



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24, 2022

Be Careful What You Ask For

Jesus talks about praying for whatever we need with faith and confidence, but he ends by asking, "How much more with the Father... give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" (Luke 1:13). Is he saying there are limits to what we can ask for?

"Be careful what you ask for," the saying warns. Just because we want something doesn't mean it will be good for us. But if we have enough faith to pray for something, we probably would not pray for anything evil. So what is Jesus really saying? He is giving us two lessons about prayer.

First, he assures us that God does hear our prayers and answers them. Many people take "ask and you shall receive" so literally that they expect God to do their bidding no matter what they want. But God is free to do what is best for us, free to answer some prayers with a no when what we seek is against God's will. So maybe our first prayer should be to ask God to show us what we really need.

That leads us to the second lesson: prayer changes us, not God. If we truly pray as Jesus prayed, we would say, "Not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39). It's not easy to change our minds about what we want or need. To change our desires from selfish to holy takes a lot of power, the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was raised from the dead by that power and we will be, too (Romans 8:11). So when Jesus promises that the Father will give the Spirit to us for asking, the Spirit is both the source of and the answer to our prayers. Let us ask the Spirit to empower us to desire and pray for what we really need.

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Catholic Diocese of Charleston



Church of the Nativity

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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
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e-mail: Office@NativityCharleston.org

Stay in touch with us at Nativity

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



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*Lord, on the day I called for help,
you answered me. ...Today's Psalm PS 138*

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.

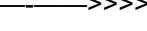
These criteria are used to verify parishioner status for Weddings, Sacramental Preparation, Parish School of Religion enrollment, Sponsor Certificates for Baptism and Confirmation, and to receive parishioner tuition rates at Catholic schools. An extended time with no activity will place a person or family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



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To advertise in our bulletin, please contact Eric Luoto at LuotoE@jspaluch.com or at 904-945-2425.
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Liturgical Ministers for Weekend Masses July 30—July 31

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

5:30 pm Mass

Greeter: Daniel Forsberg Family
Altar Server: Timothy & Carolyn Smith
Eucharistic Ministers: Nathanael Borick
Lector: Patty Edwards
Ushers: Carolyn Smith
Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed
Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass

Greeter: Maureen Hinson
Altar Server: Horner Family
Eucharistic Ministers: Matthew Hart
Lector: Becky Warriner
Ushers: Gary Warriner
Mary Catherine Dubois
Richard Bragiel, Walter Machowski,
Steve Molony, Joe Dubois

11:30 am Mass

Greeter: June La Via
Altar Server: Susan La Via
Eucharistic Ministers: Caryn Hasenberg
Lector: Lynn Curry
Ushers: Vicki Vázquez
Michael Smith
Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn,
Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien

Offerings Jul 11 — Jul 17

Collections at Mass (Jul 16-Jul 17)	\$ 8,354.00
Mail in Offerings (Jul 11—Jul 15)	\$ 1,930.00
myEoffering (Jul 11—Jul 15)	\$ 3,413.55
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,367.31
Offerings versus budget	\$ - 2,669.76
Registered Households	627
Envelopes Used (Jul 16-Jul 17)	124
Active myEoffering Families	184
MyEoffering Family Donations (Jul 11—Jul 15)	102

Offerings for Infirm Priests: \$948.00

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: 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

Sanctuary Candle:

Jul 16 — Jul 29 Special Intention

Mass: This Week

Sat.	23	5:30 pm	William Reed+
Sun	24	9:00 am	Kim Wade Roberts+
		11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Mon	25	11:30 am	Funeral Mass
Tues.	26	11:30 am	James Lee Langmeyer+
Wed.	27	11:30 am	Ann Puchir+
Thurs.	28	11:30 am	
Fri.	29	11:30 am	
Sat.	30	5:30 pm	John Brandemuhl+
Sun	31	9:00 am	Muriel Eacock+
		11:30 am	Adrienne "Bitsy" Aimar+

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 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 or our FaceBook page at www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights. or contact the School Office at 843-795-3975 and schedule a visit.



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!



Flowers

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**John H. Albers
May He Rest in Peace.**

**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



James Island Outreach Update

During the past 6 months (Jan-June 2022), the people of Nativity donated 1,548 pounds of food to the Outreach.

Containers are located at the main entrance of Nativity Church. For your donations of non-perishable, in-date food.

Thank you for your continuing generosity to our neighbors in need.



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

**July
24,
2022**

Pope Francis has established throughout the Church the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly on the fourth Sunday of July. The theme for this year's celebration is "In Old Age They Will Still Bear Fruit" (Ps. 92:15).

*NOW is a great time
to offer assistance or just spend time
with a Senior you know.*



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6250 MONTHLY MEETING

THURSDAY, AUG 4 AT 7:00 PM

at American Legion Post 147 (968 Folly Road)

All Knights of Council 6250 are encouraged to attend!



July 26 is the feast of Joachim and Anne.

Who are they and what do we know about them?

Joachim and Anne are the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus, yet there is absolutely no biblical reference to them whatsoever. So where do we get their names, and what is their story?

Their names are found in an apocryphal (hidden) gospel known as "The Infancy Gospel of James". Apocryphal, or hidden gospels, consist of accounts of Jesus' life that were ultimately not accepted as inspired works, and thus were not included in the Bible. However, they sometimes captured the Christian imagination, spilling into the devotional dimension of the community.

James' infancy gospel begins with the parents of Mary and their desire for a child. In their prayer and petitions to God, they are heard and given the blessings of a child, whom they named Mary. While we have no idea who Mary's parents really were, the fact that we celebrate the feast of Joachim and Anne indicates that the bond of family love is important in the Christian life.

Long before Grandparents' Day was established, the church had a feast that honored the presumed grandparents of Jesus. While their names are part of non-inspired apocryphal legends, the fact of the Savior's human ancestry is not. Christ, the incarnate Word, dwelt among us in the flesh in a human family. In honoring the grandparents of Jesus we really proclaim our faith in the Incarnation—God becoming human!

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To receive services, you will need to provide:

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- Names/date of birth of all in the household

Services offered:

- Food
- Clothing
- Dental
- Women Services
- Educational Programs
- Employment Services
- Financial Assistance and Education
- Case Management

We need volunteers who can share their time and talents to help us with the many community services and programs that we provide: - Dentists and Dental Professionals - Yes, I Can! After School Tutor - Reception - Van Driver - Clerical Assistant - Substitute Clothing Room and Food Pantry Assistants.

For more information, please email Jennifer.meshanko@olmoutreach.org; call (843) 559-4109 Ext. 106 or visit <https://www.olmoutreach.org/>

**Nativity
School
Renovations**

A logo featuring a shield with a stylized letter 'N' and a laurel wreath. To the right is a photograph of a construction site where a new building is being foundation work. Workers in safety vests and hard hats are visible.

Recent rains have watered the concrete footings and the foundation is starting to sprout!

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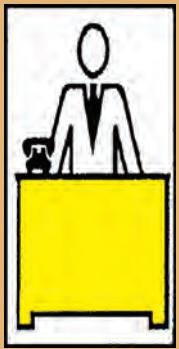
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