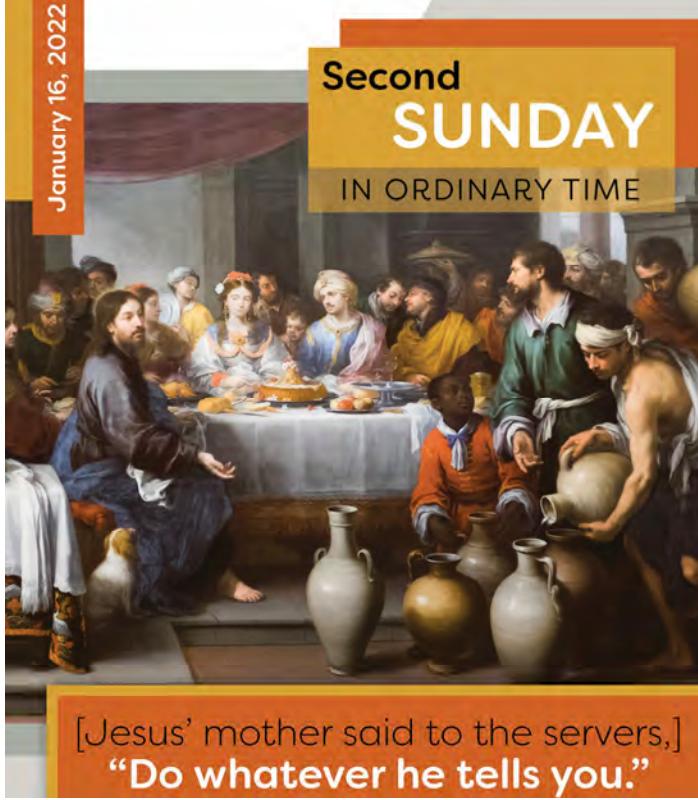


January 16, 2022



Second
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus' mother said to the servers,]
"Do whatever he tells you."

Flipped Out Pharisees

The Gospel reading for this Sunday is not only the first miracle in John's Gospel—it is also John's first mention of Jesus' mother. I used to find it odd that he addressed her as "Woman." But in that time the word was more respectful; it could even be affectionate. Jesus does help as his mother requested, but he does so in a way that is a lesson about God's love.

You have probably heard how the Jewish people in Jesus' time performed purification rituals before eating anything. The cleansings were a sign that they wanted to be like God, completely free from sin. Eventually, it came to mean that you could not approach God until you cleansed yourself. Jesus could have made the wine in bottles or wineskins. But he used the "six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings" (John 2:6). That meant that once they were full of wine, no one could wash themselves from the jars. I wonder how many Pharisees flipped out when they saw that.

The point of this is that no one can cleanse themselves. We don't purify ourselves in order to come to God—we come to God to be purified. God is the only one who can make us holy. God offers this to sinners especially, because sinners who know they need forgiveness are the only ones to receive it. God never forces mercy on anyone. It is offered to those who ask for it. The amount of wine symbolizes the extent of God's mercy. As there was now more than enough wine for the wedding, **God has more than enough mercy for those who need it.** Wine is also a symbol of joy in the Old Testament. There is no greater joy than knowing that you have been forgiven by the Lord.

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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.

**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**

Regular Weekly Mass Schedule

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

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
Sunday: After the 9:00 and 11:30 am Masses
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

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<https://nativityfamily.flocknote.com/>



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and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NativityFamily>
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Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

... Today's Psalm PS 29

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 Spring of 2022.

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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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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Liturgical Ministers Weekend Masses Jan. 22—23

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

5:30 pm Mass

Greeter: Bob & JoAnne Sisnroy
Altar Server: Jake Hoeft
Eucharistic Ministers: Eileen Easler
Lector: Meg Hoeft
Ushers: Claire Bergstrom
Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed,
Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg,
Randall Lannie

9:00 am Mass

Greeter: Decker Family
Altar Server: Maureen Hinson
Eucharistic Ministers: Jack Perry
Lector: Jimmy Craven
Ushers: Wendy Craven
Gary Warriner
Richard Bragiel, Jerry English,
Steve Molony, Joe Dubois

11:30 am Mass

Greeter: June LaVia
Altar Server: Susan LaVia
Eucharistic Ministers: Tomi Tran
Lector: Jackie Doscher
Ushers: Pam Everitt
John Lavelle
Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt
Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings January 3 — January 9

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 January:

Church in Latin America

Thank you for your Generosity.

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.

Recently Added: Wendy Craven, Rita Halterman

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, 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, Courtney Wilson, Sally Wojcik

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

Mass: This Week

Sat.	15	5:30 pm	Marie & Jim Donovan++
	16	9:00 am	Patte Tress+
		11:30 am	
Mon	17	11:30 am	
Tues.	18	11:30 am	Ronnie Jenkins+
Wed.	19	11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Thurs.	20	11:30 am	
Fri.	21	11:30 am	Arnold Bennett+
Sat.	22	5:30 pm	
	23	9:00 am	Philip Eacock+
		11:30 am	David Blythe+

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.

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Best Wishes for a Successful Semester!



Nativity School Needs a Spanish Teacher

Nativity School is seeking a qualified, energetic individual who has a passion for children and can share their expertise of Spanish language and culture with elementary aged students. Grades range from K4-8th, with 8th grade taking Spanish 1 for a Carnegie credit. Applicants must possess a valid teaching certificate with a concentration in Spanish or a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Spanish. Compensation will be based on degree, certification and experience.

All interested applicants should send a resume to Patti Dukes at info@nativity-school.com.



K OF C COUNCIL 6250 OFFICERS' MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 20 AT 7:00 PM

at American Legion Post 147 (968 Folly Road)

All Knights of Council 6250 are encouraged to attend!



Monthly Meeting is Monday, January 24.

In person in the Nativity Parish Life Center. Refreshments at 6:30 pm with the meeting to follow at 7:00 pm.

We will be collecting school supplies for the students during Catholic School Week and making plans for our upcoming events.

Need a ride to the meeting? Please contact Marian Hoffman at 803-397-2681, Christine Lewis at 843-813-3937 or Kristi Roberts at 843-812-2226.

Mark Your Calendars and Plan to Attend!!!



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The Nativity Capital Campaign Has Ended

- ⇒ Capital Campaign envelopes are no longer included in envelope packs.
- ⇒ The Capital Campaign Giving Fund is no longer 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!



**Darkness cannot drive out darkness,
only light can do that.**

**Hate cannot drive out hate,
only love can do that.**

...Martin Luther King, Jr.

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US National Holiday this year: January 17.

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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



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When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from . . . the headwaiter called the bridegroom, and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when the people have drunk freely, then . . . the poorer wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jn 2:9-10





November 2, 2021

Dear Fr. Kingsley

Thank you for Nativity Catholic Church's continued support of James Island Outreach as a sponsoring congregation. Through the unified efforts of James Island and Folly Beach churches, James Island Outreach continues to serve as a Beacon of Hope for neighbors in need 32 years after founding.

This year, we are projecting to break records once again for the amount of food support provided to our neighbors facing hunger or financial hardship. We have maintained a fully funded financial assistance program throughout the year, and so far have issued more than \$20,000 in emergency assistance with utility, housing and medical bills.

None of this would be possible without the support of our sponsoring churches through financial contributions, food donations, volunteer support, and prayer.

Through October 2021 Nativity Catholic Church has provided \$2240 in financial support and 1984 pounds of food valued at \$3432.32 (\$1.73/lb). In addition, members of your congregation regularly give generously of their time volunteering at JIO.

Thank you.....Scott Graule, Executive Director, James Island Outreach



1682 Brownswood Road
Johns Island, SC 29455

Website: www.OLMOutreach.org

If you can assist with the good works of this ministry,
please contact:
Jennifer Meshanko at
jennifer.meshanko@olmoutreach.org

Hours: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (Monday – Thursday)

To receive services, you will need to provide:

- Photo ID
- Proof of residence (a bill with clients name and address on it; such as an electric or water bill)
- Names/date of birth of all in the household

Services offered:

- Food
- Clothing
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- Women Services
- Educational Programs
- Employment Services
- Financial assistance and education
- Case Management

Walk-in Hours: Monday night 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

Arrive as early as 5:30 pm to check in.

Patients are seen on a first come, first serve basis.

Scheduled Appointment Hours:

- Monday from 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
- Tuesday through Friday between 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Patient Requirements:

Adults who:

- Live or work on Johns, Wadmalaw and James Islands
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- Do not have health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid or VA medical benefits.

Services offered:

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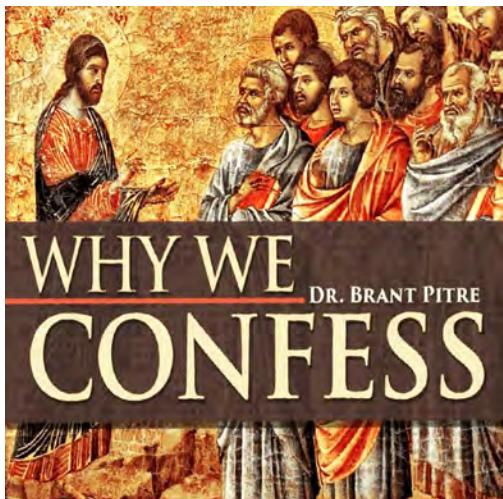
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website: www.BIFMC.org

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Please visit our website
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or contact us at the number above.

**Through volunteer effort and financial support, the people of Nativity are helping our neighbors in need.
Thank you for your care, concern and continued support!**



Thursday Evening Bible Study

Many of us know Catholics who haven't been to Confession in years.. . Maybe you are one of them. if you've ever wondered about the biblical roots of this sacrament, "Why We Confess" is the Bible Study for you.

When it comes to the Catholic Church in our time, perhaps the most frequently asked question is: "*Why do I have to confess my sins to a priest?*" It is often followed by two others: "Why can't I just go straight to God? Where is the sacrament of confession in the Bible?"

In *Why We Confess*, Dr. Brant Pitre gives an eye-opening Bible study on the origins and meaning of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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

Via ZOOM: [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99243922488?
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Meeting ID: 992 4392 2488 and the Passcode: Nativity

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



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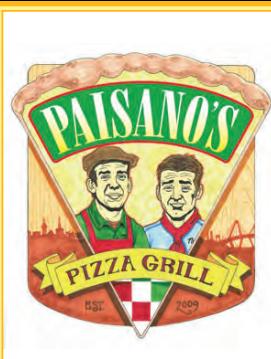
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