

JESUS SAID,
“MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE;
I KNOW THEM,
AND THEY FOLLOW ME.”

JOHN 10:27

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 8, 2022

A Lot of Nerve

Last week we saw how the disciples rejoiced to suffer for their faith. This week we see them turn away from their persecutors and begin preaching to the Gentiles. Even though they are thrown out of town, they still are filled with joy (Acts 13:50–52). What I find interesting is that the disciples' joy comes from their failure to convert the Jewish leaders in Antioch. If those Jews had become believers and had not rejected Paul and Barnabas, the disciples probably would never have thought to preach to non-Jews about Jesus.

I think that failure to convert their own people allowed them to see how God's power was working for them. That's why their joy was so great. They were not just congratulating themselves on how well they were preaching. No, they saw how God was doing the real work. And that took the pressure off of them. They could stop worrying about every word of their preaching, or being afraid that someone might make fun of them. (“Isn't that Saul, who used to persecute Jesus' followers? He's got a lot of nerve thinking he could now be one of them.”) None of that mattered, because they knew that the Spirit was leading them. They knew they were in God's hands, as we heard in the Gospel (John 10:28).

Can we be like those disciples? Instead of getting angry at frustrations, can we see them as an opportunity to experience God's grace? Do we let our failures get us down, or do we let God bring us through them, teaching us to rely on the Lord? Of course, the disciples didn't go around looking for ways to suffer. But they did look for ways to share their great news that Jesus is risen from the dead. Let us ask the Lord to send us the Spirit to show us how we can spread that same news.

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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 Thurs.	11:30 am
Friday	11:30 pm
Communion service at Nativity.	
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

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 May 14—May 15

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

5:30 pm Mass

Greeter: Daniel Forsberg Family

John & Meg Hoeft

Altar Server: Alexandra Lannie

Patty Edwards

Eucharistic Ministers: John Warren

Mary Bieda

Lector: Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley,

Leroy Holseberg, Randall Lanny.

9:00 am Mass

Greeter: Knight Family

Becky Warriner

Altar Server: Jack Perry

Liisa Machowski

Eucharistic Ministers: Kristi Roberts

Robert Horner

Lector: Richard Bragiel, Walter Machowski,

Steve Molony, Joe Dubois

11:30 am Mass

Greeter: Sheila Griner

Natalie Zanolli

Altar Server: Tomi Tran

Ed Defourneaux

Eucharistic Ministers: Jackie Doscher

Cava Riley

Lector: Lewis Doscher, Larry Fisk,

Sheila Griner, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings April 18 — May 1

Collections at Mass (Apr 23—Apr 24)	\$ 8,472.00
Collections at Mass (Apr 30—May 1)	\$ 11,453.00
Mail in Offerings (Apr 18—Apr 22)	\$ 1,610.00
Mail in Offerings (Apr 25—Apr 29)	\$ 955.00
myEoffering (Apr 18—Apr 22)	\$ 3,142.69
myEoffering (Apr 25—Apr 29)	\$ 4,066.00
Budget (2 weeks)	\$ 27,336.92
Difference	\$ + 2,361.77
Registered Households	641
Active myEoffering Families	158
MyEoffering Family Donations (Apr 18—Apr 22)	105
MyEoffering Family Donations (Apr 25—Apr 29)	104

Second Collections for May:

Catholic Charities:

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



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.	7	5:30 pm	Alice Herrmann+
	8	9:00 am	For the mothers of Nativity
		11:30 am	Carlos Alfredo De la Ossa+
Mon	9	11:30 am	Diane Richards Waddell+
Tues.	10	11:30 am	Jared Kline+
Wed.	11	11:30 am	
Thurs.	12	11:30 am	Peter Ghysen+
Fri.	13	11:30 am	Communion Service
Sat.	14	5:30 pm	Lawrence Thomas Joyce+
	15	9:00 am	For the people of Nativity
		11:30 am	Lloyd Boyer+

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! We wish you great success.



Confirmation—Sunday, May 15th at 6:00 pm

Nativity PSR and School students will celebrate Confirmation with our Bishop, the Most Rev. Robert Guglielmone.

All are Invited and Encouraged to attend!



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

Altar Server Training/Refresher

Altar server training will be held in the church on **Sunday, May 15 at 10:15 AM**.



The qualifications are simple.

1. You are interested in serving at Mass.
2. You have made your First Communion.

All youth and adults interested in serving are encouraged to attend.

Current servers who want to brush up on their serving skills are also invited to attend this training.

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

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!**



Blessing of Expectant Parents

Your witness to our faith community is a wonderful Celebration of Life.

We appreciate the opportunity to extend our blessing during a weekend Mass. During this ceremony, the Nativity Respect Life ministry will also present you with a small prayer book.

Please let us share in this Celebration of Life with you.
To make arrangements, just contact Vicki at Office@NativityCharleston.org or at 843-795-3821.

**We need to see each child as a gift
to be welcomed and cherished.**

... Pope Francis



Bishop-elect Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, will be ordained and installed on Friday, May 13 at 2:00 p.m. Attendance is by invitation only. 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.

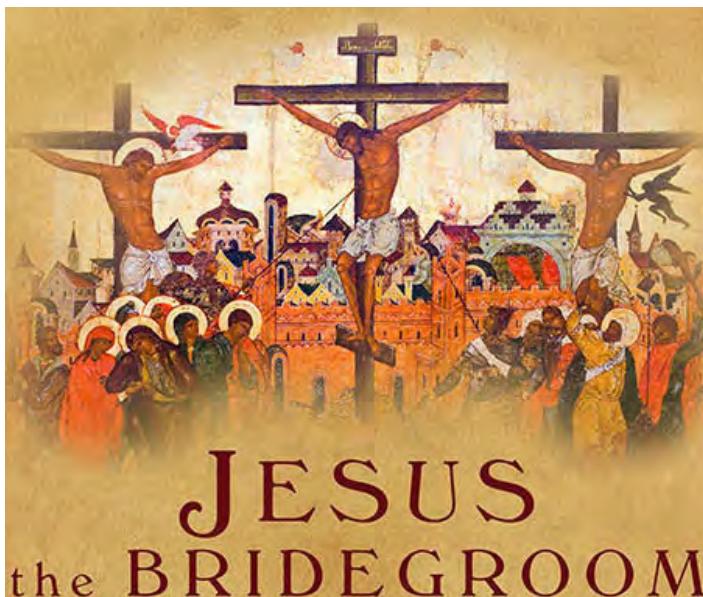
As part of this momentous occasion, all Catholic school students are excused from school on ordination day, May 13. Please encourage families to pray for the new bishop that day, follow along with the livestream of the event, and enjoy the long weekend together as we celebrate.

In-person attendance is by invitation/ticket only but the event will be live streamed. Here is the link:

<https://youtu.be/iUxPAbfdTTQ>

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Sessions are 5:40 pm in Nativity Parish Life Center



This new, Audio Video series by
Dr. Brant Pitre starts May 3.

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.



How much time have you spent this week in prayer for others and for the work of the Church?



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Make a commitment
to take time for your marriage.

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience helps married couples to communicate in all areas of their relationship. Get your marriage on the right path by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

Sign up today to attend the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend:

Jun 24-26, 2022 in Bluffton, SC

For more information visit our website at:
<https://SCMarriagematters.org>

Or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803-810-9602.

**Early sign up is recommended.
Sign up today.**

Respect Life

Monthly Rosary Sat. May 21: from 8:00 to 9:00 am at the Charleston Planned Parenthood abortion facility (1312 Ashley River Road Hwy. 61). A member of the Charleston clergy will be on hand to lead the Rosary and prayers. The organization, Priests for Life, has called for each Catholic to pray fervently for the closing of their local abortion facility. For information call Stephen Boyle at 763-0681.



**Pregnant? Need Help?
Nationwide Toll Free:**

800-712-4357

<https://www.optionline.org/>

Lowcountry Pregnancy Center

843-5553-3505 or

<https://lowcountrypregnancycenter.com/>

**Please Pray to End Abortion
and the abuse of these women in distress.**



Congratulations to our youth who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 30, 2022: Landry Adams, Niko Cuzmar, Izabela Davis, Bennett Gonyea, Piers Group, Andrew Hernandez, Claira Lainhoff, Maisie Lewis, Cael Longenecker, Liam Manning, Robert McCracken, Liam Nix, Savannah Owens, Zoey Rhame, Connor Richey, Adrian Robinson, Catalina Schaible, Caleb Theobald, Emma Grace Turner, Paulo Andrade, Isa Capobianco-Glade and Lillian Group.

May you always be strengthened by the grace you receive in this sacrament.

Special thanks to our 1st Communion parents; our catechists and Retreat team: Kayla Beiltz, Sheila Theobald, Erin Tillman, Ryckie Watkins, and Megan Hoeft; and all those who helped to prepare our youth for this beautiful sacrament.





When you thought I wasn't looking

... anon

*When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator,
and I wanted to paint another one.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you feed a stray cat,
and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you make my favorite cake for me,
and I knew that little things are special things.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking,
I heard you say a prayer,
and I believed that there was a God to talk to.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking,
I felt you kiss me goodnight,
and I felt loved.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw tears come from your eyes,
and I learned that sometimes things hurt,
but it's alright to cry.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw that you cared,
and I wanted to be everything that I could be.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking,
I looked....
and I wanted to say thanks for all the things
I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.*

Happy Mother's Day!



