



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
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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

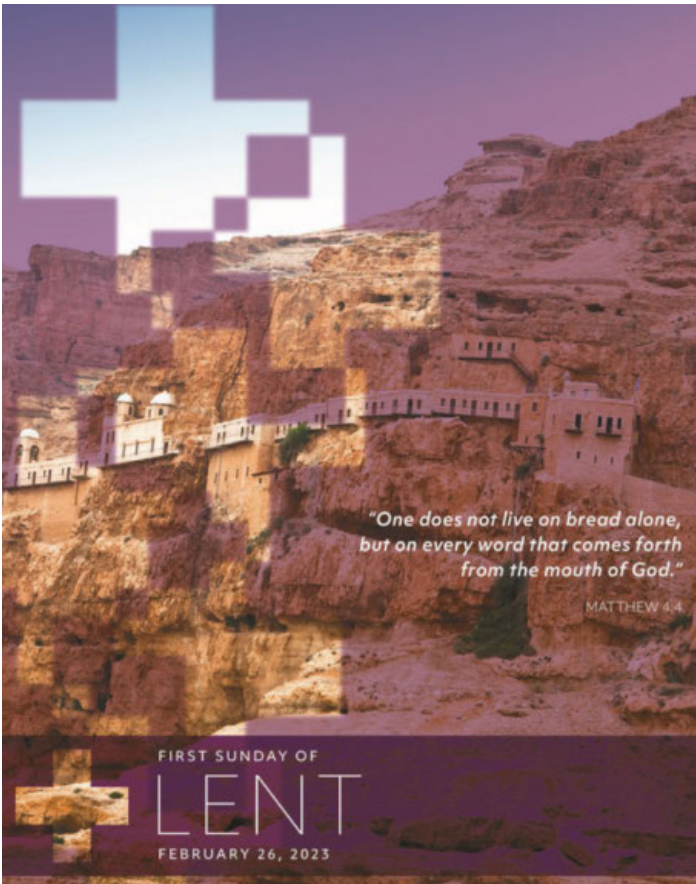
Regular Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
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e-mail: Office@NativityCharleston.org

Be merciful, O Lord,

for we have sinned.

...Today's Psalm PS 51



Connections

The second reading this Sunday is not easy to follow, especially when some of Paul's sentences are more like paragraphs. But you will notice that he makes several important connections: between sin and death, between Adam and Jesus, and between obedience and disobedience.

Sin, he says, is the cause of death. Of course, everyone is subject to death at some point, even if they haven't sinned. A less serious sin can be a little "death" when it makes us feel that we are not as close to God as we could be. And sins that we might think are not a big deal, like smoking, can lead to serious health problems.

The connection between Adam and Jesus is not so obvious. Adam was the first to bring sin and death into the world. Jesus is the first to bring forgiveness by his death on the cross. The main difference between them is that Adam disobeyed God, while Jesus was obedient to his Father. Adam reminds me of a child who knows what he is supposed to do, but thinks that he can do the opposite and get away with it.

In the Gospel, Satan can be thought of as trying to get Jesus to do things the easy way. When he tempts Jesus to turn stones into bread, he shows Jesus an easy way to feed the people. But Jesus takes a better way, when he feeds us with himself in the Eucharist. The devil says Jesus can throw himself off the temple as a dramatic way to attract followers; Jesus lets himself hang from the cross to draw people to himself. Satan promises the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will only worship him. But Jesus chose to be crowned with thorns and receive his kingdom when he rose from the dead.

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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 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 ———>>>>

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 Mar. 4—Mar. 5

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

5:30 pm Mass	
Greeters:	Patrick Kelley & Kathy Wiley, Timothy & Carolyn Smith
Altar Servers:	Emma Grace Turner, Daniel Salceda
Eucharistic Ministers:	Eileen Easler, Patty Edwards, Meg Hoeft
Lector:	Lisa Zuraw
Ushers:	Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg \
9:00 am Mass	
Greeters:	Caughey Family, Decker Family
Altar Servers:	Abram Delaney, Matthew Hart, Wyatt Knight
Eucharistic Ministers:	Mark Hollifield, Hal Perry, Pat Perry
Lector:	Elena Smith
Ushers:	Richard Bragiel, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony, Joe Dubois
11:30 am Mass	
Greeter:	Sheila Griner
Altar Servers:	Zoe Cuzmar, Tomi Tran
Eucharistic Ministers:	Lynn Curry, Ed Defourneaux Brian Dougherty
Lector:	Betsy DesNoyer
Ushers:	Lewis Doscher, Joe Ginn Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings Feb 13 — Feb 19

Collections at Mass (Feb 18—Feb 19)	\$ 8,708.00
Mail in Offerings (Feb 13—Feb 17)	\$ 1,875.00
myEoffering (Feb 13—Feb 17)	\$ 4,865.50
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,367.31
Difference	\$ - 918.81
Registered Households	677
Envelopes Used (Feb 18—Feb 19)	157
Active myEoffering Families	172
MyEoffering Family Donations (Feb 13—Feb 17)	104

Second Collections for February are:

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.
<https://members.myeoffering.com>



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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.**

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.	25	5:30 pm	Ann Puchir+
Sun.	26	9:00 am	Michael Caramanica+
		11:30 am	Joseph Tran+
Mon	27	11:30 am	All the souls in purgatory
Tues.	28	11:30 am	Preston Brown+
Wed.	1	11:30 am	Ann Marie Constanino+
Thurs.	2	11:30 am	Gordan Spillinger+
Fri.	3	11:30 am	Don Carcone (healing)
Sat.	4	5:30 pm	Bea Amato+
Sun.	5	9:00 am	Eugene J. Witchger+
		11:30 am	Suzette Nowak+

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 23–24 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



We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Joseph E. Roche,

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Friday, February 17.

May he rest in peace.

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.



Rite of Sending for the Nativity RCIA Group Sunday, Feb. 26 at 11:30 Mass

In this rite the members of the RCIA class are brought before their faith community and their sponsors affirm their desire to join with the Church. The community then offers their blessing and prayers.

Later in the day, they will gather at the Cathedral with RCIA groups from other nearby parishes. During this ceremony they publicly express to the bishop their desire to become Catholic at the coming Easter Vigil. Their names are recorded in a book and they are called "the elect."

Reconciliation Service Tues. March 14 @ 6:30 pm

There will be a communal prayer service followed by the opportunity for individuals to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Several priests will be available.

Catholics are required to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once per year. All are encouraged to take advantage of the Sacrament on a regular basis. This service provides Catholics the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare themselves to receive Christ at Easter.



All are encouraged to attend

LENT: THE TIME FOR PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING

Lenten Penitential Requirements:



Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, not to equal one full meal. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year.

Abstinence (from meat) is observed on all the Fridays of

Lent in addition to Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. It is obligatory for all who have reached their 14th year.

The Exceptions:

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence include the physically or mentally ill, individuals suffering from chronic illness such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

Information from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fast and abstinence.

In addition, all Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.



The Facilitator is Sister Kathy Adamski, OSF, Director of the Diocese of Charleston Office of Spiritual Direction.

There is no charge, and you do not need to be a member of the Nativity parish to attend this series.

Note: Refreshments will not be provided but you can bring your own lunch if you prefer.

Please register if you plan to attend.

For more information or to register for please contact Sr. Kathy at kadamski@charlestdiocese.org.

Please join us for as many sessions as you are able.



for Easter.

Thank you for your generosity

Once again, the Nativity Ladies Guild, will be collecting Grocery Gift Cards. The cards will delivered to Neighborhood House and James Island Outreach. These ministries will distribute your donations to in need food

Friday Evening Stations

5:30 pm Feb. 24 through Mar 31.

These are traditional stations led by Nativity Ministers.

Please join us for the stations followed by dinner (6:15 pm) in the Nativity Parish Life Center.



The Friday evening menus:

Feb 24: Father Kingsley leads stations and the Nativity Ladies Guild will provide dinner.

March 3: The Lector Ministry leads stations and will provide "Breakfast for Dinner".

March 10: The Music Ministry leads stations and the Nativity Ladies Guild will provide dinner.

March 17: The Respect Life Ministry leads stations and will provide a Shrimp & Grits dinner.

March 24: RCIA Ministry leads stations and will provide a Salad Bar dinner.

March 31: Father Kingsley leads stations and the Knight of Columbus will provide a Fish Fry.

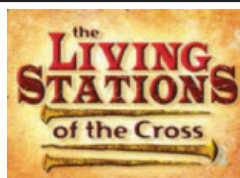
All dinners are free.

But, your donations will be great appreciated.

All are invited to Attend Stations and Stay for Dinner and Fellowship.

The Diocese of Charleston and the Office of Spiritual Direction is offering a Lenten Series at the Church of the Nativity,

Thursday Afternoon from noon to 1:30 pm (Feb 23, Mar. 2, Mar. 9, Mar 16, Mar. 23, and Mar. 30) in the Nativity Parish Life Center



Led by the Students of Nativity School

2:00 pm Wednesdays through Mar. 29 in Nativity Church

All are invited to this inspiring devotion.
Guests are requested to sit behind the student sections

HELP SAVE LIVES IN CHARLESTON!

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

Vigil location: Outside Planned Parenthood
@ 1312 Ashley River Rd.
(Corner of Fuseler Ave.) Charleston 29407

Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm, 7 days/wk

For more information, please contact us.

Susan @ (703) 328-2334 or
szeleniak2@gmail.com and
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get involved ... and sign up for prayer times
at by visiting our campaign at our website!

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/Charleston>



February 22 to April 2
40 DAYS FOR LIFE
PRAYER VIGIL

Thurs, Mar 30 and Fri, Mar 31
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 843-906-5577 or mbprolife@gmail.com

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



Scenes from the Oyster Roast and Chili Cook Off on Feb. 18. Thank you to all who participated to make this a great event.



LET'S BE TOGETHER

PLEDGE WEEKEND

Please make your commitment to the 2023 Catholic Appeal of South Carolina today!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: In the spirit of Christian stewardship, giving back a portion of our gifts to God, we ask each family to prayerfully consider a contribution in one of the following ways:

One Time Gift:

- Payable by cash, check, credit and debit card, securities, or direct debit.

A Pledge:

- A pledge may be paid over a period of ten months. Pledges may include down payments, but they are not required. Pledge reminders and a special payment envelope will be mailed to you in accordance with your payment plan.

Direct Debit:

- A monthly debit from your checking account. Please complete the information on your pledge card or go online to charlestdiocese.org.

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- A one-time or monthly charge to your credit or debit card for the amount of your gift. Please complete the information on your pledge card or go online.

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As you make your pledge,
PLEASE REMEMBER:

- Payments may be made over a period of ten (10) months.
- Pledges should be completed by December 31, 2023.
- Payment reminders will be mailed to you in accordance with your payment plan. You may also use the CASC envelopes you have received from your parish.
- All contributions to the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina are fully tax deductible.
- Donations and pledges may now be made online at charlestdiocese.org/donate.
- Please make checks payable to: **The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina.**

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