

March
7,
2021

THIRD
SUNDAY OF
LENT

The Commandments

As we are now well into Lent, we can take a look at what it means to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. A good place to start would be the Ten Commandments. The reading from Exodus presents us with one of the first listings of the Commandments. In this passage, God explains some of the laws to show how serious they are. For the first one, God includes making images to be used for worship.

In the days of Moses, people of other cultures made images of their gods and declared that the image was the god, and so should be worshipped. The Lord wanted his people to remember that God cannot be limited to an image or idea. That is still true today. Our images and statues are meant to help us pray to God, not to that work of art.

On the other hand, some people give a superstitious meaning to religious articles. Burying a statue to help sell your house could be one example. If you want to ask for a favor from God, just ask Him. God is much more likely to listen to a sincere prayer than a superstitious action.

God also emphasizes some commands by duplicating them. He tells us not to steal from others, and also not to plan to steal from our neighbor. The same with adultery: Planning it is just as bad as doing it.

Jesus simplified all these commands when he reminds us to love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself. Let's remember that as we turn away from sin to serving God better during Lent.

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Catholic Diocese of Charleston



Church of the Nativity

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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

Communion Service	
Monday through Friday.	11:30 am
Thursday	9:30 am School Service
Due to Covid precautions, 9:30 Service is for Nativity school students and staff only.	
Saturday Vigil	5:30 pm
Sunday	9:00 am and 11:30 am

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>
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>

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

... Today's Psalm PS 95

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!

Salvation

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

... Today's Gospel Acclamation: John 3: 16

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Liturgical Ministers for Mar. 13-14

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: Carolyn Smith
Lector: John Warren
Ushers: Eileen Easler
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: Jimmy Craven
Jim Anderson, Richard Bragiel,
Larry Fisk, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass

Altar Server: Caryn Hasenberg
Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Everitt
Lector: Kathy Hepner
Ushers: John Lavelle
Lewis Doscher, Joe Ginn,
Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien

Offerings Feb 22 — Feb 28

Collections at Mass (Feb 27—Feb 28)	\$ 5,607.00
Mail in Offerings (Feb 22—Feb 28)	\$ 3,873.00
myEoffering (Feb 22—Feb 28)	\$ 3,402.22
Budget (1 week)	\$ 13,653.85
Offerings versus budget	\$ - 771.63
Registered Households	645
Envelopes Used (Feb 27—Feb 28)	106
Active myEoffering Families	173
MyEoffering Family Donations (Feb 22—Feb 28)	99

2nd Collections in March:

March 14 – Catholic Relief Services

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

Baptism

Sydney Noel Myers,

daughter of Sharyn and Travis Myers,
was welcomed into our faith community
on Saturday, Feb. 27.

**Congratulations to this
new member of our church.**



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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: Tomas B. Zeisel, Father
Kingsley**

From previous months: Allene Barans, Rob Barker, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Britt Lamarr Boswell, Joe Caraviello, Anne Castelli, 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, Suzette Nowak, Mona O'Leary, Charlie Organ, Irene Parmenter, Ed and Terry Pop, Betty Ann Quinn, Kay Reynolds, James Romero, Rosemary Saari, Kyle Souza, Fran Taylor, Inge Thornley, Courtney Wilson, Sally Wojcik

**For members of our community who have
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**For our service men and women and their
families throughout the world.**

Intentions

Mass: This Week

**Note: Weekday Masses have been temporarily
replaced with Communion Services**

Sat	6	5:30 pm	Carmen Tovar Diaz+
Sun	7	9:00 am	John Wilson+
		11:30 am	Joan Croghan+
Mon	8	11:30 am	John Wilson+
Tues	9	11:30 am	MaryAnn Witchger+
Wed	10	11:30 am	
Thurs	11	11:30 am	Ruth Easler+
Fri	12	11:30 am	Dr. Jim Hayes, Jr.+
Sat	13	5:30 pm	Enrique & Lily Zeisel++
Sun	14	9:00 am	Gilbert & Marion Molony O'Brien+
		11:30 am	Bill Egan+

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
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Family Honor was created in 1988 in South Carolina by parents who envisioned something better for their children in the area of sex education other than the negative and harmful approach the current culture was offering.

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Family Honor Webinars Available Online This Spring!

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For more information please contact us at info@familyhonor.org or at 803.929.0858



is a focused, pro-life campaign with a vision to end abortion in America through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil.

Charleston Local Events:

- **Daily Prayer Vigils:** Feb 17 through March 28—8:00 am to 8:00 pm 7 days a week.
 - * For more information, please contact Paula at firstsamuel16@gmail.com or at (843) 580-6587
- **Nativity Prayer Vigils:** Thurs. March 18 and Fri. March 19—8:00 am to 8:00 pm
 - * For more information, please contact Christine Lewis at lewisc@musc.edu or Malcolm Brennan at mbprolife@gmail.com or (843) 906-5511
- **Monthly Rosary for Life:** Sat. March 20—20, 8:00 am to 9:00 am
- **Mid-way Rally:** Sat. March 20—9:00 am to 10:00 am
 - * Coffee and donuts will be served.

Unless otherwise noted, All events at Planned Parenthood Charleston Health Center (1312 Ashley River Road Hwy. 61). Face masks and social distancing are required.

For more information about 40 Days for Life please visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/charleston>



At the conclusion of the Introductory Rites of the Mass, the presider says or chants the words "Let us pray," followed by the Opening Prayer. This prayer is also called a "collect" because it gathers or "collects" the prayers of the entire assembly into one. The Roman collects that we pray in our liturgy (noted for the brevity, clarity, and conciseness of the Latin originals) date from a variety of periods. Some are quite new; others reach back more than a thousand years. They are truly treasures of our tradition.

The Opening Prayer can be divided into four main parts: 1) the invitation, or "Let us pray"; 2) the silence that follows, during which each member of the assembly lifts up before God his or her own prayers; 3) the collect itself, spoken or sung by the priest; 4) and finally the Amen, by which the assembly says, "yes," "may it be so," making the prayer their own. The collect itself almost always follows the same pattern. It begins with an invocation to God. A petition follows, usually very general. We ask for health, strength, wisdom, grace, forgiveness, faith, awareness. Every collect concludes by offering the prayer to God through Jesus Christ. With the Amen of the assembly, the Introductory Rites of the Mass come to an end.

LENT: THE TIME FOR PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING



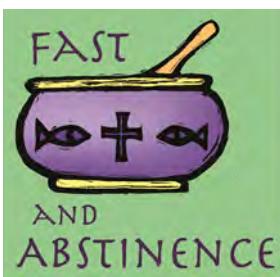
Scrutiny Rites of Lent

The word scrutiny comes from a Latin word "scrutari". In Roman times, the "scrutari" were those who laboriously searched for valuables amidst the waste and cast-offs of others. The modern English "scrutiny" is derived from this root, and indicates careful examination or inquiry (often implying the search for a hidden mistake, misstatement, or incongruity).

The scrutinies are conducted on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent. They are focused on the RCIA candidates (i.e., those who are to receive Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil). The scrutinies are performed in public, in front of the entire congregation, and the candidates are dismissed before the Prayer of the Faithful.

However, all are encouraged to participate in the scrutinies and benefit from them. We are all in need of continual conversion throughout our lives. We join with the candidates in scrutinizing our lives and praying for the grace to overcome the power of sin that still has a hold on us.

Lenten Penitential Requirements:



Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, not to equal one full meal. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year.

Abstinence (from meat) is observed on all the Fridays of Lent in addition to Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. It is obligatory for all who have reached their 14th year.

The Exceptions:

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence include the physically or mentally ill, individuals suffering from chronic illness such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

Information from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Please make a Reservation for attendance at Weekend Mass.

Just visit the web page at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4caaad29a2f58-confirm1>

(If you are reading this on a computer or smart phone 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 9:00.

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

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fast and abstinence.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

Friday Evening Stations

5:30 pm Feb 19 through March 26th.



These are traditional stations led by Nativity Ministries.

Friday, March 12 - Choir
Friday, March 19 - RCIA
Friday, March 26 - Knights of Columbus

Please join us for the stations. All are invited!



He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and he poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables; and to those who were selling the doves he said, "Take these things away; stop making my Father's house a place of business." Jn 2:15-16



FREE

FRIDAY FISH FRY

March 26 at 6:15 pm After Stations
At the Nativity parking lot.



Menu: Fried Fish, Red Rice, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies

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All Are Invited. No Reservations. No Tickets.

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Our Lady of Good Counsel on Folly Beach is building a columbarium. Niches are available to Catholic parishioners and non-parishioners during this pre-construction phase. Information and renderings are posted on our parish website:

<https://olgc-follybeach.org/memorial-garden>

Pick a prime location for your cremains in what will be a peaceful and pristine resting place in the garden adjoining the church. Parishioner and non-parishioner rates apply. For more information, please contact the parish secretary at (843-588-2336) or visit the website (shown above).

So maybe your Lenten devotion plans got off to a slower than expected start. Not to worry! Now might be a good time re-start. Try one of our evening bible study programs. These are really easy and fun.... And you are always welcome. So give it a try!

Wednesday Evening Bible Study—5:45 pm to 7:30 pm



Join us on Zoom. Here is the link:

<https://zoom.us/j/91020237726pwd=VXq0MVZ0eHVRNFpUS0ZZWGhLbHAxUT09>

Meeting ID: 910 2023 7726 / Passcode: Nativity

For more information please contact Andrea Gilliard at 843-696-2161
or at acgilliard@comcast.net

Thursday Evening Bible Study—6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Join us on Zoom. Here is the link:

[https://zoom.us/j/99243922488?
pwd=OFRGSHBTUmVMamZzdmZW MnF5NXIxdz09](https://zoom.us/j/99243922488?pwd=OFRGSHBTUmVMamZzdmZW MnF5NXIxdz09)

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For more information, please Contact Ryckie Watkins at ryckiewatkins1329@comcast.net.



Join us for a virtual WWME experience from the comfort of your home. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend offers married couples an opportunity to get off the treadmill of life and focus on each other. Sign up to attend one of the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on Apr 15 and May 6, 2021 in VIRTUAL 3RE, SC. For more information visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803-810-9602.



Daylight Savings time begins next Sunday.
Please set your clock forward 1 hour before going to bed Saturday night.

We are looking forward to seeing you "on time" for Mass next Sunday.

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Work continues on getting the PLC closed in.





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Later if business is poor
he ADVERTISES it for sale.

WHY IS IT?