



August  
28,  
2022

When you hold  
a banquet,  
invite the poor,  
the crippled,  
the lame,  
the blind.

Luke 14:13

## Twenty-second

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Partying with the Angels

While the first reading from Sirach and the Gospel focus on humility, with a surprise reversal of the humble being exalted, the reading from Hebrews surprises us in a different way. The author uses apocalyptic imagery to show how much the relationship between God and humanity has changed. He starts with images of fire, storms, and trumpet blasts—images that may remind you of an erupting volcano. Even God's words brought fear and trembling.

It may not be surprising that God is beyond human comprehension, but Hebrews says no. God doesn't want to be so far beyond us that we only approach in fear. Using more images from the end-time, the author gives us a picture of the baptized partying with angels and all the just who have died. And of course God is the host. Let's look at some of those images to see how our relationship with the Lord has grown.

The heavenly Jerusalem reminds us that the Church is our home—not just your parish church building but the whole community of faith. How “at home” are you with your fellow parishioners? A church community can be a place to support those who are sick or jobless or depressed. It is also a place to be supported, to see God's love in action. The angels in Hebrews may be a symbol of that support.

The “firstborn” and “spirits of the just” could remind us of those who went before us and now rest in the Lord. They had their own struggles in life, and now live in glory. They help us to keep our true goal in mind, eternal life.

Jesus came to show us how much God loves us and how close God can be. When he shed his blood on the cross (the final sign in our reading), he renewed the covenant with God's people. We accept that gift not just by a verbal statement of faith, but by a life lived as Jesus showed us, in love of God and our neighbor.

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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

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://nativityfamily.flocknote.com/>



Visit us at

Web page: <https://nativitycharleston.com/>  
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Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/NativityCharleston/>

*God, in your goodness,  
you have made a home for the poor.*

...Today's Psalm PS 68

## 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

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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](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!**

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### Liturgical Ministers for Weekend Masses Sep. 3—Sep. 4

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:** Jake Hoeft

Carolyn Smith

**Eucharistic Ministers:** John Warren

Lisa Zuraw

**Lector:** Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed,

Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg

#### 9:00 am Mass

**Greeter:** Maureen Hinson

Horner Family

**Altar Server:** Eliza Cellars, Anna Tillman,

Kathy Murphy

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kirby Preston

Gary Warriner

**Lector:** Richard Bragiel, Walter Machowski,

Steve Molony, Joe Dubois

#### 11:30 am Mass

**Greeter:** Sheila Griner,

Natalie Zanolli

**Altar Server:** Zoe Cuzmar, Tomi Tran

Lynn Curry,

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Vicki Vazquez

Tara Hasenberg

**Lector:** Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt,

Larry Fisk, Joe Ginn

### Offerings Aug 08 — Aug 21

Collections at Mass (Aug 13—Aug 21)	\$ 18,001.00
Mail in Offerings (Aug 08—Aug 19)	\$ 4,589.00
myEoffering (Aug 08—Aug 19)	\$ 6,382.88
Budget (2 weeks)	\$ 32,734.62
Offerings versus budget	\$ - 3,761.74
Registered Households	627
Envelopes Used (Aug 13—Aug 21)	302
Active myEoffering Families	184
MyEoffering Family Donations (Aug 08—Aug 19)	204

The weekly offerings information was not available by the publishing deadline for this week's bulletin. The information will be provided in a future bulletin.

**Assumption Holy Day Offerings:** \$463.00

**Offerings for Disaster Assistance:** \$595.00

**Second Collections for September are:**

**September 4 – Catholic University of America**

**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.



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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, 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

#### Sanctuary Candle:

Aug. 27 — Sep. 2 Gregory O'Leary (healing)

#### Mass: This Week

Sat.	27	5:30 pm	Edward & Gladys Jones Richards++
	28	9:00 am	Walter & Esther's Machowski's 71st Wedding Anniversary
		11:30 am	Eleanor Fabian+
Mon	29	11:30 am	Funeral Mass
Tues.	30	11:30 am	Gregory O'Leary (Healing)
Wed.	31	11:30 am	Pate "Ellen" Futrell+
Thurs.	1	11:30 am	
Fri.	2	11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Sat.	3	5:30 pm	Young & Gawlick great-grandchildren
Sun	4	9:00 am	Ronnie Jenkins+
		11:30 am	Binh Thien Tran+

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.



## 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 for the 22–23 School Year.**

To learn more about Enrollment and the School Year Start Up activities 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

**The Fall Semester is underway. Best wishes to our Students.**



The Nativity School 8th grade class attended the Bishop's Catholic Schools' Opening Mass at the Cathedral of John the Baptist last week.

...Photo contributed by A. Knight



**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/>

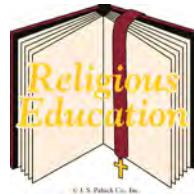
PSR is offered for Nativity parish children who do not attend parochial schools.

**Additional \$20 Late Registration Fee  
Now Applies**

**Don't Delay! Register Today!**

## Catechists Needed for Parish School of Religion 2022–2023

*"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."*  
... Mt 28:19a,20a



Through baptism, we are called to share the Good News. Serving as a PSR catechist is an incredible way to fulfill this mission. We are seeking a number of catechists and catechist subs for the upcoming school year. We need Catechists for K4/K5 classes and substitutes for the lower grades. If you love your faith and are willing to share that blessing with the children of our parish, please contact Mary Smith at 843-795-3821 x 104. 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.

**Thank you for helping us teach your  
children about God.**



## Perhaps You

- ? Are interested to know more about the Catholic Faith.
- ? Have pondered the notion of becoming Catholic but do not know where to start.
- ? Were baptized Catholic as a child, and now want to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

**Well then, RCIA may be just the thing for you!**

So what is RCIA anyway? It is an abbreviation that stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a series of lessons aimed at introducing adults to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices.

The Church of the Nativity program offers an opportunity to meet in a small group in person to learn more about our faith. We will be using a series of videos called "Knowing the Faith and Living the Faith". The individual sessions focus on the teachings of the Church and prepare participants to receive Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Please consider participating in the process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a warm, welcoming, and accepting setting.

**This year's program kicks off This Sunday (August 28th) at 5:30 pm  
with a 'Meet and Greet' Dinner in the Nativity Parish Life Center.**

The RCIA classes are held from 10:00 am to 11:15 am on Sunday mornings from September through March in the Nativity Parish Life Center. An online option is offered to those who are unable to attend in-person sessions.

For more information, please contact Vicki Vázquez at [admin@nativitycharleston.org](mailto:admin@nativitycharleston.org) or at 843-795-3821.

**God May Be Calling You.**

 Choir rehearsal resumes on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 pm in the church.   
**Please join us! Our music will just not be the same without you!!**

**Do you play an orchestral  
or band instrument?**



**The Nativity Music Ministry needs YOU!!!**

The minimum grade level is middle school (6th grade and above). All instruments are welcome: flutes, oboes, clarinets, string, brass and percussion.

For more information, please contact Courtney Reed at [Music@NativityCharleston.org](mailto:Music@NativityCharleston.org) or at 843-795-3821 x103.

**Help us Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord!**

**The Nativity Music Ministry  
needs more singers!**



We rehearse on Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Rehearsals during the Advent and Lent seasons may be a bit longer.

For more information, please contact Courtney Reed at [Music@NativityCharleston.org](mailto:Music@NativityCharleston.org) or at 843-795-3821 x103.

**We look forward to having you join us!**

**LADIES GUILD SEWING GROUP**

Sat. Sep. 10  
from 9:00 am to 12 noon  
in the Nativity Parish Life Center



Those who sew are reminded to bring their machine. We also need ladies who can cut, pin, iron, and organize. All ladies of the Nativity parish are invited to join us for fellowship and refreshments.

For more information, please contact Marion Hoffman at [m.hoffman@earthlink.net](mailto:m.hoffman@earthlink.net)



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL 6250  
MONTHLY MEETING**

**THURSDAY, SEP. 1 AT 7:00 PM**

at American Legion Post 147 (968 Folly Road)

**All Knights of Council 6250 are encouraged to attend!**

"I felt heard for the first time."



**CONNECT.**  
BELONG. DISCOVER.

## TRY ALPHA YOU'RE INVITED!

Alpha is a place to connect with other people who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning. Each session includes a time to connect with others (over a free meal), hear a short talk on an element of the Christian faith, and then a chance for each person to share their own questions with the group.

*We'd love to hear your perspective!*

**Try Alpha this Fall | September 6, 2022 | 6:15 pm  
At the Nativity Parish Life Center.**

For more information, please contact Victoria at 843-795-3821 or visit <https://nativitycharleston.com/alpha/>

### Thursday Evening Bible Study New Session Starts September 1

This is a 12 session video study that explains who the early church fathers were and how they shaped the reading of scripture. In this study This study will teach you everything you need to know about how the Bible took form. You'll learn powerful tools for reading it, and you'll understand Scripture's relationship to Tradition and, in particular, to the sacraments.

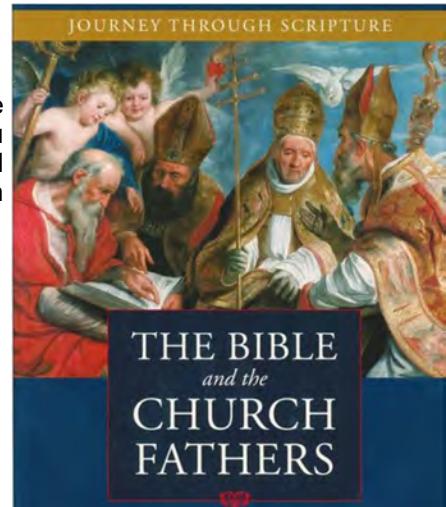
The "in-person" sessions are Thursday evening from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

There is also an on-line option via ZOOM:

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pwd=OFRGSHBTUmVMamZzdmZWMnF5NXIxdz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99243922488?pwd=OFRGSHBTUmVMamZzdmZWMnF5NXIxdz09)

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).



### 10th Marian Eucharistic Conference /Hilton Hotel, Greenville Friday, Oct. 28 - Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022

Featured speakers include:

Fr. Chris Alar, Dr. Edward Sri; Fr. Thomas Petri, Fr. Christopher Smith,  
Dr. Michael Barber.

General admission is \$105, youth is \$65, and includes dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday. For more information or to register please

<https://meconferencesc.net/>



*Stewardship is planned giving and does not leave giving to chance. It challenges us to plan. It asks us to appraise—deliberately—what we are doing with our time, talent, and treasure.*



### Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

**Leslie McDermott,**

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Friday, August 26th.

**May she rest in peace.**



*Flowers*

at the altar are in thanksgiving for the 71st anniversary of Esther and Walter Machowski.

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



Blessing of Pat and Hal Perry on Sun. Aug. 21 in celebration of their 57th wedding Anniversary.

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## Church of the Nativity Rectory

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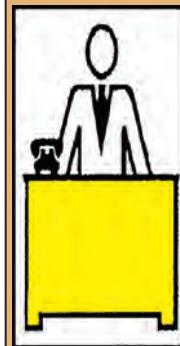
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