

ONE OF THE LEPERS,
REALIZING HE HAD BEEN HEALED,
RETURNED, GLORIFYING GOD
IN A LOUD VOICE.

LUKE 17:15

October 9, 2022 • Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Miracles of Faith

Besides being cured, what do Nathan (first reading) and the leper who thanked Jesus (Gospel) have in common? Both of them began to believe. Nathan proclaims Israel's God to be the only God. The only leper who returned to thank Jesus was "glorifying God in a loud voice" (Luke 17:15). It makes me wonder, what miracles do we see that help us grow in faith?

For an answer, we can look at a second thing they had in common: they both asked for help. Sometimes we get caught up in self-sufficiency mode, thinking we have to handle all our problems by ourselves. We may miss out on ways to solve those problems by not asking for help. If you think asking for help is a sign of weakness, you may be missing a chance for God to act through one of your friends and give you support. And, of course, you can ask God for help in prayer.

We may have friends who help us in times of need or inspire us with their faith, but we have to decide to make a leap of faith ourselves. The third thing that Nathan and the leper did in common was express their faith. You can spend your whole life thinking that you are a Christian, but if you never express that faith, it will be just a theory. St. Paul in the second reading, for example, was suffering in prison, but he didn't mind because his suffering demonstrated the importance of Jesus' message to him. So he wrote from prison in the hope that other Christians would be encouraged in their faith. Perhaps you know of someone who inspired you with their faithfulness and dedication. Having a friend who helps us grow in faith can be a very nice miracle indeed.

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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
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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
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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://nativityfamily.flocknote.com/>



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The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

...Today's Psalm PS 98

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

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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 Oct. 15—Oct. 16

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

5:30 pm Mass

Greeter: John & Meg Hoeft
Altar Server: Timothy & Carolyn Smith
Eucharistic Ministers: Jake Hoeft
Lector: Carolyn Smith
Ushers: John Warren
Claire Bergstrom
Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed
Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg

9:00 am Mass

Greeter: Maureen Hinson,
Altar Server: Horner Family
Eucharistic Ministers: Matthew Hart, Jack Perry
Lector: Suzanne Decker
Ushers: Joe Dubois
Ainsley Knight
Richard Bragiel, Walter Machowski,
Steve Molony, Joe Dubois

11:30 am Mass

Greeter: Sheila Griner,
Altar Server: Natalie Zanolli
Eucharistic Ministers: Gavin Gilreath
Lector: Brian Dougherty
Ushers: Pam Everitt
Betsy DesNoyer
Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt
Joe Ginn, Gilbert O'Brien

Offerings Sep 26 — Oct 2

Collections at Mass (Oct 1—Oct 2)	\$ 11, 353. 00
Mail in Offerings (Sep 26—Sep 30)	\$ 2, 050. 00
myEoffering (Sep 26—Sep 30)	\$ 4, 412. 02
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16, 367. 31
Offerings versus budget	\$ 1, 447. 71
Registered Households	627
Envelopes Used (Oct 1—Oct 2)	162
Active myEoffering Families	184
MyEoffering Family Donations (Sep 26—Sep 30)	96

Second Collections for October are:

October 22—23: World Mission Sunday

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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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.

Recently Added: Ron Connick

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.

Intentions

Mass: This Week

Sat.	8	5:30 pm	Malcolm Hale+
Sun.	9	9:00 am	Charles Cafiero+
		11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Mon	10	11:30 am	
Tues.	11	11:30 am	Gail Hyland (healing)
Wed.	12	11:30 am	Communion Service
Thurs.	13	11:30 am	Inez Germroth+
Fri.	14	11:30 am	Malcolm Hale+
Sat.	15	5:30 pm	Leslie McDermott+
Sun.	16	9:00 am	Scott Mallard+
		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.



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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 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.



Nativity School Cookie Dough Fundraiser Sponsored by the Nativity School Parent Teachers Organization

Here how this works:

- Each pack contains 40 “bake them yourself” cookie dough cubes PRICED AT \$18 per pack
- Place your order by Oct. 11
- Pick up your order at the Nativity Ladies Guild Coffee and Donuts event on Sunday, Nov. 6

You can place your order online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/2h5thrm7>

If you are viewing an electronic copy of this bulletin, just click the link.

40% of your purchase goes directly to Nativity School and all proceeds will help us purchase benches for an outdoor classroom.

Don't eat cookies? No Problem!

Your generous donation will be greatly appreciated.
Please make checks payable to Nativity School.

**Thank you for Supporting
Nativity School.**



PANCAKE/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY (OCT 9TH)!

in the Parish Life Center after the 9:00 Mass. The price is still only \$3.00 for adults. Sugar free syrup is available.

**JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST
AND COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP.**

Altar Server Training/Refresher



Altar server training will be held in the church **This Sunday, Oct 9. at 10:15 AM.**

The qualifications are simple.

1. You are interested in serving at Mass.
2. You are a 3rd grader (or older)
3. You have made your First Communion.

**Anyone interested in serving
is encouraged to attend.**

Current servers who want to brush up on their serving skills are also invited to attend this training.



Flowers

at the altar this past weekend were in memory of

*Charles Cafiero
May He Rest in Peace.*

October is respect life month called to serve moms in need

In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month to help Catholics understand and value the gift of human life and help build a culture that cherishes and protects it.

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign Local Events

Wed. Sep 28 through Sun. Nov. 6 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm
Daily Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood
Charleston Health Center (1312 Ashley River Road Hwy. 61).

Fri. Oct 21 from 7:00 am to 9:00 am: Pro-Life Bridges Day
At the Aviation Ave and I-26 overpass. For more information, please contact Malcolm Brennan at mbprolife@gmail.com

Thur. Oct 13 and Fri. Oct 14 at 7:00 am to 7:00 pm:
Nativity Vigil at Planned Parenthood

Charleston Health Center (1312 Ashley River Road Hwy. 61).

Sat. Oct 22 at 9:30 am: Mid-Way Rally at Planned Parenthood

Charleston Health Center (1312 Ashley River Road Hwy. 61).

Sun. Nov 13 at 1:00 pm: Victory Celebration (Location TBD)

For more information, please contact Malcolm Brennan at mbprolife@gmail.com

For more information regarding local
40 Days for Life Events, please visit :
<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/charleston>



Holy City Mobile Pregnancy Center

Come and speak with our compassionate staff. Free pregnancy testing. Ultrasound scans are provided as needed. Call (843) 966-6060.

The Mobile Pregnancy Center visits James Island every Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at 1231 Folly Rd. (Walmart parking lot)

Join Lowcountry Pregnancy Center & DAZZ for the 15th Annual **Lowcountry Walk for Life**

Saturday | Nov 05, 2022 | 10:00am
at Wannamaker County Park

To Register please visit:
<https://www.lpcfriends.com/events>



For more information, please contact Christine Lewis at lewischristined@att.net



Blessing of Expectant Parents

Your witness to our faith community is a wonderful Celebration of Life.

We appreciate the opportunity to extend our blessing during a weekend Mass. During this ceremony, the Nativity Respect Life ministry will also present you with a small prayer book.

Please let us share in this Celebration of Life with you. To make arrangements, just contact Vicki at Office@NativityCharleston.org or at 843-795-3821.

**We need to see each child as a gift
to be welcomed and cherished.**

... Pope Francis

PRAYER VIGIL

**Thurs, Oct 13 and Fri, Oct 14
From 7:00 am to 7:00 pm**

All members of the Nativity community are invited to join us at the Planned Parenthood—Charleston Health Center (1312 Ashley River Road Hwy. 61) as we pray for all those who are wounded by their participation in abortion.

For more information or to sign up, please contact

Christine Lewis at lewischristined@att.net

or

Malcolm Brennan at mbprolife@gmail.com

**Thank you for your care
and concern for the unborn!**



Nativity "Baby Everything" Drive

Throughout the month of October, The Nativity Ladies Guild and Respect Life Committee will be collecting items that a new mother needs in order to care for her new baby. **Donations of all New or Gently Used baby items are appropriate.** Preferred clothing and diaper sizes are for infants and toddlers 10 to 30 pounds.

Place your items in the containers at the church entrances when you come to weekend Mass or you can bring them with you to any Ladies Guild activity.

Your donations will assist clients of the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center and Birthright of Charleston.

For more information, please contact Marion Hoffman at m.hoffman@earthlink.net

Thank you for caring for these new mothers and their babies.

Learn about our Faith

The RCIA process (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Classes are Sunday from 10:00 am to 11:15 am in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

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

Alpha—A series of sessions that explore the Christian faith

Sessions are Tuesday from 6:15 pm to 8:00 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

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

Wednesday Evening Bible Study—Romans: the Gospel of Salvation

Sessions are Wednesday at 5:45 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

For more information, please contact Andrea Gilliard at acgilliard@comcast.net or at 843-696-2161

Thursday Evening Bible Study—The Bible and the Church Fathers

Sessions are Thursday at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center and

via ZOOM: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99243922488?pwd=OFRGSHBTUmVMamZzdmZWMnF5NXIxdz09>

The Zoom Meeting ID is: 992 4392 2488 and the Passcode is: Nativity

For more information, please contact Ryckie Watkins at 843-795-4194 or at ryckiewatkins1329@comcast.net.

Please give these Soul Foods a try.

**NATIVITY SCHOOL'S
FALL CARNIVAL**

11/04/22 • 3:30-8:30

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ND PLAN TO ATTEND—YOU MAY EVEN WANT TO BE A SPONSOR!!

Blessing of Pets at Nativity on October 2



THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of October 09, 2022



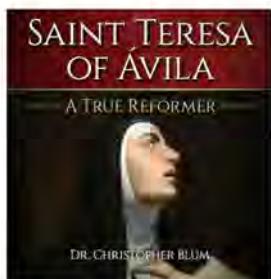
John XXIII: The Pope of Peace

This movie tells the life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as pope. Elected supposedly as an "interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.



The 13th Day

In a world torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, The 13th Day dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady, which culminated in the final prophesied miracle on October 13.



Saint Teresa of Ávila: A True Reformer by Christopher Blum

Dr. Christopher Blum unfolds the inspiring life of St. Teresa and her important role in the Catholic Reformation. After having already been a nun for twenty years, she had a radical transformation in her own life and then became one of the most powerful forces for bringing about conversion and positive change in the history of the Church. Listen and learn about this Mystic, Doctor of the Church, and True Reformer.

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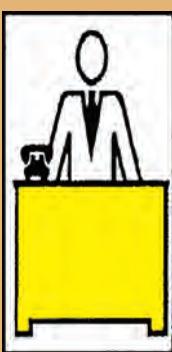
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