



AS HE BLESSED THEM
HE PARTED FROM THEM
AND WAS TAKEN UP TO HEAVEN.

LUKE 24:51

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 29, 2022

Coming or Going?

The Gospel of John that is read on the Vigil of Pentecost says that "there was... no Spirit yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified" (John 7:39). Obviously the Spirit is co-eternal with the Father and the Son, so John is trying to get our attention. He means that we could not experience the gifts of the Spirit until Jesus had died and risen from the dead. One way of looking at the Ascension is that Jesus can do much more for us in his glory than he could while on earth. How does this work? It happens in two steps. First, he sends the Holy Spirit to the disciples. Second, the disciples become his witnesses to all the nations. So let's look at the first step.

While Jesus walked the earth, he chose to be limited in time and space, so that a few people could get to know and love him. But after his resurrection, he could be more effective by sending his Spirit to all believers. Because he is ascended into glory, he can live in all of us. And that leads to the second step.

Before his death, Jesus began to collect a group of followers. Some got to know him more deeply and became disciples. The rest of the followers were merely curious, or attracted by stories of miracles he had performed. But after his ascension the disciples began to experience Jesus in each other. They could not help but be excited about that and spread that excitement to others. May we all experience that presence in the Spirit, seeing Jesus in ourselves and others.

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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
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Stay in touch with us at Nativity

Sign up on our social media platform at FlockNote.
<https://nativityfamily.flocknote.com/>



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Web page: <https://nativitycharleston.com/>
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God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

...Today's Psalm PS 47

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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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 Weekend Masses Jun 4—Jun 5

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

5:30 pm Mass

Greeter: John & Meg Hoeft,
Patrick Kelley & Kathy Wiley

Altar Server: Jake Hoeft
Eucharistic Ministers: Eileen Easler

Lector: Carolyn Smith

Ushers: Cava Riley
Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed,

Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass

Greeter: Knight Family,
Becky Warriner

Altar Server: Matthew Hart
Eucharistic Ministers: Jimmy Craven

Lector: Wendy Craven
Ushers: Amber C. Knight

Richard Bragiel, Walter Machowski,
Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass

Greeter: June La Via
Susan La Via

Altar Server: Caryn Hasenberg, Jenna Hasenberg
Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Defourneaux

Lector: Kathy Hepner
Ushers: Betsy DesNoyer

Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn
Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien

Offerings May 16 — May 22

Collections at Mass (May 21—May 22)	\$ 7,793.00
Mail in Offerings (May 16—May 20)	\$ 3,029.00
myEoffering (May 16—May 20)	\$ 3,018.29
Budget (1 week)	\$ 13,668.46
Difference	\$ + 171.83
Registered Households	653
Envelopes Used (May 21—May 22)	142
Active myEoffering Families	158
MyEoffering Family Donations (May 9—May 13)	104

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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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

Sanctuary Candle:

Jun 11 — Jun 17 William Reed+

Mass: This Week

Sat.	28	5:30 pm	Ronald "Zap" Zlatoper+
	29	9:00 am	Russell Williams+
		11:30 am	Robert Handscheigel+
Mon	30	11:30 am	Anna Karlyk+
Tues.	31	11:30 am	Rosa Lee Eidt+
Wed.	1	11:30 am	Diane Richards Waddell+
Thurs.	2	11:30 am	LaShae Phelps+
Fri.	3	11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Sat.	4	5:30 pm	Kay Reynolds+
	5	9:00 am	For the people of Nativity
		11:30 am	20th Anniversary of Buddy and Linda Milligan

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.

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This school year has been completed. Have a great Summer...



Why do you stand looking at the sky? Go FORTH!!

Today we celebrate Jesus' return to heaven. If we struggle to know how to feel about this event, we take our cue from Jesus' disciples. These disciples are first-hand witnesses to the Ascension, returning afterward to Jerusalem, where "they were continually in the temple praising God." Long-time companions of the Lord, they surely feel the pain of physical separation from Jesus. Yet they praise God continually. They accept God's plan, looking forward to the day when Christ will come again. As our reading from Hebrews affirms, Christ will return to "bring salvation to those who eagerly await him." This Good News is almost too much to take in; the Acts of the Apostles explains that an angel has to

wake the disciples from their stupor, reminding them to start the Lord's work. Today's readings are our own angel, sending us forth in joyful hope.

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Jesus said to them, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." Acts 1:8

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Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Jim McRae,

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Monday, May 23rd.

May he rest in peace.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6250 JUNE MONTHLY MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 2 AT 7:00 PM

at American Legion Post 147 (968 Folly Road)

**All Knights
are encouraged to attend!**



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

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

**Congratulations
and Thank You for all you do
for Nativity!**



STEWARDSHIP *A disciple's response*

"Let the person with two coats give to the person who has none." (Luke 3:11)



is observed Monday, May 30

It is a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle.

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day and was established on May 5, 1868. The purpose was to remember the sacrifice of veterans killed in action during the Civil War and to decorate their graves with flowers. The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day observances were being held on May 30 throughout the nation.

After World War I, the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday and is celebrated on the last Monday in May.

It is not about war. It is about honoring and appreciating sacrifice.



Ellis Opal Paul
daughter of Eve and Brandon Paul,
was welcomed into our faith community on
Sunday, May 22nd.

Congratulations to this new member of our church.



The recent **BOOSTERTHON** Fund raiser at Nativity School exceeded the goal of \$12,000. Many thanks to all for your energy, enthusiasm and support.



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About 50 people joined Father Kingsley in prayers at the West Ashley Planned Parenthood facility on May 21. Thank you for Supporting LIFE.

