

Catholic Diocese of Charleston



They shall beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
one nation shall not raise the sword against another.

ISAIAH 2:4

## 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
Thurs.	9:30 am School Mass
All are welcome and invited to attend.	
Attendees who are not affiliated with Nativity School	
are requested to please sit toward the back of the church and away from the students.	
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 pm 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/>

You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/ChurchoftheNativity>

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*Lord, when your glory appears,  
my joy will be full.*  
...Today's Psalm PS 17

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## 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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**Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services:**  
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 Dec. 3—Dec. 4

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

### 5:30 pm Mass

**Greeters:** Patrick Kelley & Kathy Wiley

Tom & Marcia McNamee

**Altar Servers:** Emma Grace Turner,

Daniel Salceda

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Bieda

Mike Bieda

Eileen Easler

**Lector:** Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed,  
**Ushers:** Randall Lannie, Lamar Watkins

### 9:00 am Mass

**Greeters:** Knight Family,  
Becky Warriner

**Altar Servers:** Eliza Cellars, Maisie Lewis,

Anna Tillman

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jimmy Craven  
Wendy Craven

**Lector:** Robert Horner

**Ushers:** Richard Bragiel, Walter Machowski,  
Steve Molony, Joe Dubois

### 11:30 am Mass

**Greeters:** Paul Miller,  
Susan La Via

**Altar Servers:** Rosalie Felix,  
Tomi Tran

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ed Defourneaux  
Jackie Doscher

**Lector:** Betsy DesNoyer

**Ushers:** Lewis Doscher, Joe Ginn  
Sheila Griner, Natalie Zanolli

## Offerings Nov 14 — Nov 20

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, 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 November are:  
Nov 27th – Guatemala Mission**

**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 or you are unable to attend Mass, please consider contributing to the needs of the parish.

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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, Ron Connick, Herman Connor, Wendy Craven, Vi Defourneaux, Jake DuPree, Jo Ann Frederick, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, Darcy Hill, James Michael Huber, Dan & Mary Hughes, Myrtis Jenkins, Fred Kornahrens, Delores Lopez, Katherine and William Manning, Paul & Carole Moran, 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.	26	5:30 pm	Leslie McDermott+
Sun.	27	9:00 am	Ernestine Richter+
		11:30 am	Mary Ann Rickard
Mon.	28	11:30 am	Arnold Bennett+
Tues.	29	11:30 am	
Wed.	30	11:30 am	Ann Kerns+
Thurs.	1	11:30 am	
Fri.	2	11:30 am	Joanne Walker (healing)
Sat.	26	5:30 pm	Robert Kaiser+
Sun.	27	9:00 am	Elizabeth Frost+
		11:30 am	Charlie Rickard+

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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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.



### Nativity School Silent Auction Friday, Dec. 9 From 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

This event is for parents, family, and friends (21 years or older only). Come and view all of the auction items in person, while enjoying a beverage, hors d'oeuvres, dessert and music. This is one of our school's largest fundraising events and the proceeds will help fund the technology in the school. This year's theme is 'Christmas Gift Giving'.

**It is not too late to donate items for this event.**

For more information please contact Summer Turner at 843-737-2124 or at [summerturner.myitworks@gmail.com](mailto:summerturner.myitworks@gmail.com)  
Here is the link to the Donation Information Sheet.

<https://tinyurl.com/NativityAuctionDonation>

**Thank you for Supporting Nativity School!**



#iGiveCatholic is the U. S. Catholic Church's Giving Day, designed for arch/dioceses, foundations, parishes, schools, ministries and organizations and takes place annually on #GivingTuesday!

**Nativity School  
will be participating in #iGiveCatholic  
on Tuesday, November 29th from  
12:00 am – 11:59 pm.**

In the spirit of fun competition, a live leaderboard will reflect our success compared to other parishes, schools, and ministries across the Diocese of Charleston. You can help us climb the leaderboard!

Funds will be used to purchase new shelves and cabinets for some of their classrooms.

**Please accept this invitation to invest in our school.  
To donate, please visit**

<https://charleston.igivecatholic.org/organizations/nativity-school>

Just click this link if you are viewing an electronic copy of this bulletin.

For more information, please contact Lisa Giuliani at [lgiuliani@nativity-school.com](mailto:lgiuliani@nativity-school.com)

**Thank you for supporting  
Nativity School.**

*Flowers*

at the altar this weekend  
are in memory of

*Malcolm Hale*

*May He  
Rest in Peace*



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS WREATH PICK-UP

**All Orders need to be picked up  
This Saturday (Dec. 3 between 9:00 & 11:00 am  
in the Nativity Church parking lot.**

**Payment is due at pick-up (\$25 per wreath) if  
you have not already paid.**

This is the only pick-up day. If you cannot be there, make arrangements for someone to pick up your wreath for you.

For more information, please contact Steve Molony at [molonyplumbing@gmail.com](mailto:molonyplumbing@gmail.com) or at 843-762-1933.



## Nativity Ladies Guild Crèche Display and Craft Sale In the Nativity Parish Life Center

Next Saturday, Dec. 3 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and after the 5:30 pm Mass.  
And on Sunday, Dec. 4 after the 9:00 am and 11:30 am Masses until 1:30 pm

Refreshments will be available after all the Masses.

The Nativity Ladies Guild welcomes and encourages your participation. A Crèche of any kind is appreciated for display. Or perhaps you have a tradition, a special Christmas Story, etc. to share. Please include a short description or story about your item for display.

Please bring your items for display to the Nativity Parish Life Center between 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm on Fri. Dec. 2 or between 10:00 am and noon on Sat. Dec. 3.

Pick up your items Sun. Dec. 4 between 1:30 and 1:45 pm.

For more information, please contact Jackie Doscher at 843-276-5002 or at [jackiedoscher@gmail.com](mailto:jackiedoscher@gmail.com)



**Weekly Hour of  
Eucharistic Adoration  
12:00 Noon On Thursday.**

U.S. Bishops launched a 3-year Eucharistic Revival. The intent is to nudge Catholics toward a deeper personal relationship with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

The revival will include eucharistic processions and other events of adoration and prayer around the country. It will continue for three years; until the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress on July 17, 2024.

**This is a Great Opportunity  
To Tell Jesus what is on your mind.**



**Breakfast with Santa and Mrs Clause  
Christmas Ornament Workshop**

**Sunday, December 11  
After the 9:00 am Mass.  
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Plan to attend!**

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**Our next retreat in South Carolina is  
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# Daily Advent Reflections with Dr. Tim Gray

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this Advent season with Dr. Gray as he  
leads you through the Mass readings  
every day during **Advent and Christmas**.



## Marriage Assistance

### Planning to get Married?

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.

### Need to Declare a Marriage Invalid?

Please contact Fr. Kingsley at  
[pastor@nativitycharleston.org](mailto:pastor@nativitycharleston.org)

### Want to Validate your Marriage or Renew your Marriage Vows?

Please contact Fr. Kingsley at  
[pastor@nativitycharleston.org](mailto:pastor@nativitycharleston.org)

### Does your Marriage need Help?

Retrouvaille is a lifeline for married couples. The next nearby event is Jan. 13 thru 15 in Charlotte, NC. For more details, please contact [retrouvaillenc@msn.com](mailto:retrouvaillenc@msn.com) or visit the web site at <https://www.helpourmarriage.org>

### Want to Strengthen your Marriage?

Marriage Encounter is a weekend for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. The next nearby event is Jan. 27 thru 29 in Myrtle Beach, SC.

For more information visit our website at:

<https://SCMarriageMatters.org>

Or contact us at [applications@scmarriagematters.org](mailto:applications@scmarriagematters.org) or at 803-810-9602.

*Marriage is a Sacrament that the Church is here to uphold and protect.*

## Lunchtime Conversations at the Pauline Bookstore

243 King St, Charleston, SC  
On Wednesdays from noon to 1:15 pm

Continued —>>



### The Season of Advent

What are we really waiting for during Advent? The longstanding tradition of the Church is that the Advent season really marks not one but three comings of Christ:

- His coming into history two thousand years ago,
- His coming in glory at the end of time, and
- His coming into our hearts here and now.

Advent starts with a focus on the future coming of Christ so that we might see the big picture. If Christmas is to make any sense at all, we have to ask the question, **"What are you doing to get ready for the (final) coming of Christ?"**

This perspective opens us up to the sense of anticipation experienced by the Jewish people on the eve of the first coming of Christ. This Advent, we will hear John the Baptist tell them (and us) how best to prepare. He urges repentance and an examination and reform of our way of life.

Then on the Fourth Sunday, we are drawn in to the history of Jesus' arrival as the child of Joseph and Mary. Our work of spiritual preparation brings us to the point of the whole season. **What good is it that Christ comes into my heart if I don't then carry that presence out into the world?**

## Walking through Advent with Mary (Nov 30, Dec 7 and 14)

Please bring your lunch and a beverage.

The discussion facilitator is Sister Kathy Adamski, OSF, Director of the Office of Spirituality of the Diocese of Charleston. For more information, please contact Sr. Kathy at [kadamski@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:kadamski@charlestondiocese.org).

# ADVENT 2022

## DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> Light the first candle on your Advent wreath. Activity: Have a festive meal with family or friends.	<b>28</b> Spend a few minutes in silent prayer. Activity: Make a Jesse tree bit <a href="https://25Bible.com">https://25Bible.com</a>	<b>29</b> Read passages from a favorite spiritual book. Activity: Do a secret act of kindness for someone.	<b>30</b> Pray for a family member or friend going through hard times. Activity: Donate food to a soup kitchen or pantry for the holidays.	<b>1</b> Read Matthew 7:21-31, where Jesus built his house on rock. Activity: Listen to someone who needs to talk.	<b>2</b> Go to the sacrament of reconciliation. Activity: Call an elderly neighbor or send cards to a nursing home.	<b>3</b> Go to the sacrament of reconciliation. Activity: Call an elderly neighbor or send cards to a nursing home.
<b>4</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> Light your second Advent candle. Activity: Clean out clutter and do some volunteer clothing to a homeless shelter.	<b>5</b> Read Luke 3:1-6, a recounting of the mission of John the Baptist. Activity: Today is the Feast of St. Nicholas! Have children leave out shoes and put small gifts in them.	<b>6</b> Read Luke 5:17-26, where Jesus heals the man who was paralyzed. Activity: Dive into some Catholic literature about a new topic.	<b>7</b> Read Matthew 18:12-14, where Jesus compares the Father to a good shepherd. Activity: Send Christmas cards and include your parish priest and religious leaders.	<b>8</b> Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Attend Mass to honor this holy day of obligation. Activity: Celebrate Mary's purity with a meal and dessert of all white foods.	<b>9</b> Practice patience despite holiday crowds. Activity: Attend a live Nativity or other Christmas event.	<b>10</b> Read Matthew 11:16-19, where Jesus hints at his divinity. Activity: Enjoy the outdoors with family and friends.
<b>11</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> Light the third candle on your wreath. Activity: It's the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe! Attend a Guadalupe celebration at a local church or a local parish.	<b>12</b> Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Activity: It's the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe! Attend a Guadalupe celebration at a local church or a local parish.	<b>13</b> Feast of St. Lucy, Martyr and Patron of Sight Activity: Enjoy some traditional Lucia cake with family.	<b>14</b> Memorial of St. John the Cross Activity: Following in St. John's example, deny yourself a small pleasure today and offer it up for the souls in Purgatory.	<b>15</b> Read Luke 7:18-23, on a conversation between Jesus and his disciples. Activity: Watch a favorite Christmas movie or TV special.	<b>16</b> Read Luke 7:24-30, where Jesus speaks of John the Baptist. Activity: Make Christmas cookies and leave them at the door of a friend or neighbor.	<b>17</b> Read Matthew 11:17-19, the genealogy of Jesus Christ. Activity: Sing Christmas carols at home or go caroling outdoors with loved ones.
<b>18</b> <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> Light your final Advent candle. Activity: Read Matthew 1:18-25, the recounting of Christ's conception and birth.	<b>19</b> Read Luke 1:39-45, the story of the Visitation of Mary and Elizabeth. Activity: Go out of your way to do something kind for your parents.	<b>20</b> Read Luke 1:26-38, about the Annunciation. Activity: Roast marshmallows and make hot chocolate with family.	<b>21</b> First day of Winter! Thank God for the beauty of the seasons. Activity: Clean and prepare your home for holiday celebrations and offer it as a prayer.	<b>22</b> Read Luke 1:46-56, the Magnificat of Mary. Activity: Journal about a time you prayed for something and God gave it to you.	<b>23</b> Read Luke 1:57-66, about the birth of St. John the Baptist. Activity: Sing Christmas carols at home or go caroling outdoors with loved ones.	<b>24</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i> Attend a children's Mass or go to Midnight Mass. Activity: Light candles and pray in front of the Nativity scene in your home.



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