



## Thy Will Be Done

One of the most comforting parts of the Passion story for me is the agony in the garden. That might sound odd, considering how the disciples fall asleep while Jesus is in distress. I suppose I could identify with them as they show weakness when Jesus needed strength. But I am really comforted by Jesus' words. If the Son of God had to tell himself and his Father, "not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39), I should be able to say the same. There are times when I would much rather have things always go my way, but that is not going to happen. So it's comforting to know that Jesus did not take the easy way out, but accepted the Father's will that he should suffer and die.

Whenever we say the Lord's Prayer we pray, "Thy will be done." But how often do we still take the easy way out? Ever hear someone tell a lie or spreading gossip that hurts a person's reputation? We can choose to do nothing (the easy way) or gently reproach the other with a simple question, "What would Jesus do?" When I have a chance to help someone in need, do I tell myself it's none of my business, or do I ask if there is anything I can do? When I am hurt by the death of a loved one, or am injured in an accident, do I get angry at God for letting this happen, or do I say with Jesus, "Not my will, but yours be done"?

Luke's Gospel ends the temptation of Jesus in the desert with the phrase, "When the devil had finished every test, he left him until an opportune time" (Luke 4:13). That time came in the garden, and again Jesus had the last word, choosing to do his Father's will. Our temptations continue every day as we face frustrations, desire for things we can't have, unanswered prayers, or our own weaknesses. Even though we know God always does what is best for us when we would rather have what we think is best, at least remember to say, "Not my will, but yours be done."

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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.

### Mass Schedule

Mon.	11:30 am Mass
Tues.	11:30 am Communion Service
Wed.	11:30 am Mass
Thurs.	11:30 am No Mass

### Holy Week Services

Thurs.	7:00 pm Mass Adoration after Mass until 9:00 in the Parish Life Center
Fri.	3:00 pm the Passion of the Lord
Sat.	8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

### Easter Sunday Mass

9:00 am Mass in the Church    Extra seating in the Parish Life Center

11:30 am Mass in the church only

### Weekday Rosary in the Church

Mon. through Wed.    12:00 noon

### Church is open Daily for Private Prayer and Devotion

Mon. through Wed.: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Reconciliation during Holy Week is by appointment only.

### Holy Week Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Office is closed Thursday and Friday.

Office: 843-795-3821 / Fax: 843-795-2714

*Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord; hosanna in the highest.*

...Matthew 21

## 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.

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### 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.

**Please consider joining our parish family!**



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*"...For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life for many." (Mark 10:45)*

### **Liturgical Ministers for Holy Week And Easter Apr. 3—Apr. 9**

Ministers volunteered for specific assignments.  
Please check the sign-up sheets outside the sacristy.  
Please arrange for a substitute if you are unable  
to fulfill your ministry as scheduled.

### **Offerings Mar. 20 — Mar. 26**

The weekly offerings information for Mar 20—Mar 26 was not available by the publishing deadline for this week's bulletin. The Offerings information will be provided in a future bulletin.

#### **Second Collections for April:**

**Apr 7: Good Friday—Holy Land**

**Apr 23: Catholic Home Missions**

#### **Thank you for your Generosity.**

##### **Please use your envelopes.**

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at 843 795-3821

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## **Rachel's Vineyard**

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### **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**

is a supportive, confidential, non-judgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion experience. The retreat offers an opportunity to find healing and peace.

#### **Our next retreat: Apr 14—16 (Greenville, SC).**

For more information or registration please contact Christy at  
803 554 6088 or Kathy at 803 546 6010  
or email us at [Grace4healing@gmail.com](mailto:Grace4healing@gmail.com)

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### **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, Don Carcone, 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, John Minaudo, 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](mailto:Office@NativityCharleston.org).

### **Intentions**

#### **Mass: This Week**

Sat.	1	5:30 pm	James L. Maney+
Sun.	2	9:00 am	Larry Fisk+
		11:30 am	Ricky Rincon+
Mon	3	11:30 am	Gilbert & Marion Molony O'Brien+
Tues.	4	11:30 am	Communion Service
Wed.	5	11:30 am	Lucille Moriarty+
Thurs.	6	7:00 pm	For catechumen & candidates
Sat.	8	8:00 pm	RCIA
Sun.	9	9:00 am	Charles Cafiero+
		11:30 am	Roy Ross+

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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To learn more about Enrollment and the School Year Start Up activities please visit our website at [www.nativity-school.com](http://www.nativity-school.com) or our FaceBook page at [www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights](https://www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights). or contact the School Office at 843-795-3975



**10:00 am This Sunday (April 2)**

**at the Nativity School Playground.**

This event is for children age 10 and younger and is presented by the Nativity Ladies Guild.

*Bring your Easter Basket and join us for friendship, games and fun!*



**Turn in your grocery cards no later this Sunday, April 2.**

Cards. The cards will be delivered to Neighborhood House and James Island Outreach. These ministries will distribute your donations to families in need of food for Easter.

**Please place them in the collection baskets or deliver them to the parish office.**

**Thank you for your generosity**



Living Stations presented by Nativity School Students during Lent.

We hope you attended some of our inspiring re-enactments. We cannot wait to see you again next spring.





## Palm Sunday

Historically, this the first day of the last week of Jesus' earthly life. He went to Jerusalem to celebrate the religious feast of the Passover.

For 100 years the Romans managed to subdue Palestinian uprisings and maintained a strained relationship with the Jewish people, particularly the religious leaders. Many questioned if there would be another Messianic rebellion if Jesus appeared in Jerusalem for the Passover.

The very manner in which He entered Jerusalem stirred controversy. As was prophesied of the Messiah (Zechariah 9:9), Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey to the cheers of His followers. They waved palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna" (save us, we pray)!

Word spread quickly throughout the city (whose population had tripled with religious tourists) of the "King who comes in the name of the Lord" (Luke 19:38).

This was tremendously offensive to the religious establishment because it meant that Jesus was announcing that He was the long awaited Messiah. The religious leaders saw Jesus as a deluded religious fanatic who was misleading people. They perceived this Man from Galilee to be a threat to the precarious balance of authority with Rome and a dangerous test of Rome's patience. Because His ministry had become so controversial and threatening, the religious establishment was plotting to kill Him.

From a political perspective the crowds were eager to proclaim Jesus a king. Many were beginning to see Jesus as the Messiah. They expected Jesus to free the Jews from Roman dominance and restore the national freedom, independence and respect that was previously experienced during the kingships of David and Solomon.

So in Jerusalem that day, power structures were on 'high alert', tension was soaring, the crowds were agitated, diverse agendas were being pushed. The stage was set and action was already underway for the intense, tragic, unjust, sorrowful, magnificent and glorious events that were to transpire throughout the week.

## Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.



### Holy Week Services Schedule

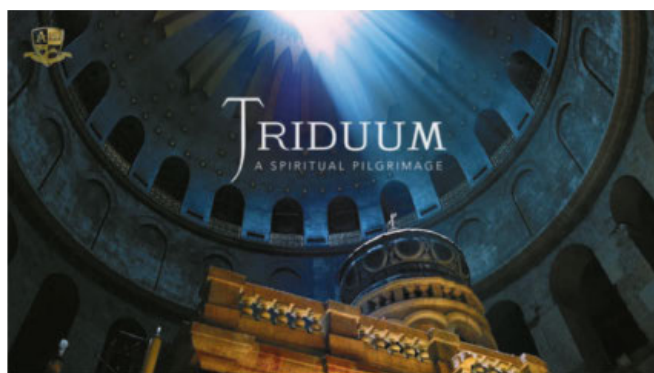
**April 6, Holy Thursday**  
(No 11:30 am mass)  
7:00 pm Mass  
Adoration after mass until 9:00 pm  
in the Parish Life Center

**April 7, Good Friday**  
3:00 pm Passion of the Lord

**April 8, Holy Saturday**  
8:00 pm Vigil Mass  
RCIA Sacraments during Mass

**April 9, Easter Sunday**  
9:00 am and 11:30 am Masses  
9:00 am additional Seating  
in the Nativity Parish Life Center

**Good Friday is an obligatory day of fast and abstinence.**



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### Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

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# Easter Triduum



Easter is fast approaching. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that “Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the “Feast of feasts,” the “Solemnity of solemnities,” just as the Eucharist is the “Sacrament of Sacraments.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church topic 1169)

In an article entitled “Fire and Water: Preparing to Celebrate the Triduum” by Kate Ristow, we are struck by a very relevant point. Kate writes, “While Easter Sunday Masses are jam-packed with families, it is as if an audience has arrived for the last act. So much has been missed if that is the only part of the Triduum a family experiences.” How true this is! It is like skipping to the last few pages or the last chapter of a book and only reading that part of the story.

*The Easter Triduum, the heart of our liturgical year,  
includes Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.*

*Holy Thursday* is our entrance into the Triduum. The institution of the Eucharist is celebrated. Symbolically we wash the feet of the Apostles this night, yet the importance of the celebration rests in the reality of what it means to be a Christian. This is our commission – to follow the one who gave his life for all.

*Good Friday* we proclaim and celebrate the Lord's Passion. We share the Liturgy of the Word, pray beautiful intercessions and venerate the Cross. We are also privileged to receive Holy Communion this day.

*The Easter Vigil* begins after nightfall on Saturday. We need to experience the power of darkness before the light of the Risen One can fully be appreciated. The Easter Vigil Liturgy is more beautiful and meaningful than words can explain. The symbolism of fire and water in harmony with the music and the sacred scriptures combine to make this the most powerful and profound celebration that we can share.

The focus of this liturgy is the reception of the catechumens and candidates into full communion with the Church. The celebration of Baptism and Confirmation of the new Catholics as well as the opportunity to renew our Baptismal promises, intensify the sanctity of the Easter Vigil Liturgy.

*Easter Sunday* liturgy is a continuation of the Vigil and as always, all are welcome to celebrate.

While we as parents often don't think our kids can sit through added or longer church services, the rich symbolism and ritual that surrounds all these celebrations may actually be enough to keep their attention.

We invite All to attend our Triduum and Easter celebrations:

*Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper* -- 7:00 pm, April 6  
with the opportunity for Adoration after Mass until 9:00 pm in the Parish Life Center.

*Good Friday Passion Service and Veneration of the Cross* -- 3:00 pm, April 7

*Easter Vigil Mass* -- 8:00 pm, Saturday, April 8  
with the opportunity to attend the reception immediately afterwards in the Parish Life Center.  
The reception is to welcome the newest members of our Church

*Easter Sunday Masses* -- 9:00 and 11:30 am, April 9

*Come Celebrate God's Great Work of Mercy!*



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## *A Lenten Reflection*

Based on the book by Thomas W. McGovern, MD  
"What Christ Suffered: A Doctor's Journey  
Through the Passion"

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Tuesday, April 4, 2023  
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Light refreshments at 6:30 PM

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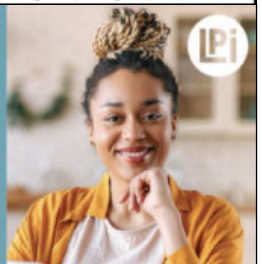
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