

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Exalted in Glory

All three readings talk about Jesus being taken up into heaven or in a cloud or on high. These descriptions of the ascension actually tell us that Jesus is reunited with his Father and exalted in glory with the Father. Jesus not only has a new life that cannot be ended by death, he also is no longer limited by time or space as he was before he died. So what does that mean for us?

Because he is not limited, he can be with us everywhere. Through his Spirit, he gives us the power and the courage to act as Jesus and the vision of faith to see Jesus in others. Now this takes some practice. One way we learn is through the lives of the saints. We see how God works through them to do great things. We learn that they become more and more like Jesus, in how they treat others with love and respect.

But if the saints seem too distant, we can look at someone we love. Whether it is a parent, spouse, brother, sister or friend, the good that they do and the love they show is from God. So we can learn about God's love for us by letting ourselves be loved by another.

The other side of the coin is seeing Jesus in ourselves. We may have to forgive ourselves for the bad choices we have made in the past, or the bad habits we still have. We also have to accept that God really does love us as his children. And we have to accept that sometimes, even when we do our best, we still seem to fail. But the God who brings life out of death also brings success out of failure. So trust his promise that we have Jesus in us. Then do your best to follow Jesus and you may lead someone else to him.

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Catholic Diocese of Charleston



Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

May 16, 2021

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

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

Reservations are no longer required for Mass Attendance.

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

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

Regular Office Hours

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

Stay in touch with us at Nativity

Web page: <https://nativitycharleston.com/>
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<https://www.facebook.com/thomas.kingsley.12576>

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 restrictions.**

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 COVID restrictions.**

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 had ended for the year but we are accepting registration for the next school year. Please register by contacting Mary Smith at 843-795-3821

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!

Assignment

Go into the whole world
and proclaim the gospel to every creature.

... Today's Gospel: Mark 16

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Liturgical Ministers for May 22-23

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

5:30 pm Mass

Altar Servers: Alexandra Lannie
Eucharistic Ministers: Carolyn Smith
Lector: John Warren
Ushers: Cava Riley, Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg, Randall Lannie

9:00 am Mass

Altar Server: Michael Smith
Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Hollifield
Lector: Kirby Preston
Ushers: Elena Smith, Richard Bragiel, Larry Fisk, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass

Altar Server: Bush Khong, William Bui
Eucharistic Ministers: Christine Lewis
Lector: Phu Tran
Ushers: Jon Ply, Lewis Doscher, Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien

Offerings May 3 — May 9

Collections at Mass (May 8—May 9)	\$ 6,567.00
Mail in Offerings (May 3—May 7)	\$ 7,345.00
myEoffering (May 3—May 7)	\$ 2,929.01
Budget (1 week)	\$ 13,653.85
Offerings versus budget	\$ + 3,187.16
Registered Households	655
Envelopes Used (May 8—May 9)	124
Active myEoffering Families	168
MyEoffering Family Donations (May 3—May 7)	104

Offerings for Catholic Charities: \$940.00

Second Collection for May, 2021: Catholic Communications Campaign

If you do not use envelopes and want to contribute to these needs, please place your check in the collection baskets in the rear of the church, mail your donation to the parish office or make a donation via your myEoffering account.

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.
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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: Irene Bennett, Vi Defourneaux, Wade Fisher, Ann Ginn

From previous months: Allene Barans, Rob Barker, Irene Bennett, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Britt Lamarr Boswell, Joe Caraviello, Anne Castelli, Herman Connor, 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 & 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, Vivienne Thornton, Courtney Wilson, Sally Wojcik, Tomas B. Zeisel

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

Intentions

Mass: This Week

Sat	15	5:30 pm	Anna Karlyk+
Sun	16	9:00 am	Jim Anderson+
		11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Mon	17	11:30 am	Risa White+
Tues	18	11:30 am	Funeral Mass—Henry Quigg+
Wed	19	11:30 am	Betty Dronen+
Thurs	20	11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Fri	21	11:30 am	Arnold Bennett+
Sat	22	5:30 pm	Bill Reed+
Sun	23	9:00 am	Juanilita Bunado+
		11:30 am	Jonathan Balanan Smith & Caroline Balanan Smith Adams++

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.

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which are also known as rosary rings or decade rosaries, are a popular Catholic devotional item. Since they are smaller than a full-sized rosary, they are easily held in one hand or looped over a finger. Many people like to keep them in their cars or purses or even attach rosary rings to their keychains. It's a beautiful, practical method of staying prayerful in everyday life!

The Knights of Columbus have donated Finger Rosaries and Our Lady of Fatima prayer cards for the members of our community. These are provided free of charge. Pick yours up this weekend at the main church entrance and use them often.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 6250
MAY OFFICERS' MEETING—
THURSDAY, MAY 20 AT 7:00 PM**

at American Legion Post 147 (968 Folly Road)

**All Knights of Council 6250 are
encouraged to attend!**

Next Sunday is Pentecost.

Wear something Red to Show Your Spirit!

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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Jesus answered them, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." Acts 1:8

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What is FORMED and how do I get it?

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FORMED is **FREE** to all members of Nativity. The parish has a subscription that allows every one of us to use this 'library' at zero personal expense. But to take advantage of this opportunity, you do need to go through a few simple steps.

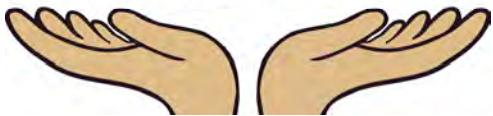
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MINISTRY



Introduction to Ministries at Nativity on Google Meet

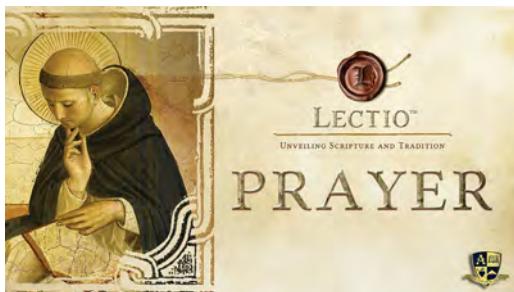
Sunday, May 16th at 7:00 pm

<https://meet.google.com/gaa-nxyv-hyu>

An online opportunity to meet the ministry leaders of Nativity and ask questions about how you can help us out the coming year.

E-mail Vicki Vazquez if you plan to join admin@nativitycharleston.org

God gave us skills so we can help Him do His work. All are invited.



LECTIO: Prayer

The FORMED Hour

Sunday, June 6, 2021 – July 25, 2021

With the clear teaching and artistry of the Augustine Institute's Lectio series, Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the discipline of Lectio Divina to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy.

In six video sessions, Lectio: Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love.

Engaging and accessible, Prayer: Finding Intimacy With God includes:

- The Lectio Divina approach of Reading, Reflecting, Responding, and Contemplating
- Penetrating questions and insights for the six video sessions
- Additional resources for a fuller understanding and application
- Daily reflections to deepen the meaning of prayer in your life

Join us online to watch the series using Formed.org. Log in with your e-mail only, no password required. Share in the discussion by joining the Google Classroom by e-mailing admin@nativitycharleston.org. Since we are social distancing, you will be watching this series on your own and we will join weekly on Google Meet on Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm.

Questions, contact Vicki Vazquez in the Church Office at 843-795-3821.

What is Alpha?

The Alpha course is a practical introduction to the Christian faith that gives guests an opportunity to explore the meaning of life. Alpha is fun, relaxed and totally non-pressured (that's probably why over 19 million people around the world have participated in Alpha!)

Plans? No? Then Try Alpha Online!

You are invited to Alpha Online for great conversation and presentations that make you think.

Tuesday Evenings beginning June 8, 2021 7:00 pm

Join the meeting on ZOOM. Here is the link.

<https://zoom.us/j/98594323149?pwd=cVI6SHIVY3dCa1RtMGRQeGlyTFIrUT09>

Zoom Meeting ID: 985 9432 3149 / Passcode: Alpha

For More Information, visit nativitycharleston.org/alpha or alphausa.org
Or email us at alpha@nativitycharleston.org



You're invited. #TryAlphaOnline



Congratulations to our youth, who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 1, 2021:

Eliza Cellars, Charlotte Curry, Zoe Cuzmar, Hudson Fabyanic, Parker Fabyanic, Hudson Filush, Jackson Gintz, Aurelia Giuliano, Jenna Hasenberg, Kepler Langley, Lucas Leeman, Julianne Lighthart, Ruby Maestas, Tallulah McElroy, Isadora Payne, Pantera Payne, Caroline Presley, Hugo Risch, John Schizas, Jackson Shipman, Mollie Shipman, Osric Shipman, Carolina Trevino, and Lillie Zolman.



May you always be strengthened by the grace you receive in this sacrament.

Special thanks to our 1st Communion parents; our catechists and Retreat team: Emma DeRhodo, Ryckie Watkins, and Megan Hoeft; and all those who helped to prepare our youth for this beautiful sacrament.

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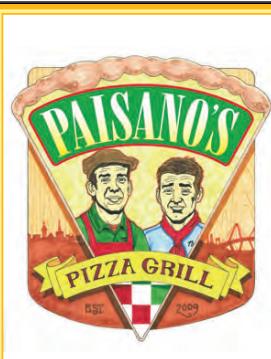
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