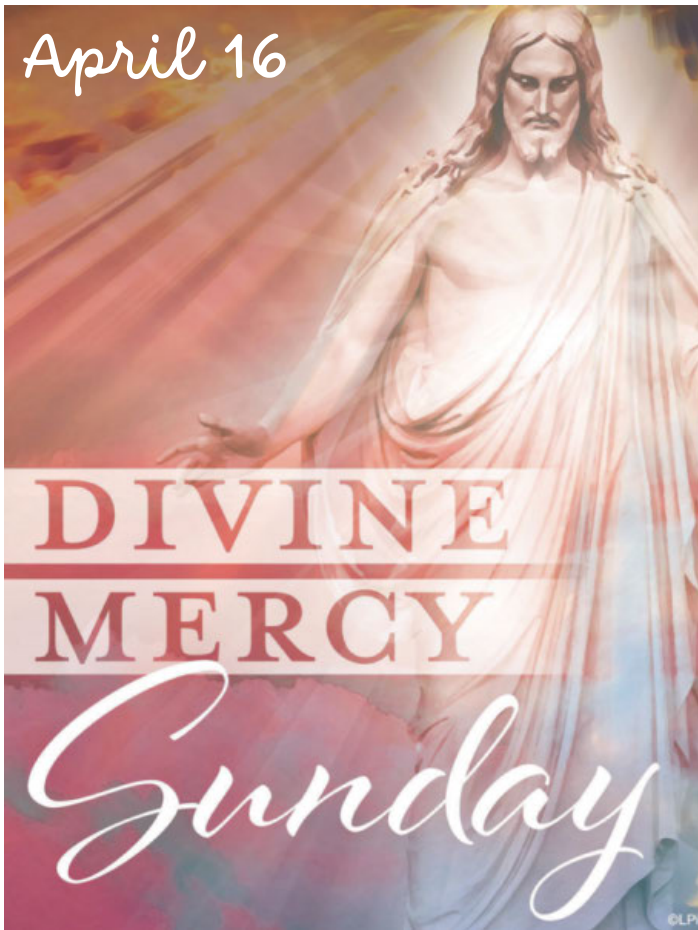


April 16



X-treme Christians

You may notice that Acts of the Apostles is the source of the first reading during the Easter season. This book describes how Christianity grew from a handful of disciples to a major religion. Today's reading about an ideal Christian community is meant to show ordinary believers how to be extraordinary, using three examples I call power, property, and prayer.

Power means the "signs and wonders" performed by the disciples through the power of the Holy Spirit. This should be named last because it takes a lot of faith to heal the sick. If you had the same faith as the apostles, you just might be able to cure the sick. Or you might study to become a doctor and cure them with medical skills. As long as you acknowledge that God gave you the brains and the talent to become a doctor, you are doing God's work.

By property, I mean sharing what you have with those in need. Many disciples were moved to sell their goods and share them with the poor, and word of that must have spread. If you are not called to sell all your goods and become a monk or a nun, you can still tithe to your church or the poor, tutor disadvantaged kids, or help build or repair houses in poor areas. The point is that followers of Christ are not just individual do-gooders. They are a community of believers who care about each other and also care about the non-believers who need help of any kind.

So where did these first disciples get the faith to cure the sick and the love to help the needy? The answer is the third example—prayer. In the first reading we hear how "they devoted themselves... to the breaking of the bread" (Acts 2:42, 46)—their name for the Eucharist. They also went to the temple to pray, because at that time most disciples were Jewish Christians. As they heard the Hebrew scriptures, they saw how God's promises were fulfilled in Christ. All of these practices helped unite them to Christ and to each other.

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Catholic Diocese of Charleston



Church of the Nativity

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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 This Week

Mon. through Fri.	11:30 am Mass
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

Office Hours This Week

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Office: 843-795-3821 / Fax: 843-795-2714
e-mail: Office@NativityCharleston.org

This is the day the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad.

...Today's Psalm PS 118

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 Apr 22—Apr 23

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: Decker Family, Horner Family
Altar Servers: Eliza Cellars, Abram Delaney,
Matthew Hart
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Cellars, Becky Warriner,
Gary Warriner
Lector: Robert Horner
Ushers: Richard Bragiel, Walter Machowski,
Steve Molony, Joe Dubois

11:30 am Mass
Greeter: Sheila Griner
Altar Servers: Gavin Gilreath, Kenji Tran
Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn Curry, Ed Defourneaux
Lector: Jackie Doscher
Lector: Tara Hasenberg
Ushers: Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn,
Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien

Offerings Mar. 27 — Apr 2

Collections at Mass (Apr 1—Apr 2)	\$ 12,175.00
Mail in Offerings (Mar 27—Mar 31)	\$ 1,530.00
myEoffering (Mar 27—Mar 31)	\$ 3,881.85
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,367.31
Difference	\$ + 1,219.54

Registered Households	689
Envelopes Used (Apr 1—Apr 2)	191
Active myEoffering Families	162
MyEoffering Family Donations (Mar 27—Mar 31)	117

The weekly offerings information for Apr 3—Apr 9 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.

Intentions

Mass: This Week

Sat.	15	5:30 pm	Thanksgiving and healing for Sally Wojcik
Sun	16	9:00 am	All the souls in purgatory
		11:30 am	Larry Fisk+
		6:00 pm	The Confrimandi
Mon	17	11:30 am	All of Mary's souls
Tues.	18	11:30 am	James Myatt+
Wed.	19	11:30 am	Don Easler+
Thurs.	20	11:30 am	Gustave Manthey+
Fri.	21	11:30 am	Arnold Bennett+
Sat.	22	5:30 pm	Anna Karlyk+
Sun	23	9:00 am	Joe Caraviello+
		11:30 am	

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

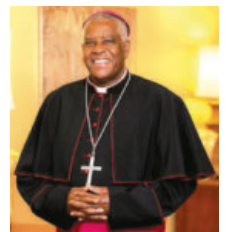
Welcome Back from Spring Break!



Confirmation—This 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.

In addition, there will be a reception in the Nativity Parish Life Center following the Confirmation.



All are Invited and Encouraged to attend both the Confirmation and the Reception!

Due to Confirmation, the Annual Hour of Adoration, scheduled for Divine Mercy Sunday (April 16th), has been rescheduled for April 7, 2024.

HOWEVER...

***Weekly Hour of Eucharistic Adoration
is Every 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.

***All members of the Nativity Community are
encouraged to participate in the Eucharistic Revival.***

Today (April 16) is Divine Mercy Sunday

Saint Faustina Kowalska was a nun and mystic of the Church. She was born in Poland in 1905 and lived there until her death in 1938. During her life, she received revelations from Jesus which she documented in her notebook. Jesus asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina (April 30, 2000) decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday.



The message of mercy is that God loves us — all of us — no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. It is a message we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC.

A — Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B — Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C — Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

For more information about Sr. Faustina, please visit:

https://www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/saints/ns_lit_doc_2000430_faustina_en.html



Cannot Make Eucharistic Adoration at Nativity at Noon on Thursday? Here is Another Option.

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (Savanna Hwy, West Ashley) has been blessed with Eucharistic Adoration in our chapel for over 30 years. As with many ministries, we had to pause during the Covid-19 epidemic. Currently our chapel is open during the day from Monday through Friday. We also have some late at night and early morning hours and are striving to expand our hours of prayer and adoration.

If you can commit to spending one hour per week in our chapel, please contact Patti Brassington at pattibrassington@gmail.com or at 843-901-9467.

Jesus wants to spend some quality time with you!



Over the past 3 months, Knights of Columbus Council conducted a fund raiser for to help support the ProLife Charleston Mobile Pregnancy Center. Pictured above, event director, Ben Curry, Council 6250 Grand Knight, Bobby Watkins present a check for \$10,000 to ProLife Charleston representatives, Elizabeth Marks and Malcolm Brennan.

This project was such a success because so many of the people of the Nativity Community contributed so much in cash donations and 'sweat equity'. Thank you so much for your support of ProLife Charleston.



**5TH SUNDAY ROSARY
SUNDAY, APRIL 30
AFTER THE 9:00 MASS**



ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE!



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry after the Stations on March 31.
Many Thanks to all who attended and to all who worked so hard to make this great community event



Nativity Ladies Guild Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 2.
Thank you for helping to make this a great family event.

Grocery gift card



The Lenten Grocery Gift Card Program

Was conducted by the Nativity Ladies Guild. This year the people of the Nativity community donated over \$3,7000 to help feed our hungry neighbors at Easter.

Thank you for your generosity



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6250 23rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament Sunday, May 7, 2023 at Charleston Municipal Golf Course

9:00 am Shotgun Start / Captain's Choice
Charity Donation \$400 per team / \$100 per individual golfer

All Proceeds are donated for the support of Local Charities.

Your entry donation includes your green fees, cart, lunch, range balls, 2 drink tickets and 1 door prize ticket.

FULL STEAK LUNCH provided at the American Legion on Folly Road immediately after the tournament.

Sponsor and golfer registration forms are provided at the Nativity Church

For more information, please email rmcnallypga@gmail.com or call 843-789-0687

Come Join in the fun!
While you are at it, you will be helping our neighbors in need!

Volunteers are needed to help
Count the Nativity

SUNDAY OFFERING



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There are two teams of collection counters, and they work on alternate weekends. The collection is usually counted on Sunday afternoon, immediately after the 11:30 Mass. The task normally takes about 90 minutes.

Counters must pass a background investigation.

For questions or to volunteer, please call the church office at 843-795-3821 or email Admin@NativityCharleston.org

**We appreciate your assistance
with our financial paperwork.**

Senior Adult Ministry



**Wednesday, Apr 19 at 12:30 pm
in the Parish Life Center**

Lunch is \$15 per plate.

**Please contact the Nativity Parish Office
by Apr 16 to order your lunch.**

We will have our catered luncheon at 12:30 pm, followed by an interesting and entertaining activity. Our get together will end at approximately 2:00 pm.

For more information or to reserve your lunch, please contact Mary Smith at 843-670-7519 before 5:00 pm on Sunday, Apr. 16.

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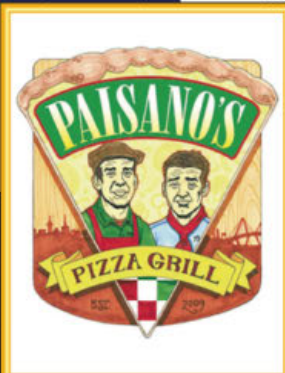
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