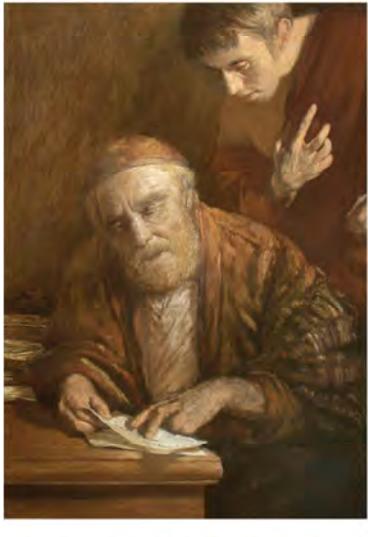




SEPTEMBER 18, 2022



# No servant can serve two masters.

Luke 16:13

TWENTY-FIFTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME



## The Clever Crook

The parable in today's the Gospel has a crooked steward who is commended by his master for being prudent, or clever, trying to protect himself. Jesus wanted us to be just as clever in serving the Lord. Let's look at the first two readings and how they challenge us to do more.

The reading from Amos talks about those "who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor" (Amos 8:4). The challenge here is to ask yourself, "What do I do for the poor?" Most parishes have organizations to help the needy and are happy to get volunteers. Do you ever think of praying for the poor?

Speaking of prayer, our second reading also challenges us to do more. Paul recommends prayers for "kings and for all in authority" (1 Timothy 2:2). It's easy to pray for friends and family; how much time do we give to prayers for government leaders and executives? Paul reminds us that God wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4), sinners as well as saints, terrorists and embezzlers, atheists and agnostics. I'll bet you don't spend much time praying for the "bad guys." Yet Jesus said, "Love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you" (Matthew 5:44). I can't say I've ever heard anyone say that was their favorite Bible passage. But if Jesus expects more from those who love him, who are we to let him down?

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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
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### Weekday Rosary in the Church

Mon. through Fri.	12:00 noon
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### 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/>



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*Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.*

...Today's Psalm PS 113

## 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  
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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.

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## Liturgical Ministers for Weekend Masses Sep. 24—Sep. 25

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

### 5:30 pm Mass

<b>Greeter:</b>	Daniel Forsberg Family
<b>Altar Server:</b>	Patrick Kelley & Kathy Wiley
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Emma Grace Turner, Daniel Salceda
<b>Lector:</b>	Patty Edwards
<b>Ushers:</b>	Carolyn Smith
	Cava Riley
	Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed
	Randall Lannie, Lamar Watkins

### 9:00 am Mass

<b>Greeter:</b>	Maureen Hinson,
	Horner Family
<b>Altar Server:</b>	Eliza Cellars, Jacob Perry
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Judy Daugomah
<b>Lector:</b>	Kristi Roberts
<b>Ushers:</b>	Michael Dennis
	Richard Bragiel, Walter Machowski,
	Steve Molony, Joe Dubois

### 11:30 am Mass

<b>Greeter:</b>	June La Via,
	Susan La Via
<b>Altar Server:</b>	Rosalie Felix, Megumi Tran
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Christine Lewis
<b>Lector:</b>	Phu Tran
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jon Ply
	Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner
	Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

## Offerings Sep 5 — Sep 11

Collections at Mass (Sep 10—Sep 11)	\$ 10,069.00
Mail in Offerings (Sep 5—Sep 9)	\$ 2,265.00
myEoffering (Sep 5—Sep 9)	\$ 3,532.99
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,367.31
Offerings versus budget	\$ - 500.32
Registered Households	627
Envelopes Used (Sep 10—Sep 11)	162
Active myEoffering Families	184
MyEoffering Family Donations (Sep 5—Sep 9)	102

## Thank you for your Generosity.

### Please use your envelopes.

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

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.

If you are unable to attend Mass, please consider making your regular offerings by mail or online (myEoffering).



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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, James Parker, 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.	17	5:30 pm	Leslie Mc Dermott+
Sun.	18	9:00 am	Ronnie Jenkins+
		11:30 am	Dr. Frank Castellano+
Mon.	19	11:30 am	
Tues.	20	11:30 am	Gail Hyland (healing)
Wed.	21	11:30 am	20th Ordination Anniversary of Deacon Tom Baranowski
Thurs.	22	11:30 am	
Fri.	23	11:30 am	Helen Tremont+
Sat.	24	5:30 pm	Ann Puchir+
Sun.	25	9:00 am	For the people of Nativity
		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

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**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.**



**Rehearsal started up again this past Wednesday. However, it is never too late to join in. Just show up!**

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



Jesus said to his disciples,  
“One who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much.  
... You cannot serve God and wealth.” Luke 16:10, 13

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## Leisure Club



Do you remember the Leisure Club? This was a fellowship association of Nativity Seniors (60 +) who met monthly for food and fellowship at local restaurants. Sad to say, but, during the Covid shutdown, the Leisure Club had an identity crisis and now wants to be called the Nativity Senior Ministry.

Furthermore, new facilities (aka the PLC) open so many more options and opportunities, we don't even know what they all are. So now, we want to re-build (resurrect?) our Senior Adult Ministry.

## And this is where YOU come in!

We want to get together on Wed, Oct 5 at 12:30 pm at the Parish Life Center to do some brainstorming, and, of course, have lunch. You are planning to eat lunch that day anyway so come, have lunch with us, and share some ideas regarding current needs, interests and activities.

Lunch is free but you need to  
**Make a Reservation**

To pre-register, please contact Mary Smith or the Nativity Parish office at 843-795-3821 and provide names, email addresses and phone numbers of those planning to attend.



*“No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other or be attentive to the one and despise the other.” (Luke 16:13)*

"I felt heard for the first time."



# CONNECT.

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Try Alpha this Fall.  
6:15 pm Tuesday Evenings  
In the Nativity Parish Life Center.

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.

It's not too late to join us on  
Tuesday, September 20, 2022  
for a talk on "Why Jesus Died?"

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

## Thursday Evening Bible Study New Session Just Started

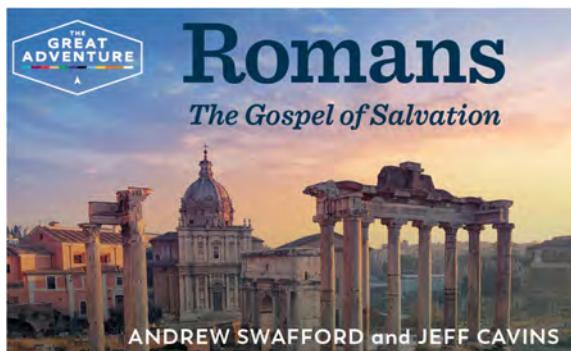
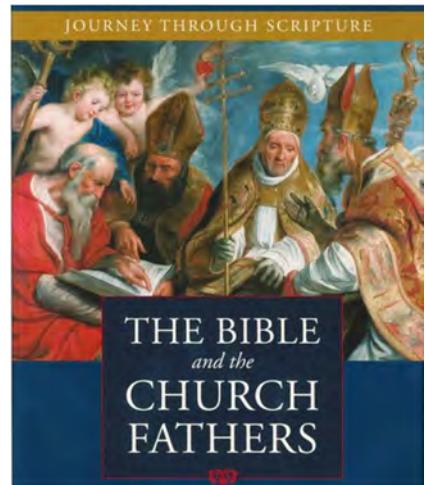
This is a 12 session video study that explains who the early church fathers were and how they shaped the reading of scripture. This study will teach you everything you need to know about how the Bible took form. You'll learn powerful tools for reading it, and you'll understand Scripture's relationship 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=OFRGSHBTUmVMamZzdmZWVmF5NxIxdz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9924392248?pwd=OFRGSHBTUmVMamZzdmZWVmF5NxIxdz09)

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).



## Wednesday Evening Bible Study Begins New Series 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. This fascinating book reveals that salvation is not merely the removal of a guilty verdict; it is about entering into Christ's life, death, and resurrection and sharing in his divine life.

**"In Person" 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 [acgilliard@comcast.net](mailto:acgilliard@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 visit

<https://meconferencesc.net/>



## BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

prepares meals for parishioners who have suffered the death of a family member. The meal is delivered to the family home on the day of the funeral.

We need to grow this ministry are having a fellowship and recruiting event on  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 AT 6:00 PM IN THE NATIVITY PARISH LIFE CENTER.**

Current bereavement ministers as well as those interested in helping are encouraged to attend. Participants are asked to bring something that they would consider providing to a feed a grieving family – home prepared dishes, purchased platters, beverages, paper goods, etc. to share.

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



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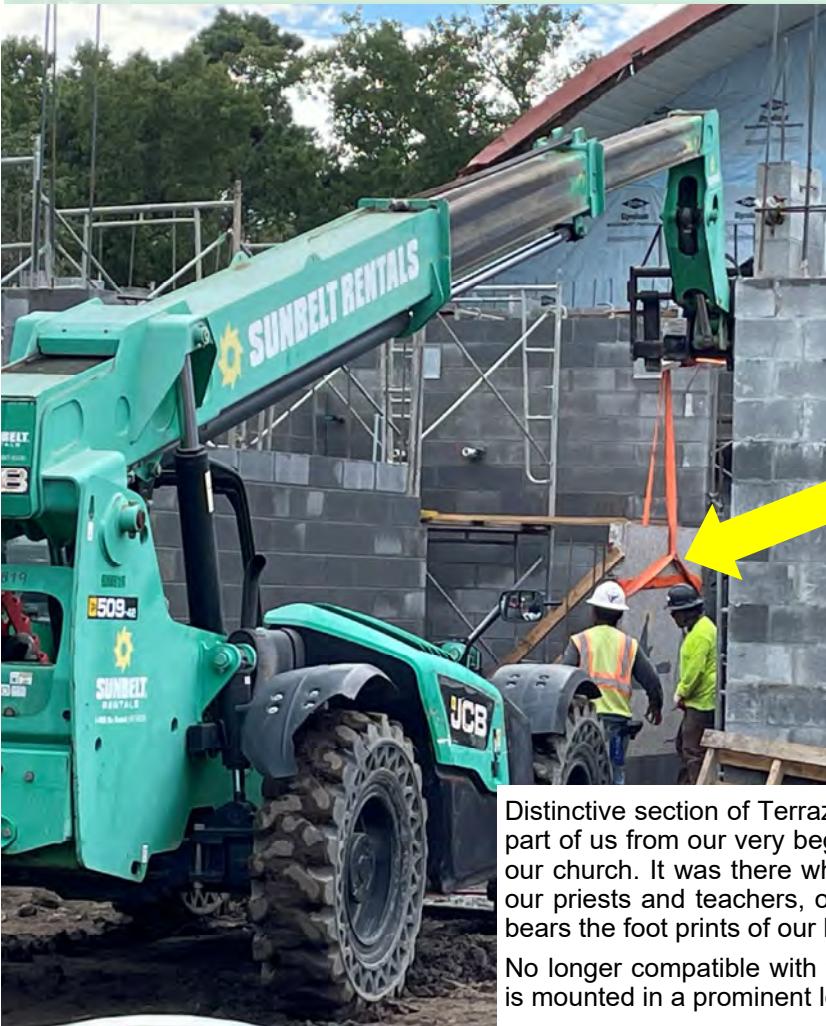
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## Nativity School Renovations



Distinctive section of Terrazzo flooring from the school entrance: It has been a part of us from our very beginning in 1959. It was there when the building was our church. It was there when the building became our school. It was trod by our priests and teachers, our workers and learners, our saints and sinners. It bears the foot prints of our history.

No longer compatible with the new floor, this section was salvaged intact and is mounted in a prominent location in the building's new entrance.



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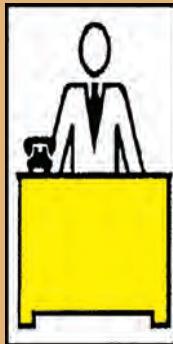
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