

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
and by appointment

Regular Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
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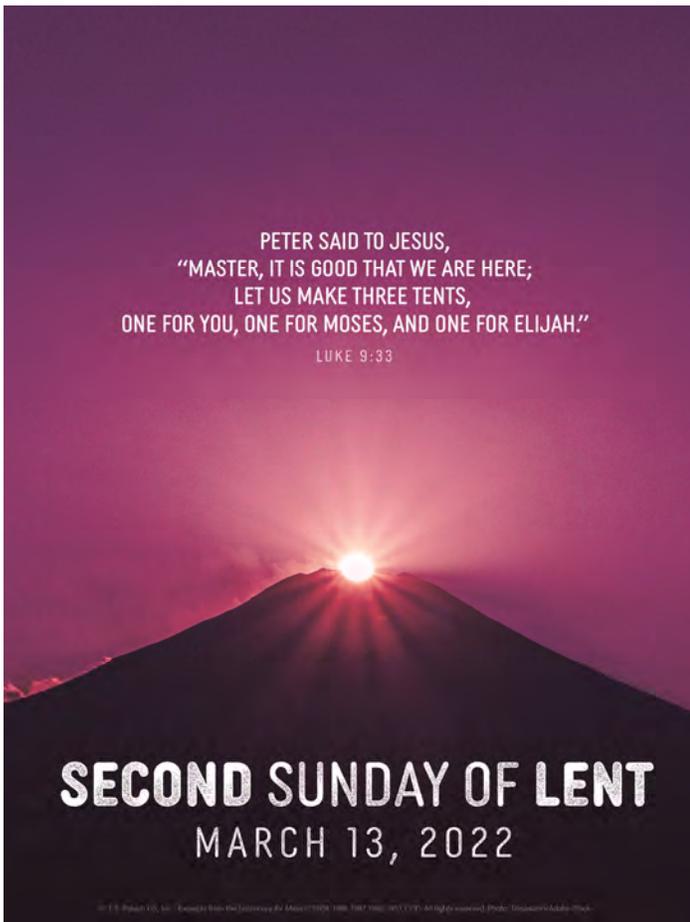
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Have Faith

The story of the Transfiguration of Jesus in the Luke's Gospel this week is similar to the ones in Matthew and Mark. One difference I noticed in Luke's version is that Jesus does not tell the three disciples to keep it secret. It seems they decided on their own not to tell anyone.

One reason may be what they heard. While Matthew and Mark just say that Jesus spoke with Moses and Elijah, Luke is more specific: They "spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (9:31). Jesus had just said that he would suffer, die, and be raised from the dead in Luke 9:22. They probably hoped he was just telling them the worst that could happen, not what really would happen. So hearing it from Moses and Elijah as well as from Jesus was too much for them.

This is where we come in. The apostles were afraid to face the coming passion and death of Jesus. I think we are like them in that we suffer more in anticipating what would hurt us than we do going through it. That is where faith can help. In faith, we hear Jesus tell us not to fear, as he often told his disciples. We know that Jesus suffered on the cross, so he knows what suffering is. And faith tells us that he is with us even when the suffering is the result of our own sins. After all, he himself suffered because of our sins. So have faith!

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The Lord is my light and my salvation.

...Today's Psalm PS 27

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. **The Nursery is temporarily closed while the school is under construction.**

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. **This ministry is 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 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. 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 ———>>>>

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



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Liturgical Ministers
Weekend Masses Mar 19—20

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

5:30 pm Mass
Greeter: Daniel Forsberg Family
 Timothy and Carolyn Smith
Altar Server: Nathanael Borick
Eucharistic Ministers: Eileen Easler
 Patty Edwards
Lector: Carl Borick
Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Leroy Hulseberg
 Patrick Kelley

9:00 am Mass
Greeter: Knight Family
 Becky Warriner
Altar Server: Matthew Hart
Eucharistic Ministers: Becky Warriner
 Gary Warriner
Lector: Kathy Murphy
Ushers: Richard Bragiell, Jerry English
 Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass
Greeter: Sandy O'Neale
 Natalie Zanolli
Altar Server: Megumi Tran
Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn Curry
 Christine Lewis
Lector: Betsy DesNoyer
Ushers: Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt,
 Larry Fisk, Joe Ginn

Offerings February 21 — March 6

Collections at Mass (Feb 26—Feb 27)	\$ 10,197.00
Collections at Mass (Mar 05—Mar 06)	\$ 12,415.00
Mail in Offerings (Feb 21—Mar 04)	\$ 6,835.00
myEoffering (Feb 21—Mar 04)	\$ 9,886.04
Budget (2 weeks)	\$ 27,336.92
Difference	\$ +11,996.12
Registered Households	641
Envelopes Used (Feb 26—Feb 27)	175
Envelopes Used (Mar 05—Mar 06)	176
Active myEoffering Families	141
MyEoffering Family Donations (Feb 21—Mar 04)	261

Second Collections for March:

Catholic Relief Services

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.

If you need envelopes, call the parish office.
 at 843 795-3821



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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, 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, 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	Bea Amato+
	13	9:00 am	John William Perry+
		11:30 am	Enrique and Lily Zeisel+
Mon	14	11:30 am	Anthony Woodall+
Tues.	15	11:30 am	Katherine Duffy+
Wed.	16	11:30 am	Kathleen McMinn+
Thurs.	17	11:30 am	Gilbert & Marion Molony O'Brien+
Fri.	18	11:30 am	
Sat.	19	5:30 pm	Sally Wojcik
	20	9:00 am	Jim Anderson+
		11:30 am	Albert Adami+

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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AFTER THE 9:00 MASS
THIS SUNDAY.
SEE YOU THERE!

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?

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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 or call us at 843-795-3975.

We wish our students a great semester.

Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Joseph A. Conti

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Friday, March, 4th.

May he rest in peace.



*Jennifer Joseph
And
Ryan Hughes*

*were married at Nativity on
Saturday March 5 2022.*

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



Above: Rite of Sending for Nativity's current RCIA class. From left: Betsy Strott (sponsor), Elliott Strott (candidate), Strott son (close observer), Carolyn Smith (sponsor behind Strott son), Meghan Laserna (candidate), Desmond Chapman (sponsor), Lindelia Vazquez (catechumen), David Knab (sponsor) and Cody Morgan (catechumen).

Left: After the Right of Sending, the catechumens (those seeking baptism into the Catholic Church) and their sponsors visited the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist for the Rite of Election.

These candidates and catechumens will receive their first sacraments in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil service on April 16.

A GLIMPSE OF GOD: Have you ever had a glimpse of God? Perhaps you perceived God's presence in a quiet moment of prayer, a tender conversation with a loved one, or a difficult situation that was resolved unexpectedly. Peter, James, and John in today's Gospel were given a glimpse of Christ's glory on the mountain, as Jesus was transfigured before them. Abram put his faith in God and saw God's power in a wondrous sign of covenant love. We have the promise of eternal life with God in heaven. This promise brings with it responsibility, as people who are called to live as Christ's very own in the world. Lent is the perfect time to resolve to listen more attentively to the Lord and follow God's ways, assured that in doing so, we put our faith in the one, true, and faithful God.

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LENT: THE TIME FOR PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING



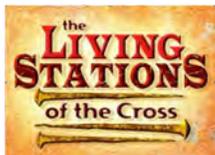
Seder/Passover Meal Learning Experience at Nativity Sunday April 3, 2022 at 5:30 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center

Enter more deeply into the Passion of Christ and gain a greater spiritual understanding of the Passover and Holy Week. Those who attend will be active participants praying together and learning the meaning behind the rituals. We will also share a meal together. Because of the style of this learning experience, we recommend it to adults and those in the 4th grade and up.

Advance ticket purchase is required. Tickets are \$13 per person and will be on sale after Masses the weekends of March 12/13 and Mar 19/20. Tickets are also available from the church office during regular office hours.

Please purchase tickets by March 23rd.

**Good Friday is an obligatory day of fast and abstinence.
In addition, all Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.**



**Led by the
Students of Nativity School
2:00 pm Wednesdays through
Apr. 10 in Nativity Church**

**All are invited to this inspiring devotion.
Guests are requested to sit behind the student sections**

Friday Evening Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm through Apr 8.



These are traditional stations led by Nativity Ministers.

Please join us for the stations and remain with us for dinner in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

More important details:

- March 18:** The Music Ministry leads stations and the Nativity Ladies Guild hosts a Lenten dinner.
- March 25:** The Respect Life Ministry leads stations and hosts a Shrimp & Grits dinner.
- April 1:** RCIA Ministry leads stations and hosts a Salad Bar dinner.
- April 8:** Father Kingsley leads stations and the Knight of Columbus hosts a Fish Fry.

All dinners are free.

However, your donations will be greatly appreciated.

All are invited!

Lenten Penitential Requirements:



Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, not to equal one full meal. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year.

Abstinence (from meat) is observed on all the Fridays of Lent in addition to Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. It is obligatory for all who have reached their 14th year.

The Exceptions:

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence include the physically or mentally ill, individuals suffering from chronic illness such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

Information from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Anointing of the Sick In the Church Sunday, March 27 at 1:00 pm.



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 by those of advanced years.

Through the anointing and the prayer of the priest, the whole Church commends those who are sick to Christ. Those anointed receive the Holy Spirit's gifts of strength, faith, peace, and courage. Their suffering is united with that of Christ.



**Mobile Pregnancy Center to Visit Nativity
Sunday, March 20, from 9:30 AM until 1:00 PM.**

That's right; the Holy City Mobile Pregnancy Center will be on display in our parking lot.

Volunteers will be available to provide guided tours and answer your questions.

**Come visit us and see
what the Mobile Pregnancy Center can do !**



**COUNCIL 6250 BABY BOTTLE FUND RAISER
TO BENEFIT THE MOBILE PREGNANCY CENTER.**

Here is how this works:

1. Get an empty bottle when leaving church on March 12/13
2. Put money (cash, checks) into the bottle during the week
 - ⇒ Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 6250
 - ⇒ Memo should say "Mobile Pregnancy Center"
3. Return the bottle when you come to church on the weekend of March 19/20
 - ⇒ You can also return the bottle to the Parish Office
4. All bottles should be returned by March 27.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO
THE MOBILE PREGNANCY CENTER.**



March 2-April 10
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

is a focused, pro-life campaign with a vision to end abortion in America through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil.

Nativity Prayer Vigils:

Thurs. March 24 and Fri. March 25
From 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

To sign up or for more information, please contact Christine Lewis at lewisc@muscc.edu or Malcolm Brennan at mbprolife@gmail.com or (843) 906-5511

Can't join in the Nativity Vigils? No Problem!

Vigils are conducted daily from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm through April 10. Just pick a time that works for you and join in praying for these families.

All vigils are at the Planned Parenthood facility in West Ashley (1312 Ashley River Rd at the corner of Fuseler Ave.)

HELP SAVE LIVES IN CHARLESTON!



Once again, the Nativity Ladies Guild, will be collecting Grocery Gift Cards. The cards will be delivered to Neighborhood House and James Island Outreach. These ministries will distribute your donations to those in need of food for Easter.

Here is how this works:

1. **Visit your favorite grocery store and purchase a gift card** (any store, any amount).
2. **Put the envelope in the collection at Mass between now and April 10.**

It is that simple but if you want more information, please contact Jackie Doscher at jackiedoscher@gmail.com.

This is a great way to practice Lenten almsgiving.

Thank you for your generosity

The Jewish Roots of Holy Week

This riveting Study by Dr. Brant Pitre is coming to
Thursday Night Bible Study on March 17.

Sessions are Online only,
Thursday from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.
Via ZOOM: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99243922488?pwd=OFRGSHBTUmVMamZzdmZWmNf5NXlxdz09>

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.



Dear Friends,

March 12, 2022

I am happy to share some exciting news with you. We will soon begin a major renovation of Nativity School's main building. This renovation will redesign the entry, offices, and other parts of the building. Classrooms will not be affected, so we will continue to have classes during the construction. The work is scheduled to be completed in August.

This renovation is made possible by a very generous donation from a family who wishes to remain anonymous.

Nativity School has been providing a first-class Catholic education to students in the Charleston area for over 60 years, but after all those years the building is beginning to show its age. This renovation will fix that. It will give our school a more modern look. It will also expand the existing offices and create new offices for a school nurse and counselors. Furthermore, the new design will enhance the safety and security of our students, as well as facilitate the use of educational technology in the classroom. With all of these improvements, our parish school will be able to attract more students and continue its mission for many years to come.

My sincere appreciation goes out to the donor family and to all of you who have supported Nativity School over the years.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Thomas Kingsley, Pastor

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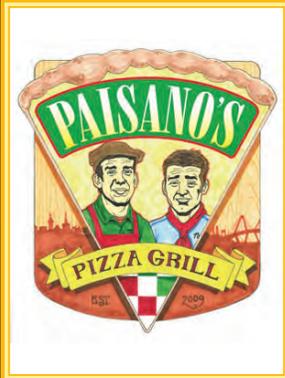

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