



Come to the Feast

Why would invited guests refuse to come to a wedding? Free food and drink, music and dancing — what's not to like? By this time, Jesus knew that many of the Jewish leaders would not accept the invitation to follow him. As we know, after the Resurrection the disciples began to spread the good news not only to other Jews, but to anyone who would listen.

One reason the leaders in Israel did not accept Jesus was his association with sinners. They did not understand that God calls sinners to repent and be forgiven. Ordinary people, who knew they were sinners, were attracted by the offer of forgiveness. Many of them repented and came to be baptized. As the parable says, they filled the banquet hall.

So what about the man in the parable who came in street clothes? The wedding garment was a symbol of the baptismal gown, the sign of new life in Christ. So this man symbolizes those who "come to the feast" without repenting of their sins.

We can be like that man sometimes. We come to church, arguing with our spouse on the way. We bring our prejudices, lies, anger, and selfishness — with no intention of doing anything about them. We come with the attitude that says, "I'm here, aren't I? That should be good enough." But it's not. By dying for our sins, Jesus calls us to come back to God. So repentance is not just a change of clothing, it is a change of heart. It is our ticket to the banquet, our way of saying, "I know I don't deserve this, but thanks for letting me share the feast."

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Catholic Diocese of Charleston



Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

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

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| Monday through Friday | 11:30 am |
| Thursday | 9:30 am School Mass |
| Due to Covid precautions, 9:30 Mass is for Nativity school students and staff only. | |
| 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: 9:00 am to 4:00 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

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Phone: 843-795-3821 / Fax: 843-795-2714
e-mail: Office@NativityCharleston.org

Stay in touch with us at Nativity

Web page: <https://nativitycharleston.com/>
YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/ChurchoftheNativity>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NativityCharleston>
and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NativityFamily>
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/NativityCharleston/>

"Friend" Father Kingsley on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/thomas.kingsley.12576>

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life

Today's Psalm PS 23

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 5th grade during the 9:00 am Mass on Sundays. **Currently unavailable pending the end of the COVID epidemic.**

Religious Education Programs Online: Nativity School serves students in grades K4 through 8th. The Parish School of Religion (PSR) is offered for other parish children, grades K4 through 8th, enrolled in non-parochial schools. **PSR virtual classes are currently available.** Please register by contacting 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 Online: 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) Online: is an opportunity to come together in a small group online to learn more about our faith with sessions focused on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare adults to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. To inquire, 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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pdukes@nativity-school.com, 843-795-3975

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.

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

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



Please consider joining our parish family!

Super Hero

I can do all things in Him who strengthens me.

...Today's Second Reading: Phil 4: 13

To advertise in our bulletin, please contact Pat Falco at falcop@jspaluch.com or at 910-200-8383.
Please support our Advertisers whose funding makes this bulletin possible.

Offerings Oct 3— Oct 4

The weekly offerings information for Sep 28—Oct 4 was not available by the publishing deadline for this week's bulletin. The information will be provided in a future bulletin.

Thank you for your Generosity.

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

Please use your envelopes.

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

Liturgical Ministers for Oct. 17-18

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

5:30 pm Mass

Altar Servers: Angel Salceda
Eucharistic Ministers: Eileen Easler
Lector: Patty Edwards
Ushers: Carl Borick
Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed,
Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg,
Randall Lannie

9:00 am Mass

Altar Server: Christina Dake
Eucharistic Ministers: Jimmy Craven
Lector: Wendy Craven
Ushers: Gary Warriner
Jim Anderson, Richard Bragiel,
Steve Molony, Michael O'Neale

11:30 am Mass

Altar Server: Kenji Tran
Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Everitt
Lector: Kathy Hepner
Ushers: Louis Khong
Lewis Doscher, Joe Ginn,
Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien

Grief, Sorrow, and the way Forward



Webinar review of 5 stages of grief vs sorrow
Gift of the Present Moment
Saturday October 24, 2020 at 10:00am EST
Anyone experiencing the Loss of a family member or friend is invited to attend.

The goal is to continue a supportive network of persons connected through the experience of grieving a loved one.
To register, please contact the Office of Family Life at 803-547-5063 or email familylife@charlestondiocese.org



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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

Recently Added: Sharon Doniphan

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, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, James Michael Huber, Ronnie & Myrtis Jenkins, Fred Kornahrens, Teresa LaTorre, Delores Lopez, Paul Madden, Paul & Carole Moran, Robert Nixon, Suzette Nowak, Mona O'Leary, 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, John Wilson, Sally Wojcik

For members of our community who have requested our prayers

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

Intentions

Mass: This Week

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| Sat | 10 | 5:30 pm | Bill Reed+ |
| Sun | 11 | 9:00 am | Brenda Kennerty+ |
| | | 11:30 am | Tracy Tindal+ |
| Mon | 12 | 11:30 am | Pres. Donald J. Trump |
| Tues | 13 | 11:30 am | |
| Wed | 14 | 11:30 am | Jimmy Craven (Birthday 10/9) |
| Thurs | 15 | 9:30 am | |
| | | 11:30 am | |
| Fri | 16 | 11:30 am | |
| Sat | 17 | 5:30 pm | Robert Smith |
| Sun | 18 | 9:00 am | Brenda Kennerty+ |
| | | 11:30 am | Inez Germroth+ |

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.



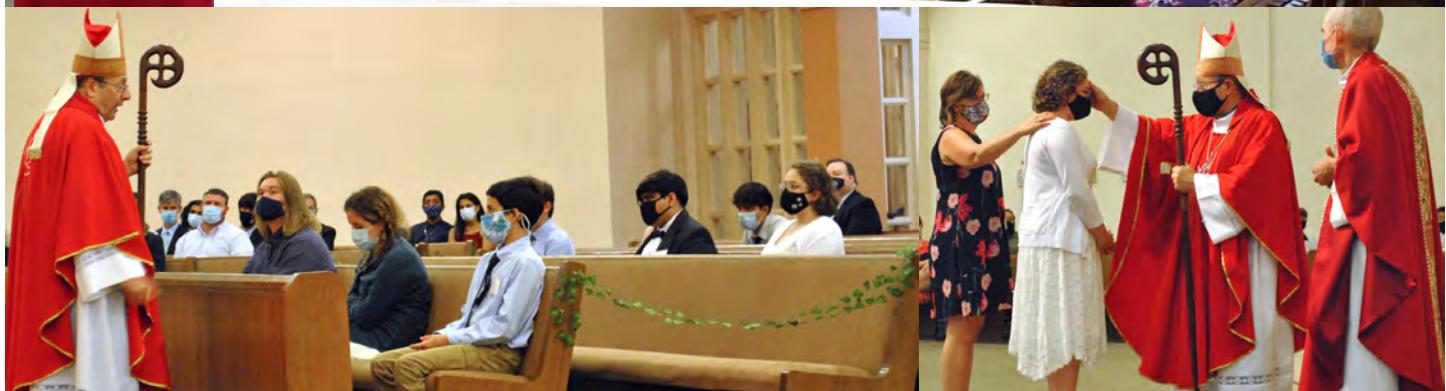
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Don't miss this great Catholic Education opportunity for your children.



On Monday, September 28, Bishop Robert Guglielmone confirmed 18 members of the Nativity Parish. Please keep these Confirmandi in your prayers.

Please make a Reservation For attendance at Weekend Mass.

Just visit the web page at

[https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/9040a4caaad29a2f58-confirm](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4caaad29a2f58-confirm)

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just click the link)

The issue is the safety of our community. It has been determined that social distancing guidelines can be achieved if there are up to 150 people in our church.

We encourage all to attend Mass often.

Options are:

- Attend Mass on a week day.
- 5:30 Saturday and particularly 11:30 Sunday are less crowded than 9:30.

If necessary, Father Kingsley will consider
Offering additional Sunday Masses.

**Let's work together
to keep each other healthy and safe.**



Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Chet Nowak,

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Saturday, October 3rd.

May he rest in peace.

The Marian Eucharistic Conference is going virtual this year On Sat, Oct. 24 and Sun, Oct 26.

There is no charge but everyone who wishes to participate must register to receive a log-in code. For more information and to register, please visit

<https://meconferencesc.net/>

Donations to help with expenses
are greatly appreciated



September 23 - November 1 40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion in America.

The mission of the campaign is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful activism, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion in America.

2020 Fall Campaign Activities

Every Wednesday in October: Respect Life Rosary for Life after the 11:30 am Mass

Sunday, November 1 – 1:30 pm – until: Victory Celebration

Saturday, October 17: — 9:00 to 10:00 am: Mid-Way Rally.

Saturday, November 7 – 10:00 am: – Walk for Life at Wannamaker Park

For more information, please visit <https://nativitycharleston.com/get-involved/events-calendar/40-days-for-life/>

PRAYER VIGIL

**Thurs, Oct 15 and Fri, Oct 16
From 6:00 am to 10:00 pm**

All members of the Nativity community are invited to join us at the Planned Parenthood—Charleston Health Center (1312 Ashley River Road Hwy. 61) as we pray for all those who are wounded by their participation in abortion.

For more information or to sign up for a specific time slot, please contact

Christine Lewis at lewischristined@att.net
or
Malcolm Brennan at mbprolife@gmail.com

Thank you for your care and concern for the unborn!

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 next retreat in South Carolina is 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



Nativity Ladies Guild "Diaper Drive" Runs through the month of October.

Preferred sizes are for infants and toddlers 10 to 30 pounds and they will be donated to assist clients of the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center. Place the diapers in the baskets at the church entrances when you come to weekend Mass or you can bring them with you to any Ladies Guild activity.



**At the Church of the Nativity
Sunday October 25th
From 8:30 am to 1:30 pm**

A Blood Mobile will be parked
in front of Nativity School.

All donors will receive

- Free COVID19 antibodies testing (provided by MUSC)
- Donors will receive \$10 and an additional \$10 will be donated to the church.

OR

- Donors can decline their payment and \$20 will be donated to the church. (Thank you for your generosity!)

Sign up now at

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Sign up forms are also available at the Nativity Church Entrances.

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at American Legion Post 147 parking lot (968 Folly Road)

For more information, contact Mike Cellars at mike@readrealtors.com or (843) 830-0528

Nativity Parish Life Center

Site Preparation Work Continues



As Father announced at Mass last weekend, and as was explained in recent bulletins, the Capital Campaign Committee will soon update the banner in the church foyer listing the names of all donors to the Parish Life Center. Those names will be permanently displayed in the Life Center on either the Donor Wall or in the Book of Donors. We want to give everyone the opportunity to be included in this legacy project. If you have not yet pledged or contributed, please consider doing so. **If you would like to have your name included on the new banner, then please make your pledge/donation by October 11.**

There are several ways to make your donation. Please use the Capital Campaign envelope in your packet of collection envelopes, or call the parish office at 843-795-3821 or visit our parish website at

<https://NativityCharleston.com/parishlifecenter>

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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Information from the Parish Finance Council

Universal Deduction for Charitable Contributions

To help alleviate the economic devastation caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Congress has enacted the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Among its many provision is a brand new universal deduction for charitable contributions.

Taxpayers who don't itemize may now deduct up to \$300 per year in charitable contributions. Such deductions must be:

- in cash (no property like old clothing), and
- given to a 501(c)(3) public charity

The Church of the Nativity is a 501(3)(c) public charity

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