

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

JANUARY 23, 2022

Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks,  
and allot portions to those  
who have nothing prepared;  
for today is holy to our Lord.

### Rejoicing in the Lord

In the first reading, Ezra gets a strange reaction from the people to whom he reads the book of the law. First they lie down, with faces to the ground, and then they all are weeping. Remember the background of this reading. The people of Israel had returned from exile and needed to become a unified nation. Many probably didn't know that they had been breaking the law. Others might have been overwhelmed with all the requirements of the law.

Ezra and Nehemiah console the people by reminding them that their return makes this a day "holy to the Lord" (Nehemiah 8:10). He adds that they would get strength from "rejoicing in the Lord." That may be good advice for us also.

We might find ourselves so trapped in sin that we think we could never be forgiven. We need to remember that **Jesus loved sinners so much, he gave his life on the cross to free us from sin.** No sin can be so bad that God's love cannot forgive it. In fact, the more I have to repent, the more God wants to forgive. So we can rejoice in the Lord's forgiveness and the Spirit will give us the strength to change our lives.

And what about those who find the law overwhelming? That can be because we have forgotten Jesus' saying that all of God's laws are contained in the command to love God and love our neighbor as we love ourselves. The more we come to accept God's presence in our lives and see God in others, the easier it becomes to keep the law of love.

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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.

**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



Sign up on our social media platform at FlockNote.  
<https://nativityfamily.flocknote.com/>

Visit us at  
Web page: <https://nativitycharleston.com/>  
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and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NativityFamily>  
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/NativityCharleston/>

*Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.*

...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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, must also have participated in a 1<sup>st</sup> grade PSR or Catholic school program. Children planning to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade must also have participated in a 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

## STAFF

**Pastor:** Rev. Thomas Kingsley  
Pastor@NativityCharleston.org, 843-795-3821 x 105

**Director of Administration:** Mrs. Vicki Vázquez  
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**School Principal:** Mrs. Patti Dukes  
pdukes@nativity-school.com, 843-795-3975

**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](mailto: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.

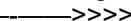
These criteria are used to verify parishioner status for Weddings, Sacramental Preparation, Parish School of Religion enrollment, Sponsor Certificates for Baptism and Confirmation, and to receive parishioner tuition rates at Catholic schools. An extended time with no activity will place a person or family 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](http://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.



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## Liturgical Ministers Weekend Masses Jan 29—30

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

### 5:30 pm Mass

**Greeter:** Daniel Forsberg Family  
**Altar Server:** Timothy & Carolyn Smith  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Nathanael Borick  
**Lector:** Karen Cellars  
**Ushers:** Patty Edwards  
Lisa Zuraw  
Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed,  
Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg,  
Randall Lannie

### 9:00 am Mass

**Greeter:** Horner Family, Knight Family  
**Altar Server:** Jacob Perry  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Judy Daugomah  
**Lector:** Vicki Vazquez  
**Ushers:** Michael Bolchoz  
Richard Bragiel, Jerry English,  
Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

### 11:30 am Mass

**Greeter:** Sheila Griner  
**Altar Server:** Sandy O'Neale  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Caryn Hasenberg  
**Lector:** Kathy Hepner  
**Ushers:** Christine Lewis  
Tara Hasenberg  
Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt,  
Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner

## Offerings January 3 — January 9

Collections at Mass (Jan 8—Jan 9)	\$ 10,003.00
Mail in Offerings (Jan 3—Jan 7)	\$ 7,405.00
myEoffering (Jan 3—Jan 7)	\$ 3,237.36
Budget (1 week)	\$ 13,653.85
Offerings versus budget	\$ + 6,976.90
Registered Households	700
Envelopes Used (Jan 8—Jan 9)	
Active myEoffering Families	141
MyEoffering Family Donations (Jan 3—Jan 7)	109

The weekly offerings information for the week Jan 10 -> Jan 19 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.

If you are unable to attend Mass, please consider making your regular offerings by mail or online (myEoffering).

Please use your envelopes.



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with your current credit card expiration date.**

For more information, please contact the parish office.

## 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, Wendy Craven, Herman Connor, Vi Defourneaux, Jake DuPree, Jo Ann Frederick, Ellen Pate Futrell, Malcolm Hale, Rita Halterman, 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](mailto:Office@NativityCharleston.org).

## Intentions

### Mass: This Week

Sat.	22	5:30 pm	David Blythe+
	23	9:00 am	Philip Eacock+
		11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Mon	24	11:30 am	Edward J. Parent+
Tues.	25	11:30 am	
Wed.	26	11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Thurs.	27	11:30 am	
Fri.	28	11:30 am	
Sat.	29	5:30 pm	For the people of Nativity
	30	9:00 am	The Hon. Robert Mallard, Sr. for his 85th Birthday
		11:30 am	Anna Karlyk+

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.**

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



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Nativity School is accepting applications for admittance to Nativity School.

For more information, please visit us at [www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights](http://www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights) or call us at 843-795-3975.

**Catholic School Week: January 30 → February 4**



### 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](mailto:info@nativity-school.com).



### NATIVITY OYSTER ROAST AND MAC & CHEESE COOK OFF

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26 AT 6:30 PM**



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN 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!!!**



### 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!**



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5TH SUNDAY ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY. JAN 30TH AFTER THE 9:00 MASS.

Please join the men of Council 6250 as we pray the Rosary for mutual respect.

**All are welcome and encouraged to participate!**

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study  
Resumes on Jan 26 at 5:45 pm in the  
Nativity Parish Life Center.**

The topic for this session is so secret that 'they' won't let us mention it in the bulletin. You need to show up to find out what this is all about.

For more information, please contact Andrea Gilliard at [acgilliard@comcast.net](mailto:acgilliard@comcast.net) or at 843-696-2161

## Tell Us What You Think.

Nativity parishioners are invited to participate in a Synod Survey to help discern the future direction of the Church. The nearby "in person" sessions have been completed but you still have the opportunity to provide your input online.

Here is the link: <https://charlestondiocese.org/synod2023/>

The deadline for providing your input for the Synod has been extended to Fri. Apr. 1.

All answers will be collected, analyzed, and summarized. An Executive Report will be prepared by the diocesan synodal team and submitted to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

**You are encouraged to provide their input and suggestions  
for how to make our Church better.**



### We are in need of volunteers

who can share their talents and time with us to help the community in the many programs and services that we provide.

We offer many programs and services including:

- ♦ Basic and Emergency Needs (financial, clothing, food and job assistance)
- ♦ Education (ESL & GED classes and after-school programming)
- ♦ Wellness (Women's Health and Dental)

Current volunteer opportunities include:

- ♥ Dental Professionals (Dentists, Hygienists, Assistants)
- ♥ Yes, I Can! After School Tutor
- ♥ Front Desk Receptionist
- ♥ GED Language Arts Tutor
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- ♥ Van Driver
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For more information call us at (843) 559-4109  
email [jennifer.meshanko@olmoutreach.org](mailto:jennifer.meshanko@olmoutreach.org),  
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**We really appreciate your help!**

## Stewardship

*is not about the needs of the church.  
Rather, it is about our desire to give back to  
God in gratitude, by sharing the gifts He  
has bestowed on us.*

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IT'S BEEN FACT-CHECKED  
BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

It seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught. Lk 1:3-4

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**Day of Reflection  
Saturday, March 12 from 9:30 am—2:30 pm  
In the Nativity Parish Life Center.**

Fr. Kevin Walsh, a noted spiritual director from Mepkin Abbey will lead the prayers and meditations.

**Save the Date and Plan to Attend!**

**Hey People! Plan Ahead.**

Do now what you wish to have done  
when your moment comes to die.

... St. Angela Merici whose Feast we celebrate Jan. 27



**January 25 is the feast of the  
Conversion of St. Paul and the end of  
the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.  
What does one have to do with the other?**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity consists of eight days beginning January 18 — the feast of the Chair of Peter, and ends on January 25 — the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, founded in the early twentieth century in Graymoor, NY, sought to promote unity among Anglicans and Roman Catholics. Paul James Wattson, a former Episcopalian priest, founded the community, which was formally accepted into the Catholic communion.

The idea for Christian unity soon began to catch on, and by the 1930's, more and more Christians welcomed such a focus. Suggestions for prayer and education are distributed each year, emphasizing a jointly chosen theme. The 1964 Vatican II document on ecumenism, *Unitatis Redintegratio*, gave a great boost to the octave, so that today many Christians worldwide promote and participate in the octave time of prayer.

The emphasis on both Peter and Paul aptly fits into the rationale of the octave. Peter is seen as the source of unity within the Christian tradition. Paul is highlighted due to his vision of bringing all to Christ. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ideal opportunity to pray for and promote respect, understanding, and, hopefully, eventual unity among Christians.

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About the Picture: The **Conversion on the Way to Damascus** is a masterpiece painted by Caravaggio, in 1601 for the Church of Santa Maria del Popolo in Rome. It depicts the scene recounted in the Acts of the Apostles where Saul (Paul), on his way to annihilate the Christian community in Damascus, is overcome with the spirit of Jesus Christ and is flung off of his horse.

**Conversion—It is Really Good for the soul!**



*Jackie and Lewis Doscher  
recently celebrated their  
50th wedding anniversary.*

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*May God grant them  
many more years  
of happiness together.*



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**Thursday Evening Bible Study  
from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.**

Our current study  
The Jewish Roots of the Papacy by Dr. Pitre

Sessions are Online only via ZOOM.

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99243922488?  
pwd=OFRGSHBTUmVMamZzdmZWMnF5NXIxdz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99243922488?pwd=OFRGSHBTUmVMamZzdmZWMnF5NXIxdz09)

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](mailto:ryckiewatkins1329@comcast.net).



## Adult Education Program

### New Class Starting Soon!

#### Registration and Assessments

January 31 and February 2, 2022  
9am-12pm  
(must attend both days)

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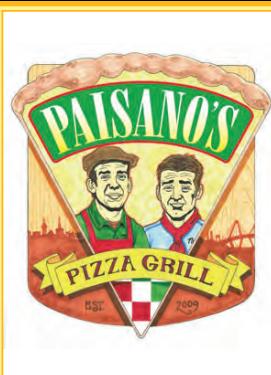
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