

THE LORD IS GOD
IN THE HEAVENS ABOVE
AND ON EARTH BELOW;
THERE IS NO OTHER.

DEUTERONOMY 4:39



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Three-in-One Love

When I was much younger, I used to think that God was totally invisible, not to be experienced as the people in the bible did. After all, they heard God's voice in the fiery cloud; they saw the waters parted so they could pass through—all the things that Moses talks about in the first reading. But then I ask myself, do I want my faith to be based on special effects? Or do I want to trust Jesus, who told Thomas, "Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed." (Jn 20:29)

Jesus was referring to his resurrection appearances, but it also applies to the Holy Trinity. When we see a newborn child, she can remind us of God the Father creating the earth and all living things. When we see the cross, we recall Jesus saving death and resurrection. When we share our faith with someone, we know that it is the Holy Spirit who gives us the words to speak and the courage to speak them. Seeing God's work around us, we can still experience God in Three Persons.

The three are not just equal parts of God, one-third of God each. Three infinite Persons are united in one substance or being, so the love they have for each other is infinite. Everything God does is done by all three Persons. So you could say that everything the Trinity does, is done out of love.

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Catholic Diocese of Charleston



Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

May 30, 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
Saturday Vigil	5:30 pm
Sunday	9:00 am and 11:30 am

**Reservations for weekend Mass in no longer needed.
Wearing Face Masks at Mass is not required
for those who have been fully vaccinated.**

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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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>

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

... Today's Psalm PS 33

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. **Planning to re-open in September—Volunteers are Needed.**

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: 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 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): 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. **Online Option is Available.** 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!

Where is God?

Behold, I am with you always,
until the end of the age.

... Today's Gospel: Matthew 28

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Liturgical Ministers for June 5-6

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

5:30 pm Mass

Altar Servers: Jake Hoeft
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Smith
Lector: John Warren
Ushers: Lisa Zuraw
Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed,
Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg,
Randall Lannie

9:00 am Mass

Altar Server: Wyatt Knight
Eucharistic Ministers: Daniel Suggs
Lector: Tamme Suggs
Ushers: Jimmy Craven
Richard Bragiel, Larry Fisk,
Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass

Altar Server: Kenji Tran
Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Defourneaux
Lector: Lynn Curry
Ushers: Sheila Elsey
Lewis Doscher, Joe Ginn,
Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien

Offerings May 17 — May 23

Collections at Mass (May 22—May 23)	\$ 8,111.00
Mail in Offerings (May 17—May 21)	\$ 1,830.00
myEoffering (May 17—May 21)	\$ 2,984.14
Budget (1 week)	\$ 13,653.85
Offerings versus budget	\$ - 728.71
Registered Households	655
Envelopes Used (May 22—May 23)	123
Active myEoffering Families	168
MyEoffering Family Donations (May 17—May 21)	98

Offerings for Catholic Communications Campaign \$330.00

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.

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Let Us Pray

**For members of our community who have
requested our prayers**

Recently Added: Bitsy Aimar

From previous months: Allene Barans, Rob Barker, Irene Bennett, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Britt Lamarr Boswell, Joe Caraviello, Anne Castelli, Herman Connor, Vi Defourneaux, 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	29	5:30 pm	Kathleen Hogan+
Sun	30	9:00 am	Jim Anderson+
		11:30 am	Gail Elizabeth Lavelle+
Mon	31	11:30 am	
Tues	1	11:30 am	
Wed	2	11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Thurs	3	11:30 am	
Fri	4	11:30 am	Special Intention
Sat	5	5:30 pm	Lois Sanetrik+
Sun	6	9:00 am	Juanilita Bunado+
		11:30 am	Rhonda Claar+

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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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5TH SUNDAY ROSARY MAY 30TH (THIS 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!

Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Henry Quigg

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Tuesday, May 18th.



May he rest in peace.



Maintenance Person Part Time Position

The Church of the Nativity seeks to hire a maintenance person. This individual will be responsible for performing a wide variety of maintenance tasks associated with the care of parish facilities. Duties will include painting, minor electrical and plumbing

repairs, heating and air conditioning systems maintenance, laying floor tile, and general assistance with setting up and taking down tables and chairs, taking out trash and recycling, and moving items. Part-time position. Flexible scheduling.

To apply, please email to Admin@NativityCharleston.org the following information: your name, phone number, e-mail address, and a list of your previous jobs which are related to this position.

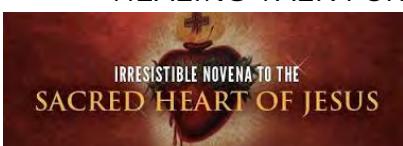


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6250 MONTHLY MEETING THURSDAY, JUNE 3 AT 7:00 PM

at American Legion Post 147 (968 Folly Road)

All Knights of Council 6250 are encouraged to attend!

NOVENA PRAYERS AND HEALING TALK FOR INFERTILITY



Every June, **Worldwide Infertility Awareness Month** is celebrated so we want to accompany

our brethren who are silently struggling with the cross of infertility.

The Diocese of Charleston Family Life Office invites you to pray with us online the **Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena** with specific intentions for Infertility from June 2 – 10 at 7PM.

On June 11 at 7 PM, the **Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**, you are also welcome to join us listen to our dear Msgr. Karl Chimiak, pastor of Our Lady of the Skies Parish give a talk on healing for our couples with infertility.

Please register in advance:

<https://tinyurl.com/novenainfertility>

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Husbands Welcome!

Memorial Day is observed Monday, May 31



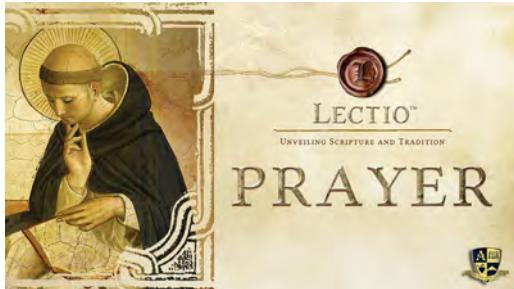
This day is far more significant than simply the beginning of the summer vacation season!

It is a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle.

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day and was established on May 5, 1868. The purpose was to remember the sacrifice of veterans killed in action during the Civil War and to decorate their graves with flowers. The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery. By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day observances were being held on May 30 throughout the nation.

After World War I, the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday, that is celebrated on the last Monday in May.

A Time To Honor America's Heroes



LECTIO: *Prayer*

The FORMED Hour weekly on Sundays from June 6 through 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.

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. Due to participants summer travel plans, 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.

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



May 2021

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The time will soon come when we may return to public worship without fear of the coronavirus, and so effective June 5, when we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi, the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will end.

Individual dispensation, for those who are still at risk of grave illness and for their caretakers, will remain in place. These include but are not limited to caring for the sick, homebound, or infirm, those who exhibit flu-like symptoms or who are in the high-risk category.

We closed our churches and schools in March 2020 because it was the responsible thing to do, and it was important to follow local, state, and national health ordinances. We were able to resume public worship with safety precautions in place in May, and our Catholic schools opened for in-person instruction in the fall. We have learned how to live with this virus and to find a way through it together.

I am grateful to all of you for the patience and generosity you demonstrated during this difficult year, and it is our goal to make public worship accessible to everyone while still providing options for distancing and safety. Because we will be dealing with it for many years to come, it is important for everyone 12 year of age or older receive the vaccinations which are now available, both for the health of our communities and our shared life in the faith. It is not sinful in any way to receive any of the three COVID-19 vaccines.

As Catholics, we attend Mass to gather as a community that believes in Christ Jesus, and especially to receive our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist. It is the source and summit of the Christian faith and life. I pray that you and your family will be restored and nourished by returning to the Table of the Lord.

Please pray for your priests who have worked so diligently throughout this pandemic and know that my prayers remain with you and your families.

In the Lord's Peace,

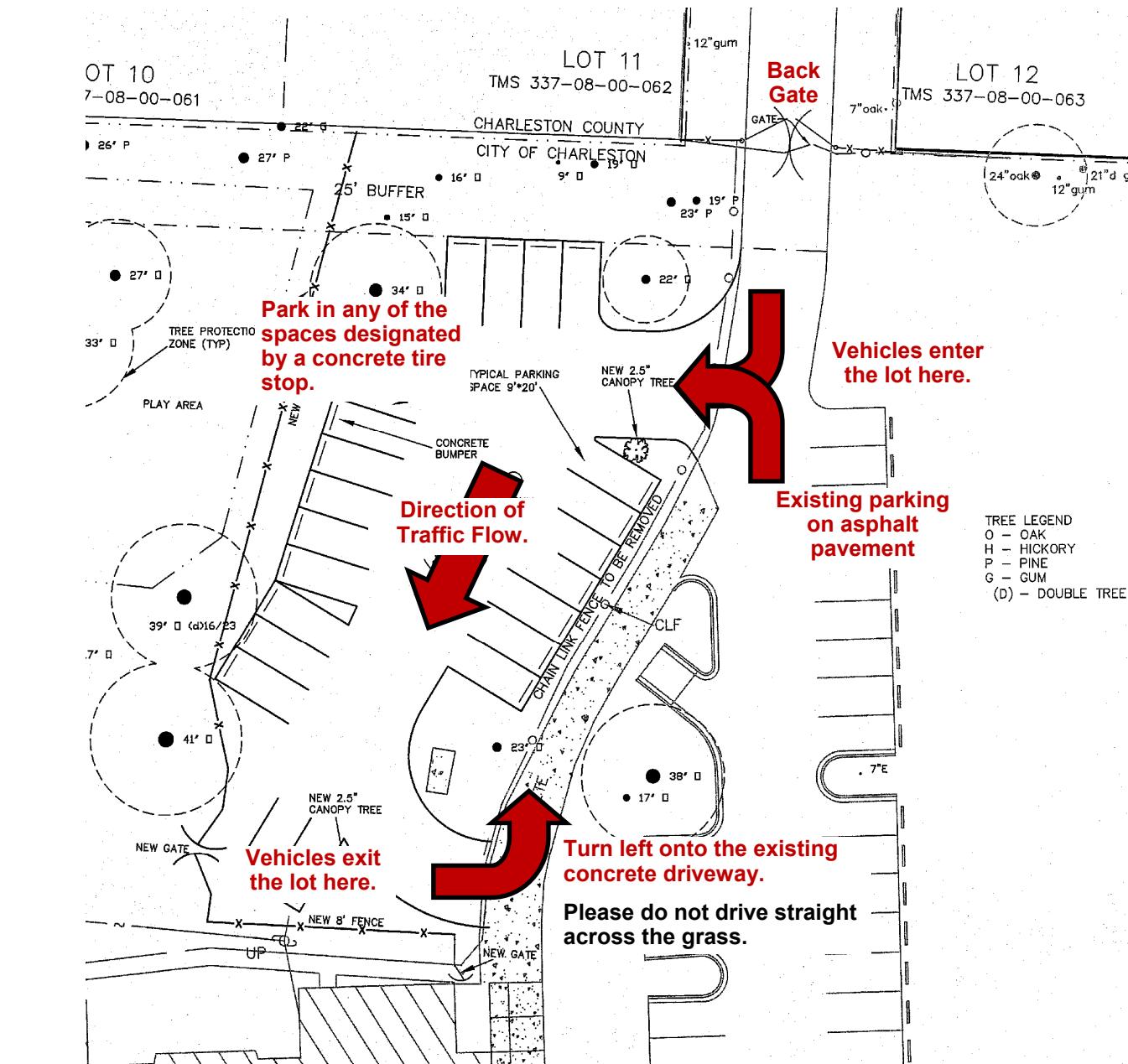
Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone, DD
Bishop of Charleston

For additional details on dispensations, please visit charlestondiocese.org/returning-to-the-table.

Parking Lot Expansion is Open For Use

The new parking expansion adjoins the school play ground and is now available for use. This parking area provides parking spaces for those we lost when the PLC was built. Father Kingsley and the entire parish offer their sincere thanks to those volunteers who worked so hard in constructing this parking area.

Note that this parking area is intended to have one way traffic flow.



While we are talking about Construction Projects,
Here is an update on the Nativity Rectory.

The Parish Building Committee has decided to delay construction of the new rectory due to the current price of lumber and other building materials.



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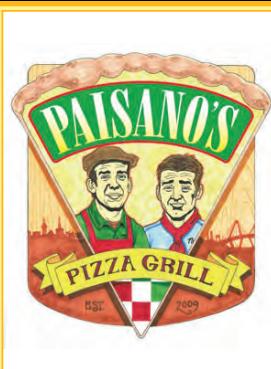
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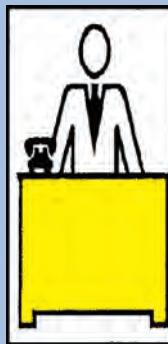


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WHY IS IT?