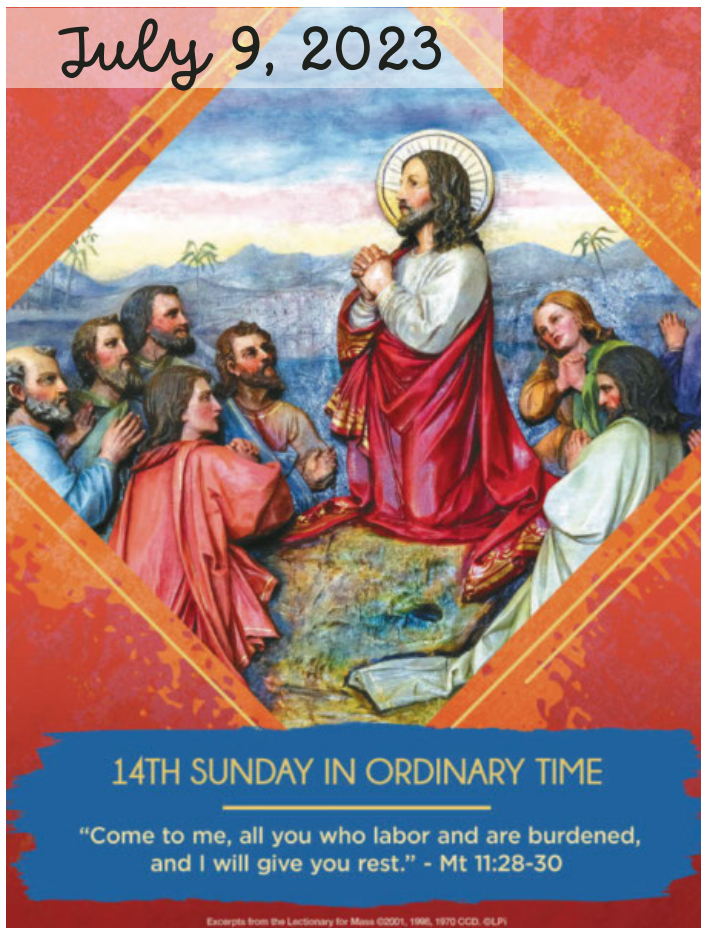


July 9, 2023



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest." - Mt 11:28-30

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Know God Personally

Jesus makes a claim which no one would have dared to make. He is the perfect revelation of God because He has been with the Father before all creation and time existed. He and the Father are united in an inseparable bond of love and unity. That is why Jesus alone can truly reveal the fullness of God's mind and heart and purpose for our lives.

One of the greatest truths of God's revelation and our Christian faith is that we can know the one true and living God. Our knowledge of God is not simply limited to knowing some things about God and his true nature. We can know God, our Father and Creator personally, because God our Father desires to be closely united with each one of us in a bond of love through his Son, Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus makes it possible for each one of us to have a personal, direct relationship and experiential knowledge of God as our loving and gracious Father.

... Don Schwager at <https://www.dailyscripture.net>

*I will praise your name for ever, my
king and my God.*

...Today's Psalm PS 89

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
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

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Office: 843-795-3821 / Fax: 843-795-2714
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and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NativityFamily>
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/NativityCharleston/>

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

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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 July 15—July 16

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

5:30 pm Mass
Greeters: Tom and Marcia McNamee, Timothy & Carolyn Smith
Altar Servers: Isabella Cunningham, Daniel Salceda
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Bieda, Mike Bieda, Wendy Bergstrom, Eileen Easler, Patty Edwards
Lector: Kathleen Janech
Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass
Greeters: Caughey Family, Decker Family
Altar Servers: Liam Manning, Jack Perry, Conner Richie
Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Daugomah, Gary Hart, Mark Hollifield, Hal Perry, Pat Perry
Lector: Amber Knight
Ushers: Richard Bragiel, Joe Dubois, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass
Greeters: Pechon Family, Natalie Zanolli
Altar Servers: Jackson Gintz, Liam Hale, Caryn Hasenberg
Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn Curry, Jackie Doscher, Pam Everitt, Christine Lewis, Phu Tran
Lector: Tara Hassnberg
Ushers: Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien

Offerings June 26 — July 2

Due to the July 4 holiday, 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 July are:

July 2: Peter's Pence

July 16: Infirm Priests

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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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,
Benjamin Noyd, 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.**

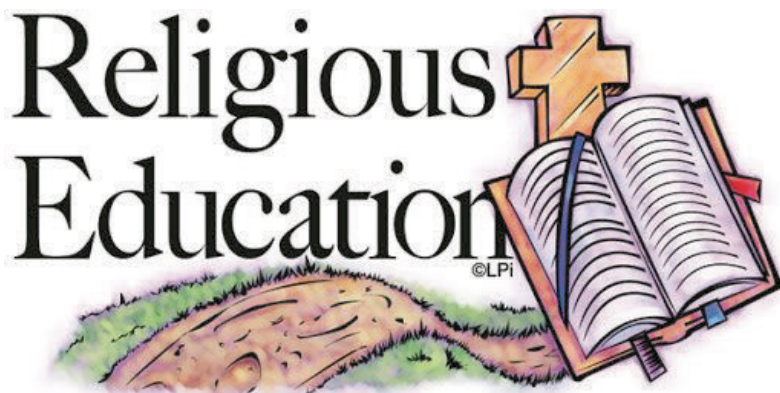
To have names added or removed from these lists,
please contact the parish office at 843-795-3821

Intentions

Mass: This Week

Sat.	8	5:30 pm	For the people of Nativity
Sun.	9	9:00 am	3rd Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Michael Cellars
		11:30 am	Col. Thomas O'Donnell+
Mon	10	11:30 am	
Tues.	11	11:30 am	
Wed.	12	11:30 am	
Thurs.	13	11:30 am	
Fri.	14	11:30 am	Roy Ross+
Sat.	15	5:30 pm	Deceased members of the Graduation Class of Sumaya Florez
Sun	16	9:00 am	
		11:30 am	Carl F Kornahrens+

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.



**The primary duty of parents
is to present to their children
the Good News
and to communicate the
Christian faith to them.**

This is a tough job but Nativity provides not one, but two ministries to help you succeed in your mission.

- **Nativity School**
- **Nativity Parish School of Religion**

Nativity School

**dedicated to the academic and
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Discover Nativity School, James Island's
best kept secret for grades K4 through 8.

**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 or our FaceBook

www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights.

or contact the School Office at 843-795-3975

Teaching Values for Life!

Nativity Parish School of Religion

PSR is offered for parish children, grades K4
through 8, enrolled in non-parochial schools.
Nativity PSR is accepting applications for the
23–24 School Year.

Registration packets are available

at the church entrances and online at

<https://nativitycharleston.com/formation/>

Register by July 24 to avoid the \$20 late registration fee.

**For more information, please contact Mary Smith
at 843-795-3821 x 104.**



Catholic Campus Ministry in the Diocese of Charleston

exists to help bring college students into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Campus Ministry engages students with the life and mission of His Church, and provides a safe place where students can grow and mature in their faith.

What do we do?

The ministry on each campus provides events, programming, and other activities centered on the intellectual and spiritual growth of students in an atmosphere that is welcoming and fun!

What are some typical activities?

Off-campus retreats, diocesan wide gatherings, on-campus small group studies on Scripture and Theology, opportunities to gather for devotional prayer, small group faith sharing, service projects in the local community, guest speakers to discuss the Church's response to current events, tailgates, game nights, fun excursions off campus, RCIA for those seeking to become Catholic, and more.

Where will you find us?

Allen University, Benedict College, Claflin University, Clemson University, Coastal Carolina University, College of Charleston, Columbia College, Converse College, Francis Marion University, Furman University, Lander University, Medical University of South Carolina, Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College, Presbyterian College, South Carolina State University, Southern Wesleyan University, The Citadel, Tri-County Technical College, University of South Carolina, University of South Carolina-Upstate, Winthrop University, Wofford College

Sounds good! How do I get started?

Simple, just contact the Nativity Parish Office and give us your contact information (name, cell phone, email address, the SC college you will attend). We will take it from there. The campus ministry will contact you soon after you arrive on campus. But wait! We know this is going to be a busy summer. So save yourself some time;

Just have your parents or grandparents handle these details for you!

For more information please contact Mary Smith at DRE@NativityCharleston.org or at 843-795-3821 ext 104



*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!



Perhaps You or someone you know

- ? Are interested to know more about our Catholic Faith.
- ? Have pondered the notion of becoming a Catholic but do not know where to start?
- ? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but may not have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

Well then, RCIA may be just the thing for you!

So what is RCIA anyway? RCIA is an acronym that means the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a series of lessons aimed at explaining to adults what it means to be Catholic.

Nativity offers an opportunity to come together in a welcoming and accepting setting. Participants are encouraged to engage in the process with their questions, their insights, and their faith story. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and are intended to prepare the participants to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season.

The RCIA classes are held from 10:00 am to 11:15 am on Sunday morning in the Parish Life Center Meeting Room.

**This year's program begins on Sunday, August 27 at 5:30 pm
with a 'Meat and Greet' Cookout!**

For more information, please contact Vicki Vázquez at admin@nativitycharleston.org or at 843-795-3821.

Catechists Needed!

LOVE YOUR FAITH?
SHARE IT!

The word 'catechesis' means 'to echo'. Literally, we are to echo the good news of Jesus Christ to others. This not a suggestion: it is a command of our Lord.

Specifically, we need more catechists in order to be able to offer the Nativity Parish School of Religion for the 2023-2024 school year. We need some class teachers, substitute teachers and class assistants.

If you love your faith and would be willing to share that blessing with the children of our parish, please contact Mary Smith at 795-3821ext 104.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha the "Lily of the Mohawk"

Feast is July 14



Kateri was an indigenous American girl born in April, 1656 in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon (now upper state New York). The life of indigenous children was never easy due to the general harshness of life compounded by the frequent skirmishes with neighboring clans.

However, conditions were worst than normal in mid 17th century New York. The French and the Dutch colonists and their armies

were battling to gain control of land and business interests. Both groups coerced the indigenous people to 'take their side' via mis-representation, threats, violence and broken treaties.

So the world in which Kateri grew up was a very hostile and dangerous place. Kateri's clan frequently needed to migrate for their safety and survival. Note that this scenario is not unique to 17th century New York; it is repeated over and over, throughout the world to this day.

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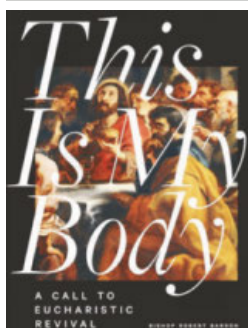
The colonists brought with them foreign diseases. Kateri was orphaned when she was 4 years old. Her parents, her brother and over half of her village died during a small pox epidemic. She contracted the disease, which left her severely scarred and nearly blind for the rest of her life. Her Mohawk name, Tekakwitha, means "she who bumps into things". Despite her special needs, she learned weaving, beading, cooking, and attending the sick in order to contribute to the life of her community.

Despite the hardships and tragedy of her life, Kateri was a devout child. As a teenager, she came under the tutelage of Catholic missionaries who were embedded in the colonists' armies. She embraced Christianity and made a vow of virginity. But, her commitment to Christianity was misunderstood and ridiculed by her fellow villagers.

She eventually migrated to a mission in southern Canada, where she became Catholic. She attended daily Mass, taught children, and ministered to the sick and the elderly. She died of natural causes in 1680 at age 24.

Within four years, pilgrimages to the site of her tomb had begun and healing miracles were attributed to her. Kateri was beatified by Pope Saint John Paul II on June 22, 1980, and canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 21, 2012. St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first indigenous American woman to be canonized.

Like St. Kateri, God invites us all to be faithful to our commitments of faith and to always respond in love.



INTRODUCING A NEW SESSION OF THE WEDNESDAY, DINE AND DISCUSS BOOK CLUB

Our first session ended on June, 28.

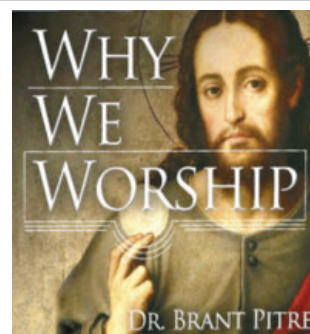
The discussion was inspiring and the dinner was totally fabulous. We are looking to build on this success with this new session.

Our book is Bishop Robert Barron's
"This Is My Body" - A Call to Eucharistic Revival.

Pick up your copy at the Nativity Parish office for the great price of just \$2.00 per copy. Read the book on your own and gather at the Parish Life Center at 6:00 pm on August 9th to

DINE AND DISCUSS

For more information, please contact Andrea Gilliard at acgilliard@comcast.net or Mary Smith at dre@nativitycharleston.org



Tuesday Daytime Bible Study 12:30 to 2:00 pm in the Parish Life Center

This study is a series of 6 DVD presentations (one at each meeting) with group prayer and discussion.

The sessions are in person and online via ZOOM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87244968092?pwd=cmRrd2kvTmpeEQzgvNE1ubE00NGZxdz09>

Meeting ID: 872 4496 8092 and the Passcode: Nativity

For more information, please contact Ryckie Watkins at ryckiewatkins1329@comcast.net

Please join us as often as you are able.

**Alpha starts again on Tuesday, September 5, 2023
at 6:15 pm in the Parish Life Center Ave Maria Hall**

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

Please plan to attend and bring a friend



Scenes from the recent Officers' Installation and new member initiation for Knights of Columbus Council 6250.
Thanks Men, for all you do to support our church and community.

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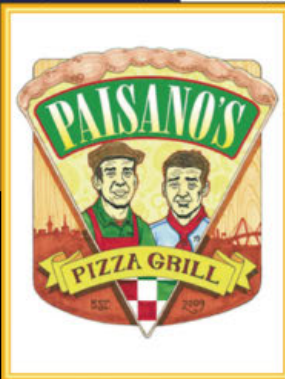
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