

## Caution: Spirit at Work

If Pentecost celebrates the gifts of the Spirit, it can tempt us to separate the Spirit from the Father and Jesus. Sometimes we think of the Father as the God of the Old Testament, Jesus as center of New Testament, and the Spirit as God of the present age, almost as if the Father and Jesus were enjoying their retirement. No, we have one God who is over all and in all.

The Spirit has been active in all ages. The prophets were empowered by the Spirit to proclaim God's word to Israel. Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit led Jesus into the desert at the beginning of his ministry. (Search the word "spirit" in the four gospels and it appears 75 times.) Jesus was filled with the Spirit as he preached and worked miracles. Then at Pentecost the disciples were filled with the Spirit.

So what about Pentecost? It is really about using our gifts and sharing the good news. The Spirit gives us the power, courage, and energy to do this. The Spirit's gifts are meant to be shared. The prophets could not help proclaiming God's message. Jesus shared all he knew with his disciples. The disciples went out to the world to spread the news of Jesus' death and resurrection. So we, too, are given gifts to be shared.

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As we come to realize how much God has done for us and how close he is to us, we will want to share that with others. Obviously, we can't make everyone believe in Jesus. But how sad would it be if someone we know was looking for the truth and we neglected to offer it?

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Catholic Diocese of Charleston



## Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road  
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**May 23, 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
<b>Due to Covid precautions, 9:30 Mass is for Nativity school students and staff only.</b>	
Saturday Vigil	5:30 pm
Sunday	9:00 am and 11:30 am

**Wearing Face Masks at Mass is optional.**

### 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](http://www.nativitycharleston.org)  
e-mail: [Office@NativityCharleston.org](mailto:Office@NativityCharleston.org)

### Stay in touch with us at Nativity

Web page: <https://nativitycharleston.com/>  
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and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NativityFamily>  
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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 5<sup>th</sup> grade during the 9:00 am Mass on Sundays. **Currently unavailable pending the end of COVID restrictions.**

**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, enrolled in non-parochial schools. PSR has 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 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 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](http://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

**Pastor:** Rev. Thomas Kingsley  
Pastor@NativityCharleston.org, 843-795-3821 x 105

**Director of Administration:** Mrs. Vicki Vázquez  
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DRE@NativityCharleston.org, 843-795-3821 x 104

**School Principal:** Mrs. Patti Dukes  
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](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!**

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and renew the face of the earth.

... Today's Psalm: PS 104

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### Liturgical Ministers for May 29—30

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

#### 5:30 pm Mass

**Altar Servers:** Daniel Salceda  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Eileen Easler  
**Lector:** Mary Smith  
**Ushers:** Kathy Wiley  
Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed,  
Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg,  
Randall Lannie

#### 9:00 am Mass

**Altar Server:** Matthew Hart  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Becky Warriner  
**Lector:** Gary Warriner  
**Ushers:** Michael Bolchoz  
Richard Bragiel, Walter Machowski,  
Steve Molony, Joe Dubois

#### 11:30 am Mass

**Altar Server:** Louis Khong  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Pam Everitt  
**Lector:** Liisa Machowski  
**Ushers:** Cava Riley  
Lewis Doscher, Joe Ginn,  
Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien

### Offerings May 10 — May 16

Collections at Mass (May 15—May 16)	\$ 6, 855. 00
Mail in Offerings (May 10—May 14)	\$ 2, 655. 00
myEoffering (May 10—May 14)	\$ 4, 224. 05
Budget (1 week)	\$ 13, 653. 85
Offerings versus budget	\$ + 80. 20
Registered Households	655
Envelopes Used (May 15—May 16)	126
Active myEoffering Families	168
MyEoffering Family Donations (May 10—May 14)	105

#### 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.  
at 843 795-3821



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### Let Us Pray

For members of our community who have requested our prayers

Recently Added: Vi Defourneaux, Wade Fisher,

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, Ann Ginn, 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	22	5:30 pm	Bill Reed+
Sun	23	9:00 am	Juanilita Bunado+
		11:30 am	Jonathan Balanan Smith & Caroline Balanan Smith Adams++
Mon	24	11:30 am	Bill Reed+
Tues	25	11:30 am	For the Alpha Team
Wed	26	11:30 am	John Cordray+
Thurs	27	11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Fri	28	11:30 am	For the students of Nativity
Sat	29	5:30 pm	Kathleen Hogan+
Sun	30	9:00 am	Jim Anderson+
		11:30 am	Gail Elizabeth Lavelle+

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.**



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5TH SUNDAY ROSARY MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> (NEXT SUNDAY) AFTER THE 9:00 MASS.

Please join the men of Council 6250 as we pray the Rosary to spread hope and light.

**All are welcome and encouraged to participate!**

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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.

Visit <https://formed.org/>

Click "Sign Up" and select "I belong to a Parish".  
Find Church of the Nativity on the list,  
Type in your email address.

You are in! You will receive a link in your e-mail. A Smart phone app is also available.

**Now wasn't that easy?**

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Jesus said to his disciples: "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth." Jn 16:12-13

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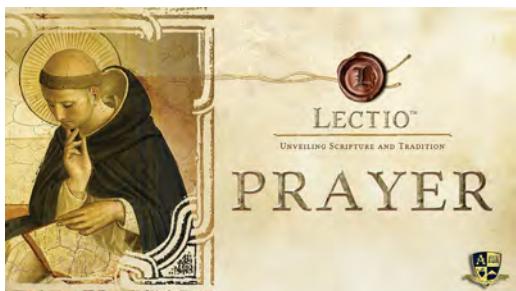


Congratulations to Donna Hernandez and her family. Donna celebrated her 1st Holy Communion on Sunday, May 16 at the 11:30am Mass. May you always be strengthened by the grace you receive in this sacrament.

**Just so you know:  
The need to make reservations to attend weekend Mass at Nativity  
ended on April 10, 2021.**

**Citing directives from the Diocese of Charleston,  
Father Kingsley announced on May 15, 2021  
that wearing face masks to attend Mass at Nativity IS OPTIONAL.**

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**LECTIO: Prayer**

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Sunday, June 6, 2021 – July 25, 2021

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- 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.

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**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!)

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**For More Information, visit [nativitycharleston.org/alpha](http://nativitycharleston.org/alpha) or [alphausa.org](http://alphausa.org)  
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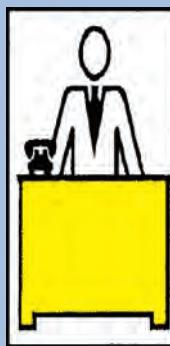


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