

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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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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and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NativityFamily>
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/NativityCharleston/>

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. ...Today's Psalm PS 32

"THIS SON OF MINE WAS DEAD,
AND HAS COME TO LIFE AGAIN;
HE WAS LOST, AND HAS BEEN FOUND."
LUKE 15:24

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 27, 2022

Arm the Photon Torpedoes!

The book of Joshua tells of the Israelites coming into the Promised Land, where they no longer needed to be fed with manna as in the desert. They had been wandering much longer than expected because of their unfaithfulness. But now they are forgiven, and so celebrate the Passover with food from the land. Then we hear the Gospel parable about another feast. This one is also a celebration of forgiveness, for the prodigal son has returned to his father, and the father's forgiveness shows us how willing God is to forgive us. That's where we end the parable, right?

Wrong. The parable continues with the older son's complaint about a feast for his brother. That son cannot forgive his brother and is angry at the father for welcoming the prodigal back. This is where we come in. Most of us have no trouble asking God's forgiveness. But we may have trouble forgiving others. We are so used to thinking in terms of justice that we are not satisfied with forgiveness. When I have been hurt, I feel like hitting back.

So we have to ask ourselves whose idea of justice we live by. Is it the human expectation of an eye for an eye? Or is it God's justice, which is mercy and forgiveness? When someone cuts you off in traffic, do you feel like firing the photon torpedoes, or offering forgiveness? The Golden Rule could be "Forgive others as you would be forgiven." Jesus gave his life for the sins of the world. Do we have the right to ask for more?

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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.

STAFF

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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.

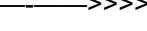
These criteria are used to verify parishioner status for Weddings, Sacramental Preparation, Parish School of Religion enrollment, Sponsor Certificates for Baptism and Confirmation, and to receive parishioner tuition rates at Catholic schools. An extended time with no activity will place a person or family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



Please consider joining our parish family!

To advertise in our bulletin, please contact Eric Luoto at LuotoE@jspauch.com or at 904-945-2425.
Please support our Advertisers whose funding makes this bulletin possible.

Liturgical Ministers Weekend Masses Apr 2—3

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

5:30 pm Mass

Greeter: Lynn ellen McGaughey-Smith,
Altar Server: Tom & Marcia McNamee
Eucharistic Ministers: Daniel Salceda
Lector: Eileen Easler,
Ushers: Mary Smith
Mary Bieda
Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed,
Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg

9:00 am Mass

Greeter: Decker Family,
Altar Server: Maureen Hinson
Eucharistic Ministers: Jack Perry
Lector: Judy Daugomah,
Ushers: Suzanne Decker
Elena Smith
Richard Bragiel, Walter Machowski,
Steve Molony, Joe Dubois

11:30 am Mass

Greeter: Susan La Via,
Altar Server: Sandy O'Neale
Eucharistic Ministers: Gavin Gilreath
Lector: Lynn Curry,
Ushers: Christine Lewis
Pam Everitt
Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt,
Larry Fisk, Sheila Griner

Offerings March 14 — March 20

Collections at Mass (Mar 19—Mar 20)	\$ 8,517.00
Mail in Offerings (Mar 14—Mar 18)	\$ 3,785.00
myEoffering (Mar 14—Mar 18)	\$ 2,454.19
Budget (1 week)	\$ 13,668.46
Difference	\$ + 1,087.73
Registered Households	641
Envelopes Used (Mar 19—Mar 20)	167
Active myEoffering Families	141
MyEoffering Family Donations (Mar 14—Mar 18)	100

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



Now available online at
nativitycharleston.org

For immediate access, just scan this QR code with your smart phone ----->

**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.

Recently Added: Rosa Lee Eidt

From previous months: Norman Ballo, 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, Darcy Hill, 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.	26	5:30 pm	Don Blevins+
	27	9:00 am	Katherine Duffy+
		11:30 am	Annette Snyder+
Mon	28	11:30 am	Buck Limehouse+
Tues.	29	11:30 am	Frances Galvin+
Wed.	30	11:30 am	Soledad Torres+
Thurs.	31	9:30 am	Sally Wojcik Birthday
Thurs.	31	11:30 am	One Year Death Anniversary of Anna Karlyk+
Fri.	1	11:30 am	Donald Kingsley+
Sat.	2	5:30 pm	Rob Barker+
	3	9:00 am	Brian Gens
		11:30 am	Kathy Duffy+

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

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 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 last quarter.



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.

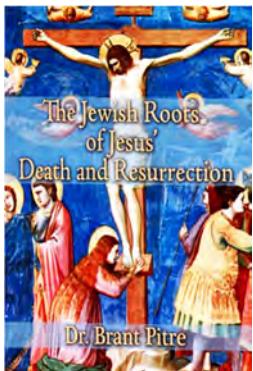


**10:00 am Sunday April 10
in the Nativity School Playground.**

This event is for children age 10 and younger and is presented by the Nativity Ladies Guild.

**Bring your Easter Basket and
Join us for friendship, games and fun!**

We still have a few more volunteer opportunities available. If you can help us, please contact Jackie Doscher at jackiedoscher@gmail.com



The Jewish Roots of Jesus' Death and Resurrection.

This riveting study by Dr. Brant Pitre is coming to

**Thursday Night Bible Study
on March 31.**

If you're looking to get more out of the season of Lent and Holy Week, then this Bible study is for you.

Sessions are Online only,

Thursday from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Via ZOOM: [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99243922488?
pwd=OFRGSHBTUmVMamZzdmZWMrF5NXIxdz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99243922488?pwd=OFRGSHBTUmVMamZzdmZWMrF5NXIxdz09)

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.



Monthly Meeting is Monday, March 28.

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

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.

Please Plan to Attend!!!



Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and he has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 2 Cor 5:18-19

LENT: THE TIME FOR PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING



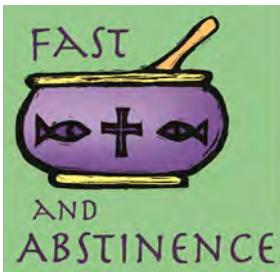
Seder/Passover Meal Learning Experience at Nativity Sunday April 3, 2022 at 5:30 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center

Tickets cannot be purchased at the door.
If you purchased tickets, Please plan to attend.

Good Friday is an obligatory day of fast and abstinence.

In addition, all Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

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
This Sunday, March 27 at 1:00 pm
in Nativity Church
Reception to follow in the
Nativity Parish Life Center

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.



the LIVING STATIONS of the Cross

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:

April 1: RCIA Ministry leads stations and hosts a Salad Bar dinner.

April 8: Father Kingsley leads stations and the Knights of Columbus host the Fish Fry.

All Friday Evening Lenten Dinners are free.
However, your donations will be greatly appreciated.

All are invited!

Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation



is an excellent way to observe Lent and prepare for Easter. In addition to the normal Saturday afternoon times for Reconciliation, (4:15 to 5:00 pm), the sacrament will be offered after the 9:00 and 11:30 Masses on April 3. The sacrament of reconciliation can also be arranged by appointment. Please contact the parish office at 843-795-3821.

All are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation often!



Holy Week Services Schedule—Mark Your Calendars

April 14, Holy Thursday

(No 11:30 am mass)
7:00 pm Mass

April 15, Good Friday

3:00 Passion of the Lord

April 16, Holy Saturday

8:00 pm Vigil Mass

April 17, Easter Sunday

9:00 am and 11:30 am Masses



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

Here is how this works:

1. Did not get a bottle last week? No problem! Your donation will be appreciated.
2. Put money (cash, checks) into the bottle (or in an envelope)
 - ⇒ Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 6250
 - ⇒ Memo should say "Mobile Pregnancy Center"
3. Return the bottle (or envelope) when you come to church this weekend (March 19/20)
 - ⇒ You can also return the bottle/envelope/check/cash/other to the Parish Office
4. All donations should be returned this weekend (March 27).



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



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



Second
Scrutiny

Scrutiny Rites of Lent

are communal prayers celebrated on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent to strengthen the Elect (those in our midst who are preparing for Baptism).

We join with the Elect to examine (scrutinize) how we are, the areas of our lives where we are tempted, or seriously sin. **We really need healing and the strength that can come from the support of our sisters and brothers.**

**Missed 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!



Friday Lenten Dinners

Fantastic food, wonderful facility, great fellowship and it is all free.

**The only thing missing
may be YOU!**

Many thanks to all who have worked hard and contributed so much to provide these wonderful dinners.



There's nothing better than Knights of Columbus Pancakes on Sunday morning. Many Thanks!

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