



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

Mon (July 4).	No Weekday Mass
Tues. (July 5)	11:30 am
There will be a Communion Service in lieu of Mass on Tuesday.	
Wed. through Fri.	11:30 am Mass
Saturday Vigil Mass	5:30 pm
Sunday Mass	9:00 am and 11:30 am

Weekday Rosary in the Church

Tues. Wed, and Fri. 12:00 noon

Weekly Hour of Eucharistic Adoration

Thurs. (July 7) 12:00 Noon

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
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Stay in touch with us at Nativity



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<https://nativityfamily.flocknote.com/>

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and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NativityFamily>
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False Humility

There seems to be a lot of rejoicing in today's readings. Isaiah talks about rejoicing with Jerusalem. The Gospel shows the disciples rejoicing when they came back from visiting towns to tell about the Kingdom. St. Paul is happy to be suffering for Christ. So what is the reason for such joy?

The readings make clear that it is not a result of our efforts. Isaiah writes that "the Lord's power shall be known to his servants" (Isaiah 66:14). Jesus tells his disciples not to rejoice that they cast out demons, but "because your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20). In other words, we are to rejoice over all the Lord has done for us, not what we have done for him.

Does that sound like false humility? No; when we do anything for others, we can honestly say that God does the real work. Knowing that frees us from expecting everyone to be happy, everything we do for others to be successful. Instead of being discouraged when we seem to fail, we can trust that God's plan is working in ways we just can't see.

St. Paul has a similar theme in the second reading. You would think he would be proud of all the converts he made, or the people he cured. He boasts only about his suffering because that is how he is most like Jesus. He sees all of his accomplishments as the work of God. All three readings remind us that what changes our lives and changes the world is not how hard we work, or how holy we are; what really makes the difference is how much God loves us. That is the real reason to rejoice.

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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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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.



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Liturgical Ministers for Weekend Masses July 9—July 10

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

5:30 pm Mass
Greeter: Patrick Kelley & Kathy Wiley
 Tom & Marcia McNamee
Altar Server: Nathanael Borick
Eucharistic Ministers: Eileen Easler
 Carolyn Smith
Lector: Cava Riley
Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley
 Randall Lannie, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass
Greeter: Maureen Hinson
 Horner Family
Altar Server: Wyatt Knight
Eucharistic Ministers: Liisa Machowski
 Kirby Preston
Lector: Michael Bolchoz
Ushers: Richard Bragiell, Walter Machowski,
 Steve Molony, Joe Dubois

11:30 am Mass
Greeter: Sheila Griner
 Natalie Zanolli
Altar Server: Rosalie Felix
Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn Curry
 Ed Defourneax
Lector: John Lavelle
Ushers: Lewis Doscher, Larry Fisk
 Sheila Griner, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings Jun 20— June 26

Collections at Mass (Jun 25—Jun 26)	\$	8,334.00
Mail in Offerings (Jun 20—Jun 24)	\$	3,433.00
myEoffering (Jun 20—Jun 24)	\$	3,616.74
Budget (1 week)	\$	13,653.85
Offerings versus budget	\$ +	1,715.28
Registered Households		617
Envelopes Used (Jun 25—Jun 26)		149
Active myEoffering Families		188
MyEoffering Family Donations (Jun 20—Jun 24)		105

Offerings for Peter's Pence: \$298.00

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

If you are unable to attend Mass, please consider making your regular offerings by mail or online (myEoffering).



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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, Malcolm Hale, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, Darcy Hill, James Michael Huber, Dan & Mary Hughes, 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.	2	5:30 pm	Jerome Miller, Sr.+
	3	9:00 am	For the people of Nativity
		11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Mon	4	11:30 am	No Mass or Service
Tues.	5	11:30 am	Communion Service
Wed.	6	11:30 am	Andre & Barbara Thevenot+
Thurs.	7	11:30 am	Diane Richards Waddell+
Fri.	8	11:30 am	Nick Schwertfeger+
Sat.	9	5:30 pm	Fran Hynd+
	10	9:00 am	Katy Scoria+
		11:30 am	Leonardo Fasce Guillen+

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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Nativity School is accepting applications for admittance for the 22–23 School Year!

For more information, please visit us at www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights or call us at 843-795-3975.

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

The Church of the Nativity Ladies Guild

Invites all ladies of the parish to a luncheon

Sunday August 7th

12:45pm in the Parish Life Center

Join us for fellowship and learn more
about our ministry



Masses for the week

**There need to be some changes to the
Mass Schedule for this coming week.**

Saturday, July 2 at 5:30 pm

Regular Weekend Vigil Mass

Sunday, July 3 at 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Regular Sunday Mass

Monday, July 4

No Mass, No Communion Service.

Tuesday, July 5 at 11:30 am

Communion Service followed by Rosary

Wednesday, July 6 at 11:30 am

Regular Weekday Mass followed Rosary

Thursday, July 7 at 11:30 am

**Regular Weekday Mass followed by
Eucharistic Hour of Adoration**

Friday, July 8 at 11:30 am

Regular Weekday Mass followed Rosary

**We appreciate your understanding regarding
these changes and we are looking forward
to seeing you in church!**

Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy
to the family and friends of

Debra Hill,

whose funeral was held at Nativity
on Friday, June 24.

May she rest in peace.



Monday, July 4 in celebration of Independence Day.
The Nativity Parish office will reopen on Tuesday, July 5.

**We wish you an enjoyable
and safe holiday.**

Baptism

Jema Rose Goots,

daughter of Toni and John Goots,
was welcomed into our faith
community on Saturday, June 25.

**We welcome this
new member of our church.**



After this the Lord appointed seventy others,
and sent them in pairs ahead of him to every city and place
where he himself was going to come. Lk 10:1



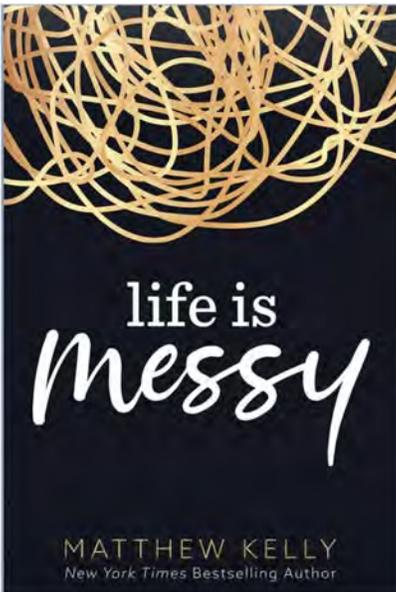
Weekly Eucharistic Adoration at 12:00 Noon On Thursday Begins July 7

U.S. Bishops launched a 3-year Eucharistic Revival to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

The revival officially started on the feast of Corpus Christi (June 16, 2022), with a diocesan focus that will include eucharistic processions and other events of adoration and prayer around the country. The revival will continue for three years; until the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress which starts on July 17, 2024.

Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, has requested that parishes conduct Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration each Thursday, specifically for the intention of vocations. Other Revival events will be conducted regularly throughout the Diocese of Charleston.

All members of the Nativity Community are encouraged to participate in the Eucharistic Revival.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study For an exciting 4 session Summer Program.

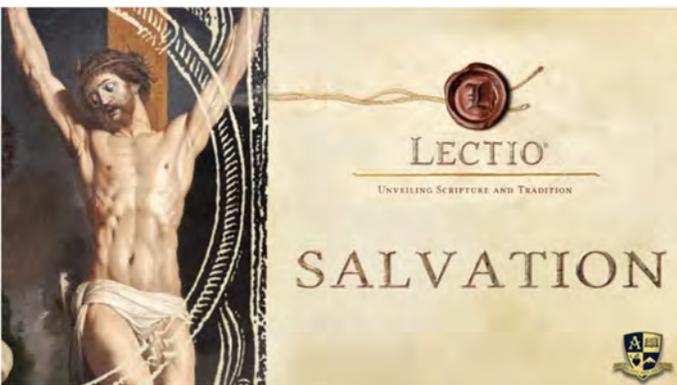
Life is Messy comes out of Kelly's experience of the difficulties of life. He went through a dark three-year period during which "all hell broke loose." In these pages he wrestles with the key question: "Can someone who has been broken be healed and become more beautiful and more lovable than ever?" If you are going through a time in your life when it hurts to even try to keep breathing or to take the next step, when it seems as if God might have abandoned you, then you might find some solace and solid advice in these pages.

Kelly offers a series of short essays, many of which he wrote to process his own pain and encourage himself as he traveled through the darkness. He shares his soul and his trials with readers "hoping that somehow, imperfect and inadequate as it is, [this book] will speak to you wherever you are in your journey and open your heart to undiscovered possibilities."

**Sessions are 5:45 pm to 7:15 pm in the Parish Life Center Meeting Room
Sign up to get a copy of the book.**

For more information and to sign up, please contact Andrea Gilliard at (843) 696-2161 or acgilliard333@gmail.com.

Thursday Evening Bible Study Summer Session



This is a 10 session study presented by Dr. Michael Barber.

At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven "for us men and for our salvation." But what does "salvation" mean? In this 10 part video series, Dr. Michael Barber provides a thorough deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical, answer. "Salvation" is a topic many talk about, but few understand.

Sessions are Online only, on Thursday evening from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Via ZOOM: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99243922488?pwd=OFRGSHBTUmVMamZzdmZWmNfF5NXlxdz09>

Meeting ID: 992 4392 2488 and the Passcode: Nativity

For more information, please contact Ryckie Watkins at 843-795-4194 or at ryckiewatkins1329@comcast.net.



Saint Maria Goretti, An Exemplar of Heroic Virtue—Feast is July 6

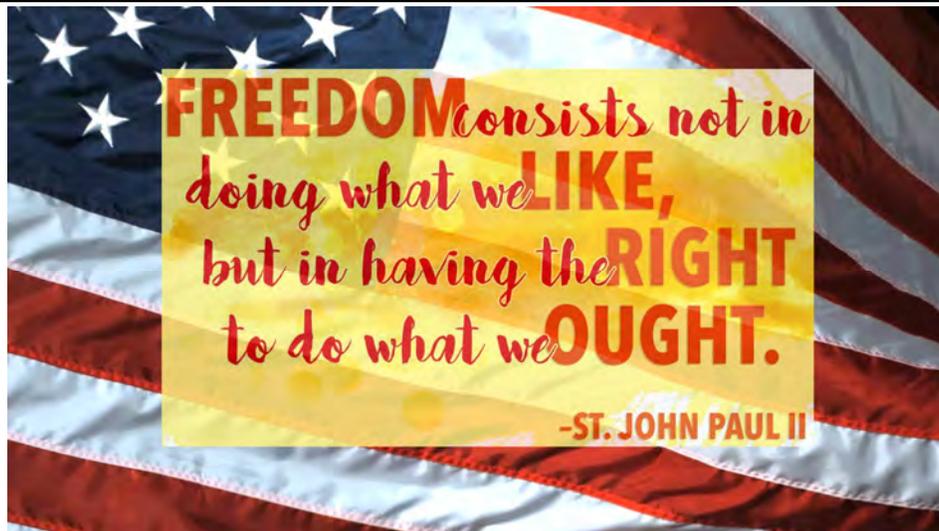
Maria Goretti was born in October 1890 in Italy. She was the third of seven children of a poor peasant family. In order to make ends meet, Maria's father, Luigi entered into partnership with a man named Serenelli, The Goretti family also shared a residence with Serenelli and his two sons, one of whom was named Alessandro.

Maria's father was bitten by a mosquito and died of malaria in 1900 but the family continued to live with the Serenelli family. Maria was naturally pious, kind, and helpful. She took over household duties while her mother, brothers, and sister worked in the fields. Alessandro Serenelli was a crude and callous predator. He often made advances against Maria and threatened to kill her if she told her mother. She resisted his repeated harassment and narrowly managed to escape. Soon thereafter, Alessandro arranged things so that he would be alone in the house with Maria and he assaulted her. Maria fought him off and told him she would rather die than allow him to do what he wanted to do to her. He became enraged and stabbed her—many times. Maria was taken to the hospital where she died a day later on July 6, 1902. Before her death she specifically forgave her attacker. She was 11 years old.

Maria Goretti was beatified by Pope Pius XII on April 27, 1947 and was canonized by him in 1950. Her mother, Assunta Goretti, was present, the only mother ever to attend her child's canonization. Also present were other members of the Goretti family and possibly her now

converted attacker, Alessandro Serenelli.

Maria's chastity was not just bodily purity, but an even greater virtue. She so loved her enemies that she wished them to be with her in heaven. She wanted Alessandro to become holy. These virtues are what make this eleven year old girl remarkable.



July 4th — Have a safe and enjoyable Independence Day!

Registration



Parish School of Religion

2022-2023 registration forms and additional information are available at the church entrances.

The information and forms are also provided online at

<https://nativitycharleston.com/formation/>

PSR is offered for Nativity parish children who do not attend parochial schools.

Please register by July 25th

There will be an additional \$20 late registration fee for those registering after July 25 to cover additional administrative and shipping costs.

Don't Delay! Register Today!



Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Patricia Hancock,

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Monday, June 27.

May she rest in peace.

Stewardship is a way of life, a way of thanking God for all His blessings by returning a portion of the time, talent, and treasure allotted to us.

Church of the Nativity Rectory

*A Ground Breaking Blessing will be on Sunday, July 10 at 10:15 am.
The blessing ceremony will be at the site of the new rectory which is at the
Pittsford Circle entrance to the Nativity School Playground.
All are invited and encouraged to attend this ceremony.*



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