

**Twentieth**  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
August 16, 2020

The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord ...  
I will bring to my holy mountain...  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.  
Isaiah 56:6,7

The Holy Mountain, folio 3 from *Monte Sancto di Dio*, 1477  
Baccio Baldini (Italian, c. 1436-1487)  
Chicago Institute of Art (ICO)

## A Clever Woman of Faith

The first reading reminds us that even though the Jews are God's chosen people, foreigners who love the Lord will be accepted into God's house. So why is Jesus being so difficult with the Canaanite woman?

At first he seems to be putting her off. He doesn't answer her, but tells the disciples that he came only for lost sheep of Israel, adding the remark about food going to the dogs. He does this not to discourage her, but to draw a response of faith. He wants to see how persistent she is in her request.

We can tell ourselves that we are people of faith, but how easily are we discouraged? Do we think God has forgotten us when we experience trouble? Sometimes it is our childish belief that everything has to go our way. We may not be selfish about it; we may be discouraged by the suffering of someone we love. The woman's clever reply to Jesus reminds us that she trusted in Jesus' power and willingness to help.

Jesus was also teaching his disciples that faith is more important than nationality. They were all Jews and wanted Jesus to send the Canaanite woman away. Long after Jesus' resurrection, the church struggled with the question of non-Jewish believers. Today, we may be doing the same thing in reverse. Some people think that only Catholics can be saved and that there is no hope for Protestants, much less for Jews. God's covenant with the chosen people cannot be rescinded. Paul says that the rejection of Jesus by Jewish leaders led to salvation for the rest of the world. But though some rejected Jesus, God never rejected the Jews.

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Catholic Diocese of Charleston



## Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road  
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

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in Ordinary Time**  
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### 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**

**Face Mask and 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.**

Finally, Jesus responded to her persistence. Like the woman who wouldn't go away, we can keep praying till we get an answer to our prayer. While sometimes our request is granted, sometimes God has a good reason to delay or even say no. The more time we spend in prayer, the more likely we are to listen to God's answer. Prayer can help us come to the peaceful acceptance that God only does what is best for us.

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## THINGS TO KNOW

**Nursery:** Is offered to 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. **Currently unavailable pending the end of the COVID epidemic.**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Is offered to children age 4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade during the 9:00 am Mass on Sundays. **Currently unavailable pending the end of the COVID epidemic.**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, must also have participated in a 1<sup>st</sup> grade PSR or Catholic school program. Children planning to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade must also have participated in a 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

**Pastor:** Rev. Thomas Kingsley  
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**Director of Administration:** Mrs. Vicki Vázquez  
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**School Principal:** Mrs. Patti Dukes  
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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

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](mailto: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](http://www.nativitycharleston.org).

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

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



**Please consider joining our parish family!**

### Appreciate

O God, let all the nations praise you!

...Today's Psalm: PS 67

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### Offerings Aug 8 — Aug 9

The weekly offerings information was not available by the publishing deadline for this week's bulletin. The information will be provided in a future bulletin.

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 for August 22-23

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

#### 5:30 pm Mass

**Altar Servers:** Michael Smith  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Carolyn Smith  
**Lector:** John Warren  
**Ushers:** Mary Hajny  
Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed,  
Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg,  
Randall Lannie

#### 9:00 am Mass

**Altar Server:** Anna Tillman  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gary Hart  
**Lector:** Mark Hollifield  
**Ushers:** Gary Warriner  
Jim Anderson, Richard Bragiel,  
Steve Molony, Michael O'Neale

#### 11:30 am Mass

**Altar Server:** Kenji Tran  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Karen Cellars  
**Lector:** Lynn Curry  
**Ushers:** Michael Dennis  
Lewis Doscher, Joe Ginn,  
Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien



Approximately 18 of our parish  
youth will celebrate their  
**1st Holy Communion**  
on Sat. Aug. 22 at 10 am.

Due to attendance restrictions, this  
Mass is limited to 1st Communion  
families and their guests.

We ask that our parish family keep these youth in your  
prayers as they prepare to celebrate this most holy  
sacrament.

"For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to  
you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed,  
took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it  
and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in  
remembrance of me." ...1 Cor.11:23-24



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For more information, please contact the parish office.

### Let Us Pray

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

### Recently Added: Mona O'Leary, Robert Nixon, John Wilson

**From previous months:** Allene Barans, Rob Barker, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Britt Lamarr Boswell, Joe Caraviello, Herman Connor, Jake DuPree, Jo Ann Frederick, Ellen Pate Futrell, 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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### Intentions

#### Sanctuary Candle:

Aug 15 — Aug 21      55th Anniversary  
Pat & Hal Perry

#### Mass: This Week

Sat	15	5:30 pm	Gilbert & Marion Molony O'Brien+
Sun	16	9:00 am	Stephen Buffington+
		11:30 am	Evelyn Thomas+
Mon	17	11:30 am	
Tues	18	11:30 am	Evelyn Thomas+
Wed	19	11:30 am	Nicholas Aquino+
Thurs	20	11:30 am	
Fri	21	11:30 am	
Sat	22	5:30 pm	Bill Reed+
Sun	23	9:00 am	69th Wedding Anniversary Esther & Walter Machowski
		11:30 am	Gilbert & Marion Molony O'Brien+

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](https://www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights)  
or call us at 843-795-3975.

**Nativity School will start August 24 with all the safety precautions in place.  
Enroll your child today.**

On Monday, July 20, SC Governor, Henry McMaster, announced 'SAFE' Grants for eligible students who attend participating independent SC schools.

On Wednesday, July 22, an Orangeburg County Circuit Court judge signed a temporary restraining order to prevent the distribution of grants for private school tuition.

Sign up to receive notifications and get status updates regarding this program at [www.mysceducation.org](http://www.mysceducation.org)

Safe Access to Flexible Education (SAFE) Grants is a program to address the educational needs of eligible K5-12 students who attend participating independent schools in South Carolina. Families with an adjusted gross household income of 300% or less of the federal poverty level may apply to receive a SAFE Grant of up to \$6,500 per student. This program is permitted up to 5,000 students statewide for a total of \$32 million in aid.

For more information, please contact Michael F. Acquilano, Director of the SC Catholic Conference at [macquilano@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:macquilano@charlestondiocese.org) or at 843-709-2717.

## **Investing in your child's education as a Catholic shouldn't be limited by cost.**

You can receive

\$6,500 per student

from the distribution of 'SAFE' Grant funds to students  
of Nativity School is temporarily On Hold!

For families earning  
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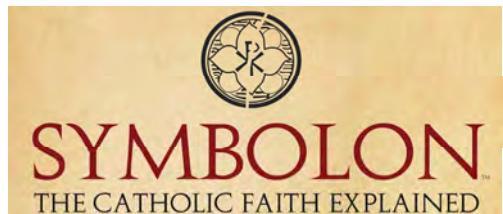


## RCIA Teams Up with Symbolon The RCIA process (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

The Church of the Nativity offers an opportunity to come together in an online small group to learn more about our faith. We will use the Formed.org Symbolon Series: Knowing the Faith and Living the Faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church. The intent is to prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter Season. All are welcome to participate in the process. Bring your questions, your insights, and your faith story and join us in a warm, welcoming, and accepting setting.



**The RCIA classes are held online from 7:00—8:30 pm on Sunday evenings beginning September 13.**

**This year's program kicks off on Sunday, August 30th at 5:30 pm  
with a 'Meet and Greet' Outdoor Cookout!**

Masks and social distancing practices are required.

For more information, please contact Vicki Vázquez at [admin@nativitycharleston.org](mailto:admin@nativitycharleston.org) or at 843-795-3821.

# Rachel's Vineyard

Healing the trauma of abortion, one weekend at a time

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

is a supportive, confidential, nonjudgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion experience. The retreat offers a person a chance to explore how they feel about the abortion and an opportunity to find healing and peace. The team is extremely compassionate and understanding and helpful.

**Our 2020 retreats in South Carolina are September 18-20 (Greenville) and November 6-8 (Charleston).**

For more information or registration please contact Christy at 803 554 6088 or Kathy at 803 546 6010  
or email us at [Grace4healing@gmail.com](mailto:Grace4healing@gmail.com)

## Plans?

You are invited to  
Alpha Online for a time  
of great conversation  
and talks that make you think.

Tuesday Evenings  
beginning September 8, 2020  
8:00 pm

Via Zoom 917 5048 3592  
Password: Alpha



For More Information, visit  
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[alphausa.org](http://alphausa.org)  
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**You're invited. #TryAlphaOnline**

## Parish School of Religion (PSR) Registration



for parish children who will attend non-parochial schools for the 2020-2021 school year is underway. Registration forms are available at the church entrances. PSR Registration information is also available at

[www.NativityCharleston.org/Formation](http://www.NativityCharleston.org/Formation)

### Please register Now

so that we can order the needed materials and plan appropriately for COVID conditions that may impact our Religious Education Program.



Jesus said to her, "O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish."

And her daughter was healed at once. Mt 15:28

## Catechists Needed for School of Religion



for the upcoming school year. If you love your faith and are willing to share that blessing with the children of our parish, please contact Mary Smith at 843-795-3821 x 104 or at [DRE@nativitycharleston.org](mailto:DRE@nativitycharleston.org).

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**Thank you for helping us teach  
your children about their God.**



### US Census Job Opportunities

The Diocese has been promoting that people take the census so why not share this job opportunity to work for the census....

For more information about available positions, please visit: [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs)

"The U.S. Census determines money our state receives for roads, education, and vital services! We are ranked at 46th for responses, and will lose billions of dollars in assistance over the next 10 years if we can't get this fixed! Have you completed your 2020 census yet? Watch here: [https://youtu.be-3JPO3eP\\_lo](https://youtu.be-3JPO3eP_lo) then check out our coverage, with a message from Bishop Guglielmone here: [charlestondiocese.org/2020-census](http://charlestondiocese.org/2020-census)."



### Flowers

at the altar are in thanksgiving for the 55th anniversary of Pat & Hal Perry

*May God grant them many more years of happiness together.*



## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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**August Monthly Meeting:** Monday August 24 in the Nativity School Library. Refreshments at 6:30 pm and Meeting at 7:00 pm. Masks are required.

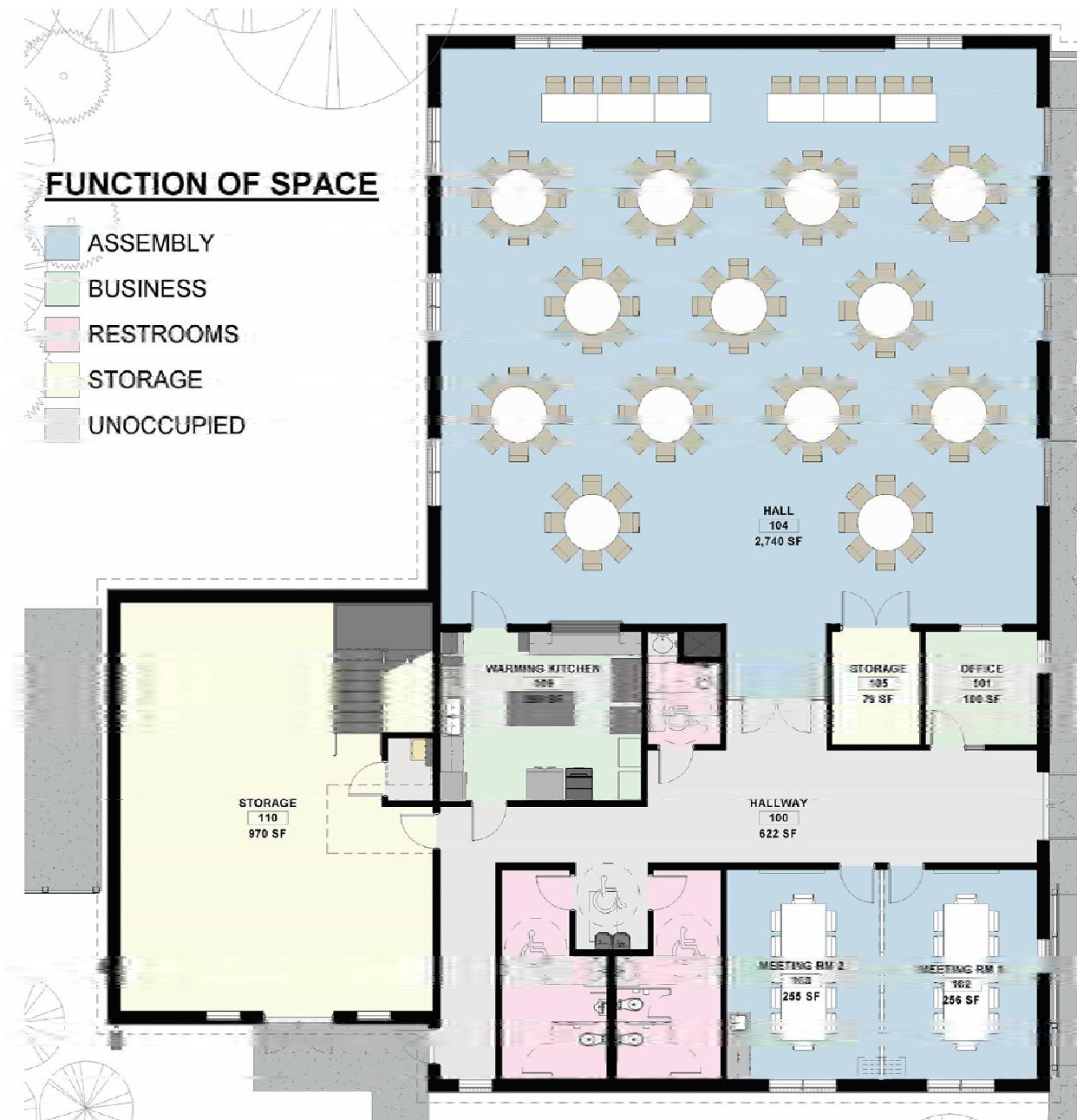
# Nativity Parish Life Center

The Parish Life Center is a space to have parishioners meet for education, recreation, spiritual growth and parish fellowship.

## Good News!

After over 10 months of meeting with City of Charleston officials, and jumping through their hoops for storm water approval, we finally have our Building Permit. Now we can start building our Parish Life Center. Our contractor is Charles Blanchard Construction Corporation. They are currently putting together their construction schedule for our Life Center. We will keep you informed of our progress.

Nativity Parish Building Committee,  
Claire Bergstrom, Larry Fisk, Mary Smith





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