

July
11
2021

Jesus instructed the Twelve to take nothing with them but a walking stick - no food, no sack, no money in their belts.

Mark 6:8

FIFTEENTH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



Blessings and Glory

The second reading from Ephesians is rather long and with only six sentences, it is not easy to follow. To put it simply, St. Paul is giving a description of the many blessings God has given us. First is Redemption, meaning that Christ saved us from punishment for our sins by forgiving them instead. Second is the plan of God for saving everyone, by making Christ ruler of the universe. We have to accept these gifts by letting go of the temptations around us and holding on to the love we have received from God. We then share that love with others, so that they know God loves them, too. As our experience of God's love grows, we begin to understand the mystery of how God lives in all people.

Paul also reminds us that we are chosen and destined to help God bring his plan, his Kingdom, to completion. When we teach children how to love and share, when we are honest with customers or suppliers, when we are not ashamed to show our faith in Jesus, when we are respectful of the poor, elderly, or disabled, we are slowly building the Kingdom of God.

Paul mentions three times in this reading about "the praise of God's glory." (Eph 1:14) When we are able to help or forgive, or just be a good example to others, we want them to know that God is in all the good we do. Instead of taking credit for the results, we give God the glory. No, you don't have to take off your glasses and put on a red cape before helping others. Just mention that God does the real work, we just try not to get in his way.

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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

Monday through Friday	11:30 am
Saturday Vigil	5:30 pm
Sunday	9:00 am and 11:30 am

Wearing a Face Masks at Mass is not required for those who have been fully vaccinated.

People who wish to receive Communion on the tongue should wait to the end of the Communion line.

Church is open Daily for Private Prayer and Devotion

Weekdays: 8:00 am to 3:00 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: <https://nativetycharleston.org>
e-mail: Office@NativityCharleston.org**

Stay in touch with us at Nativity

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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. **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.

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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!

Deliverance

Near indeed is His salvation
to those who fear him...

... Today's Psalm: PS: 85

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Liturgical Ministers for July 17-18

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: Patty Edwards
Lector: John Warren
Ushers: Carl Borick
Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed,
Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg,
Randall Lannie

9:00 am Mass

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

11:30 am Mass

Altar Server: Gavin Gilreath
Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Defourneaux
Phu Tran
Lector: Sheila Elsey
Ushers: Lewis Doscher, Joe Ginn,
Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien

Offerings June 28 — July 4

The weekly offerings information was not available by the publishing deadline for this week's bulletin. The information will be provided in a future bulletin.

Second Collections for July 2021 are for:

Infirm Priests

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).

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Let Us Pray

For members of our community who have requested our prayers

Recently Added: Ray Blevins

From previous months: Bitsy Aimar, 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, 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, James Romero, Rosemary Saari, Kyle Souza, Fran Taylor, Inge Thornley, Vivienne Thornton, Courtney Wilson, Sally Wojcik, Tomas B. Zeisel

For members of our community who have requested our prayers

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

Intentions

Mass This Week:

Sat	10	5:30 pm	Robert Joseph Condon+
Sun	11	9:00 am	Juanilita Bunado+
		11:30 am	Carl Kornahrens+
Mon	12	11:30 am	Genevieve Noe+
Tues	13	11:30 am	
Wed	14	11:30 am	Paulette Miklaszewski+
Thurs	15	11:30 am	End of Abortion
Fri	16	11:30 am	
Sat	17	5:30 pm	Frank DiFiglio+
Sun	18	9:00 am	Bill Egan+
		11:30 am	Frank DiFiglio+

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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For more information, please visit us at www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights or call us at 843-795-3975.

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Who chose first, God or you?

That is the question explored in today's three readings. The second reading, from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, reads almost like a hymn. It praises God for choosing us, for calling us to serve, and for blessing us in our service. Paul makes it clear how honored we are and how special is the call to live as children of God. This is through no doing of our own.

The first reading and the Gospel use prose rather than poetry to describe the same truth: God did the choosing, not us. When the prophet Amos was berated for being a prophet, he retorted that the whole thing wasn't his idea in the first place. Neither did the twelve apostles in today's Gospel ask for their calling. Jesus sent them forth, two by two, to do the work of his kingdom.

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Learn about our Faith

The FORMED Hour: 7:00 pm Sunday evenings through July 25, 2021

Current series: **LECTIO: Prayer**

Join us online to watch the series using Formed.org. Log in with your e-mail only, no password required. To join the meeting please contact Vickie Vazquez at admin@nativitycharleston.org.

All are Invited!



Hurricane Prayer

O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your commands, including hurricanes. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of your power into praise of your goodness,

Grant this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever;

Amen



July 26 | 7:30 p.m.

All Catholic nurses in South Carolina are invited to join us as we plan group prayer opportunities, educational talks, community outreach & volunteering!

Visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scnacn>
For more information please contact Nancy McGrath at
NMcGrath@CharlestonDiocese.org

Did you know you are a Catechist? Yes, you!

You play a vital role in the parish faith community in passing on the faith by what you do and even by what you do not do. The entire Christian community is responsible for the ministry of catechesis. Why not become familiar with an area that interests you? Whether it be "the What" (Theology) "the How" (Methodology) or "the Who" (Intercultural Ministries, Youth, RCIA, Disabilities, Evangelization, Discipleship, Adult Faith...).

The Diocese of Charleston is partnering with other South East Dioceses to host the



AUGUST 12-15

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For more information or to register please visit
<https://go.virtualcatholicconference.com/SCC2021>

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1

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2

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3

Log in to the conference site when the conference opens on August 12 (we will email your login credentials).

Engaging during the free weekend.

Once you log in to the conference, you will be able to watch recorded video presentations or register for email reminders to join live events via Zoom.

The conference is free to access throughout the weekend of August 12-15.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a supportive, confidential, *nonjudgmental* weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion experience and would like to encounter God's love, mercy and forgiveness.

Greenville
July 16-18, 2021

For information or to register
Christy **803.554.6088**
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- ◆ Wellness (Women's Health and Dental)

Summer volunteer opportunities include:

- ◆ Dental professionals
- ◆ Reception
- ◆ Clothing closet and food pantry

For more information call us at (843) 559-4109
email jennifer.meshanko@olmoutreach.org,
or visit <https://www.olmoutreach.org/>

We really appreciate your help!

James Island Outreach Food Collection Update.



Several Things:

1. All non-perishable and in date food items are welcome.
2. We are a Wellness Client Choice Pantry. Low salt / low sugar items are preferred.
3. Donations of cash, checks and grocery cards are greatly appreciated.
4. Place all items in the bins located at the Nativity Church entrances.

From January through April 2021, members of the Nativity community have donated 684 pounds of food and over \$525.00 in cash and gift cards to James Island Outreach.

**Thank You for continuing to help
feed our hungry neighbors!**

Rosary for Life

Monthly Rosary: Sat, July 17 at 8:00 am:
at Planned Parenthood Charleston Health Center (1312 Ashley River Road Hwy. 61).

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For more information please call Stephen Boyle at 843-763-0681.





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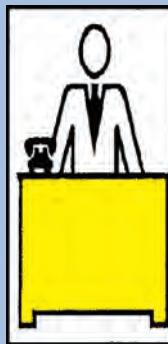


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