



THEN WILL THE EYES OF THE BLIND BE OPENED

the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Isaiah 35:5-6

Royal Treatment

St. James is exaggerating a little when he describes how people might greet visitors or new members in the church. Sadly, prejudice is a sin that is just as prevalent today as it was 2000 years ago. Today we have laws for business and government to prevent prejudice. But the subtler forms of judging people by their race, clothing, speech, religion, etc. sometimes hide behind patriotism, faith, or the desire to protect our families.

One reason for prejudice is ignorance. When you get an e-mail that says "true Americans" are white, English speaking, Christians, there is probably some prejudice behind it. The only way to fight ignorance is with the truth. Jesus himself said the truth will set you free. (Jn 8:32) He told us that God loves all people, even sinners, so what right do we have to judge someone just because they are different?

A second reason for prejudice is fear. We are told that certain neighborhoods are dangerous. Or an older adult sees three teenage boys walking down the street and because of her fear, she thinks they could be gang members. But remember how many times Jesus tells us in the gospels, "Do not be afraid."

If we can learn to see Christ in all peoples, regardless of their race or lifestyle, we are beginning to leave prejudice behind. If we teach our children to respect the poor, the disabled, the homeless, we can help them to understand what James meant about God choosing the "poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom." (Jas 2:5)

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Catholic Diocese of Charleston



Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

**Twenty Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 5, 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

**At the direction of Bishop Guglielmone,
Wearing Masks at Mass is recommended for all.
To Receive Communion on the tongue
Please be Last in 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://nativitycharleston.org>
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Stay in touch with us at Nativity

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Praise the Lord, my soul!

... Today's Psalm PS: 136

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. **Volunteers are needed in order to reopen. Contact the church office.**

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Is currently unavailable at the 9:00 am Mass as we assess space and volunteer needs in hopes of re-starting this ministry sometime in the Fall of 2021.

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. Registration for the 21-22 school year is underway and classes start on Sep. 12. For more information, please contact 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: 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. **In person and online options are offered for the upcoming session.** 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.



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... Today's Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:23

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Liturgical Ministers for Sept 11-12

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

5:30 pm Mass

Greeter:	Bob & JoAnne Sisnroy
Altar Servers:	Daniel Salceda
Eucharistic Ministers:	Eileen Easler
Lector:	Patty Edwards
Ushers:	Cava Riley
	Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg, Randall Lannie

9:00 am Mass

Greeter:	Horner Family
Altar Server:	Wyatt Knight
Eucharistic Ministers:	Joe Dubois
Lector:	Kirby Preston
Ushers:	Mary Catherine Dubois Richard Bragiel, Jerry English, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass

Greeter:	Susan La Via
Altar Server:	Megumi Tran
Eucharistic Ministers:	Kathy Hepner
Lector:	Christine Lewis
Ushers:	Sheila Elsey Lewis Doscher, Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien

Offerings August 9 — August 29

Collections at Mass (Aug 14—Aug 29)	\$ 24,449.00
Mail in Offerings (Aug 9—Aug 27)	\$ 6,407.00
myEoffering (Aug 9—Aug 27)	\$ 11,059.77
Budget (3 weeks)	\$ 41,005.38
Offerings versus budget	\$ + 910.39
Registered Households	662
Envelopes Used (Aug 14—Aug 29)	406
Active myEoffering Families	168
MyEoffering Family Donations (Aug 9—Aug 13)	322

Assumption Holy Day Offerings: \$1,799.00

If you do not use envelopes and want to contribute to the needs of the parish, 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.

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Let Us Pray

For members of our community who have requested our prayers

From previous months: Allene Barans, Rob Barker, Irene Bennett, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Ray 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, 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.

To have names added or removed from these lists, please contact the parish office at 843-795-3821 or at Office@NativityCharleston.org.

Intentions

Sanctuary Candle:

Aug 28 — Sep 4 Mable Brockenfelt+

Mass This Week:

Sat	4	5:30 pm	Cherie Noe+
Sun	5	9:00 am	Ann Ginn+
		11:30 am	Ann Ginn+
Mon	6	11:30 am	
Tues	7	11:30 am	Erlene Riggs+
Wed	8	11:30 am	
Thurs	9	11:30 am	Fred & Alice Herrmann++
Fri	10	11:30 am	Gilbert & Marion Molony O'Brien+
Sat	11	5:30 pm	Brenda Kennerty+
Sun	12	9:00 am	Marlee Koos+
		11:30 am	Ann Ginn+

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.

The 21-22 School Year is Underway. God Bless our Students!

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**



**Join us Tuesday Evenings this Fall
beginning September 7, 2021 at 6:15 pm**

**Participate “In Person” in the Nativity Parish Office
1061 Folly Road / Charleston, SC 29412**

Not ready for “In Person” gathering? No Problem!

Participate via **ZOOM from the comfort of your home.
Here is the session link.**

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

The Zoom Meeting ID is 985 9432 3149 and the password is Alpha

To Sign Up, please contact Vicki Vázquez / alpha@nativitycharleston.org / 843-795-3821.

View the Alpha at Nativity Fall Schedule at nativitycharleston.org/alpha

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 already done it!)

Listen, learn, discuss, and discover. Ask anything.

Alpha is a place where no question is off limits.

Alpha's Three Main Elements



Good Food



Alpha Talk



Discussion

How does it work?

Each Alpha course session begins with food, followed by a short talk looking at a different aspect of the Christian faith. After that, there is a time for discussion in a friendly small group.

Who is Alpha for?

Alpha is for everyone, especially:

- Those who have given up on church
- Those wanting to investigate Christianity
- Those who are new to the Christian faith
- Those wanting to grow in understanding and faith

What is the cost?

There is no charge for the Alpha course, although donations to help defray the cost of the food will be greatly appreciated.

Nativity Parish Life Center



As Father announced at Mass last weekend, There is still time if you wish to be listed as a donor to the new Parish Life Center. Those names will be permanently displayed in the Life Center on either the Donor Wall or in the Book of Donors. We want to give everyone the opportunity to be included in this legacy project. If you have not yet pledged or contributed, please consider doing so. If you would like to be included as a PLC donor, please make your donation by September 30, 2021.

There are several ways to make your donation. Please use the Capital Campaign envelope in your packet of collection envelopes, or call the parish office at 843-795-3821 or visit our parish website at

<https://NativityCharleston.com/parishlifecenter>

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Bishop Guglielmone to Bless the Parish Life Center

Bishop Guglielmone will be at Nativity on Monday, October 25, to offer Mass at 6:00 pm and to bless our new Parish Life Center. A reception will follow. All are welcome.

Mark Your Calendar and Plan to Attend!



Flowers

at the altar this weekend are in memory of

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Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters: did not God choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which he promised to those who love him? Jas 2:5



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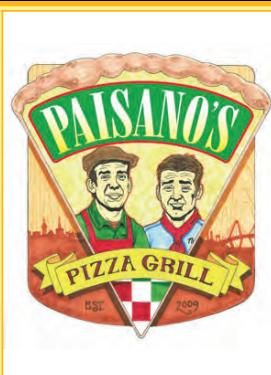
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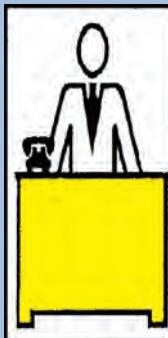
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