

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 22, 2022

A Humble God

The second reading from Revelations gives us a picture of the new Jerusalem as a sign of the power and majesty of God. Yet the other two readings seem to describe a humble God who wishes "not to place on you any burden beyond... necessity" (Acts 15:28), and Jesus in the Gospel tells his disciples that "the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name... will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" (John 14:26). This gentleness reminds me of an icon by the Russian monk Andrei Rublev that depicts the Trinity as three angels bowing in deference to each other. This humility may be what moved Jesus to say that "the Father is greater than I" (John 14:28). It is certainly a unique way of understanding God.

I used to think of free will as God's way of testing our worthiness for the kingdom of heaven. But it is more likely part of that same humility, God not being forced on us. While we are given ways to know God, especially through the scriptures and the witness of those who went before us in faith, God leaves us free to believe or not, to love God or not.

So does this mean God leaves us on our own to get through life? No, he gives us the Holy Spirit to teach and remind us of all that Jesus said. That "reminding" is an important way the Spirit helps us today. You may have spent years in religion classes or the RCIA process. When you need an answer to life's questions, the Spirit may remind you of something you heard from a teacher or read in the scriptures. As you pray over that question, the Spirit may help you understand how the scripture applies to you. So the more you read the Bible, the more likely that the Spirit will have something of which to remind you.

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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.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Thursday	9:30 School Mass
Mon. through Fri.	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
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://nativitycharleston.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/>

God, let all the nations praise you!

...Today's Psalm PS 67

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.

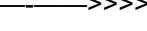
These criteria are used to verify parishioner status for Weddings, Sacramental Preparation, Parish School of Religion enrollment, Sponsor Certificates for Baptism and Confirmation, and to receive parishioner tuition rates at Catholic schools. An extended time with no activity will place a person or family 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 May 28—May 29

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

5:30 pm Mass

Greeter: Daniel Forsberg,
Altar Server: Tom & Marcia McNamee
Eucharistic Ministers: Alexandra Lannie
Lector: Meg Hoeft,
Ushers: Mary Smith
Eileen Easler
Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley,
Randall Lannie, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass

Greeter: Maureen Hinson, Horner Family
Altar Server: Anna Tillman
Eucharistic Ministers: Becky Warriner,
Gary Warriner
Lector: Ainsley Knight
Ushers: Richard Bragiel, Walter Machowski,
Steve Molony, Joe Dubois

11:30 am Mass

Greeter: Sheila Griner
Altar Server: Natalie Zanolli
Eucharistic Ministers: Gavin Gilreath
Kathy Hepner,
Christine Lewis
Lector: Vicki Vázquez
Ushers: Lewis Doscher, Larry Fisk,
Sheila Griner, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings May 9 — May 15

Collections at Mass (May 14—May 15)	\$ 8,516.00
Mail in Offerings (May 9—May 13)	\$ 2,222.00
myEoffering (May 9—May 13)	\$ 3,911.59
Budget (1 week)	\$ 13,668.46
Difference	\$ + 981.13
Registered Households	641
Active myEoffering Families	158
MyEoffering Family Donations (May 9—May 13)	108

Second Collections for May: Catholic Communications

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.

Please use your envelopes.

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

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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.	21	5:30 pm	Arnold Bennett+
	22	9:00 am	Russell Williams+
		11:30 am	Tommy Lavelle's 80th Birthday
Mon	23	11:30 am	Wade Fisher+
Tues.	24	11:30 am	William "Bill" Reed+
Wed.	25	11:30 am	Ann Puchir+
Thurs.	26	11:30 am	Charlie Glover+
Fri.	27	11:30 am	Frank Glover+
Sat.	28	5:30 pm	Ronald "Zap" Zlatoper+
	29	9:00 am	Russell Williams+
		11:30 am	Robert Handscheigel+

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?

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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.

Students! Congratulations for your rewards and advancement.



Nativity upgraded our Audio Video capabilities as part of recent construction activities. One of the benefits is that we now do live streaming of some of the events from our facilities.

The Live Streams are available on the Church of the Nativity YouTube Channel. Here is a link.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2Rc2HbRmKgHJO5yLI8QtnQ/live>

If you are viewing this page electronically, just click the link to see the stream. If you are viewing a printed version of this announcement, type the link into your browser address bar.

Did not get to see the event live? No Problem.

After the live stream is finished the videos are stored online. Use the above link to access these videos.

Want to learn more about our tech ministry?

Please email us at Tech@NativityCharleston.org



Jesus said, "If anyone loves me, they will keep my word; and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our abode with them." Jn 14:23

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Ministries & OUTREACH

Many at Nativity work very hard to make Nativity happen!

If you are not one of **"Them"**,
Here is your chance to become an **"Insider"**.

Ministry Meet and Greet

This Sunday, May 22 at 10:00 am
in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

Stop by and learn a bit about what some of the other members of Nativity are doing for you and our neighbors.
Who knows, you might like what you see
and give us a hand.

What's that you say? Nobody ever asked you?

**Well, This is your Invitation.
Come Join Us!**



**Installation of Officers for the
'22-'23 Ministry Year**

Will be during the 11:30 Mass on
Sunday May 29.

Congratulations and Many Thanks!



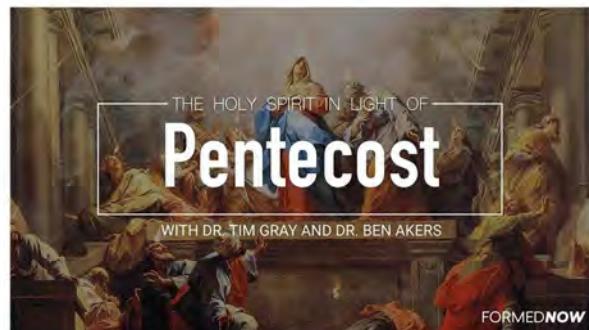
STEWARDSHIP
A disciple's response

Have you ever thought about how many of your free hours you spend doing things for yourself versus how many you spend doing things for others?

LEARN

FORMED NOW: THE HOLY SPIRIT IN LIGHT OF PENTECOST

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, often referred to as the birthday of the Church. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers as they discuss Christ's sending of the Holy Spirit in this monumental event. After watching, you'll recognize the meaning of Pentecost for our lives today.



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Nativity Now uses Flocknote

We have adopted a new and improved way of communicating that will make it much simpler for you to get the information you want from us! It's powered by a service called Flocknote. Like sending a "note" to our "flock". Flocknote.

This helps us communicate with you and, equally, important, it helps you to communicate with us and with each other (aka, Ladies Guild, Choir, Liturgical Ministers, Finance Council.... (fill in your own ministry).

A really important feature is that you can **OPT IN** or **OPT OUT** at any time as your needs and interests change.

We have already started to use flocknote to communicate with you and we will be adding more information about this new tool in future bulletins.

For more information, please contact Vicki at the Parish Office



**Barrier Islands
Free Medical Clinic**

843-266-9800

**3226 Maybank Highway
Building C
Johns Island, SC 29455**

website: www.BIFMC.org

If you can assist with the good works of this ministry,
Please visit our website

www.bifmc.org/how-you-can-help/volunteer/
or contact us at the number above.

Walk-in Hours: Monday night 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

Arrive as early as 5:30 pm to check in.

Patients are seen on a first come, first serve basis.

Scheduled Appointment Hours:

- Monday from 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
- Tuesday through Friday between 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Patient Requirements:

Adults who:

- Live or work on Johns, Wadmalaw and James Islands
- Have household income at or below \$24,280 or less annually within a single household. (The gross income level increases by \$8,640 for each additional family member.)
- Do not have health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid or VA medical benefits.

Services offered:

- Free weekly on-site orthopedic clinic
- Free bi weekly dermatology clinic
- Free weekly gynecology clinic
- Free weekly psychiatry clinic
- Free health classes

"I felt heard for the first time."



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YOU'RE INVITED!

Alpha is a place to connect with other people who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning. Each session includes a time to connect with others (over a free meal), hear a short talk on an element of the Christian faith, and then a chance for each person to share their own questions with the group.

We'd love to hear your perspective!

Try Alpha this Fall | September 6, 2022 | 6:15 pm | Parish Life Center





Congratulations to all youth who received the sacrament of **Confirmation** on May 15 at Nativity:
Fisher Beckstine, Emily Carapía, Kirra Furlano, Omi Griffin, Morgan Hammond, Bonnie Jarrett, William McCarty, Samuel Mennito, Marisa Meyer, Victoria Nguyen, Boyd Pace, Rayna Perez, Jack Perry, Rory Peterson, Christian Skerchek, Kaden Slattery, Kenji Tran, Addyson Wood, Anna Yonce, and Max Zolman.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you on your journey of faith.



