



Prepare the Way of the Lord

Saint Peter shows us a characteristic of God that we normally do not think about. He tells us that for God, "a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day" (1 Peter 3:8). Because early Christians sometimes complained that Jesus' second coming had been delayed, Peter is trying to tell us that what seems like a long time to us is nothing to God.

Like the early Christians, we may wonder how long it will take for God to answer our prayers. We may be praying for someone who is looking for a job, a sick relative, an end to abortion, or world peace. Some prayers require us to change, and we may not be ready.

What Peter means is that a thousand years is not too long for God if someone needs that long to repent. God is far more patient than we are. God has been "waiting" over two thousand years for us to preach the gospel to all nations. God has been waiting for millennia for people to give up war as a means for solving our problems. God has been waiting since the beginning of the human race for us to learn how to love our neighbor.

We might not be as patient as God, but we can help. Saint Peter says that we are not just waiting for the Lord's return, we are hastening it. When we make a choice that is based on faith rather than selfishness, we make it a little easier for people to believe in God. Jesus is the light of the world; he asks us to let our light shine, so that people can see Jesus in us. May our light "prepare the way of the Lord" (Mark 1:3).

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Catholic Diocese of Charleston



Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road
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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

Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday	6:30 pm Vigil Mass
Tuesday	11:30 am Holy Day Mass
Saturday Vigil	5:30 pm
Sunday	9:00 am and 11:30 am

Make reservations for Weekend and Holy Day 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/>

You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/ChurchoftheNativity>

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Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation

Today's Psalm PS 85

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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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!

Road Work

In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!

... Today's First Reading, IS 40

To advertise in our bulletin, please contact Pat Falco at falcop@jspaluch.com or at 910-200-8383.
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Offerings Nov 16 — Nov 29

The weekly offerings information for Nov 16—Nov 29 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 Dec. 12-13

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

5:30 pm Mass

Altar Servers: Jake Hoeft
Eucharistic Ministers: Eileen Easler
Lector: John Warren
Ushers: Kathy Wiley
Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed,
Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg,
Randall Lannie

9:00 am Mass

Altar Server: Wyatt Knight
Eucharistic Ministers: Joe Dubois
Lector: Gary Hart
Ushers: Andrew Preston
Jim Anderson, Richard Bragiel,
Steve Molony, Michael O'Neale

11:30 am Mass

Altar Server: Kenji Tran
Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Defourneaux
Lector: Liisa Machowski
Ushers: John Lavelle
Lewis Doscher, Joe Ginn,
Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien



Baptism

Thomas Elliott Strott,
son of Betsy and Elliott Strott,
was welcomed into our faith
community on
Saturday, November 28.

**Congratulations to
this new member
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Let Us Pray

For members of our community who have requested our prayers

From previous months: Allene Barans, Rob Barker, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Britt Lamarr Boswell, Joe Caraviello, Herman Connor, Sharon Doniphan Jake DuPree, Jo Ann Frederick, Ellen Pate Futrell, Helen Gaskin, 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, Ed and Terry Pop, Betty Ann Quinn, James Romero, Rosemary Saari, Kyle Souza, Fran Taylor, Inge Thornley, 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

Sanctuary Candle:

Dec 1 — Dec 11 Bill Reed+

Mass: This Week

Sat	5	5:30 pm	Bobby Ollerhead+
Sun	6	9:00 am	Rachel Villeponteaux+
		11:30 am	Florence Hennessy+
Mon	7	11:30 am	Scott Mallard+
		6:30 pm	George Haborak+
Tues	8	11:30 am	Special Intention
Wed	9	11:30 am	William T. Cooper+
Thurs	10	11:30 am	Robert Lizotte+
Fri	11	11:30 am	Mark Hairfield+
Sat	12	5:30 pm	Mark Hairfield+
Sun	13	9:00 am	Chet Nowak+
		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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Don't miss this great Catholic Education opportunity for your children.

Reservations for the Christmas Eve Masses are no longer available and those for the Christmas Day Mass will soon be gone.

If you have reservations for Christmas Masses please bring the confirmation with you when you come to Mass.

Please double-check your quantity. If you only selected a total of 1 and you wrote in 2 or 3 names, the system does not recognize that you selected 3 people.

Please keep an eye out for weekly updates through our website and social media on available options closer to Christmas. We are working diligently to accommodate those who desire to attend a Mass on Christmas.

If you have reservations that you cannot use, please contact the Parish Office. We can cancel your un-needed reservations and make them available to others.

Thank you for your consideration.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Tuesday, December 8th

Is a Holy Day of Obligation

Catholics are required to attend Mass.
Except, the Bishop has granted dispensation
to those vulnerable to the virus.

At Nativity, Mass will be celebrated on
Monday, Dec 7 Vigil at 6:30 pm,
and

Tuesday, Dec 8 at 11:30 am

The Immaculate Conception means that **Mary**, whose conception was brought about the normal way, **was conceived without original sin or its stain** — that's what "immaculate" means: without stain. The essence of original sin consists in the deprivation of sanctifying grace, and its stain is a corrupt nature. Mary was preserved from these defects by God's grace; from the first instant of her existence she was in the state of sanctifying grace and was free from the corrupt nature original sin brings.

Services for December

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat, Dec. 12:	4:15 to 5:00 pm
Sun, Dec. 13	10:00 to 11:00 am
	12:30 to 1:30 pm
Weekdays Dec. 14 Through 18	12:00 noon to 12:30 pm
Sat, Dec. 19:	4:15 to 5:00 pm
Sun, Dec. 20	10:00 to 11:00 am
	12:30 to 1:30 pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass

Saturday, Dec 19 at 5:30 pm
Sunday, Dec 22 at 9:00 and 11:30 am

Weekday Mass

Mon, Tues, Wed, Dec. 21 — 23: 11:30 am

**Reservations are required
at all Sunday
and Holyday Masses**

Christmas Masses

Thurs, Dec. 24 at 3, 5 and 7:00 pm
Fri, Dec. 25 at 10:00 am

Feast of the Holy Family (Weekend Masses)

Sat, Dec 26 at 5:30 pm
Sun, Dec 27 at 9:00 and 11:30 am

Weekday Mass

Mon, Tues, Wed, Dec. 28 — 30: 11:30 am

**Feast of the Solemnity of Mary
the Holy Mother of God**

This a Holy Day of Obligation and Masses are:
Thurs, Dec. 31 at 3:00 and 5:00 pm
Fri, Jan. 1 at 10:00 am

To reserve your seat visit the Nativity web page at
<https://nativitycharleston.com/> and click the
SignUpGenius button

Or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/y244z3eb>

(If you are reading this on a computer or smart phone
just click the link.)

**Face Mask and Social Distancing guidelines
must be observed at all times.**



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2020 Annual First Christmas Fund

The First Christmas Fund supports Charleston's non-profit pro-life organizations that provide aid to new and expectant mothers who are struggling with the challenges of new life.

Donating to the First Christmas Fund is a very tangible way for you support these help families coping with new life.

**100 percent of all donations go to support:
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Make your tax deductible donation payable to:
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On the memo line write: **FCF**

If you prefer to have your entire donation go to one of the above pregnancy centers, please include the name of that pregnancy center on the memo line. Otherwise your donation will be divided evenly among the three ministries.

Please mail your donation on or before **December 31st** to:

**First Christmas Fund
c.o. Knights of Columbus Council 6250
Attn: Malcolm Brennan
1061 Folly Road
Charleston, SC 29412**

If you want to save a stamp, you can put your donation in the offerings basket in the rear of the church or deliver it to the Nativity Parish Office.

For more information contact Malcolm Brennan, Director of Prolife Ministries, Knights of Columbus Council # 6250 at mbprolife@gmail.com or at 843-906-5511

Thank you for your support of these Mothers and their Babies.



Sample Card: A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE



Teams up with



The Nativity Ladies Guild is reaching out to our parishioners for help
for MUSC's Coastal Connections.

<https://muschealth.org/medical-services/coastal-connections>

This is a program through MUSC's Case Management Department that works with sick children, adults and families that are with great financial need.

The Ladies Guild is asking us to assist these patients with donations of gift cards in any amount. (Walmart, Amazon, gas, grocery etc.) Your gifts will assist our neighbors in need with gas, food, clothing, household items, medication, and transportation.

Here is how this works: Please purchase an extra gift card during your holiday shopping and drop it in the collection basket at the rear of the church or drop it off at the parish office by December 20th.

For more information, please contact Christine Lewis at lewischristined@att.net

Thank you for your support.



Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is observed annually on December 7. The purpose is to remember and honor the 2,403 United States citizens who were killed in the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor (Hawaii) on December 7, 1941.

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