

FIFTH Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2023



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**"Your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your heavenly Father."**

A Low-Salt Faith

Jesus uses two different examples of a good disciple—salt of the earth and light of the world. While these images seem to have little in common, there are similarities, the most obvious being that a little of either goes a long way. So also, a little faith can make a big difference. The faith of little children can bring his parents back to the Church. The way we live our faith can speak even louder.

Isaiah gives us some hints in the first reading when he writes about feeding the hungry and giving shelter to the homeless and clothes to the poor. But we sometimes get things backwards. If we do the things Isaiah tells the people to do, we might think that the deeds will give us faith. If we truly believe that God lives in the people around us, especially the poor, then we will want to show our love by caring for each other.

But if we don't have faith, then we are like the salt that has lost its flavor. A low-salt diet may be good for us; but a low-salt faith, instead of making things better, would make them worse. Without faith in God's love for us, we would not respond with love of our own. We could still be a good person, but we would not be a very good disciple.

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Catholic Diocese of Charleston



Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road
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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
Thurs. 9:30 am School Mass

All are welcome and invited to attend the School Mass. 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 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

*One who is just
is a model for the righteous*
...Today's Psalm PS 112

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.



Please consider joining our parish family!

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Liturgical Ministers for Feb. 11—Feb. 12

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

5:30 pm Mass
Greeters: John & Meg Hoeft,
 Tom & Marcia McNamee
Altar Servers: Isabella Cunningham,
 Jake Hoeft
Eucharistic Ministers: Eileen Easler, Patty Edwards.
Ministers: Meg Hoeft
Lector: Mary Bieda
Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed
 Randall Lannie, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass
Greeters: Caughey Family,
 Becky Warriner
Altar Servers: Matthew Hart, Maisie Lewis,
 Liam Manning
Eucharistic Ministers: Suzanne Decker, Gary Hart,
 Mark Hollifield
Lector: Ainsley Knight
Ushers: Richard Bragiel, Walter Machowski,
 Steve Molony, Joe Dubois

11:30 am Mass
Greeter: Paul Miller
Altar Servers: Zoe Cuzmar,
 Gavin Gilreath
Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn Curry, Christine Lewis,
 Phu Tran
Lector: Tara Hasenberg
Ushers: Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt,
 Sheila Griner, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings Jan 23 — Jan 29

Collections at Mass (Jan 28—Jan 29)	\$ 9,764.00
Mail in Offerings (Jan 23—Jan 27)	\$ 4,545.00
myEoffering (Jan 23—Jan 27)	\$ 3,687.95
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,367.31
Difference	\$+ 1,629.64
Registered Households	668
Envelopes Used (Jan 28—Jan 29)	171
Active myEoffering Families	172
MyEoffering Family Donations (Jan 23—Jan 27)	104

Offerings for Catholic Schools Week: \$2,737.00

Second Collections for February are:

Feb 5: Black and Indian Missions

Feb 26: Church in Central & Eastern Europe

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. Please place your offering 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.

**Recently Added: Don Carcone,
 John Minaudo**

From previous months: Allene Barans, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Ray Blevins, Britt Lamarr Boswell, Anne Castelli, Ron Connick, Herman Connor, Wendy Craven, Arlene and Billy Crosby, Vi Defourneaux, Jake DuPree, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, 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 our service men and women and their families throughout the world.

For our parishioners who daily struggle with chronic and/or life-threatening burdens.

Intentions

Mass: This Week

Sat.	4	5:30 pm	Marie & Jim Donovan+
Sun.	5	9:00 am	Eugene J. Witchger+
		11:30 am	Malcolm Hale+
Mon.	6	11:30 am	John & Linda Brechko 52 nd Wedding Anniversary
Tues.	7	11:30 am	Funeral Mass
Wed.	8	11:30 am	Kathy Duffy+
Thurs.	9	11:30 am	Robert Kaiser+
Fri.	10	11:30 am	For peace & health of the Hien Nguyen Family
Sat.	11	5:30 pm	Don Blevins+
Sun.	12	9:00 am	Lisle Ulichnie+
		11:30 am	Robert Handschiegel+

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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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

Thank you for a great Catholic Schools Week celebration.



New After All Masses This Weekend (Feb 4 and 5)!

The Nativity Ladies Guild is expanding First Sunday to be a Community Fellowship Celebration including church members from all Masses.

On Saturday February 4th after 5:30 Mass - Please bring a covered dish to share for dinner. Dinner will be in the Parish Life Center. You may drop off dishes before the 5:30 pm Mass

On Sunday February 5 after 9:00am Mass - Coffee and donuts will be served in Parish Life Center. Coffee and donuts are provided by the ladies Guild free of charge but your generous donation will be greatly appreciated.

On February 5th after the 11:30 Mass - Please bring a covered dish to share for lunch. Lunch will be in the Parish Life Center. You may drop off dishes before the 11:30 am Mass

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

All are encouraged to participate in these Community Gatherings!

Charity 50/50 Raffle



- Only 400 Tickets, \$50 Each
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Note that this fund raiser is sponsored and conducted by the Knights of Columbus Council 6250. All proceeds will be donated to the Mobile Pregnancy Center, which is operated by Pro-Life Charleston.



Church of the Nativity
**Annual Oyster Roast &
 Chili Cook Off**
 (Adults only)



**Saturday, February 18, 2023 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
 At the Nativity School Portico and the Parish Life Center.**

Sponsored by Nativity Ladies Guild & Knights of Columbus, Council 6250.

**Advanced Ticket Price: \$40 for Oysters, \$15 for Non-Oysters.
 Tickets purchased at the door will each cost \$5.00 more.**

So what's a non-oyster anyway? Hot dogs, chili and beverages.

**Advanced Ticket sales are at the Ladies Guild meal events this Weekend and
 after the weekend Masses on Feb 4/5 (this weekend) and Feb. 11/12.**

**Don't forget to bring your own knife and glove for the oysters!
 Also bring your best tailgating setup or reserve a private group table for \$20.**

Be sure to enter your best Chili Cookoff.

Entry forms for the Chili Cookoff will be available at the Nativity Church Entrances.
 For information, please contact Marian Hoffman at m.hoffman@earthlink.net or at 803-397-2681.

**Come Join us for this Great Event
 And Bring All Your Friends!**



According to tradition, Blaise was of noble birth, became a physician, was educated in the Catholic faith and eventually became bishop of Sebastia, a city in Turkey. Blaise was martyred in 316 AD for the crime of being a Christian. The feast of Saint Blaise is observed on February 3.

St. Blaise became the patron for the cure of throat illnesses. Many Catholics have long sought the annual Saint Blaise blessing of their throats.

**There will be blessing of Throats after
 the Weekend Masses this weekend.**

Senior Adult Ministry

**Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 12:30 pm
 in the Parish Life Center**

**February lunch is \$15 per plate. Please contact the
 Nativity Parish Office to order your lunch.**

Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy
 to the family and friends of

Joseph A. Caraviello Jr,

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Friday, January 27.

May he rest in peace.



**LADIES GUILD
 CRAFTS WORKSHOP**

Sat. Feb. 11 from 9:00 am to 12 noon
 in the Nativity Parish Life Center

We will be doing simple projects for sale at the Spring Craft Fair. All ladies of 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

John N. Kennerty,

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Tuesday, January 31st.

May he rest in peace.



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The St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Charleston

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<https://forlifeandfamily.org/events/th23-chsc>

or email cameron@forlifeandfamily.org

Nativity Ladies Guild Fundraiser for Catholic Schools Week!



Many thanks to all who donated items and financial support.



Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Larry Fisk,

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Wednesday, February 1st.

May he rest in peace.



Flowers

at the altar this weekend were in memory of

Robert Kaiser
May He Rest in Peace.

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Fifth Sunday Rosary on January 29.



Our new Nativity Rectory is nearing completion and will be “Move In” ready before long. However...

many things are needed to turn the completed construction site into a comfortable and hospitable home. And you can help with this “House Warming” effort. A registry has been established at Bed, Bath and Beyond which identifies some of the items needed to convert the new building into a home. Here is the link to the registry.

<https://www.bedbathandbeyond.com/store/giftregistry/viewregistryquest/552119183>

If you are reading an electronic copy of this announcement, just click the link to visit the registry.

Plan B is to visit <https://www.bedbathandbeyond.com/>, click on the **registry** “button” and enter “Nativity Rectory” or “Fr Kingsley” in the form. This will get you to the list of needed items.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity.



Scenes from the Fish Fry for Seminarians on January. 28.

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