning of today's feast. Trinity Sunday celebrates not so much an idea of three-in-one as the relationship of the Persons of the Trinity with each other and with us.

The idea is that the Father expressed himself as the Word. Since it was a perfect expression, the Word is his Son and equal to the Father. The love of Father and Son is expressed as the Holy Spirit. Being a perfect love, it too is equal to Father and Son. So even the idea of the Trinity is based on love. But God's love was so great, God went even further. God created us to be loved by God.

In the second reading Paul blesses the Corinthians with the "love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit." The book of Genesis (3:18) says that it was not good for man to be alone. So God created woman, and through man and woman all humanity, to be able to love each other. Though human love is not perfect, the love of man and woman can produce another person, a child. The three Persons of the Trinity share one life in God. But through baptism, we also share in God's life. Just as parents love to see how their children look like them, so God loves to see the divine in us.

The first reading reminds us of God's closeness to humanity. Moses can speak to God and God responds by granting his request. The Gospel tells how much God

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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.

STAFF

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Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services:
843-853-2130 x 209

Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister:
800-921-8122

Note from the Finance Council

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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!

Shape Up People!

Mend your ways, encourage one another,
agree with one another, live in peace,
and the God of love and peace will be with you.

...Today's Second Reading 2 Corinthians 13

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Offerings May 18 — May 31

Collections at Mass (May 23—May 31)	\$ 18,048.00
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myEoffering (May 18—May 29)	\$ 5,169.96
Budget (2 weeks)	\$ 28,653.84
Difference	\$ +11,904.12
Registered Households	668
Envelopes Used (May 18—May 29)	
Active myEoffering Families	154
MyEoffering Family Donations (May 18—May 29)	

Offerings for Catholic Communications: \$445.00

**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.

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

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	6	5:30 pm	Bill Reed+
Sun	7	9:00 am	John Cordray, Sr.+
		11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Mon	8	11:30 am	
Tues	9	11:30 am	Arnold Bennett+
Wed	10	11:30 am	Marti Turner+
Thurs	11	11:30 am	
Fri	12	11:30 am	
Sat	13	5:30 pm	Jorge Tovar Lasso+
Sun	14	9:00 am	Muriel Eacock+
		11:30 am	Tina DiFiglio+

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.**

Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy
 to the family and friends of

John Allen Cordray, Sr ,

whose funeral was held at Nativity
 on Monday, June 1.

May he rest in peace.



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**Don't forget to update your account
 with your current credit card expiration date.**

For more information, please contact the parish office.

Let Us Pray

**For members of our community who have
 requested our prayers**

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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EUCCHARIST

Join us for weekly discussion beginning
Sunday, June 7, 2020–August 9, 2020 @ 7:00 pm
on Google Classroom.

Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching. "The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and the Blood of Christ"... these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching?

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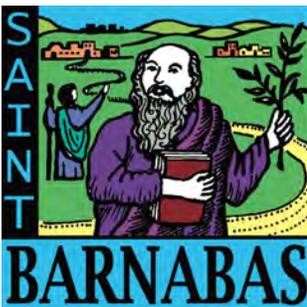


This is how this works:

Watch the video anytime at your convenience at Formed.Org. Log in with your e-mail only, no password.

Share in the discussion by joining us weekly on Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm in the 'Google Classroom'.

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



St Barnabas, Feast is June 11

Barnabas, initially named Joseph, was born in Cyprus of wealthy Jewish parents. Though not one of the 12 apostles, he was among Christ's earliest followers and may even have heard Jesus preach in person. Barnabas is traditionally regarded as one of the 72 disciples.

At some point, Barnabas committed himself radically to the teachings of Jesus. He sold the large estate he had inherited, contributed the proceeds to the Church and joined the other apostles.

After Paul's conversion, Barnabas vouched for Paul before St. Peter and the Church leaders. Later, Barnabas joined Paul for Paul's first missionary journey, which lasted about 2 years.

They spent a year in Antioch, where, together, they built up the Church community. The members of this community were the first to be called "Christians".

Barnabas and Paul eventually parted ways. Barnabas returned to Cyprus with his cousin, John Mark (traditionally regarded as the author of the Gospel of Mark). There they continued to preach the gospel and build the Christian community.

St. Luke described Barnabas as 'a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith' (Acts 6:24). He was known for his exceptional kindness and personal sanctity, and his openness to gentiles. Barnabas was martyred in Cyprus, some time before the year 61 AD.

TEXT AND EMAIL SCAMS

Some members of Nativity Parish continue to receive **SCAM email and text messages**, ostensibly from Fr. Kingsley. And/or other members of our staff.

- These emails are not from any other member of the Nativity Staff.
- Our Parish email accounts has not been 'hacked'.
- There is no action we can take to prevent these types of scams.

Beware! You are receiving these messages from someone unknown to us who wants to steal from you.

What to do? Delete the original message!

Do not click 'reply'. To do so will connect you directly to the thief. If you are uncertain about messages you receive that appear to be from Father Kingsley or members of the Nativity staff, please contact the Nativity parish office for clarification. (Office@NativityCharleston.org or 843-795-3821).



Anointing of the Sick

Priests are not being allowed into the hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living facilities at this time.

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.

Please Plan Ahead!



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May 4, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I'm happy to share with you some good news. Beginning Monday, May 11, Bishop Guglielmo will allow limited celebrations of public Masses. The limitations are designed to protect your health. The main limitation will be the number of people who can attend each Mass. Our church has a seating capacity of 734. The Bishop has limited us to 25% of seating capacity. However, out of an abundance of caution, we will limit the number of people at each weekday Mass to 50, and the number at each weekend Mass to 125. That will allow plenty of room for social-distancing.

The Bishop's dispensation from attending Sunday Mass remains in effect 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". Below is our **interim Mass schedule**:

Day	Time	Maximum number
Monday	11:30 am	50
Tuesday	11:30 am	50
Wednesday	11:30 am	50
Thursday	11:30 am	50
Friday	11:30 am	50
Saturday	5:30 pm	125
Sunday	9 am and 11:30 am	125 at each Mass

Once we reach our maximum number, then no one else can come to that Mass. We will send you a link so you can reserve places for you and your family at the weekend Masses. If we see the need, we will add additional weekend Masses. Those who are not signed up will only be allowed if spaces remain. If you cannot access the signup list via "SignUpGenius", please call the church 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.

Here is the link to Reserve your space at Mass.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4caaad29a2f58-confirm>

Don't like to type that many characters? 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. —>>>



**Pick the option that works best for you.
Just remember to sign up early and often!**

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If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, then please put your Mass intention envelope in the basket at the back of the church, or through the mail slot in the parish office door, or email me at Pastor@NativityCharleston.org. The parish office will be manned at irregular times during this transition period so the staff can work from home as much as possible.

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.
- ⇒ There will be no Children's Liturgy, Nursery or Quiet Room available during this time.
- ⇒ Please take crying children outside if needed.

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 .

Offertory

I want to sincerely thank all of you who have continued to generously support our parish during this quarantine period. You have used electronic giving, mailing in your collection envelopes, or else putting your envelopes through the mail slot in the office door. As you know, not even a pandemic can stop the bills from coming in. In the interests of your health, we will not be taking up a collection during the weekend Masses. However, there will be a basket in the back of the church by the restrooms where you can place your donation.

Final thoughts

The events surrounding this virus have been hard on all of us. Graduations and other family events have been cancelled. People have suffered financially and in terms of their health. Many people are lonely because they can't touch loved ones and embrace them. Also, I know that many of you have missed receiving the Eucharist and being with our parish community. By the Grace of God, it appears that this difficult time is almost over. Still, we need to keep praying. Please know that all of you are remembered in my prayers every day.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. S. Thomas Kingsley
Pastor

Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the
family and friends of

William E. Reed.

whose funeral was held at Nativity
on Friday, May 29th.

May he rest in peace.





June 1, 2020

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue the gradual resumption of the sacraments, we must do so with the safety of the faithful and our priests foremost in mind. I have issued guidelines to assist parishes in planning the resumption of the Sacrament of Confession.

Please make note that the general absolution has been extended until June 14, the feast of Corpus Christi. While those who attend daily Mass will not receive the general absolution after June 1, it will still be available for those who are unable to attend weekend Masses. Private confessions may resume on June 1 at the discretion of your pastor.

Confession will still look different in the foreseeable future. Parishes have been advised to move penance into the body of the church or to a similar large area. There should be six feet of space between you and the priest, and the option is always available to celebrate the sacrament anonymously.

Please prepare confessions at home and keep it brief. Given these extraordinary times, there may only be a few minutes to have confessions heard. If you need to speak with a priest for counseling on a particular issue in your life, please make an appointment at a different time outside of the confession setting.

People will be asked to leave the confessional space immediately after absolution, and any penance may be done at home or at a safe distance in another portion of your church. All of this will be at your pastor's discretion.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate these new ways of ensuring the faithful receive the sacraments. My prayers are with you all.

In the Lord's Peace,

Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmo
Bishop of Charleston

Saturday afternoon confessions from 4:15 – 5:00 pm resumed June 6

Bishop Guglielmo has established the following guidelines for going to confession:

- ⇒ Please examine your conscience and know your sins before you go to confession. During these extraordinary times, there will only be a few minutes to have your confession heard. So please be brief.
- ⇒ You may wear a mask if you wish.
- ⇒ Ensure six feet of separation between yourself, 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. On your way out, please take a wipe and 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.



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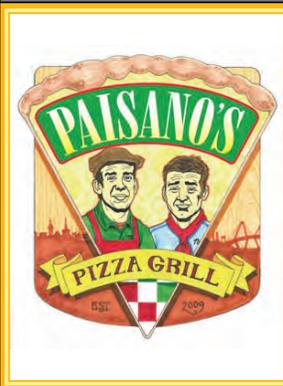


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