

FOURTH SUNDAY OF
Lent

MARCH 19, 2023

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

Weekday Rosary in the Church

Mon. through Fri.	12:00 noon
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School Living Stations

Wednesday	2:00 pm
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Attendees who are not affiliated with Nativity School are requested to please sit toward the back of the church and away from the students.

Evening Stations

Friday	5:30 pm
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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
Office: 843-795-3821 / Fax: 843-795-2714
e-mail: Office@NativityCharleston.org

I was blind
and now I see.

Beware of the Dark Side

Remember the Star Wars movies, in which the Dark Side was a symbol of evil? In our second reading Paul tells the Christians in Ephesus that they were once darkness. Paul uses darkness as a symbol of shame. Shame is not just sorrow for sins; it is the fear of being caught in sin, or of telling our weaknesses to another because we think the other will look down on us. Paul was a sinner himself and was blinded when Jesus appeared to him, asking, "Why do you persecute me?" So he knew that the only way to be free of shame is not to hide sins, but to expose them.

Does that mean we have to broadcast our sins on the evening news, or post them all on our social media pages? No; we just need to confess them to God and receive God's forgiveness. We can do this through the sacrament of reconciliation. The priest shows that God loves sinners, no matter what they have done. If you wreck your car, you take it to the repair shop and tell the mechanics what is broken so they can repair it. In reconciliation we bring our sins to the priest so that we can experience forgiveness.

Sometimes other people try to shame us. In the Gospel, Jesus told the Pharisees that they were the sinners, because they had judged the blind man. So when we know that God forgives us and still loves us, we don't have to fear what others might think. Let us instead hold our sins up to the light of forgiveness and be free of our shame.

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The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

...Today's Psalm PS 93

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

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. 25—Mar. 26

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,
Meg Hoeft
Lector: Kathleen Janech
Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed,
Randall Lannie, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass
Greeters: Decker Family, Horner Family
Altar Servers: Eliza Cellars, Matthew Hart,
Wyatt Knight
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Cellars, Liisa Machowski,
Kathy Murphy
Lector: Jimmy Craven
Ushers: Richard Bragiel, Walter Machowski,
Steve Molony, Joe Dubois

11:30 am Mass
Greeter: Sheila Griner
Altar Servers: Jackson Gintz, Megumi Tran
Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Defourneaux, Jackie Doscher,
Christine Lewis
Lector: John Lavelle
Ushers: Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt,
Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner

Offerings Feb. 27 — Mar. 5

Collections at Mass (Mar 4—Mar 5)	\$ 12, 576. 00
Mail in Offerings (Feb 27—Mar 3)	\$ 4, 170. 00
myEoffering (Feb 27—Mar 3)	\$ 4, 103. 37
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16, 367. 31
Difference	\$ + 4, 482. 06
Registered Households	677
Envelopes Used (Mar 4—Mar 5)	194
Active myEoffering Families	172
MyEoffering Family Donations (Feb 27—Mar 3)	114

The weekly offerings information for Mar 6—Mar 12 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 March:

Mar 19: Catholic Relief Services

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.**

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.

Intentions

Mass: This Week

Sat.	18	5:30 pm	Sharon Scofield+
Sun.	19	9:00 am	Eugene J. Witchger+
		11:30 am	Larry Fisk+
Mon	20	11:30 am	John Minaudo (healing)
Tues.	21	11:30 am	Arnold Bennett+
Wed.	22	11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Thurs.	23	9:30 am	For the Nativity Students
		11:30 am	Genevieve Bartol+
Fri.	24	11:30 am	Joan Kent+
Sat.	25	5:30 pm	Ann Puchir+
Sun.	26	9:00 am	Rebecca Gilliard+
		11:30 am	Margaret R. Sullivan+

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

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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.



Anointing of the Sick

**Sunday, March 19 at 1:00 pm.
In the Church**

Anointing of the Sick is the sacrament that is received by those who are suffering from a potentially life threatening illness, those planning to have serious surgery and by those in advanced years.

Through the anointing and the prayer of the priest, the whole Church commends those who are sick to Christ. Those anointed receive the Holy Spirit's gifts of strength, faith, peace, and courage. Their suffering is united with that of Christ.

After the sacrament, the Nativity Ladies Guild will host a reception in the Parish Life Center for the anointed and their families.



Nativity School is Hosting a Reception

**Sun, Mar 26 at 10:00 am
In the Parish Life Center.**

This event is being conducted by Nativity School in appreciation for the support provided by the Nativity Ladies Guild and the generous donations of the Nativity Community during Catholic Schools Week, 2023.

Refreshments will be provided.

There is no charge.

All members of the Nativity Community are invited to attend.

**Thank you for
Supporting Nativity School.**

LENT: THE TIME FOR PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING



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.
in the Nativity Parish Life Center
Through Mar. 30**

These sessions present reflections and discussion on the Sunday Mass readings of Lent.

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, please contact Sr. Kathy at kadamski@charlestondiocese.org.

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

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

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

Friday Evening Stations

5:30 pm 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.

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 greatly appreciated.

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

Led by Nativity School Students

**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



**The Thursday noon
Weekly Hour of Eucharistic
Adoration is PAUSED
until after Easter.**



Once again, the Nativity Ladies
Guild, will be collecting Grocery
Gift 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.

Here is how this works:

1. **Visit your favorite grocery store and purchase a
gift card** (any store, any amount).
2. **Write the value of the of the card on the front of
the card** (this is really important).
3. **Put the card in an envelope and write "Ladies
Guild" on the outside of the envelope.**
4. **Put the envelope in the collection at Mass
between now and April 2** (Palm Sunday).

It is that simple but if you want more information, please
contact Jackie Doscher at jackiedoscher@gmail.com

This is a great way to practice Lenten almsgiving.

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Server Training

**Tuesday, Mar 21 at 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm
in the Church**

The training is for anyone, 3rd grade and older, who
wants to serve at Mass. All servers must have made their
First Communion.

For more information please contact James Craven at
cravenjandw@knology.net or at 845-795-4911.

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Get involved ... and sign up for prayer times at
by visiting our campaign at our website!



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!**



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



Rediscover Your Marriage

Retrouvaille simply means 'rediscovery'. Our program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Many couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. It is anchored in Christian accord.

Our next weekend is Apr. 14—16 in Charlotte, NC

For more information or to register, please contact Bill and Lyn Folsom
at 727-343-6701 or email: 3062ac@helpourmarriage.org
or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org



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The cost is \$160.00 per couple.

For more information or to register please contact
contact Bob and Mary Reimer 864-420-2633 or visit
<https://southcarolina.engagedencounter.com>

Please sign up Early!



10:00 am Sunday April 2
in 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!**

The Suffering of Christ from a Physician's Perspective

A Lenten Reflection

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

Presented by

Elizabeth Higgins, MD

Hospice & Palliative Care Physician
Associate Professor of Medicine
Parishioner at the Church of the Nativity

Sophia Urban, MD, MPH

Hospice & Palliative Care Fellow
Parishioner at the Cathedral

Tuesday, April 4, 2023
7:00 PM

Light refreshments at 6:30 PM

Parish Center
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
120 Broad Street
Charleston, SC 29401

This program is open to all and free of
charge. Parking is available in the church
lot or in the Queen Street parking garage.

Questions? Contact Linda Baranoski
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