



Free to Love

St. Paul must have understood today's Gospel very well. Like Jesus, he knew what being a disciple would cost. It landed him in prison. Also like Jesus, he is not afraid to ask others to take that discipleship seriously. And he is not ashamed to ask a favor: Would Philemon accept his runaway slave, Onesimus, back into his home? Not just as a slave, but as a member of his family.

In the Gospel, Jesus talks about the cost of discipleship. Paul takes that a step further—he reminds us to accept that cost freely. He could have ordered his friend to free the slave. Instead of giving an order, he called Philemon to respond to his request freely. Perhaps we can learn from that example.

Like Paul, when Jesus commands us to love one another, he leaves us free to accept that challenge. Remember, he always says, "Love one another, as I have loved you" (John 13:34). Jesus was never compelled to cure anyone or forgive their sins. Yet how often do we go to church because we were told we have to? Do we volunteer for the picnic only because the pastor twists our arm?

We can live life just doing what we have to. Or when Jesus offers us a new motive—love for God because God loves us—we can choose to follow him freely. Let us ask the Spirit to fill us with the freedom to love.

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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

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/>

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

...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.

Please consider joining our parish family!

To advertise in our bulletin, please contact Vince Liberto at LibertoV@jspaluch.com or at 504-250-9697.
Please support our Advertisers whose funding makes this bulletin possible.

Liturgical Ministers for Weekend Masses Sep. 10—Sep. 11

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: Emma Grace Turner, Daniel Salceda
Lector: Eileen Easler
Ushers: Meg Hoeft
Mary Bieda
Emmett Alphonse, Leroy Holseberg
Randall Lannie, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass

Greeter: Knight Family
Altar Server: Becky Warriner
Eucharistic Ministers: Aurelia Giuliano, Wyatt Knight
Lector: Daniel Suggs
Ushers: Tamme Suggs
Michael Bolchoz
Richard Bragiel, Walter Machowski,
Steve Molony, Joe Dubois

11:30 am Mass

Greeter: Paul Miller, Susa La Via
Altar Server: Caryn Hasenberg, Kenji Tran
Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Defourneaux
Lector: Pam Everitt
Ushers: David Knab
Larry Fisk, Sheila Griner
Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings Aug 22 — Aug 28

Collections at Mass (Aug 27—Aug 28)	\$ 10,219.00
Mail in Offerings (Aug 22—Aug 26)	\$ 4,913.00
myEoffering (Aug 22—Aug 26)	\$ 4,141.92
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,367.31
Offerings versus budget	\$ - 2,906.61
Registered Households	627
Envelopes Used (Aug 27—Aug 28)	164
Active myEoffering Families	184
MyEoffering Family Donations (Aug 22—Aug 26)	102

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.

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.

Please use your envelopes.

If you need envelopes, call the parish office.
at 843 795-3821



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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, 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.	3	5:30 pm	Young & Gawlick Grandchildren and great grandchildren
	4	9:00 am	Ronnie Jenkins+ 11:30 am Binh Thien Tran+
Mon	5	11:30 am	
Tues.	6	11:30 am	Ann Puchir+
Wed.	7	11:30 am	
Thurs.	8	11:30 am	
Fri.	9	11:30 am	Helen Tremont+
Sat.	10	5:30 pm	Henry J. Harle, Sr.+ & Delores Connie Harle+
Sun	11	9:00 am	For the people of Nativity
		11:30 am	Helene Garrison+

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

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?

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

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

Choir rehearsal resumes This Wednesday (Sep 7) at 6:30 pm in the church.

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 or at 843-795-3821 x103.

We look forward to having you join us!

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 or at 843-795-3821 x103.

Help us Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord!



Parish School of Religion 2022-2023 School Year Begins Next Sunday (September 11).

The information and forms are 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

Please Sign Up and Plan to Attend!

Catechists Still 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

We still 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.



Flowers

At the Altar this weekend are given in honor of the Young & Gawlick grandchildren and great grandchildren

"I felt heard for the first time."



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 Just Started

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.

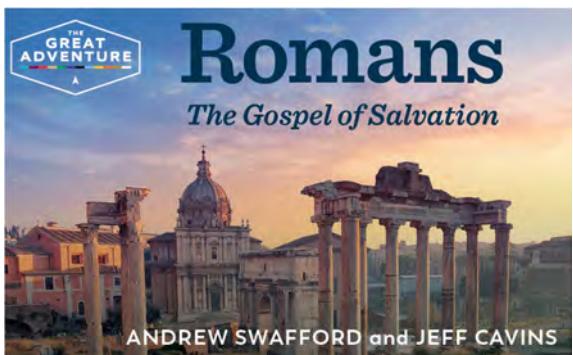
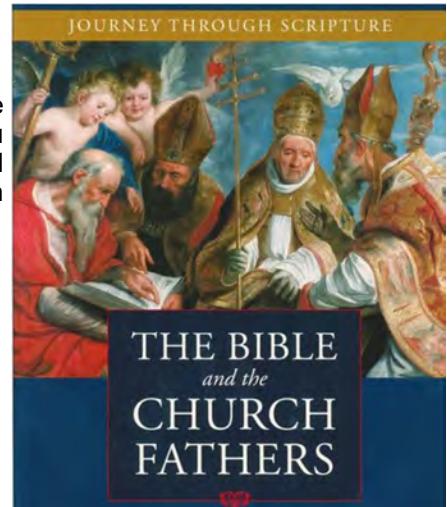
The "in-person" sessions are Thursday evening from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

There is also an on-line option via ZOOM:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99243922488?
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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.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study Begins New on September 14

Paul's letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy from the time it was written. This 8 session video study provides an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand the overarching theme of Romans—salvation.

**Sessions are 5:45 pm to 7:15 pm
in the Parish Life Center Meeting Room**

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



What's that you say?

Have difficulty hearing well in church?

Nativity's **personal listening devices** work well and have been well received by the community. You might want to try one out for yourself. Just ask one of the ushers before Mass.

Please be sure to return it after Mass.

LADIES GUILD SEWING GROUP

Next Saturday (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



Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Wesley Walker,

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Monday, August 29th.

May he rest in peace.

Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Malcolm Hale,

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Friday, September 2nd.

May he rest in peace.



**Scenes from the RCIA Meet and Greet Dinner on August 28.
Many thanks to all who participated to make this a great event.**



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.

**So, You Missed the 'Meet and Greet' Dinner Last Sunday?
No Problem! You can still participate in the RCIA.
Just show up for the Class Next Sunday (September 10).**

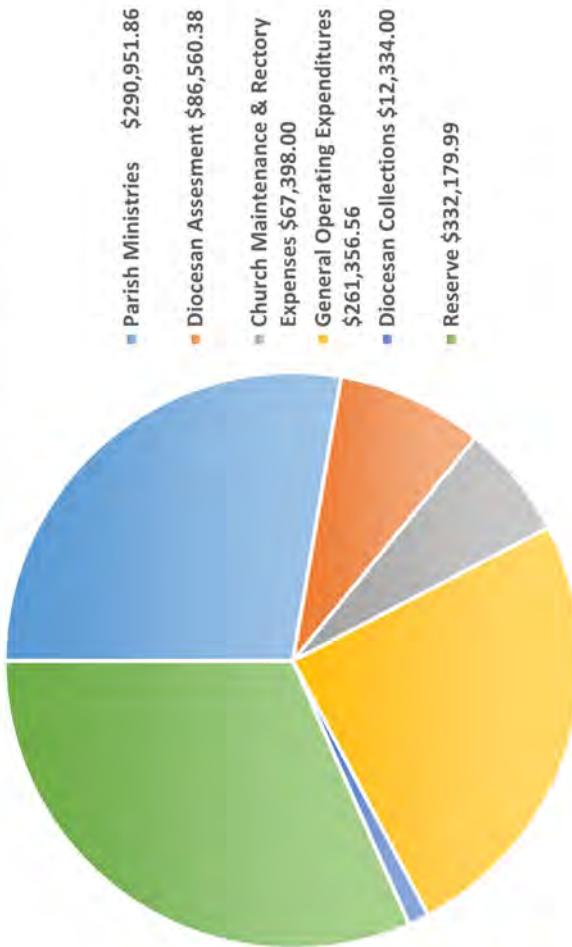
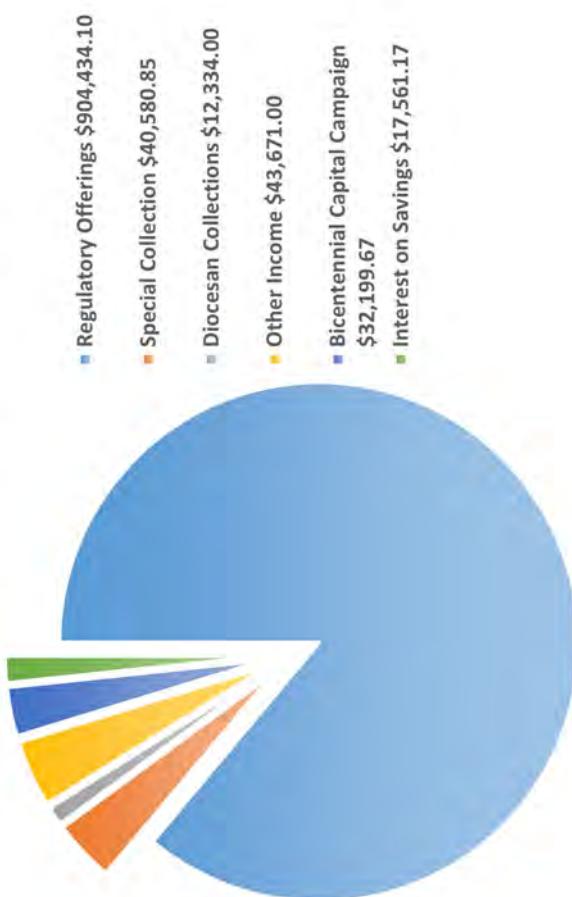
The RCIA classes are held from 10:00 am to 11:15 am on Sunday mornings from September 11 through March in the Nativity Parish Life Center. An online option is offered to those who are unable to attend in-person sessions.

For more information, please contact Vicki Vázquez at admin@nativitycharleston.org or at 843-795-3821.

Church of the Nativity Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022.

Total Revenue \$1,050,780.79

Total Expenditures \$1,050,780.79



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We are pleased to report the past fiscal year was successful and very productive. The Finance Council provided financial oversight, monitored expenses and approved construction changes for multiple projects. The Parish Life Center is complete, and donor recognition plaques acknowledging leading contributors are now in place. Repairs have been made to the School Hall's roof paid for with Parish reserves and donated funds. School Hall bathrooms underwent needed renovations paid for by a donor.

The Parish Office Building required repairs to the electrical system to meet current building codes and the aged heating & air system was replaced. We assisted in negotiating arrangements for the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Mercy to use two parish offices for their ongoing work.

We coordinated with the Diocese to repurpose the remaining funds from the Capital Campaign to be reallocated for construction of the Parish Rectory, thus permitting the funds to remain exempt from the Diocese's ten percent assessment. Approval was given to hire the architect and construction has begun.

We managed legal and administrative details related to a large donation bequeathed in a parishioner's will. Small adjustments were recommended and approved in the Parish investment portfolio.

Thanks to a very generous donation from a donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, improvements are underway at Nativity School. At the donor's direction, funds are being used to renovate the front of Nativity School, add new offices, and make improvements to the classrooms. The Council approved acceptance of the gift and the construction contract.

Finally, our Parish continues to provide financial support to several local charities including the James Island Outreach Center, the Our Lady of Mercy Outreach Center, the Barrier Island Free Medical Clinic and Home Works (which utilizes volunteers to make repairs to the homes of the less-fortunate on Johns Island).

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Parish Finance Council for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. We thank you for your continued generosity and enthusiastic support of our Parish. Thanks to you, we remain debt-free and financially sound. We look forward to serving you in good stewardship in the year to come.

Your Parish Finance Council:... Emily Woods, Carl Borick, Ted Risch, Michael Bolchoz, Lynn Curry, Brandon Paul, Pam Everitt, John Grisillo and John Adams.

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