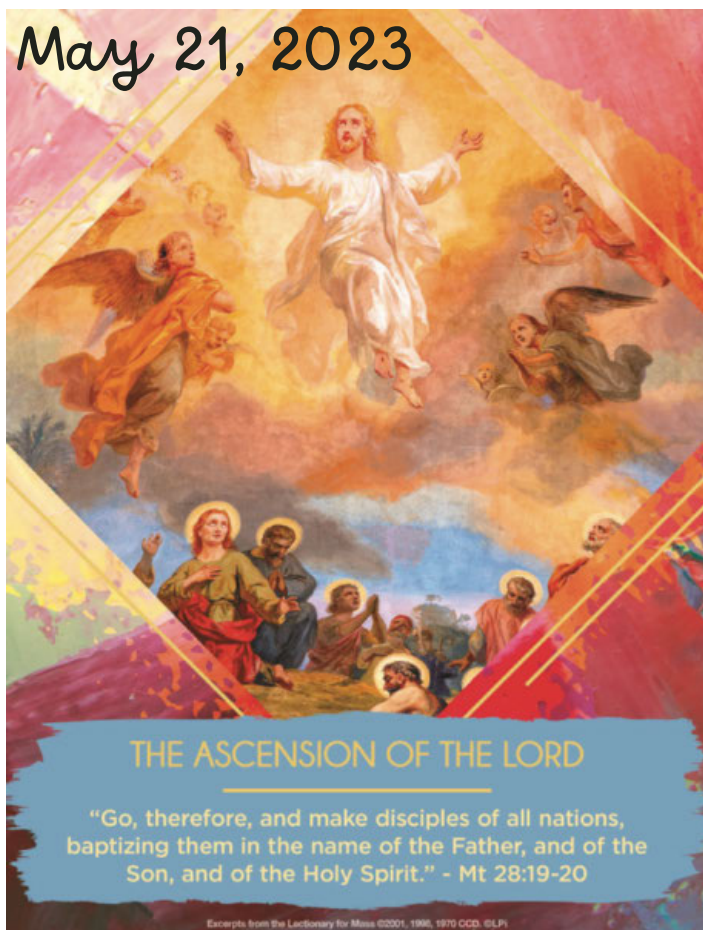


May 21, 2023



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:19-20

Jesus is on your side

Traditionally, the four writers of the Gospels are symbolized by four creatures that make their way into Church art and architecture: Matthew, an angel; Mark, a lion; Luke, an ox; and John, an eagle. These images can be found in churches across the world, a nod to those who recorded the stories of Jesus for us, thousands of years ago.

Today's Gospel was written by John. There are a few reasons why John is symbolized by an eagle, but my favorite explanation is that his writings soar like an eagle into the sky with their beautiful, poetic language. The prayer we hear today is no different — Jesus invokes God in a long discourse that might seem mystifying at times, the same way that a poem can be perplexing to understand when we are unfamiliar with the pacing or format.

Consider holding onto the shortest sentence in this prayer: "I pray for them."

Jesus prays for us. For me. For you.

Let that sink deep into your being.

Jesus is on your side. He is aware of what you are holding at this moment. He is aware of your pain, your faith, your mission. And He's rooting for you. This prayer was recorded thousands of years ago, far before you were born. Since before you were born, you were held in prayer. With that certainty, we live.

...Father John Muir

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	5:30 pm
Sunday	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

Stay in touch with us at Nativity



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

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and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NativityFamily>

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I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living

...Today's Psalm PS 51

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 27—May 28

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: Emma Grace Turner, Daniel Salceda
Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Coddington, Patty Edwards, Mary Smith
Lector: Cava Riley
Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Leroy Holseberg, Randall Lannie, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass
Greeters: Decker Family, Horner Family
Altar Servers: Liam Manning, Savanna Owens, Jacob Perry
Eucharistic Ministers: Kristi Roberts, Becky Warriner, Gary Warriner
Lector: Gary Warriner
Ushers: Richard Bragiel, Joe Dubois, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass
Greeters: Sheila Griner, Susan La Via
Altar Servers: Izabela Davis, Jackson Gintz, Megumi Tran
Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn Curry, Ed Defourneaux, Jackie Doscher
Lector: Pam Everitt
Ushers: Lewis Doscher, Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings May 1 — May 14

Collections at Mass (May 6—Mar 7)	\$ 13,197.00
Collections at Mass (May 13—May 14)	\$ 10,341.00
Mail in Offerings (May 1—May 12)	\$ 6,460.00
myEoffering (May 1—Mar 12)	\$ 9,077.38
Budget (2 weeks)	\$ 32,734.62
Difference	\$ + 6,340.76
Registered Households	689
Envelopes Used (May 6—May 7)	N/A
Envelopes Used (May 13—May 14)	176
Active myEoffering Families	162
MyEoffering Family Donations (May 1—May 12)	234

Second Collections for May are:

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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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

Sanctuary Candle:

May 20 — May 26 William Reed+

Mass: This Week

Sat.	20	5:30 pm	McNamee & Nelson deceased family members+
Sun.	21	9:00 am	Larry Fisk+
		11:30 am	Susie DeLorme+
Mon.	22	11:30 am	Mr. & Mrs. Draher Gaskin++
Tues.	23	11:30 am	
Wed.	24	11:30 am	William E. Reed+
Thurs.	25	11:30 am	Rosa Lee Eidt+
Fri.	26	11:30 am	Jerome Domrese+
Sat.	27	5:30 pm	Janette Sznajder+
Sun.	28	9:00 am	Becky & Gary Warriner
		11:30 am	Juanalita Bunado+

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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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.



2023 Vacation Bible School Summer At Holy Sprit Church (Johns Island) June 26 through 30.

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

Adult and Youth Counselors are needed.
(Youth Counselors need to be Grade 6 or older)

For more information or to register, please contact Beth Mathewes at bmathewes@holyspiritsc.org



**For Nativity School is
Thursday, May 25**

K5 Graduation:

8:30 am in the Parish Life Center

8th Grade Graduation:

6:00 pm in Nativity Church
with reception to follow in the Parish Life Center.

**All are invited to attend the
graduations and the reception and
celebrate with our Graduates.**



This summer our Wednesday Evening Nativity Bible Study group will switch gears and do a couple of book studies. 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.

Book club participants will gather on **May 31 at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Life Center to receive 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 or Mary Smith at dre@nativitycharleston.org



Sunday, May 21 at 10:00 am in the Parish Life Center

Here are some of our current activities
that need your effort:

Greeters; Ushers; Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist; Homebound Visitation; Altar Servers; Cantors, Singers and Musicians; Bible Study; Children's Liturgy of the Word;

H.O.M.E. Works; Church Environment; Bereavement Ministry; Ladies Guild; Knights of Columbus; Nursery; Alpha; Support for Nativity School; Nativity School PTO; Meals on Wheels; Respect Life; James Island Outreach; Parish School of Religion; Vacation Bible School; Audio, Video and Lighting Technician; Information Network Specialist; Computer User Support; Facilities Maintenance; Youth and Young Adult Outreach.

We know we are not doing everything that could/should be done. Please email us your suggestions (Admin@NativityCharleston.org) and how you are planning to help.

All are invited to this fantastic opportunity to learn more about "What's Happening" and how you can make a difference.



Fellowship Weekend Returns June 3 and 4

On Saturday, June 3rd after 5:30 pm Mass - Please **bring a covered dish** to share for dinner. Dinner will be in the Parish Life Center. You may drop off dishes before the 5:30 pm Mass

On Sunday June 4th after 9:00 am Mass - Coffee and donuts will be served in Parish Life Center. **Coffee and donuts** are provided by the Ladies Guild free of charge but your generous donation will be greatly appreciated.

On Sunday, June 4th after the 11:30 am Mass - Please **bring a covered dish** to share for lunch. Lunch will be in the Parish Life Center. You may drop off dishes before the 11:30 am Mass

For more information, please contact Marion Hoffman at m.hoffman@earthlink.net

All are encouraged to participate in these Community Gatherings!



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. Or click this link to sign up <https://nativityfamily.flocknote.com/signup/123088>.

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

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Nativity School Highlights:



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



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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



On May 6th, 2023, 21 children received First Communion at Nativity Church. They are Maria Rose Caughey, Ellore Ann Croom, Margaret Rose Croom, Jacela Mikel DeCrescenzo, Thaddeus Harrison Delaney, Braeden Patrick Eichinger, Finley Jane Feary, James William Gette, Holliday Louise Hayden, Joseph Edward Hoeft, Calder Elizabeth Lavelle, Elliot Louise Leeman, Katherine Mae Manzano, Susanna Mata, Jonathan Nguyen, Alena Luz Novak, Hayes Brian O'Hara, Adele Roberta Parr, Aisling Marie Smith, Annabella Noelle Vazquez and Maddox McCoy West.

May you always be strengthened by the grace you receive in this sacrament.

Special thanks to parents; our catechists, the retreat team and all those who helped to prepare our youth for this sacrament.

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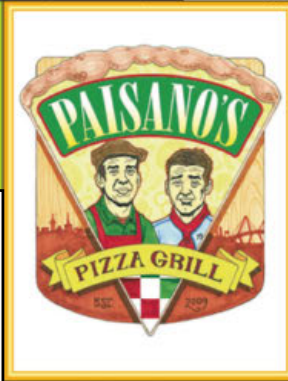
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