

It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle
than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.

MARK 10:23



Detail, Anonymous, *Christ Teaching*, Anglo-Saxon, c. 1000

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 10, 2021

The Punch Line

The first reading is supposed to remind us of Solomon, choosing wisdom over wealth or power. In the scriptures wisdom means doing God's will in all things. As Jesus tried to tell the man in the gospel, knowing and doing God's will is more precious than wealth, or even family!

So if wisdom is that good, why do so few seek it? Most of us have no problem doing God's will, as long as it is the same as ours. Or we do God's will if it is painless and convenient. Sometimes we are like that man in the gospel, desiring wisdom but not willing to pay for it.

Maybe our problem is that we don't trust God enough. The first reading, after praising wisdom more than health, wealth, and beauty, ends with a promise of "countless riches" while Jesus promises that the one who gives up everything will receive "a hundred times more." Because the rich man left in sorrow, he missed the punch line.

I can think of two ways to interpret that promise. One is that the more we give up for love of the Lord, the more we get back. The other is finding that what truly makes us happy is knowing we are loved by God and responding with love for others.

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Catholic Diocese of Charleston



Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

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

Thursday	9:30 am School Mass
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>
e-mail: Office@NativityCharleston.org

Stay in touch with us at Nativity

Web page: <https://nativitycharleston.com>/
YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/ChurchoftheNativity>
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>

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

... Today's Psalm PS: 90

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. 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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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 >>>

For more information, please call the parish office at 843-795-3821.



Please consider joining our parish family!

Nativity School—dedicated to the academic and spiritual growth of our students



Do you dream of a school where each child is accepted, included, and valued? Are you looking for a school that stands as the model of academic excellence, moral ideals, and spirituality? Have you searched for a values-based education in the Catholic tradition?

Look no further!

Discover Nativity School, James Island's best kept secret for K4-8 grades.

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

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**

We love
having you as part of our flock



Keep in touch
with us via
email & text

- Choose to get updates from groups you're interested in
- Unsubscribe anytime, no spam we promise

Nativity Now uses Flocknote

We have adopted a new and improved way of communicating that will make it much simpler for you to get the information you want from us! It's powered by a service called Flocknote. Like sending a "note" to our "flock". Flocknote.

This helps us communicate with you and, equally, important, it helps you to communicate with us and with each other (aka, Ladies Guild, Choir, Liturgical Ministers, Finance Council.... (fill in your own ministry).

A really important feature is that you can **OPT IN** or **OPT OUT** at any time as your needs and interests change.

We have already started to use flocknote to communicate with you and we will be adding more information about this new tool in future bulletins.

For more information, please contact Vicki at the Parish Office



Needs Drivers

Church of the Nativity and James Island Presbyterian Church support the Charleston Area Senior Citizens program of **Meals on Wheels**. Meals

are prepared at the Charleston Area Senior Center on Meeting Street and delivered to James Island Presbyterian every Monday through Friday at 11:00. Our volunteers deliver these meals to seniors. Each driver delivers 8 to 10 meals and it takes less than an hour **every other week**.

If you can help, please contact Carol Swinburne at palmettogram@gmail.com 843-795-0680 or contact the Nativity parish office at 843-795-3821 or Office@nativitycharleston.org.

Thank you for considering this important outreach ministry!



Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, "One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But at these words he was saddened, and he went away grieving, for he was one who owned much property. Mk 10:21-22

Learn about our Faith

The RCIA process (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Classes are Sunday from 10:00 am to 11:15 am in the Nativity Parish Office.

And via ZOOM: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84510760063?pwd=aUdLTCsxZEpHSnBEZjdFdC96VnBhQT09>

The Zoom Meeting ID is: 845 1076 0063 and the Passcode is: Nativity

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

Alpha—A series of sessions that explore the Christian faith

Sessions are Tuesday from 6:15 pm to 8:00 pm in the Nativity Parish Office.

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

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

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

Wednesday Evening Bible Study—Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Advent

Sessions are Wednesday at 5:45 pm in the Nativity Parish Office.

And via ZOOM: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91020237726?pwd=VXg0MVZ0eHVRNFpUS0ZZWGhLbHAxUT09>

The Zoom Meeting ID is: 910 2023 7726 and the Passcode is: Nativity

For more information, please contact Andrea Gilliard at acgilliard@comcast.net or at 843-696-2161

Thursday Evening Bible Study—The Hidden King (The Jewish Roots of St. Joseph)

Sessions are Online only, Thursday from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Via ZOOM: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99243922488?pwd=OFRGSHBTUmVMamZzdmZWMinF5NXIxdz09>

The Zoom Meeting ID is: 992 4392 2488 and the Passcode is: Nativity

For more information, please contact Ryckie Watkins at 843-795-4194 or at ryckiewatkins1329@comcast.net.

Please give these Soul Foods a try.

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bioethics

AND END-OF-LIFE CARE
BOTH IN LIFE AND IN DEATH,
WE ARE THE LORD'S

FREE WORKSHOP

A workshop on Catholic Bioethics and End-of-Life to help clarify our Catholic understanding of human dignity and moral discernment, and explain various end-of-life documents.

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Michael F. Acquilano, Director, S.C. Catholic Conference
Kathy Schmugge, Director, Office of Family Life

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 10
7:00 PM

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
Parish Hall
120 Broad Street
Charleston, SC 29401

For more information or to sign up, please contact Stephanie Stewart at stewart@chasclestdiocese.org or at 843-724-8395



The Nativity Capital Campaign Ends January 1, 2022

- ⇒ Capital Campaign envelopes will no longer be included envelope packs.
 - ⇒ The Capital Campaign Giving Fund will no longer be available in the "myE-offering" online donation app.
- If your pledge continues into 2022,
- Please include your payment in a regular envelope.
 - Include a note that your payment is for your Parish Life Center Pledge.
 - Place the payment in the offering basket at Mass or deliver it to the church office.

Thank you for your generosity!

October 2021

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!



Fall 2021 Campaign: Sep. 22 through Oct. 31

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion in America.

Prayer to End Abortions.

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that You have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all, through Christ our Lord. Amen!

Nativity Respect Life Activities

Fri. Oct 1 through Sun. Oct 31—Nativity Ladies Guild “Diaper Drive”

Your donations will assist clients to the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center and Birthright of Charleston. Bring packs of new diapers to any of the October Ladies Guild activities and events. Preferred sizes are for infants and toddlers 10 to 30 pounds. Thank you for your assistance.

All Sundays in October—Blessing of Expectant parents

Father will bless expectant parents at each Mass. Please contact Vicki Vazquez at admin@nativitycharleston.org and let us know what Mass you will be attending.

Every Wed in Oct: 12:00 noon—Respect Life Rosary for Life

Download the rosary prayers and instructions at [Respect Life Rosary for Life](#) and use the slips on the bottom of the sheet to record your rosary count. Place your slip in the Rosaries for Life basket at the back of the church or email your count to Christine Lewis at lewischristined@comcast.net.

Thurs. Oct 28 and Fri. Oct 29: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm—Nativity’s Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood

Volunteers are needed to pray at Planned Parenthood on these two days from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm for 2 hour periods. To sign up, please contact Christine Lewis at lewischristined@comcast.net or Malcolm Brennan at mbprolife@gmail.com

Other Respect Life Activities

Wed. Sep 22 through Sun. Oct 31: 7:00 am to 7:00—Daily Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood

Charleston Health Center (1312 Ashley River Road Hwy. 61). Masks and social distancing are required.

Sat. Oct 2 through Fri. Oct 8—Diocese of Charleston Rosary for Congress Program

For more information, please visit <https://nativitycharleston.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Rosary-Congress-1.pdf>

Sat. Oct 2: 8:30 am—Opening Mass, Diocese of Charleston Rosary for Congress Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

Fri. Oct. 8 through Sun. Oct 10—Always in Your Heart Retreat for People Who Have Suffered a Miscarriage.

This event is in Fort Mill, SC. For more information call Kathy 803 547 5063 or familylife@charlestondiocese.org

Sat., Nov 6: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm—Walk for Life at Wannamaker County Park (North Charleston)

Walk will benefit the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center. Sign up to walk with “Nativity Respects Life” team at www.lw4l.org. For more information, please contact Christine Lewis at 843-762-3272 or lewischristined@comcast.net.

Fri. Nov 6 through Sun. Nov 8—Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat (Charleston, SC)

This is a supportive, confidential, nonjudgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion experience. For more information or registration Christy at 803-554-6088 or Kathy at 803-546-6010 or contact Grace4healing@gmail.com

Other Pregnancy Assist Resources

10 Ways To Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting.

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!



A few of the pets that were blessed this week in remembrance of the appreciation that St. Francis showed for all living things. We welcome these 'saintly' dogs, cats (and even a tortoise).



Expectant Parents Blessing at all Weekend Masses in October

Expectant Parents/Couples may contact the parish office to request a special blessing at a specific Mass. Contact Victoria at 843-795-3821 or at Admin@NativityCharleston.org

Your witness to our faith community is a wonderful celebration of Life!

The Respect Life Committee will also present couples with a small prayer book.

We need to see each child as a gift to be welcomed and cherished. ...Pope Francis

perform a very important and much needed role in liturgical services. This role includes assisting the presider so that the liturgy can be conducted with grace and reverence. It enables the presider to focus on leading all present through word, prayer and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

To be a server you must

- ♦ Be in the 3rd grade or older, and
- ♦ Have celebrated your First Holy Communion.

**Training will be in the Church This Sunday,
October 10 at 10:15 am**
(immediately following the 9 am Mass) and

will last approximately 1 hour.

This session is for new servers as well as for current servers who would like extra training.

If your child is ready and would like to become an altar server, please contact Vicki Vázquez at 843-795-3821 or at admin@nativitycharleston.org

