



Woe Is Me?

In Luke's version of the Beatitudes, he has only four blessings and he adds four woes. Did you notice that all the things that we work forty or more hours a week to give to our family are considered woes? So is Jesus saying we should not have savings for the future, food for the kids, a happy, safe environment, or a good reputation?

I suspect that the disciples and the others listening to Jesus wondered the same thing. The values of this world are not necessarily the values of God's Kingdom. **Jesus himself is the extreme example of reversing worldly values:** His death was not a tragic ending, but the saving action that brought us forgiveness and new life in the Resurrection.

So how do we experience the blessings of the poor, the hungry, the mourning, or the unpopular? Do we have the faith to let go of self-reliance and to trust in Jesus? How much money does it take to meet the needs of our family? Are we really helping our children if we give them anything they want? We buy them nice clothing; do we teach them to see Jesus in others? How can we say this is all too idealistic, and still claim to believe in the Resurrection?

I don't expect everyone do go around saying woe is me. Some of the happiest people are those who live simple lives of faith and trust in God. When we learn to trust the Lord and love one another, we not only can see Jesus in the poor or the lonely, he can also be seen in us.
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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.

**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/>



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Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

...Today's Psalm PS 1

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 offered to children age 4 years through 5th grade during the 9:00 am Mass on Sundays. The children are dismissed after the opening prayers and re-join their family for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. **Currently unavailable as we assess space and volunteer needs.**

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 x 104.

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 express your own thoughts and 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. **Online option available.**

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. To inquire, please contact Vicki Vázquez at 843-795-3821. **Online option available.**

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 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  >>>

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



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Liturgical Ministers Weekend Masses Feb 19—20

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: Timothy & Carolyn Smith
Eucharistic Ministers: Nathanael Borick
Lector: Eileen Easler
Ushers: Patty Edwards
Carl Borick
Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed,
Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg

9:00 am Mass

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

11:30 am Mass

Greeter: Sheila Griner
Altar Server: June La Via
Eucharistic Ministers: Kenji Tran
Jackie Doscher
Christine Lewis
Lector: Jon Ply
Ushers: Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt,
Larry Fisk, Sheila Griner

Offerings January 24 — February 6

Collections at Mass (Jan 29—Jan 30)	\$	6,275.00
Collections at Mass (Feb 05—Feb 06)	\$	7,686.00
Mail in Offerings (Jan 24—Jan 28)	\$	4,362.00
Mail in Offerings (Jan 31—Feb 04)	\$	4,615.00
myEoffering (Jan 24—Jan 28)	\$	3,544.68
myEoffering (Jan 31—Feb 04)	\$	3,625.75
Budget (2 weeks)	\$	<u>27,336.92</u>
Difference	\$	+ 3,997.95
Registered Households		641
Envelopes Used (Jan 29—Jan 30)		145
Envelopes Used (Feb 05—Feb 06)		147
Active myEoffering Families		141
MyEoffering Family Donations (Jan 24—Jan 28)		102
MyEoffering Family Donations (Jan 31—Feb 04)		61

Second Collections for February:

Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

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).



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Don't forget to update your account
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, Brenda Pearson, 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.	12	5:30 pm	Richard Fromholtz+
	13	9:00 am	Edward J. Parent+
		11:30 am	Paul Marshall+
Mon	14	11:30 am	John Ulichnie
Tues.	15	11:30 am	Marjorie S. McManus+
Wed.	16	11:30 am	Sarah Tipton and Family
Thurs.	17	11:30 am	Ruth Easler+
Fri.	18	11:30 am	Theresa McGurk+
Sat.	19	5:30 pm	Dr. James W. McManus+
	20	9:00 am	Michael Caramanica, Jr.+
		11:30 am	Joseph Tu Tran+

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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We wish our students a great 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.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study Resumes Feb. 9

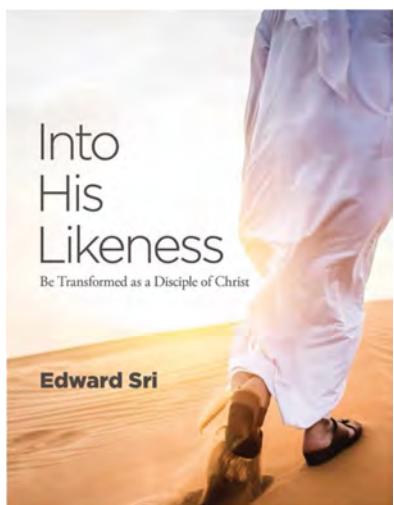
Metanoia is a 10 session audio/video study. Each session explores areas of our life where conversion is so often necessary. Metanoia will examine topics such as:

- ◆ who is Jesus,
- ◆ what must we do to inherit eternal life,
- ◆ and many other significant matters of faith.

In the Gospel of Mark, the first words of Jesus are an invitation to metanoia, to repent, to change, to be converted. This series is beautifully filmed in the Holy Land, and highlights sacred places such as the Sea of Galilee, the River Jordan, the desert of Temptations, and many of the holy sites in Jerusalem.

The sessions are conducted in the Nativity Parish Life Center and start at 5:40 Wednesday evening. On-Line sessions may be available on request.

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



Thursday Evening Bible Study

In "Into His Likeness", is a 6 session, audio/video study by Dr. Edward Sri. In it, Dr. Sri provides an approachable but in-depth exploration of what it means to be a disciple of Christ. He emphasizes how important it is for every Christian to develop the desire to be a true disciple of Christ. He gives the reader a first glimpse of what the life of a disciple looks like.

We might desire to live more like Christ, but we know we fall short. In this program, we will come to understand what a true encounter of love with Christ entails. We will explore the transforming power of God's grace. We will also learn "the four habits of a disciple": prayer, the sacraments, fellowship, and the teaching of the Apostles.

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

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.

K OF C PANCAKE/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY (FEB. 13).

in the School Hall after the 9:00 Mass. The price is still only \$3.00 for adults; Sugar free syrup is available.

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Church of the Nativity Annual Oyster Roast & Mac and Cheese Cook Off (Adults only)



**Saturday, February 26, 2020 at 6:30 pm
At the Nativity School Hall and Portico**

Sponsored by Nativity Ladies Guild & Knights of Columbus, Council 6250

**Ticket Price:\$30 for Oysters
\$15 for Non-Oysters**

So what's a non-oyster anyway? Hot dogs, Mac and Cheese and beverages.

**Tickets are on sale after weekend Masses Feb 13 and Feb 20
and at the event on Feb 26.**

Don't forget to bring your own knife and glove for the oysters!

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For information about the cookoff, please contact Brenda Pearson at bjpearfour@gmail.com

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- Regular: \$45
- Youth (7-12): \$20
- 6 & Under: Free

Event Sponsors Needed: call 843-762-3653 for more info.



Day of Reflection

Sat, March 12

from 9:30 am to 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.

Here is the link to sign up:

<https://nativityfamily.flocknote.com/signup/80880>

The price for the event is \$10 per person and includes lunch and refreshments.

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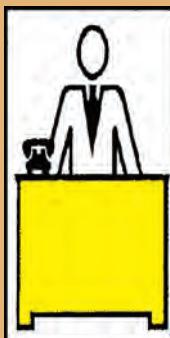
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