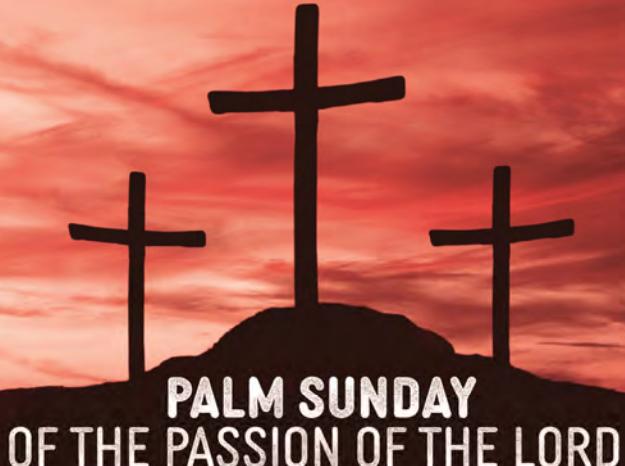


Catholic Diocese of Charleston



"AMEN, I SAY TO YOU,
TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE."

LUKE 23:43



One Who Serves

In the long form of the Passion from Luke's Gospel, Jesus refers to himself as "the one who serves" (Luke 22:27). This reminds me of today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians. He says that Christ "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave" (Philippians 2:7). Jesus is not just being humble here. He gives us an example of how far God will go in loving humanity.

I suspect the apostles were confused when Jesus talked this way. Yet he tells them to be like a servant—expect little reward for what you do for others. Now the apostles might have thought, "Sure, I can do that. I'll preach about the Kingdom of God for free. Then I'll really look important and holy." So Jesus reminds them that the world looks at the person being served as more important than the servant. But he is one who serves. and if the apostles are to be leaders of the church they will need to be servants, too. Why? Because that is how God comes to the people.

In the Passion according to Luke, Jesus heals one of the men sent to arrest him. Barabbas, a murderer, is set free so Jesus can be crucified. As he is led to the cross, he consoles the women who weep for him. And even on the cross, he is the suffering servant who asks the Father to forgive those who are killing him.

With the example of service that Jesus shows toward those who put him to death, can we at least be "one who serves" those around us? Can we at least forgive those who hurt us—maybe even pray for our leaders, especially the ones with whom we disagree.

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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**

Holy Week Schedule

Mon. & Wed. Mass.	11:30 am
Tues Communion Serv.	11:30 am
Holy Thurs. Mass	7:00 pm
Good Friday Serv.	3:00 pm
Sat. Easter Vigil	8:00 pm
Easter Sunday Mass	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

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://nativicharleston.com/>
You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/ChurchoftheNativity>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NativityCharleston>
and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NativityFamily>
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/NativityCharleston/>

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

...Today's Psalm PS 22

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 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.

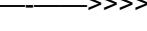
These criteria are used to verify parishioner status for Weddings, Sacramental Preparation, Parish School of Religion enrollment, Sponsor Certificates for Baptism and Confirmation, and to receive parishioner tuition rates at Catholic schools. An extended time with no activity will place a person or family 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@jspaluch.com or at 904-945-2425.
Please support our Advertisers whose funding makes this bulletin possible.

Liturgical Ministers for Holy Week and Easter Services April 14 through 17

If you signed up to minister at these services,
Please fulfill your ministry as scheduled
or arrange for a substitute.

Do not remember if you signed up? No Problem!

Just review the sign-up sheets in the sacristy
to refresh your memory.

Offerings March 28 — April 3

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 April: Catholic Home Missions: Good Friday – Holy Land Offerings:

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



The Nativity Ladies Guild, has been collecting Grocery Gift Cards throughout Lent. 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.

**All cards need to be returned to
Nativity Today (April 10)
Thank you for your generosity**

Stewardship

As good stewards, may we care for our neighbor – assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the opportunity.



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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.

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, Rosa Lee Eidt, Jo Ann Frederick, Darcy Hill, Ellen Pate Futtell, 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

Intentions

Mass: This Week

Sat.	9	5:30 pm	James L. Maney+
	10	9:00 am	Tom Brennan
		11:30 am	Edmund and Patricia Abel++
Mon	11	11:30 am	Jane Cascone+
Tues.	12	11:30 am	Communion Service
Wed.	13	11:30 am	Charles Glover+
Thurs.	14	7:00 pm	Catechumens and candidates
Fri.	15	3:00 pm	Passion of the Lord
Sat.	16	8:00 pm	Catechumens and candidates
	17	9:00 am	For the people of Nativity
		11:30 am	For the people of Nativity

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



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 Spring Break.



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 This 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!**



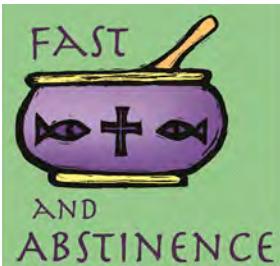
As Jesus was going, the people were spreading their coats on the road. As soon as he was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, shouting:

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord;
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Lk 19:36-38

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Good Friday is an obligatory day of fast and abstinence.

Lenten Penitential Requirements:



Fast 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

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April 10: Palm Sunday

- 9:00 am **Blessing of Palms and Procession**
from Parish Life Center to Mass in
the Church
- 11:30 am **Palm Sunday Mass**
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
will not be available after the Masses.

April 14: Holy Thursday

- 11:30 am No Mass
- 7:00 pm** **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
Followed by Adoration until 9:00 pm
in the Parish Life Center.

April 15: Good Friday

- Day of Fast and Abstinence.

April 15: Good Friday

- 11:30 am No Mass
- 3:00 pm** **Good Friday Passion Service and
Veneration of the Cross.**

April 16: Easter Vigil

- Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
will not be available.

- 5:30 pm**
- 8:00 pm** No Mass
Easter Vigil Mass
At which Catechumens and
Candidates from RCIA will be fully
initiated into the Catholic Church.

April 17: Easter Sunday

- 9:00 am**
- 11:30 am** **Easter Sunday Mass**
Easter Sunday Mass

The Nativity Parish office will be closed from Friday, April 15 through Monday, April 18.



establishment because it meant that Jesus was announcing that He was the long awaited Messiah. The religious leaders saw Jesus as a deluded religious fanatic who was misleading people. They perceived this Man from Galilee to be a threat to the precarious balance of authority with Rome and a dangerous test of Rome's patience. Because His ministry had become so controversial and threatening, the religious establishment was plotting to kill Him.

From a political perspective the crowds were eager to proclaim Jesus a king. Many were beginning to see Jesus as the Messiah. They expected Jesus to free the Jews from Roman dominance and restore the national freedom, independence and respect that was previously experienced during the kingships of David and Solomon.

So in Jerusalem that day, power structures were on 'high alert', tension was soaring, the crowds were agitated, diverse agendas were being pushed. The stage was set and action was already underway for the intense, tragic, unjust, sorrowful, magnificent and glorious events that were to transpire throughout the week.

Palm Sunday

Historically, this the first day of the last week of Jesus' earthly life. He went to Jerusalem to celebrate the religious feast of the Passover.

For 100 years the Romans managed to subdue Palestinian uprisings and maintained a strained relationship with the Jewish people, particularly the religious leaders. Many questioned if there would be another Messianic rebellion if Jesus appeared in Jerusalem for the Passover.

The very manner in which He entered Jerusalem stirred controversy. As was prophesied of the Messiah (Zechariah 9:9), Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey to the cheers of His followers. They waved palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna" (save us, we pray)!

Word spread quickly throughout the city (whose population had tripled with religious tourists) of the "King who comes in the name of the Lord" (Luke 19:38).

This was tremendously offensive to the religious

leadership because it meant that Jesus was announcing that He was the long awaited Messiah. The religious leaders saw Jesus as a deluded religious fanatic who was misleading people. They perceived this Man from Galilee to be a threat to the precarious balance of authority with Rome and a dangerous test of Rome's patience. Because His ministry had become so controversial and threatening, the religious establishment was plotting to kill Him.

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Easter Triduum



Easter is fast approaching. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that “Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the “Feast of feasts,” the “Solemnity of solemnities,” just as the Eucharist is the “Sacrament of Sacraments.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church topic 1169)

In an article entitled “Fire and Water: Preparing to Celebrate the Triduum” by Kate Ristow, we are struck by a very relevant point. Kate writes, “While Easter Sunday Masses are jam-packed with families, it is as if an audience has arrived for the last act. So much has been missed if that is the only part of the Triduum a family experiences.” How true this is! It is like skipping to the last few pages or the last chapter of a book and only reading that part of the story.

The Easter Triduum, the heart of our liturgical year, includes Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

Holy Thursday is our entrance into the Triduum. The institution of the Eucharist is celebrated. Symbolically we wash the feet of the Apostles this night, yet the importance of the celebration rests in the reality of what it means to be a Christian. This is our commission – to follow the one who gave his life for all.

Good Friday we proclaim and celebrate the Lord’s Passion. We share the Liturgy of the Word, pray beautiful intercessions and venerate the Cross. We are also privileged to receive Holy Communion this day.

The Easter Vigil begins after nightfall on Saturday. We need to experience the power of darkness before the light of the Risen One can fully be appreciated. The Easter Vigil Liturgy is more beautiful and meaningful than words can explain. The symbolism of fire and water in harmony with the music and the sacred scriptures combine to make this the most powerful and profound celebration that we can share.

The focus of this liturgy is the reception of the catechumens and candidates into full communion with the Church. The celebration of Baptism and Confirmation of the new Catholics as well as the opportunity to renew our Baptismal promises, intensify the sanctity of the Easter Vigil Liturgy.

Easter Sunday liturgy is a continuation of the Vigil and as always, all are welcome to celebrate.

While we as parents often don’t think our kids can sit through added or longer church services, the rich symbolism and ritual that surrounds all these celebrations may actually be enough to keep their attention.

We invite All to attend our Triduum and Easter celebrations:

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord’s Supper -- 7:00 pm, April 14

with the opportunity for Adoration after Mass until 9:00 pm in the Parish Life Center.

Good Friday Passion Service and Veneration of the Cross -- 3:00 pm, April 15

Easter Vigil Mass -- 8:00 pm, Saturday, April 16

with the opportunity to attend the reception immediately afterwards in the Parish Life Center.

The reception is to welcome the newest members of our Church

Easter Sunday Masses -- 9:00 and 11:30 am, April 17

Come Celebrate God’s Great Work of Mercy!



Many Thanks to the Nativity Ladies Guild for sponsoring our table at the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center's Banquet. Members of Nativity were able to join other Charleston Pro Life participants and listen to the inspiring words of Ryan Bomberger. Mr. Bomberger is adopted and founder of the Radiance Foundation. Ryan's message:

Every life has purpose!



The anointing of the sick and reception on Sunday, March 27—a truly blessed and greatly appreciated event.

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