

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

Mon. through Fri.	11:30 am Mass
Saturday Vigil Mass	5:30 pm
Sunday Mass	9:00 am and 11:30 am

### Weekly Hour of Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 12:00 noon

### Weekday Rosary in the Church

Mon. through Fri. 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  
Office: 843-795-3821 / Fax: 843-795-2714  
e-mail: [Office@NativityCharleston.org](mailto:Office@NativityCharleston.org)

### Stay in touch with us at Nativity

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



Visit us at

Web page: <https://nativitcharleston.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/>

### The Better Part

The Gospel for this Sunday can sometimes give the impression that Jesus favored Mary over Martha. But if they had both sat down to listen, there would have been no dinner to serve to Jesus. He saw that Mary was content to listen to him, so Martha could have been content to prepare the meal for him. Remember the first reading, in which Abraham insisted on serving the visitors, whom he came to recognize as the Lord and two angels. He was rewarded with the assurance that he would soon have a son.

So simple acts of hospitality can also be how people can welcome the Lord into their homes. When we welcome someone into our homes as a visitor, or into our lives as a friend, we are also welcoming Christ. When we get to know someone better, we are also getting to know Christ.

And what about that "better part" that Mary had chosen? Are we sometimes like Martha, with too many things on our minds to be aware of the Lord? Sometimes we can't avoid the distractions that are part of life. But if we keep the Lord on our minds we may be able to see which are distractions to be put aside, and which are opportunities to serve the Lord in a different way. As we spend more time with the Lord in prayer, we begin to experience God's peace, which gives us the ability to choose the better part.

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*He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.*

...Today's Psalm PS 15

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, must also have participated in a 1<sup>st</sup> grade PSR or Catholic school program. Children planning to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade must also have participated in a 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

**Pastor:** Rev. Thomas Kingsley  
Pastor@NativityCharleston.org, 843-795-3821 x 105

**Director of Administration:** Mrs. Vicki Vázquez  
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**School Principal:** Mrs. Patti Dukes  
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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:LuotoE@jspaluch.com) or at 904-945-2425.  
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## Liturgical Ministers for Weekend Masses July 23—July 24

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:** Tom & Marcia McNamee  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Daniel Salceda  
**Lector:** Eileen Easler  
**Ushers:** John Warren  
Lisa Zuraw  
Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed  
Patrick Kelley, Randall Lannie

### 9:00 am Mass

**Greeter:** Caughey Family  
**Altar Server:** Decker Family  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jack Perry  
**Lector:** Daniel Suggs  
**Ushers:** Tamme Suggs  
Michael Dennis  
Richard Bragiel, Walter Machowski,  
Steve Molony, Joe Dubois

### 11:30 am Mass

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

## Offerings Jun 27 — Jul 10

Collections at Mass (2 weekends)	\$ 20, 427. 00
Mail in Offerings (Jun 27—Jul 08)	\$ 4, 785. 00
myEoffering (Jun 27—Jul 08)	\$ 6, 843. 14
Budget (2 weeks)	\$ 32, 734. 62
Offerings versus budget	\$ - 679. 48
Registered Households	617
Envelopes Used (2 weekends)	300
Active myEoffering Families	188
MyEoffering Family Donations (2 weeks)	217

### Second Collections for July:

July 17: Infirm Priests

## 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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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:** 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](mailto:Office@NativityCharleston.org).

## Intentions

### Mass: This Week

Sat.	16	5:30 pm	Deceased members of the Cascone & Siranos Family+
	17	9:00 am	Bill Egan+
		11:30 am	Robert Germond+
Mon	18	11:30 am	Ann Richards Guerry+
Tues.	19	11:30 am	David Spurlock+
Wed.	20	11:30 am	Don Easler+
Thurs.	21	11:30 am	Arnold Bennett+
Fri.	22	11:30 am	John Weston Massie+
Sat.	23	5:30 pm	William Reed+
	24	9:00 am	Kim Wade Roberts+
		11:30 am	For the people of Nativity

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

### Nativity School Summer Office Hours:

The Nativity School Office is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please email the office at [pedwards@nativity-school.com](mailto:pedwards@nativity-school.com) or call us at 795-3975. If we are unavailable, please leave us a message and we will get back to you.

**Nativity School is accepting applications for grades K4 through 8 for the 2022-2023 school year.**

For more information about enrollment, please contact the school office at 795-3975.

To learn more about us please visit our website at [www.nativity-school.com](http://www.nativity-school.com) or our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights](https://www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights), or contact the School Office at 843-795-3975 and schedule a visit.

# FORMED®

PICK OF THE WEEK

July 17, 2022

### WHO AM I TO JUDGE? WITH DR. EDWARD SRI - SESSION 1: DON'T IMPOSE YOUR MORALITY ON ME!

What is "right" and "wrong"? Is what's right for you right for me? These are difficult questions to discuss in our culture. We live in a society that supports the opinion that each person should make up his or her own morality," that there is no moral truth that applies to everyone. So, how do we talk about right and wrong in this world? In this series, Dr. Ted Sri explores the fragility of a relativist outlook and the importance of absolute truth.

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*Carrie Wagner  
And  
Cody Morgan*

*were married at Nativity on  
Saturday, July 2, 2022.*

*May God grant them many  
years of happiness together.*



### 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 25<sup>th</sup>**

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!**

### 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



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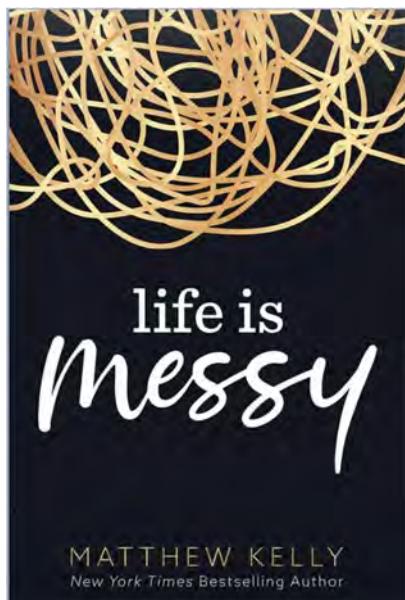
## Weekly Hour of Eucharistic Adoration 12:00 Noon On Thursday.

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 has 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.

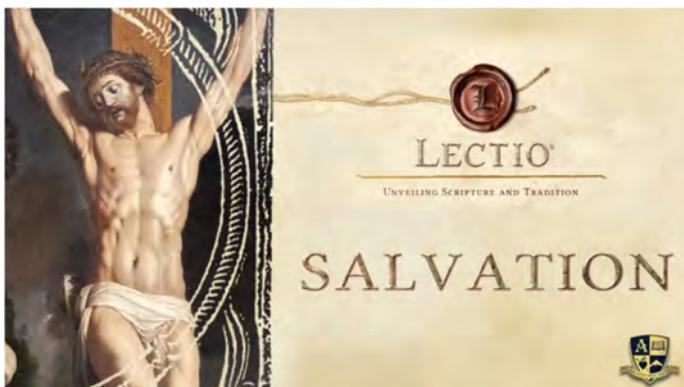
Life is Messy comes out of Kelly's experience of the difficulties of life. He went through a dark three-year period during which "all hell broke loose." In these pages he wrestles with the key question: "Can someone who has been broken be healed and become more beautiful and more lovable than ever?" 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 [acgilliard33@gmail.com](mailto:acgilliard33@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=OFRGSHBTUmVMamZzdmZW MnF5NXIxdz09>

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](mailto:ryckiewatkins1329@comcast.net).

## Respect Life — Upcoming Family Life events

**July 24** — Pope Francis has established the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly on the fourth Sunday of July. For more information please visit

<https://www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/grandparents-elderly>

**July 24-30** — Natural Family Planning Week. “**Called to the Joy of Love, Natural Family Planning, Supporting God’s gifts of love and life in marriage**” is this year’s national theme. Support couples and families, and learn about the different methods and training available. For more information please visit

<https://charlestondiocese.org/event/national-nfp-awareness-week-july-24-30-2022/>

**Sept. 24-25** — **Simply Love: A Catholic Marriage Retreat** at Heart Ridge Retreat Center, 130 Heart Ridge Drive in Sunset, SC. For more information or to register, please visit

<https://charlestondiocese.configio.com/pd/213/simply-love-catholic-marriage-retreat-september-2022>



### Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of  
**Norman J. Ballo,**  
whose funeral was held at Nativity on Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.

**May he rest in peace.**

*Jesus' statement about Stewardship...*

*“Give and it shall be given to you. Good measure pressed down, shaken together, running over, will they pour into the fold of your garment. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you.”*

## Mass with Bishop Fabre-Jeune on July 10



A video of this Mass is posted on YouTube at, <https://youtu.be/MyPqigw-kqc> Just click the link to view the video.

# Church of the Nativity Rectory

## A Ground Breaking and Blessing



## Nativity School Renovations

The footings have been poured.



Demolition is done! They are starting to plant the new addition.

