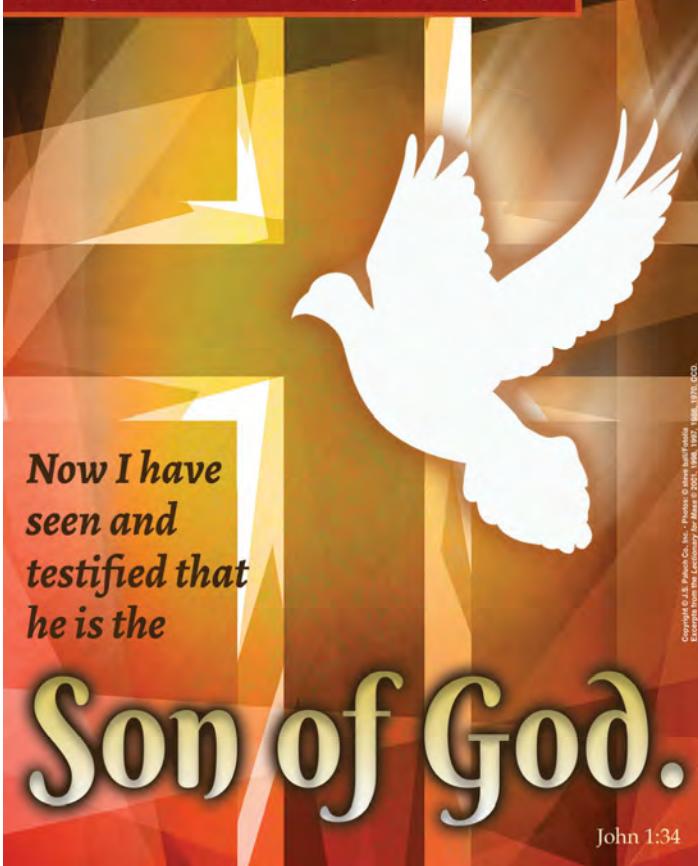


January 15, 2023 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Behold the Lamb of God

I wonder if anyone understood John the Baptist when he called Jesus the Lamb of God. After Jesus' death and resurrection, the apostles began to understand that Jesus' blood, shed on the cross, freed us all from sin and death. Yet here is the Baptizer already acting like a disciple before Jesus has gathered any disciples or even begun to preach. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist gives us some hints about discipleship.

First, John trusts God with things he does not understand. He says twice that he did not know Jesus. We too may not always understand where God is leading us. If you have lost a loved one, are looking for work when no one is hiring, or are dealing with serious illness, this is the time to trust that God still loves and cares for you.

John also knew that doing God's work meant that God was working through him. Originally, John baptized others as sign of repentance, but he soon came to see that his real work was to make Jesus "known to Israel" (John 1:31). When we try to do what God wants, it is good to remember that God is the one in control and who decides what the result will be.

John's third hint teaches us that a disciple shares his or her faith in God. So John testifies that Jesus is the Son of God. Even today, when Jesus is known throughout the world, we still need to share our faith experiences so those without faith may be attracted to it, and even those with faith can be encouraged by our sharing. You may be surprised to find that your own faith deepens the more you share it with others.

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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
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

*Here am I, Lord,
I come to do your will.*

...Today's Psalm PS 40

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.

STAFF

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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 —>>>



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Liturgical Ministers for Jan 21—Jan. 22

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

5:30 pm Mass

Greeters: Daniel Forsberg Family,
Timothy & Carolyn Smith

Altar Servers: Emma Grace Turner,
Daniel Salceda

**Eucharistic
Ministers:** Meg Hoeft,
Mary Smith

Lector: Eileen Easler

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

9:00 am Mass

Greeters: Knight Family,
Becky Warriner

Altar Servers: Abram Delaney, Jacob Perry,
Connor Richey

**Eucharistic
Ministers:** Daniel Suggs,
Tammie Suggs

Lector: Michael Dennis

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

11:30 am Mass

Greeters: Sheila Griner,
Natalie Zanolli

Altar Servers: Megumi Tran,
Tomi Tran

**Eucharistic
Ministers:** Christine Lewis,
Phu Tran

Lector: Pam Everitt

Ushers: Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt,
Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings Dec 26 — Jan 8

Collections at Mass (Dec 31—Jan 01)	\$ 10,120.00
Collections at Mass (Jan 07—Jan 08)	\$ 12,215.00
Mail in Offerings (Dec 26—Jan 06)	\$ 8,493.00
myEoffering (Dec 26—Jan 06)	\$ 6,823.75
Budget (2 weeks)	<u>\$ 32,734.62</u>
Difference	\$ + 4,917.13
Registered Households	668
Envelopes Used (Dec 31—Jan 01)	148
Envelopes Used (Jan 07—Jan 08)	201
Active myEoffering Families	172
MyEoffering Family Donations (Dec 26—Jan 06)	202

Solemnity of Mary Offerings: \$2,578.00

Second Collections for January are:

Jan. 22: The Church in Latin America

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



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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.**

Recently Added: Arlene and Billy Crosby

From previous months: Allene Barans, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Ray Blevins, Britt Lamarr Boswell, Anne Castelli, Ron Connick, Herman Connor, Wendy Craven, 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.**

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.	14	5:30 pm	Marcia Smith+
Sun.	15	9:00 am	Philip Eacock+
		11:30 am	Robert Handschiegel+
Mon	16	11:30 am	
Tues.	17	11:30 am	Edna Hall+
Wed.	18	11:30 am	Margaret O'Keefe+
Thurs.	19	11:30 am	John Santulli+
Fri.	20	11:30 am	Arnold Bennett+
Sat.	21	5:30 pm	Leslie McDermott+
Sun.	22	9:00 am	Edward J. Parent+
		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.

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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

Best wishes to our Students.



Nativity Ladies Guild is Conducting a Fundraiser for Catholic Schools Week!

The Ladies Guild has adopted the "Giving Tree" model for this fundraiser. The "Tree" will be at the main entrance of Nativity Church starting this weekend and continuing through Jan. 29.

The tree will have envelopes that identify specific classroom and educational items and their cost.

These items have been requested by the teachers at Nativity School.

You know how this works:

- Take an envelope for an item (or items) that you would like to donate.
- Purchase the item(s) or include the appropriate donation in the envelope.
- Please make checks payable to the Nativity Ladies Guild.
- Return the envelope and your donation or item(s) to the church entrance or the Nativity Parish Office before January 29.

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

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Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/NativityCharleston/>



Rosemary Katherine Buffington
daughter of Hannah and Brien Buffington,
was welcomed into our faith community on
Friday, January 6th.

Congratulations to this new member of our church.

Senior Adult Ministry



**Wednesday, Jan 18 at 12:30 pm
in the Parish Life Center**

January lunch is \$15 per plate.

Sorry, no more free lunch!

**Please contact the Nativity Parish Office
by Jan 15 to order your lunch.**

When you order your lunch, we will update your contact information so that we can keep you informed about important senior activities.



The Catechism of the Catholic Church in a Year Podcast Series Started January 1, 2023 But you can start at any time.

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For more information please visit: <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear>



*Megan Kathleen Veglia
And
Christian Anders Brunckhorst*

*were married at Nativity on
Saturday, January 7, 2023.*

*May God grant them many
years of happiness together.*

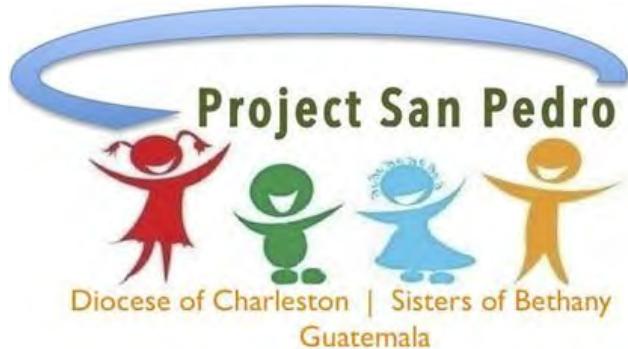
Baptism

**Jonathan Daniel Marzocchi
and**

Tyler James Marzocchi,
sons of Carrie Marzocchi,

were welcomed into our faith
community on Saturday, January 7.

**Congratulations to these
new members of our church.**



Doctors, Dentists, and Nurses are needed!

to participate in the next medical mission trip to Guatemala in the Spring of 2023. For over 14 years, the Diocese of Charleston has sent medical teams to San Pedro La Laguna to assist the Sisters of Bethany in their ministry in this rural, Mayan territory. The next trip to this Central American country is from Mar. 5 —> Mar. 12, 2023.

For more information, or to sign up, please visit
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A Smart phone app is also available.



**Darkness cannot drive out darkness,
only light can do that.**

**Hate cannot drive out hate,
only love can do that.**

...Martin Luther King, Jr.

Born: January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, GA

Died: April 4, 1968 in Memphis, TN

US National Holiday this year: January 16.



Flowers

at the altar this weekend are in loving memory of

Florence Cafiero.

May She Rest in Peace.



**Catholic Schools
Week
Jan. 29 through
February 4.**

**See upcoming bulletins
for more details!**

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<https://forlifeandfamily.org/events/th23-chsc>
or email cameron@forlifeandfamily.org**

Stewardship:...

In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we too be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."



**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.



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Fish Fry for Seminarians!



**Saturday, January 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center
(dine in or carry out).**

Menu: Two flounder filets, red rice, coleslaw, hush puppies and a drink.

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and join us for a great event on Jan 28!

Three men studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Charleston have ties to Nativity Parish:

Michael Tracy, Michael Ghattas, and Paul Sizemore.

All the proceeds from this event will help provide for their financial support.

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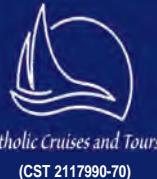
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