

If you were raised
with Christ,
seek what is above,
where Christ
is seated at
the right hand
of God.

COLOSSIANS 3:1

EIGHTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME

JULY 31, 2022



Robbing a Bank

The second reading from the Letter to the Colossians goes well with the first reading and the Gospel. Those passages warn how useless material wealth will be when we die. St. Paul continues this warning by reminding us that we have already died with Christ in baptism and risen to new life. To live this new life we must put to death whatever tendencies keep us from Christ.

Wealth can be a gift from God. The abuse is not necessarily in the possession of wealth. More likely, we abuse wealth in the way we attain it. How does that happen? I can give an obvious answer such as robbing a bank. Instead, do I work a full day for my pay, or do I spend a lot of time visiting with other employees or texting my friends? Am I honest with my customers, charging only for work I have done?

As for using our wealth, we usually think of family first. Do we spoil our kids, so they can "have the things I couldn't afford when I was young"? Or do we teach them to work for what they get? Do we teach our children to be generous to others?

Notice that Paul goes deeper, pointing out the thoughts and desires that lead to a life centered in wealth. In baptism we put to death passion and greed, tendencies that push us to own more or to control another person. Paul uses the image of taking off these vices as if they were clothing and putting on a new self that shows Christ in us. We begin to see Christ in others, for as Paul says, "Christ is all and in all" (Colossians 3:11).

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Catholic Diocese of Charleston



Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road
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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
Office: 843-795-3821 / Fax: 843-795-2714
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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If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts....Today's Psalm PS 90

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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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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Liturgical Ministers for Weekend Masses Aug 6—Aug 7

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: Jacob Perry
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 18 — Jul 24

Collections at Mass (Jul 23-Jul 24)	\$ 8,260.00
Mail in Offerings (Jul 18—Jul 22)	\$ 3,121.00
myEoffering (Jul 18—Jul 22)	\$ 3,266.35
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,367.31
Offerings versus budget	\$ - 1,719.76
Registered Households	627
Envelopes Used (Jul 23-Jul 24)	???
Active myEoffering Families	184
MyEoffering Family Donations (Jul 18—Jul 22)	104

Second Collections for August are:

Aug 20—21: Disaster Assistance

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

Mass: This Week

Sat.	30	5:30 pm	John Brandemuhl+
Sun	31	9:00 am	Muriel Eacock+
		11:30 am	Adrienne "Bitsy" Aimar+
Mon	1	11:30 am	Arnold Bennett+
Tues.	2	11:30 am	
Wed.	3	11:30 am	Scott Mallard+
Thurs.	4	11:30 am	Adrienne "Bitsy" Aimar+
Fri.	5	11:30 am	
Sat.	6	5:30 pm	Kim Wade Roberts+
Sun	7	9:00 am	Harmon Martin+
		11:30 am	Peggy Joseph+

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.



St. John Vianney—The Curé d'Ars—Feast is Thursday, Aug. 4th

John Vianney was born on May 8, 1786, in the French town of Dardilly. The Vianneys were devout Catholics who helped the poor and gave hospitality to strangers. John was not considered to be bright and had a poor education. However, John wanted to become a priest and eventually his superiors came to realize that his hard work and piety compensated for his limitations. John was ordained to the priesthood on August 12, 1815.

Sometime after his ordination, John was assigned as priest to the town of Ars (population 230). In making this assignment, his bishop probably expected that John could 'do little harm' in a town like Ars. John's superiors had no idea of the tremendous good that God would accomplish through this humble priest.

At Ars, John encountered people who were indifferent about the faith and quite comfortable with their life style. He fasted much and slept little. John Vianney came to realize that the devastation wrought on the Catholic Church by the French Revolution, had resulted in religious ignorance and indifference. At the time, rural folks spent Sundays working in the fields, or reveling in the taverns. Vianney gave many homilies against such behavior. However, it was John's insight as a confessor that was his most remarkable gift. During the winter he frequently spent 11 to 12 hours daily reconciling people with God. During the summer this time was increased to 16 hours. Such was the demand and fervor for reconciliation. As a result of his personal prayer and holiness, John could read the souls of people and lead them to Christ.

John Vianney died on August 4, 1859 at the age of 73. The bishop presided over his funeral with 300 priests. More than 6,000 people were in attendance. The number of attendees is a strong testimonial to the profound effect that John Vianney had on people's lives and souls. John Vianney was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1925 and is the patron saint of priests.



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.

Additional \$20 Late Registration Fee Now Applies

Don't Delay! Register Today!



**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!

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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A disciple's response

Are you satisfied with the amount of time each week that your serve God and our community?

Church of the Nativity Rectory

Getting ready to pour the footings.



Nativity School Renovations

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in Peace.**

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

is a supportive, confidential, nonjudgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion experience. The retreat offers an opportunity to find healing and peace.

**Our next retreat in South Carolina is
August 26—28 (Charleston, SC).**

For more information or registration please contact Christy at
803 554 6088 or Kathy at 803 546 6010
or email us at Grace4healing@gmail.com

Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy
to the family and friends of

Binh Thien Tran,
whose funeral was held at Nativity
on Monday, July 25.

May he rest in peace.



Baptism

Mary Reese Begley

daughter of Maureen and Josh Begley.
was welcomed into our faith community
on Sunday, July 24.

**Congratulations to this
new member of our church.**



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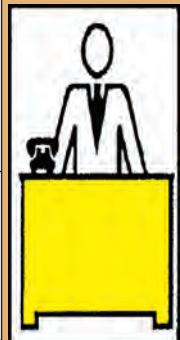


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