



Emmaus Amazement

Today's Gospel has some surprises for the disciples going to Emmaus. The first is that Luke tells us Jesus appeared to them, "but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him" (Luke 24:16). More likely, they were prevented by their lack of faith. They knew that Jesus had died, so this man who looked familiar couldn't be him. All they had heard was that Jesus' body was missing from the tomb.

That leads to the second point. They were amazed at how Jesus explained the scriptures. Even the disciples had not thought of them as predicting Jesus' suffering and death. Yet they seem to know the truth of what Jesus was saying. Their story can help us, too.

If you find you are not always able to see Jesus in the people or events of your life, you may need to stretch your faith. One way to do that is to discuss it with others. The two disciples were stretching their faith as they discussed what they had heard. Your faith will grow as you learn to express it. Another way to stretch your faith is to read and pray over the scriptures. Ask what God is trying to tell you in them. The disciples on the way to Emmaus began to see how Jesus fulfilled the promises found there.

Ask God to help you see Jesus in other people. Receive Jesus in Communion as often as you can (at least once a week). Trust him and expect to see Jesus both in people around you and in the changes that come into your life. The more you look for Jesus, the easier it is to see him.

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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 This Week

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

Weekly Hour of Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 12:00 noon

Weekday Rosary in the Church

Mon. through Fri. 12:00 noon

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

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

...Today's Psalm PS 16

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 29—Apr 30

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

5:30 pm Mass
Greeters: John & Meg Hoeft,
Timothy & Carolyn Smith
Altar Servers: Isabella Cunningham,
Jake Hoeft
Eucharistic Ministers: Wendy Bergstrom, Carolyn Smith,
Mary Smith
Lector: Mary Bieda
Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed,
Randall Lannie, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass
Greeters: Knight Family, Becky Warriner
Altar Servers: Wyatt Knight, Maisie Lewis,
Liam Manning
Eucharistic Ministers: Suzanne Decker, Daniel Suggs,
Tamme Suggs
Lector: Ainsley Knight
Ushers: Richard Bragiel, Walter Machowski,
Steve Molony, Joe Dubois

11:30 am Mass
Greeter: Susan La Via
Altar Servers: Megumi Tran, Tomi Tran
Eucharistic Ministers: Brian Dougherty, Kathy Hepner
Lector: Christine Lewis
Ushers: John Lavelle
Lewis Doscher, Joe Ginn,
Sheila Griner, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings Apr 3 — Apr 16

Collections at Mass (Apr 08—Apr 09)	\$ 7,921.00
Collections at Mass (Apr 15—Apr 16)	\$ 11,023.00
Mail in Offerings (Apr 04—Apr 14)	\$ 7,358.44
myEoffering (Apr 04—Apr 14)	\$ 9,265.00
Budget (2 weeks)	\$ 32,734.62
Difference	\$ + 2,832.82
Registered Households	689
Envelopes Used (Apr 08—Apr 09)	102
Envelopes Used (Apr 15—Apr 16)	214
Active myEoffering Families	172
MyEoffering Family Donations (Apr 04—Apr 14)	229

Good Friday – Holy Land Offerings: \$2,502.00

Easter Offerings: \$13,993.00

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.



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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.	22	5:30 pm	Anna Karlyk+
Sun.	23	9:00 am	Jack Kennerty+
		11:30 am	Denise Betoski+
Mon.	24	11:30 am	Rosa Lee Eidt+
Tues.	25	11:30 am	Ann Puchir+
Wed.	26	11:30 am	Roy Ross+
Thurs.	27	11:30 am	Joseph Iannicelli+ and Rusty Burbag+
Fri.	28	11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Sat.	29	5:30 pm	Joan Kent+
Sun.	30	9:00 am	Joe Caraviello+
		11:30 am	For the people of Nativity

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.

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or contact the School Office at 843-795-3975

Thank you for Supporting Nativity School.



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.*

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

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (Savannah 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!



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



ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE!



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

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Please join us in Fr. Kelly Hall (105 West Hudson Avenue) to learn about the many options offered by these organizations

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.



greeters

Are needed for all Weekend Masses

Greeters are members of our Hospitality Ministry and they help to build a spirit of community among us.

Greeters have the opportunity to welcome members and visitors to the church, answer questions, and help guide them to their seats. This volunteer position is ideal for those who enjoy interacting with others and have a welcoming and friendly demeanor.

When they are scheduled to serve, greeters are asked to arrive approximately 15 minutes before the start of Mass.

For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Victoria at the parish office, 843-795-3821 or at Admin@NativityCharleston.org.

With your help, we can create a warm and welcoming environment for all who attend Mass

Thursday Evening Bible Study



Continues the study of the Virgin Mary for the next few weeks.

The "in-person" sessions are Thursday evening from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

There is also an on-line option via ZOOM:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88988721703?pwd=OFdYRWZ5YzRWT2xlQklnJFDbXlZQT09>

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Front row from left to right: Summer Turner, Brittany O'Shaughnessy, Susan Péchon, Vinny Miller and George Hill entered the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on April 8.

Please help and encourage these new Catholics to seek God in all things and to remain open to His grace.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them as they navigate the challenges and joys of living a life of faith.

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