

**EASTER SUNDAY**

APRIL 9, 2023



## *Why does this matter?*

**Christ's Resurrection from the dead changes everything!** It is the be-all and the end-all of the Christian faith. As Paul himself put it: "If Jesus is not raised from the dead, our preaching is in vain and we are the most pitiable of men."

It's no good, of course, trying to explain the resurrection away or rationalize it as a myth, a symbol, or an inner subjective experience. None of that does justice to the novelty and sheer strangeness of the Biblical message. The Resurrection isn't just a subjective event or symbol.

It comes down finally to this: if Jesus was not raised from death, Christianity is a fraud and a joke; if He did rise from death, then Christianity is the fullness of God's revelation, and Jesus must be the absolute center of our lives. There is no third option.

So on Easter Sunday, let us not domesticate the stunning and disturbing message of the Resurrection. Rather, let us allow it to unnerve us, change us, set us on fire.

## *Christ is Risen, Alleluia!*

...adapted from Bishop Robert Barron, [www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)

# Catholic Diocese of Charleston



**Extra Seating is available for the 9:00 am Easter Sunday Mass  
in the Nativity Parish Life Center.**

## 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.

### Mass Schedule This Week

Mon through Fri. 11:30 am  
Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am and 11:30 am

### Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday: 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

### 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

### Office Hours This Week

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm



## 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>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NativityCharleston>

And

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NativityFamily>

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

### Quiet Room is Available

For parents and their young children. It is located just inside the church entrance nearest the school building. The room is equipped with a half bath room, audio, and closed circuit video.



**The Quiet Room is available during all  
Masses and events in the church.**



## What's that you say?

### Have difficulty hearing well in church?

Nativity's **personal listening devices** work well and have been well received by the community. You might want to try one out for yourself. Just ask one of the ushers before Mass.

**Please be sure to return it after Mass.**

## 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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843-853-2130 x 209

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### 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.

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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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## Liturgical Ministers for Apr 15—Apr 16

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

<b>5:30 pm Mass</b>	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Patrick Kelley & Kathy Wiley, Tom & Marcia McNamee
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Isabella Cunningham, Daniel Salceda
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Mary Bieda, Mike Bieda Wendy Bergstrom
<b>Lector:</b>	Kathleen Janech
<b>Ushers:</b>	Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed Randall Lannie, Lamar Watkins
<b>9:00 am Mass</b>	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Caughey Family, Becky Warriner
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Jacob Perry, Connor Richey, Anna Tillman
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Liisa Machowski, Kirby Preston, Kristi Roberts
<b>Lector:</b>	Mary Catherine Dubois
<b>Ushers:</b>	Richard Bragiel, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony, Joe Dubois
<b>11:30 am Mass</b>	
<b>Greeter:</b>	Natalie Zanolli
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Rosalie Felix, Caryn Hasenberg
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Brian Dougherty, Christine Lewis, Phu Tran
<b>Lector:</b>	Pam Everitt
<b>Ushers:</b>	Lewis Doscher, Joe Ginn,

## Offerings Mar. 20 — Mar. 26

Collections at Mass (Mar 25—Mar 26)	\$ 9,963.00
Mail in Offerings (Mar 20—Mar 24)	\$ 3,975.00
myEoffering (Mar 20—Mar 24)	\$ 3,671.68
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,367.31
Difference	\$ - 1,242.37
Registered Households	677
Envelopes Used (Mar 25—Mar 26)	180
Active myEoffering Families	172
MyEoffering Family Donations (Mar 20—Mar 24)	106

The weekly offerings information for Mar 27—Apr 2 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 23: Catholic Home Missions

### 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: Paul Madden

**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.	8	8:00 pm	Nativity RCIA
Sun.	9	9:00 am	Charles Cafiero+
		11:30 am	Roy Ross+
Mon	10	11:30 am	Guillermina "Mina" Martinez von Rossum+
Tues.	11	11:30 am	All the souls in purgatory
Wed.	12	11:30 am	Preston Brown+
Thurs.	13	11:30 am	A Special Intention of Thanksgiving
Sat.	14	5:30 pm	Thanksgiving and healing for Sally Wojcik
Sun.	15	9:00 am	All the souls in purgatory
		11:30 am	Larry Fisk+

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

Do you dream of a school where each child is accepted, included, and valued? Are you looking for a school that stands as the model of academic excellence, moral ideals, and spirituality? Have you searched for a values-based education in the Catholic tradition?

**Look no further!**



### Nativity School Construction Updates from Mrs. Dukes.

...I know that the construction seems to be dragging. Believe me, I know! Some of the issues are supply related, some are labor related and some are changes that need to be made to the original plans. The construction has impacted a lot of what we do, most importantly, not being able to have First Friday lunches. Not having bathrooms in the upper wing and having lessened available space, prevents me from having extra people in the building and still being able to operate safely. ... I am grateful that Fr. Kingsley shares the PLC with us and that we have had that space for our most recent functions. Each day we see more and more progress. Our new space and overall renovation will be a blessing!!

**Discover Nativity School, James Island's best kept secret for K4-8 grades.**

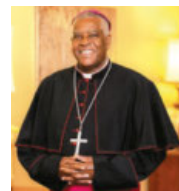
**Nativity School is accepting applications for admittance for the 23—24 School Year.**



### Confirmation—Next Sunday, April 16th at 6:00 pm

Nativity PSR and Nativity School 8th Grade students will celebrate Confirmation with our Bishop, the Most Rev. Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS.

**All are Invited and Encouraged to attend!**



# FORMED

## What is FORMED and how do I get it?

**FORMED** is kind of like a big, online library with many different resources. Because people really like videos, our catechists and evangelists are using more and more **FORMED** video media as part of their programs.

In addition **FORMED** is **FREE** to all members of Nativity. The parish has a subscription that allows every one of us to access/use this 'library' at zero personal expense. To take advantage of this opportunity, you need only to go through a few simple steps to sign up.

Visit <https://formed.org>, click "Sign Up" and select "I belong to a Parish". Find "Church of the Nativity" on the list, type in your email address and you are in. You will receive a link in your e-mail. A Smart phone app is also available.

**Now wasn't that easy?**



### Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

**Arthur T. Connor, jr.**

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Monday, March 27th.

**May he rest in peace.**



## Perhaps You

- ? Are interested to know more about the Catholic Faith.
- ? Have pondered the notion of becoming Catholic but do not know where to start.
- ? Were baptized Catholic as a child, and now want to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

## Well then, RCIA may be just the thing for you!

So what is RCIA anyway? It is an abbreviation that stands for the **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults. It is a series of lessons aimed at introducing adults to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices.

The Church of the Nativity program offers an opportunity to meet in a small group in person to learn more about our faith. We will be using a series of videos called "Knowing the Faith and Living the Faith". The individual sessions focus on the teachings of the Church and prepare participants to receive Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Please consider participating in the process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a warm, welcoming, and accepting setting.

## This year's program kicks off on Sunday, August 27, 2023 at 5:30 pm with a 'Meet and Greet' Outdoor Cookout!

The RCIA classes are held from 10:00 am to 11:15 am on Sunday mornings from September through May in the Nativity Parish Life Center. An online option is offered to those who are unable to attend in-person sessions.

For more information, please contact Vicki Vázquez at [admin@nativitycharleston.org](mailto:admin@nativitycharleston.org) or at 843-795-3821.

## God May Be Calling You.



## TRY ALPHA YOU'RE INVITED!

Alpha is a place to connect with other people who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning. Each session includes a time to connect with others (over a free meal), hear a short talk on an element of the Christian faith, and then a chance for each person to share their own questions with the group.

*We'd love to hear your perspective!*

**Try Alpha this Fall | September 5,  
2023 | 6:15 pm  
At the Nativity Parish Life Center.**

For more information, please contact Victoria at 843-795-3821 or visit <https://nativitycharleston.com/alpha/>



## *Weekly Hour of Eucharistic Adoration Returns this Thursday at 12:00 Noon.*

In July 2022, the 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.

*This is another Great Opportunity  
to stop by and have a Little Talk with Jesus.*



## 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 [retrouvaille@msn.com](mailto:retrouvaille@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.***



### **Catholic Radio in SC**

on WLTQ 730 AM and 106.7 FM

These stations broadcast Catholic Radio content twenty-four hours a day. In addition to radio show offerings from the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), the new signal will air short interviews, special features, and announcements of local interest.



For further convenience, Catholic Radio in South Carolina has released an app so that inspirational and programming materials can access 24/7 via tablets and smart phones. The app is free and is available for

Apple devices at

<https://apps.apple.com>

And for Android devices at

<https://play.google.com>

**Catholic Radio is a great way to Walk with Jesus while driving in your car.**



We recently completed our Scriptural Journey Through Lent program. We met at noon for 6 Thursdays in Lent to study the Lenten Sunday Gospels. Attendance varied from about 20 to 35 people per week. We offer many Scriptural and Evangelization programs at Nativity. Check our bulletins for details. We hope you will find some that inspire you!



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