

JESUS CAME AND STOOD
IN THEIR MIDST
AND SAID TO THEM,
“PEACE BE WITH YOU.”

JOHN 20:19

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 24, 2022

Believe It or Not

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say three times, "Peace be with you." This was a common greeting, but the disciples were hiding in fear so they needed reassurance. Jesus gives them that reassurance in three ways: his resurrection, forgiveness of sins, and a blessing for future disciples.

The disciples had seen Jesus crucified and were afraid any of his followers would be treated the same way. So when Jesus appeared to them, he showed them his wounds and let them touch him. He wanted to show them that he was not a ghost; he had risen from death and death has no more power over him. They can now take courage because they will share in the Resurrection themselves. Breathing on them, he bestows the Holy Spirit, source of our courage.

That leads to the second reassurance, forgiveness of sins. Jesus died to take away our sins; now he shares that with his disciples. Anyone troubled by guilt can be forgiven. The disciples themselves probably felt that need, since they had deserted Jesus and one even denied knowing him. He now sends his apostles with the mission to free others from sin. We too can forgive others (and ourselves) knowing that God has forgiven them and us.

Finally, the story of Thomas and his doubts about Jesus' resurrection gives us some hope. Jesus blesses those who "have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29). We usually think the apostles were "more" blessed for having seen and heard Jesus. But Jesus reverses that expectation; we are blessed, even two thousand years after the Resurrection.

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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**

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
Office: 843-795-3821 / Fax: 843-795-2714
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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://nativetycharleston.com/>
YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/ChurchoftheNativity>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NativityCharleston>
and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NativityFamily>
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/NativityCharleston/>

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@jpaluch.com or at 904-945-2425.
Please support our Advertisers whose funding makes this bulletin possible.

Liturgical Ministers for Weekend Masses Apr 30—May 1

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

5:30 pm Mass

Greeter: Patrick Kelley & Kathy Wiley
Altar Server: Lynn ellen McGaughey-Smith
Eucharistic Ministers: Nathanael Borick
Lector: Carolyn Smith
Ushers: Mary Smith
Lisa Zuraw
Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed,
Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg

9:00 am Mass

Greeter: Caughey Family
Altar Server: Decker Family
Eucharistic Ministers: Wyatt Knight
Lector: Kathy Murphy
Ushers: Kirby Preston
Jimmy Craven
Richard Bragiel, Walter Machowski
Steve Molony, Joe Dubois

11:30 am Mass

Greeter: Sheila Griner
Altar Server: Natalie Zanolli
Eucharistic Ministers: Gavin Gilreath
Lector: Brian Dougherty
Ushers: Kathy Hepner
John Lavelle
Lewis Doscher, Larry Fisk,
Sheila Griner, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings April 4 — April 10

Collections at Mass (Apr 9—Apr 10)	\$ 10, 576. 00
Mail in Offerings (Apr 4—Apr 8)	\$ 4, 255. 00
myEoffering (Apr 4—Apr 8)	\$ 1, 469. 43
Budget (1 week)	\$ 13, 668. 46
Difference	\$ + 2, 631. 97
Registered Households	653
Envelopes Used (Apr 9—Apr 10)	???
Active myEoffering Families	158
MyEoffering Family Donations (Apr 4—Apr 8)	112

**Second Collections for April:
Good Friday – Holy Land Offerings
Catholic Home Missions:**

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.

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.	23	5:30 pm	Eileen Broderick+
Sun.	24	9:00 am	Ron Tedesco+
		11:30 am	Elaine Aguayo+
Mon	25	11:30 am	Lita Bunado+
Tues.	26	11:30 am	Henry Quigg+
Wed.	27	11:30 am	RoseAnn Boxx
Thurs.	28	11:30 am	Walter F. LaTorre+
Fri.	29	11:30 am	Anna Karlyk+
Sat.	30	5:30 pm	William Brockenfelt+
Sun.	1	9:00 am	Les Ulichnie+
		11:30 am	Robert Handschiegel+

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.

Students! Welcome back from 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.



**AT NATIVITY SCHOOL
Friday, April 29, from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm
on the Nativity Campus!**

The price is \$10.00 per family

A meal for each family member, beverages and all the inflatable fun you and your family can have is included in this one low price.

Food includes Vietnamese, Hispanic and pizza cuisine.

KING OF POPS will provide popcicle treats for an additional fee.

All are invited to join us for a fun family evening.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6250

**Annual Charity Golf Tournament Sunday, May 1, 2022
Charleston Municipal Golf Course**

9:00 am Shotgun Start / Captain's Choice

Charity Donation \$400 per team / \$100 per individual golfer

Your entry donation includes your green fees, cart, lunch, range balls, 2 drink tickets and 1 door prize ticket.

LUNCH will be provided at the American Legion on Folly Road immediately after the tournament

Information flyers and registration forms are at the church entrances.

Join in the fun while helping our neighbors in need!



**Monthly Meeting is Monday, April 25
At 6:30 pm in the Nativity Life Center
All Ladies of Nativity are encouraged to attend.**

This Sunday (April 24) is Divine Mercy Sunday



Saint Faustina Kowalska was a nun and mystic of the Church. She was born in Poland in 1905 and lived there until her death in 1938. During her life, she experienced visions and revelations from Jesus which she documented in her notebook. On numerous occasions, Jesus asked that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The liturgical texts of the 2nd Sunday of Easter concern the institution of the Sacrament of Penance where we experience Divine Mercy. Pope John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina on April 30, 2000. Shortly thereafter, he decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday.

The message of mercy is that God loves us — all of us — no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins. He wants us to call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. In this way, all will come to share His joy. It is a message we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC.

A — Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B — Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C — Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/divine-mercy-20874>

Hour of Adoration

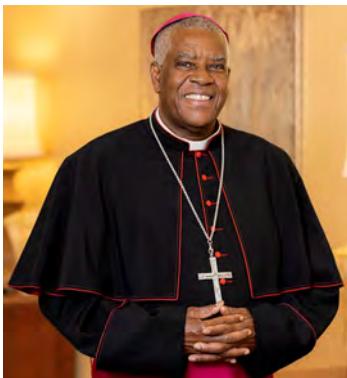
This Sunday, (April 24), from 3:00 to 4:00 pm in Nativity Church.

The program will include, prayers, hymns, benediction and time to reflect on God's Mercy.

A great way to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday



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Bishop-elect Jacques E. Fabre, CS, will be ordained and installed on Friday, May 13 at 2:00 p.m. The celebration will be held at the North Charleston Convention Center, 5000 Coliseum Drive in North Charleston.

He will formally take possession of his episcopal seat at Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday, May 15.

As part of this momentous occasion, all Catholic school students are excused from school on ordination day, May 13. Please encourage families to pray for the new bishop that day, follow along with the livestream of the event, and enjoy the long weekend together as we celebrate.

James Island Outreach Update



The need for food and financial support in our community continues to be great. Many of our clients on fixed incomes are struggling with the rising costs of food, fuel, and housing. Others come to JIO for temporary help after an unexpected event like illness, job loss, or change in family situation. In the first quarter, JIO provided 275 households with 45,798 lbs of food and \$5,500 in financial assistance.

**Thank you for your continuing generosity
to our neighbors in need.**

April 24, 2022



FORMED LIVE!

Who is St. Catherine
of Sienna?

FORMED NOW! WHO IS ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA?

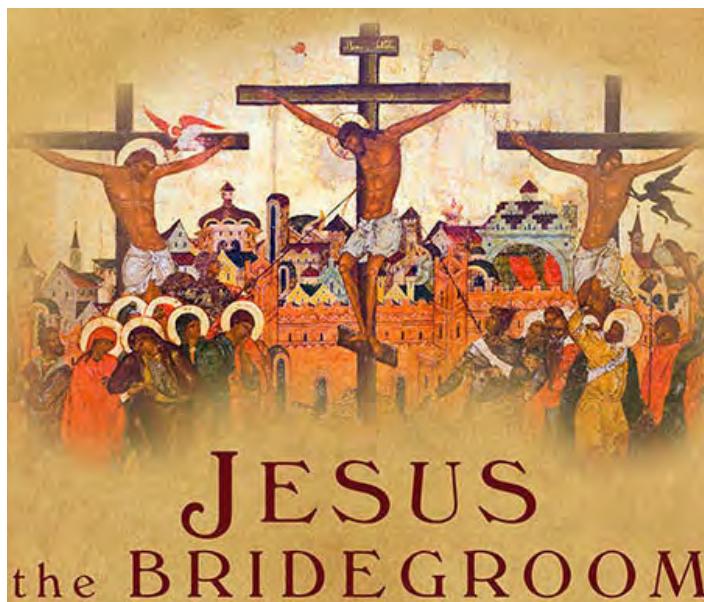
In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.

LEARN

To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Sessions are 5:40 pm in Nativity Parish Life Center



This new, 20 session Audio Video series by Dr. Brant Pitre starts begins April 27.

Christians are called to have Personal Relationship with Jesus Christ. But How to do this?" Scripture describes the relationship between Jesus and the Church as the love of a "Bridegroom" for his "Bride". So just how does this work? Guess you will need to come to Wednesday Evening Bible Study and find out.

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

Don't Miss this Exciting new Study.

New video series *Mysterion* premieres this Easter At Pauline Books & Media



Discover what it really means to live "in Christ." This Easter season, join Fr. Harrison Ayre and the Daughters of St. Paul for the launch of a new six-part video series *Mysterion: The Revelatory Power of the Sacramental Worldview*, based on the book by Fr. Harrison Ayre. Embark on a mystagogical journey deeper into the Catholic faith through compelling personal testimonies, catechesis, sacred art, and guided prayer. The program continues on Thursday evening, at 7:00 pm.

Learn more and subscribe for updates at <https://connect.pauline.org/mysterion-video-series/>

First Communion

will be celebrated at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 30. Please join us at this holy event.

First Communion Mass will be followed by a reception in the Nativity Parish Life Center. All are invited to attend.

We ask that our parish family continue to keep these children in your prayers.



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RCIA ceremonies and sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Please welcome these new members of our church and keep them in your prayers.



The Easter Egg Hunt on April 10th was a very enjoyable family event. Many thanks to the Nativity Ladies Guild who hosted the event and to all those who contributed and participated.

