

April 30, 2023



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy;
I came so that they might have life and have it more
abundantly." - Jn 10:9-10

A Lot of Nerve

Peter, the apostle who had denied knowing Jesus before he died, now comes out and accuses the crowd of killing Jesus, "using lawless men to crucify him" (Acts 2:23). Considering that he was outnumbered three thousand to one, it took a lot of nerve. So the Spirit gave him the courage to face that crowd. He asked them to repent, but not just profess a rejection of sin. What we call repentance, in Peter's time meant a change of heart away from sin and toward a new way of acting or believing. We too can make a change of heart. We can turn away from selfishness and begin to love as Jesus did. We can relinquish anger and begin to forgive. We can put aside fear and boldly proclaim our faith.

Peter also shows us another gift of the Spirit—the ability to suffer for doing good. That also takes a lot of nerve. It's hard enough to suffer for our sins. Yet that is just what Jesus did for us. Following the example of Jesus on the cross, we accept the suffering that comes to us. It may be ridicule for expressing our faith, the pain of losing someone we love, or the eventual pain of dying ourselves. We accept pain because we love the Lord and so love others enough to bear the pain of helping them. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us repent from selfishness to a new life of love for God and our neighbor.

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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.

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 5:30 pm
Sunday 9:00 am and 11:30 am

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

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

...Today's Psalm PS 23

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 May 6—May 7

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

5:30 pm Mass
Greeters: Patrick Kelley & Kathy Wiley,
Tom & Marcia McNamee
Altar Servers: Emma Grace Turner,
Daniel Salceda
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Bieda, Mike Bieda,
John Warren
Lector: Carl Borick
Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Leroy Holseberg,
Randall Lannie, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass
Greeters: Caughey Family, Decker Family
Altar Servers: Savanna Owens, Jack Perry,
Anna Tillman
Eucharistic Ministers: Gary Hart, Mark Hollifield,
Liisa Machowski
Lector: Amber C. Knight
Ushers: Richard Bragiel, Walter Machowski,
Steve Molony, Joe Dubois

11:30 am Mass
Greeters: Péchon Family, Natalie Zanolli
Altar Servers: Zoe Cuzmar, Izabella Davis,
Rosalie Felix
Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn Curry, Ed Defourneaux,
Phu Tran
Lector: Cava Riley
Ushers: Lewis Doscher, Joe Ginn,
Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings Apr 17 — Apr 23

Collections at Mass (Apr 22—Apr 23)	\$ 8,523.00
Mail in Offerings (Apr 17—Apr 21)	\$ 2,725.00
myEoffering (Apr 17—Apr 21)	\$ 3,398.99
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,367.31
Difference	\$ - 1,720.32
Registered Households	869
Envelopes Used (Apr 22—Apr 23)	161
Active myEoffering Families	162
MyEoffering Family Donations (Apr 17—Apr 21)	106

Offerings for the Catholic Home Missions: \$463.00

Second Collections for May are:

May 14: Catholic Charities

May 21: Catholic Communications

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: Frances O. O'Leary

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, Paul Madden, Katherine and William Manning, John Minaudo, Paul & Carole Moran, Charlie Organ, James Parker, Brenda Pearson, Ed and Terry Pop, James Romero, 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.	29	5:30 pm	Joan Kent+
Sun.	30	9:00 am	Joe Caraviello+
		11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Mon	1	11:30 am	Roseann Boxx+
Tues.	2	11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Wed.	3	11:30 am	Gilbert & Marion O'Brien++
Thurs.	4	9:30 am	Students of Nativity School
		11:30 am	Joseph Iannicelli+ & Rusty Burbag+
Fri.	5	11:30 am	Juanilita Bunado+
Sat.	6	5:30 pm	Jack Kennerty+
Sun.	7	9:00 am	Ronnie Jenkins+
		11:30 am	"Ita" Ana Canino+

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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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.

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

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
THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 30
AFTER THE 9:00 MASS**



ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE!



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.

Lunch is a Full Steak Lunch provided immediately after the tournament
at the American Legion Post 147 on Folly Road.

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!



So What is a May Crowning?

May has been Mary's month since the medieval period. May was considered the end of winter and the start of a new season of growth. It's a time for new beginnings of gratitude and devotion. May is a special month to celebrate the "Queen of Heaven".

The May Crowning is a ceremony in which we 'crown' Mary with flowers. This is symbolic recognition of Mary's position as Queen of Heaven and of our lives.

- Mary is considered the "Queen of Heaven."
- She was a perfect follower of Christ, and so is considered the crown of creation
- She is also the Mother of the Son of God, Jesus, who is the King of the universe.
- She is the most important woman of our faith, and our spiritual mother.

Please come to Coffee and Donuts after 9:00 am Mass
Next Sunday (May 7) in the parish Life Center
and stay for May Crowning.



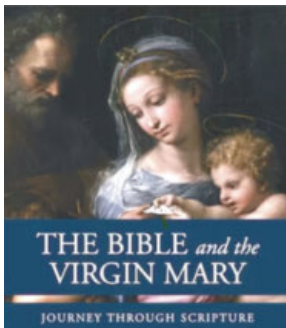
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Thursday Evening Bible Study

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=OFdYRWZ5YzRWZ2xlQklnJmFDbXlZQT09>

Meeting ID: 889 8872 1703 and the Passcode: Nativity

For more information, please contact Ryckie Watkins at 843-795-4194 or at ryckiewatkins1329@comcast.net.



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



Coffee and Donuts Next Sunday (May. 7)

after the 9:00 am Mass in the Parish Life Center.

There is no charge but your donations are greatly appreciated.

Stop by, enjoy Coffee and Donuts And stay around for the May Crowning.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6250 MONTHLY MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 4 AT 7:00 PM

at American Legion Post 147 (968 Folly Road)

All Knights of Council 6250 are encouraged to attend!

Volunteers are needed to help Count the Nativity

SUNDAY OFFERING



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.



Alpha Team Interest Dinner

**Tue. May 16 at 6:15 pm
In the Parish Life Center**

Alpha kicks off again this Fall and we are gathering our team of past Alpha participants to join together in preparation for it. Team roles include, hospitality, technology support, small group helper, and prayer.

For more information please contact Vicki Vazquez at alpha@nativitycharleston.org or 843-795-3821 to sign up to learn more.

All interested people are encouraged to attend this Dinner.

Stay in touch with us at Nativity



Sign up on our social media platform at FlockNote.
<https://nativityfamily.flocknote.com/>

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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 station broadcasts 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 be accessed 24/7 via tablets and smart phones.

To get the app for your mobile device, just scan this QR code  with your device's camera. The App is free.

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



Congratulations to all our Nativity Parish and School youth (shown above) who received the Sacrament of **Confirmation** at Nativity on the Feast of Divine Mercy on April 16, 2023 with the Most Reverend Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS:

Pedro Andrade, Maybelle Biffle-Piepmeyer, Sonoma Brasco, Cameron Furlano, Christopher Graack, Jake Hoeft, Santiago Mata, Josie Nance, Olivia Paoletti, and Patrick Williams.

Congratulations also to the candidates from Holy Spirit and Our Lady of Good Counsel (not shown) who were confirmed with us at Nativity:

Isabel Astle, Roxanna Garvin, Maria Gomez Portillo, Lourdes Gomez Portillo, Rosa Maria Hernandez Gutierrez, Leaf Longo, Richard Miller, Emma Nelson, Dulce Ordoñez Gomez, Elizabeth Ordoñez Gomez, Genesis Roblero, Gregorio Rojo Yañez, and Aaron Traeger.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you on your journey of faith.

Many thanks to all who helped prepare for and celebrate this holy Mass and to those 7th grade families who helped with the wonderful reception that followed.



**First Communion will be held
at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 6
All are invited to attend
and support our communicants**

Continuing Food Collection for James Island Outreach

James Island Outreach continues to need non-perishable food to stock their food pantry.

- All non-perishable and in date food items are welcome.
- We are a Wellness Client Choice Pantry. Low salt / low sugar items are preferred.
- Donations of cash, checks and grocery cards are greatly appreciated.

Place all items in the bins located at the Nativity Church entrances.

**Thank you for continuing to help
feed our hungry neighbors.**

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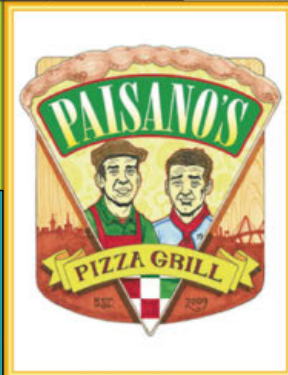
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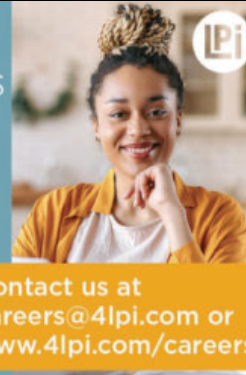
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