

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 18, 2021



THE APOSTLES REPORTED ALL THEY HAD DONE AND TAUGHT. JESUS SAID TO THEM,

"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."

MARK 6:30, 31

Jesus, Our Peace

You probably know that the Jews in the first century did not particularly like the Gentiles. Paul addresses this problem by reminding them that Jesus died for all people, Jew and Gentile. And just as Jesus rose from the dead to a new life, the converts to Christianity were given a new life also. So why was that unity so hard to accept?

One reason is that as much as we complain about laws and regulations, many people like to live by them. Our decisions are simple if we have a law to cover each one. Hebrew Christians thought that they still had to keep the laws and regulations of the old covenant. There is nothing wrong with keeping the Ten Commandments: They are simply examples of Jesus' command to love God with all your being and to love your neighbor as yourself. So why not just do that?

The problem with only keeping commandments is that we can avoid doing evil things, but still not love God or my neighbor. For example, we can avoid using God's name in vain and kick back and relax on the Sabbath, but still not really love God. Fortunately for us, God loves us first; we need only respond to that love. And if we base all our other actions on that love, we will not break any commandments, or even worry about breaking them. We will have the peace that Paul mentions in our reading, the peace that makes us all one in Christ.

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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

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
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website: <https://nativetycharleston.org>
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Stay in touch with us at Nativity

Web page: <https://nativetycharleston.com/>
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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>

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

... Today's Psalm PS: 23

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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843-853-2130 x 209

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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!

Reassurance

Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for You are at my side...

... Today's Psalm: PS: 23

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Liturgical Ministers for July 24-25

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

5:30 pm Mass

Altar Servers: Nathanael Borick
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: Jack Perry
Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Hollifield
Lector: Kirby Preston
Ushers: Andrew Preston
Richard Braigel, Walter Machowski,
Steve Molony, Joe Dubois

11:30 am Mass

Altar Server: Drue Gilreath
Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Everitt
Lector: Christine Lewis
Ushers: Pam Everitt
Lewis Doscher, Joe Ginn,
Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien

Offerings June 28 — July 11

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).

Please use your envelopes.

If you need envelopes, call the parish office.

Baptism

Evelyn Elizabeth Murray

daughter of Beth and Ernest Murray, was welcomed into our faith community on Saturday, July 10.

Congratulations to this new member of our church.



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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	17	5:30 pm	Frank DiFiglio+
Sun	18	9:00 am	Bill Egan+
		11:30 am	Frank DiFiglio+
Mon	19	11:30 am	Patricia Anne Zimmerman+
Tues	20	11:30 am	Gilbert & Marion Molony O'Brien+
Wed	21	11:30 am	Arnold Bennett+
Thurs	22	11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Fri	23	11:30 am	Kim Wade Roberts+
Sat	24	5:30 pm	Clara Zuraw+
Sun	25	9:00 am	Muriel Eacock+
		11:30 am	Ralph Riols+

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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Nativity School is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year.

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Don't miss this great Catholic Education opportunity for your children.

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**



The Prayer over the Offerings

calls our attention to what is about to transform our offerings of bread and wine. However, this prayer is also an expression of all that we hope this Mass will accomplish in our lives. As we listen to the Prayer Over the Offerings, we are reminded of what it is that we seek in the Eucharist: to be made holy; to be drawn closer to God; to come to eternal joy, unity, peace, and salvation.

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!



Flowers

at the altar this weekend are in memory of

Tina DiFiglio

May she rest in peace.



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/schnacn>
For more information please contact Nancy Mc Grath at
NMcGrath@CharlestonDiocese.org



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

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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<https://go.virtualcatholicconference.com/SCC2021>

How does this virtual conference work?

1

Register for the free event.

2

Carve out time on the conference weekend to watch on-demand presentations and join live events.

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.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION WILL BE BACK SOON!

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church has been blessed with Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in their chapel for over 30 years. If you have been one of our dedicated adorers in the past, we invite you back. We also need new adorers who want to nurture their relationship with Christ. If you can commit to giving one hour per week in the chapel, please contact Patti Brassington at pattibrassington@gmail.com.

Eucharistic Adoration is the way to have a truly personal relationship with Jesus.



REGISTRATION FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR IS UNDERWAY!

PSR provides weekly religious instruction for the children of Nativity Parish families who do not attend a Catholic grade school.

Registration Forms are now available at the Nativity Church entrances.

DON'T DELAY, REGISTER TODAY!

There is an additional \$20 late registration fee for those registering after July 30th to cover additional administrative and shipping costs.

The RCIA process (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

The Church of the Nativity offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a warm, welcoming, and accepting setting.

**This year's program kicks off on Sunday, August 29 at 5:30 pm
with a 'Meet and Greet' Cookout!**

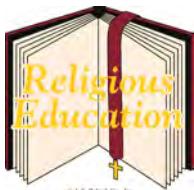
The RCIA classes are held from 10:00 to 11:15 am on Sunday mornings in the Nativity Parish Office.
This year's class will begin on Sunday, September 12.

For more information, please contact Vicki Vázquez at admin@nativitycharleston.org or at 843-795-3821

Sign Up Now!

Catechists Needed for Parish School of Religion 2021–2022

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,.. teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."
... Mt 28:19a,20a



Through baptism, we are called to share the Good News. Serving as a PSR catechist is an incredible way to fulfill this mission. We are seeking a number of catechists for the upcoming school year. If you love your faith and are willing to share that blessing with the children of our parish, please contact Mary Smith at 843-795-3821 x 104.

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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



The apostles gathered together with Jesus; and they reported to him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while." Mk 6:30-31

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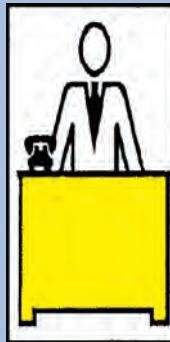
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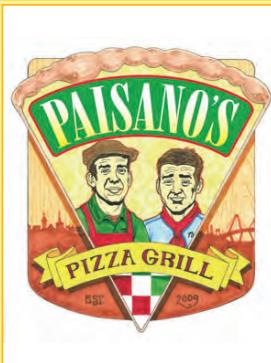
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