

## Life, the Universe, and Everything

Why does God love us so much? And why are we able to love others? The answer to these questions is found in the meaning of today's feast. Trinity Sunday celebrates not so much an idea of three-in-one as the relationship of the Persons of the Trinity with each other and with us.

The idea is that the Father expressed himself as the Word. Since it was a perfect expression, the Word is his Son and equal to the Father. The love of Father and Son is expressed as the Holy Spirit. Being a perfect love, it too is equal to Father and Son. So even the idea of the Trinity is based on love. But God's love was so great, God went even further. God created us to be loved by God.

But we sometimes forget that God's love comes first. We think that the more loving we are, the more God will love us. But love comes from God (1 John 4:7-11), so when we love someone it doesn't make God love us more; we love because God loves us first. Our decision to love is a response to God's love, and our ability to love is itself a gift from God. The meaning of life, the universe, and everything is Love, the love of the Trinity for each other and for us. The question now is, how well do we use that gift of God's love by loving each other?

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*Glory and praise for ever!*

...Today's Psalm DN 3

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.                      | 11:30 am Mass                     |
| <b>Tues. through Fri.</b> | <b>11:30 am Communion Service</b> |
| Saturday Vigil            | 5:30 pm                           |
| Sunday                    | 9:00 am and 11:30 am              |

### Weekly Hour of Eucharistic Adoration

|          |            |
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| Thursday | 12:00 noon |
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### Weekday Rosary in the Church

|                   |            |
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| 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

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Office: 843-795-3821 / Fax: 843-795-2714  
e-mail: [Office@NativityCharleston.org](mailto:Office@NativityCharleston.org)

### Stay in touch with us at Nativity

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



Visit us at

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## 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.

## STAFF

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843-853-2130 x 209

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister:**  
800-921-8122

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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 June 10—June 11**

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

**5:30 pm Mass**  
**Greeters:** Tom & Marcia McNamee,  
Timothy & Carolyn Smith  
**Altar Servers:** Jake Hoeft, Daniel Salceda  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Wendy Bergstrom, Barbara Coddington  
Carolyn Smith, Mary Smith,  
John Warren  
**Lector:** Lisa Zuraw  
**Ushers:** Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley,  
Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins

**9:00 am Mass**  
**Greeters:** Caughey Family,  
Decker Family  
**Altar Servers:** Matthew Hart, Wyatt Knight,  
Connor Richey  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Wendy Craven, Gary Hart,  
Mark Hollifield, Daniel & Tamme Suggs  
**Lector:** Jimmy Craven  
**Ushers:** Richard Bragiel, George Hill,  
Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

**11:30 am Mass**  
**Greeters:** Sheila Griner, Susan LaVia  
**Altar Servers:** Zoe Cuzmar, Izabela Davis,  
Gavin Gilreath  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ed Defourneaux, Jackie Doscher,  
Brian Dougherty, Christine Lewis,  
Phu Tran  
**Lector:** David Knab  
**Ushers:** Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt,  
Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner

### **Offerings May 27— May 28**

The weekly offerings information was not available by the publishing deadline for this week's bulletin. The information will be provided in a future bulletin.

#### **Second Collections for June are:**

##### **June 11: Seminaries**

#### **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>

If you are unable to attend Mass, please consider making your regular offerings by mail or online (myEoffering).



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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: William Doherty,  
Frances O. O'Leary**

**From previous months:** Allene Barans, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Ray Blevins, 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

### **Intentions**

#### **Mass: This Week**

|        |    |          |                        |
|--------|----|----------|------------------------|
| Sat.   | 3  | 5:30 pm  | Lawrence Thomas Joyce+ |
| Sun.   | 4  | 9:00 am  | Margaret Ann Clark+    |
|        |    | 11:30 am | Larry Fisk+            |
| Mon    | 5  | 11:30 am | For the people         |
| Tues.  | 6  | 11:30 am | Communion Service      |
| Wed.   | 7  | 11:30 am | Communion Service      |
| Thurs. | 8  | 11:30 am | Communion Service      |
| Fri.   | 9  | 11:30 am | Communion Service      |
| Sat.   | 10 | 5:30 pm  | Linda Mabry+           |
|        | 11 | 9:00 am  | Susie DeLorme+         |
|        |    | 11:30 am | Ann Ginn+              |

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—Teaching Values for Life!

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 our School, please visit our website at [www.nativity-school.com](http://www.nativity-school.com) or our FaceBook page at [www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights](https://www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights).  
or contact the School Office at 843-795-3975

**The School is Celebrating Summer Vacation—Have a safe Summer.**

## First Weekend Community Fellowship

Parish Covered Dish Hosted by the Nativity Ladies Guild



**Saturday, June 3, 2023 after the 5:30 Mass**  
Bring your favorite dish to share

**Sunday, June 4, 2023 after the 9:00 Mass**  
Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share

**Sunday, June 4, 2023 after the 11:30 Mass**  
Bring your favorite lunch dish to share

Drop off food at the PLC before all Masses.

**All are encouraged to participate in these Community Gatherings!**



Summer Camp at Nativity School will be in operation from June 5 through July 28. Registration forms are available at the Nativity School office.

For more information, please contact Patti Edwards at [pedwards@nativity-school.com](mailto:pedwards@nativity-school.com)  
or call the school office at 843-795-3975.



**At Holy Spirit Church (Johns Island)**  
**June 26 through 30 from 9:00 to noon.**

The price is \$30 per child.  
Early registration ends June 5th.

For more information or to register, please contact  
Beth Mathewes at [bmthewes@holyspiritsc.org](mailto:bmthewes@holyspiritsc.org)



## Father Kingsley will celebrate the 20th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Sunday June 11.

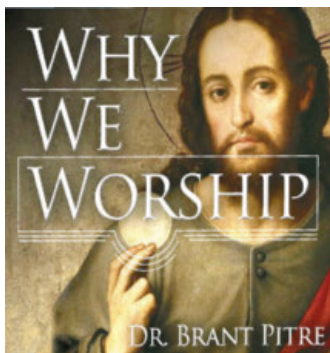
The festivities for this event include a parish picnic in the Nativity School playground (or the Parish Life Center if the weather is unfavorable). The menu for the picnic is fried chicken, cole slaw, rolls, beverages and other goodies.

The celebration also includes an open house and walk through of the recently completed parish Rectory.

The food is **free** but we request that you RSVP. If we have your email address, we will send you an invitation/sign up.

To sign up, please visit <https://nativityfamily.flocknote.com/signup/123088> (or click the link if viewing this notice online)

**Happy Anniversary Father Kingsley.**  
**Thank you for trying to make us all saints!**



### Summer Daytime Bible Study in the Parish Life Center Day and Time to be determined

To vote for your preferred day and time or for more information, please contact Ryckie Watkins at [ryckiewatkins1329@comcast.net](mailto:ryckiewatkins1329@comcast.net)

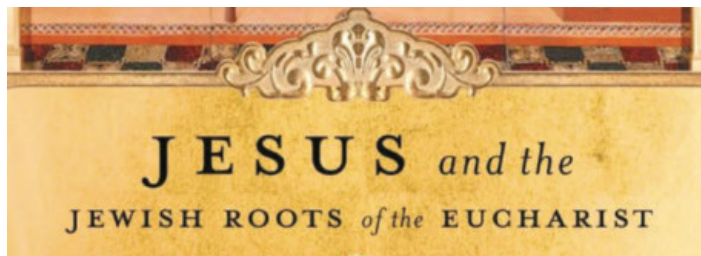
Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, in agreement with the Presbyteral Council, has announced that effective immediately, the distribution of the chalice is permitted at Mass at the discretion of the pastor or administrator of each parish.

**The distribution of the Precious Blood of Christ will begin at Nativity at all the weekend Masses on June 10—11. This is the Feast of Corpus Christi, The Body and Blood of Christ.**

### Home Works returns to the Lowcountry!

The Johns Island Session takes place June 18—>23, at the old Rural Mission. This ecumenical outreach ministry provides home repairs to elderly low-income and special needs families on Johns & Wadmalaw Island every summer. Young adult volunteers, sponsors and Home Work team members live their Christian faith in service to community.

Volunteer opportunities available (meal prep, student sponsorship, prayer, repair assistance and more). For more information, please call or text Andrea Gilliard at 843-696-2161.



### NEW THIS SUMMER

#### The New Wednesday Evening Book Study Club.

The first book will be *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist* by Dr. Brant Pitre. It is our hope that this book will stir in you a deeper understanding and love of the Eucharist.

Participants will gather on **Wed. May 31 at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Life Center to pick up their the study materials.

**There is a \$5.00 charge for these materials.**

Participants will read the book on their own and gather again on June, 28 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Life Center for a potluck dinner and book discussion.

For more information, please contact Andrea Gilliard at [acgilliard@comcast.net](mailto:acgilliard@comcast.net) or Mary Smith at [dre@nativitycharleston.org](mailto:dre@nativitycharleston.org)

### The Nativity Ladies Guild Bishop England Scholarship

is awarded to the Nativity Graduate with the highest GPA who will be attending Bishop England High School next year. This year the Scholarship was awarded to **Jake Robert Hoeft**.

Jackie Doscher presented the award on behalf of the Nativity Ladies Guild



**Congratulations Jake!**

The Flowers at the altar are given in thanksgiving for the 20th Ordination Anniversary of Rev. S. Thomas Kingsley.

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## Enroll Your Child Today!

Nativity School is proud to offer Summer Journey, a **FREE**, fun and engaging summer school program. Catapult's Summer Journey Program offers robust educational opportunities and engaging activities that allow students to learn throughout the summer while also having fun. Our comprehensive program addresses academic, social, and emotional learning by incorporating instruction, enrichment activities, and family support elements.

### Nativity School Highlights:



**Literacy:** Improves students' skills across the Big 5—phonics, phonological awareness, fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary



**Math:** Helps struggling learners build confidence and improve their math skills



**STEM:** Engages students in fun, project-based learning to expand critical thinking skills



**Life Skills:** Fosters growth-mindset and helps students communicate effectively

#### Grades:

K-5

#### Dates:

July 10-21

#### Times:

Monday - Friday  
9am-12pm

#### Location:

Nativity School



To register, please visit <https://forms.gle/jgyNZsmTBAV57y6H9> or scan this QR Code.  
For more information please contact the Nativity School Office at 843-795-3975



**Nativity K5 Graduates for 2023:** Christian Asiain Salceda, Corinna Mae Borden, Davis James Dawson, Louis James Fugelsang, Liza Ann Girard, Leighton Gunther, Landon Hall, Harper Ellis Kreminski, James Leeman, Carter James O'Hara, Lila Elizabeth Smithson.



**Nativity 8th Grade Graduates for 2023:** Maybelle Biffle Piepmeier, Dominic K. Bordallo, Sonoma Grace Brasco, Jake Robert Hoeft, Santiago Mata, River August Putnam, Tipper Sloanne Sheridan, Carol Ann Smith  
Awards and Honors:

**Values for Life Award:** Santiago Mata

**The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius Award:** Sonoma Grace Brasco, Carol Ann Smith  
**Honor Graduates:** Sonoma Grace Brasco, Jake Robert Hoeft, Santiago Mata, Tipper Sloanne Sheridan, Carol Ann Smith

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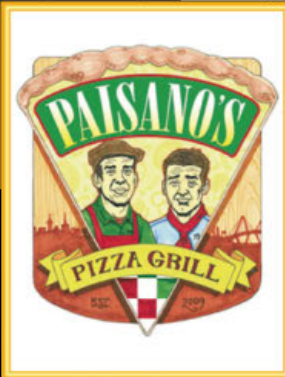
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