

Mystery of Our Salvation

Years ago, a woman at daily Mass approached me in the communion procession. She had her arms crossed, indicating she wanted a blessing instead of the Sacred Host. She had tears in her eyes. I gave her a little blessing. She returned the next day. And the next. The same thing repeated. After a few weeks, I asked her why she didn't receive Holy Communion. She said she wasn't Catholic yet and was preparing to become so. I asked her why she wanted to be Catholic. She said, "Because I long to be in a real communion with Christ and with everyone I love." That, I submit, is a darn good reason. A few months later, she became Catholic and received the Body and Blood of Christ with unspeakably great joy and still does to this day.

Saint Paul says of the Eucharistic bread, "Is it not a participation in the body of Christ?" For Paul, the answer is obvious. Yes, it is exactly that. Which is why he can say, "we, though many, are one body." Jesus is truly, really, and substantially present in the Holy Eucharist. This is no magic trick, but a mystery of our salvation. He feeds us with the Sacrament of his body so that our communion with him — and with the other members of his body — is built up and becomes mature. That's why the Eucharist quenches our deep thirst for love and communion. The Body and Blood of Christ is the best reason to be Catholic. It's our participation of love in the one we love.

...Father John Muir

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. Saturday Vigil Sunday 11:30 am Mass 5:30 pm 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

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

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Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

^{...}Today's Psalm PS 147

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.

STAFF

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Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services: 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



To register in our parish, please fill out a registration form on our web site: www.nativitycharleston.org.

New to Our Community?

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!

Please support our Advertisers whose funding makes this bulletin possible.

Liturgical Ministers for June 17—June 18

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

	5:30 pm Mass
Greeters:	John & Meg Hoeft,
	Patrick Kelley & Kathy Wiley
Altar Servers:	Jake Hoeft, Daniel Salceda
Eucharistic	Mary Bieda, Mike Bieda,
Ministers:	Barbara Coddington, Eileen Easler,
	Meg Hoeft
Lector:	Anna Yonce
Ushers:	Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley,
	Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass

Greeters:Horner Family, Knight FamilyAltar Servers:Horner Family, Knight FamilyAltar Servers:Maisie Lewis, Liam Manning,
Jack PerryEucharisticKaren Cellars, Suzanne Decker,
Kathy Murphy, Hal & Pat Perry,
Michael DennisLector:Michael DennisUshers:Richard Bragiel, George Hill,
Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass

Greeters:	Péchon Family, Natalie Zanolli
Altar Servers:	Rosalie Felix, Jackson Gintz,
	Caryn Hasenberg
Eucharistic	Ed Defourneaux, Jackie Doscher,
Ministers:	Pam Everitt, Kathy Hepner,
	Christine Lewis
Lector:	John Lavelle
Ushers:	Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt,
	Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings May 22 — June 4

Collections at Mass (May 27—May 28) Collections at Mass (Jun 3—Jun 4) Mail in Offerings (May 22—Jun 2) myEoffering (May 22—Jun 2) Budget (2 weeks)	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	9,114.00 12,984.00 6,785.00 9,292.78 32,734.62
Difference	\$	+ 5,447.16
Registered Households		689
Envelopes Used (May 27—May 28)		159
Envelopes Used (Jun 3—Jun 4)		179
Active myEoffering Families		162
MyEoffering Family Donations (May 22-	—Jı	un 2) 225

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.



Now available online at nativitycharleston.org



For immediate access, just scan this QR code with your smart phone ----->>

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

Sanctuary Candle:

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Jun 17	— J	lun 23	William Reed+
Mass:	This	s Week	
Sat.	10	5:30 pm	Linda Mabry+
Sun.	11	9:00 am	Susie DeLorme+
		11:30 am	Ann Ginn+
Mon.	12	11:30 am	Fr. Jerome Powers+
Tues.	13	11:30 am	Armine Richardson+
Wed.	14	11:30 am	Bill Reed+
Thurs.	15	11:30 am	
Fri.	16	11:30 am	In honor of the Our Lady of Mercy
			Sisters living and deceased
Sat.	17	5:30 pm	Helen Bieda+
Sun.	18	9:00 am	Joan Hain+
		11:30 am	

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.





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 or our FaceBook page at www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights. or contact the School Office at 843-795-3975

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



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 or call the school office at 843-795-3975.



At Holy Sprit 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 <u>bmathewes@holyspiritsc.org</u>



The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a ministry to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the intention of a specific priest or bishop.

- A group of at least seven women and alternates work together
- Each 'Sister" prays a weekly Holy Hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament
- A Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week (Sunday through Saturday)
- The Holy Hours are coordinated so that one "Sister" is assigned one day per week.
- The time and location of the daily Holy Hour is decided by the "Sister of the Day".
- The commitment is one year.

For more information about the Seven Sisters Apostolate, please visit https://sevensistersapostolate.org/

To sign up for this ministry please contact Barbara at omabarb07@gmail.com or at (828) 713-4551

Thank you for your interest in the Seven Sisters Apostolate.

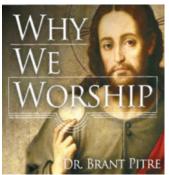


Father Kingsley will celebrate the 20th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Sunday, June 11 At 12:45 pm.

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.

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



Summer Daytime Bible Study Meets on Tuesdays Beginning, June 13 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.

Christians today have lots of different opinions about what "worship" should look like. Some think it should be all preaching, others think it should be 'entertaining', still others think it's all about the music.

But what does *the Bible* say about worship? And why do Catholics do what they do at Mass? Why all the standing, sitting, kneeling, and repetition? Where does it all come from?

The sessions are in person and online via ZOOM

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87244968092? pwd=cmRrd2kvTmpEQzgvNE1ubE00NGZxdz09

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.



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 administra-

tor 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.



Returns to the Lowcountry June 18-23!

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. The Johns Island Team will be headquartered at the Rural Mission.

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



Flowers at the altar this weekend were in memory of

Ann Gínn. May She Rest ín Peace.



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:

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



Bishop England High School Seeks a Math Teacher for the 2023-24 School Year

This is a full-time position with a schedule that will have an emphasis on geometry. The ideal candidate will have a degree in math, a teaching certificate in secondary math, and experience teaching at the high school level.

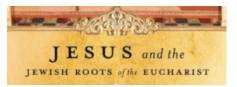


The term **Acolyte** designates one who has been instituted into a specific liturgical ministry. An **acolyte** prepares the altar and sacred vessels, assists the celebrant at Mass and performs other liturgical services. On Sunday, June 4, James Craven was instituted in the Ministry of Acolyte.

"I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Parish for their acceptance of my institution as Acolyte. Most especially, I thank Father Kingsley and Mary Smith for their assistance in my institution to this ministry. And I also thank my wife, Wendy, who continues to support me in this ministry. This is a great and humbling honor."

...James Craven

Please wish James well in his new service to Nativity.



BOOK CLUB DINE AND DISCUSS

Wed., Jun. 28 at 6:00 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

Recall that the book for this session is Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist by Dr. Brant Pitre.

It is not too soon to finish reading the book and getting started on your potluck recipe.

For more information, please contact Andrea Gilliard at <a href="mailto:accord:





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