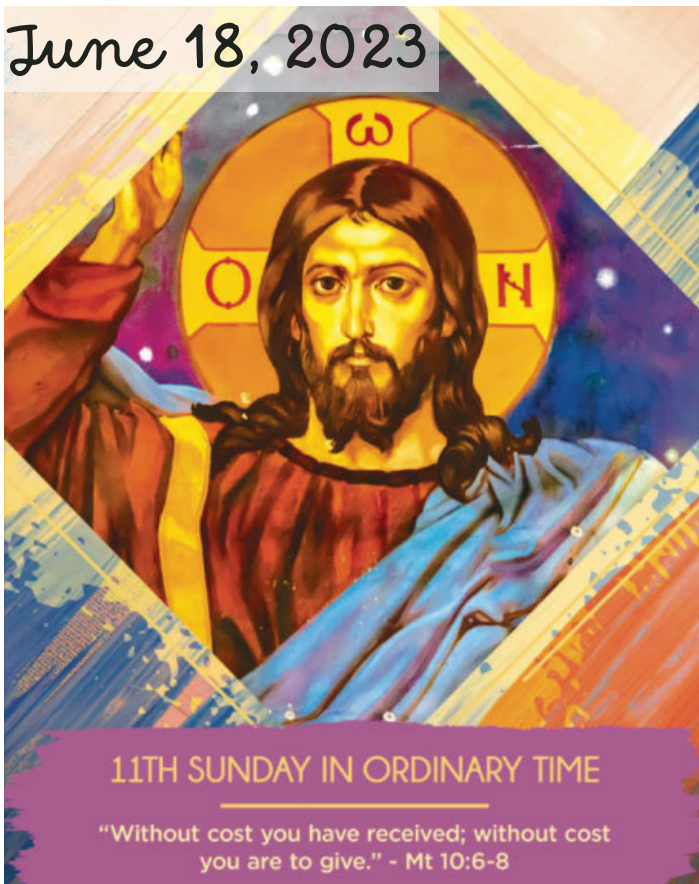


June 18, 2023



## Looking in the Wrong Place

In the backyard of the house where I live with other priests, there is a lemon tree which produces a huge amount of fruit. One evening in the spring I needed some lemons for a chicken dish. I glanced from the kitchen and saw the tree bursting with large, bright, gorgeous lemons, hanging thick on seemingly every branch. Turning to Fr. Bob, who sat on the couch, I said, "could you pick a few lemons for me?" He said sure and into the backyard he went.

Fr. Bob returned a few minutes later empty-handed and said "there's no lemons. Sorry." I looked again and saw the grapefruit tree on the other side of the yard, which had recently been picked clean of fruit. Fr. Bob didn't see the abundant lemons because he was looking in the wrong place!

Like Fr. Bob, we sadly don't see the fruit all around us. We think that the culture is spiraling down, young people avoid church, and the future looks bleak. Why go out into the world and work? The world looks like a fruitless tree.

Jesus doesn't see things that way. This week he tells us, "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few." Look again: there is spiritual fruit hanging all around us! The lonely ready to be visited. The sick ready to be healed. The forgotten ready to be remembered. The poor ready to be treated with dignity. The sad ready to be consoled. The young ready for the Gospel.

So, let's ask the Lord to send laborers to get to work. He will. He might even send you and me. Just remember to look at the correct trees.

...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. | 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 |
|----------|------------|

### 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](mailto:Office@NativityCharleston.org)

### Stay in touch with us at Nativity



For the latest updates, sign up for FlockNote  
<https://nativityfamily.flocknote.com/>

Visit us at

Web page: <https://nativitycharleston.com/>  
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and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NativityFamily>  
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/NativityCharleston/>

*We are his people: the sheep of his flock.*

...Today's Psalm PS 100

## 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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**Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services:**  
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 24—June 25

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, Emma Grace Turner  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Wendy Bergstrom, Meg Hoeft, Carolyn Smith, Mary Smith, John Warren  
**Lector:** Mary Bieda  
**Ushers:** Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins

**9:00 am Mass**  
**Greeters:** Caughey Family, Becky Warriner  
**Altar Servers:** Abram Delaney, Matthew Hart, Jacob Perry  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jimmy Craven, Wendy Craven, Mark Hollifield, Liisa Machowski, Kirby Preston  
**Lector:** Mary Catherine Dubois  
**Ushers:** Richard Bragiel, George Hill, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

**11:30 am Mass**  
**Greeters:** Sheila Griner, Susan La Via  
**Altar Servers:** Izabela Davis, Liam Hale, Kenji Tran  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynn Curry, Brian Dougherty, Kathy Hepner, Christine Lewis, Phu Tran  
**Lector:** Cava Riley  
**Ushers:** Lewis Doscher, Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien

## Offerings June 5 — June 11

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Collections at Mass (Jun 10—Jun 11)        | \$ 8,288.00   |
| Mail in Offerings (Jun 5—Jun 9)            | \$ 2,690.00   |
| myEoffering (Jun 5—Jun 9)                  | \$ 3,026.64   |
| Budget (1 week)                            | \$ 16,367.31  |
| Difference                                 | \$ - 2,362.67 |
| Registered Households                      | 689           |
| Envelopes Used (Jun 10—Jun 11)             | 169           |
| Active myEoffering Families                | 162           |
| MyEoffering Family Donations (Jun 5—Jun 9) | 59            |

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.

**Offerings for Seminarians: \$640.00**

**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



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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,  
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

### Sanctuary Candle:

Jun 17 — Jun 23 William Reed+

### Mass: This Week

|        |    |          |   |
|--------|----|----------|---|
| Sat.   | 17 | 5:30 pm  | Helen Bieda+                                    |
| Sun.   | 18 | 9:00 am  | Joan Hain+                                      |
|        |    | 11:30 am | Peter Ferra+                                    |
| Mon    | 19 | 11:30 am | John Weston Massie+                             |
| Tues.  | 20 | 11:30 am |   |
| Wed.   | 21 | 11:30 am |   |
| Thurs. | 22 | 11:30 am | One Year Death Anniversary of Patricia Hancock+ |
| Fri.   | 23 | 11:30 am | Daniel Parker+                                  |
| Sat.   | 24 | 5:30 pm  | Katherine Duffy+                                |
| Sun.   | 25 | 9:00 am  | Anne Kingsley+                                  |
|        |    | 11:30 am | Tina DiFiglio+                                  |

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](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.**



### *Flowers*

at the altar this weekend are in memory of

*Benjamin Jantzen  
May He Rest in Peace.*



**2023 Vacation Bible School  
At Holy Spirit Church (Johns Island)  
June 26 through 30 from 9:00 to noon.**

The price is \$30 per child.

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



*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.

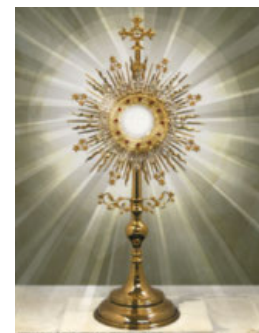
*All members of the Nativity Community are  
encouraged to participate in the Eucharistic Revival.*

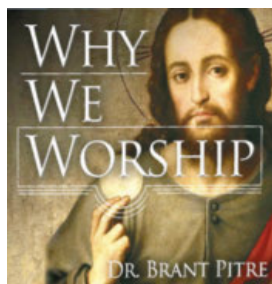
## Cannot Make Eucharistic Adoration at Nativity at Noon on Thursday? Here is Another Option.

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 [patti brassington@gmail.com](mailto:patti brassington@gmail.com) or at 843-901-9467.

**Jesus wants to spend some quality time with you!**





## 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.

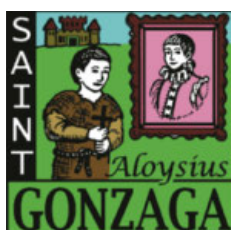
The sessions are in person and online via ZOOM

<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](mailto:ryckiewatkins1329@comcast.net)

**Please join us as often as you are able.**



## Feast is June 21 A Saint for Today's Youth

In some ways, Louis (English translation of Aloysius) had it all. He was born in 1568, the son of a rich and powerful Italian nobleman. As first born son, he stood to inherit his father's title and all the family's wealth (Ah, life is good!).

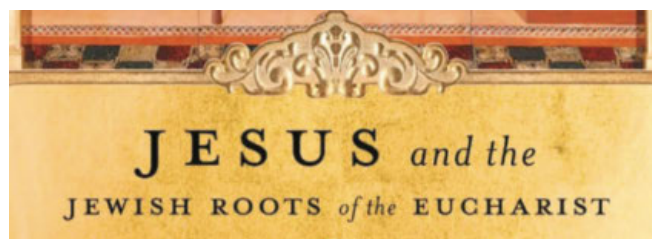
Louis grew up amid the violence and brutality of Renaissance Italy. Two of his brothers were murdered. Furthermore, he and his parents didn't always agree on things (sound familiar?).

When he was 8 years old, he got sick with a kidney disease. While he was ill, he took the opportunity to read about the saints and spent much of his time in prayer (Facebook and Twitter had not yet been invented). After reading a book about missionaries in India, Louis felt strongly that he wanted to become a missionary himself. He started practicing by teaching catechism classes to the poor children. Louis continued to suffer from poor health for the rest of his life but he was known for his dedication to prayer and fasting.

In 1585, Louis began his studies in Rome to become a Jesuit priest. In 1591, the plague broke out and Louis volunteered to care for the sick. The Jesuits opened a hospital for the stricken. Aloysius carried the dying from the streets into a hospital where he cared for the sick. He washed and fed the plague victims and prepared them to receive the sacraments.

In March 1591 he contracted the plague at age 23 and died on June 21 1591. Aloysius was canonized a saint in 1726 and in 1926, Pope Pius XI named Aloysius Gonzaga patron of all Christian youth..

...adapted from [www.catholic.org/saints](http://www.catholic.org/saints)



## 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 [acgilliard@comcast.net](mailto:acgilliard@comcast.net) or Mary Smith at [dre@nativitycharleston.org](mailto:dre@nativitycharleston.org)



**Juneteenth is a holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States.**

It is also known as Juneteenth National Independence Day, Jubilee Day, Emancipation Day, or Freedom Day.

Juneteenth is celebrated on June 19<sup>th</sup> and became a federal holiday in 2021. This is the date when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1865 and announced freedom to enslaved people in Texas.

### The Back Story

President Abraham Lincoln issued the **Emancipation Proclamation**, effective on January 1, 1863 thereby freeing all enslaved people living in the Confederate States. However this act did not free any enslaved people who lived in the 'border states'. Further, emancipation could only be implemented in those Confederate areas controlled by Union forces.

The **surrender of the Confederate forces** at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865 essentially emancipated the enslaved people living in the previously confederate states. However, information travelled slowly in the 1860s.

It was not until June 19, 1865, that **Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, TX** and issued an order proclaiming freedom for all enslaved people in Texas. The Texans were the last confederate enslaved people to be liberated.

**The 13th Amendment** abolished slavery in the United States. It was ratified on December 6, 1865. This ratification finally emancipated all the enslaved people in the United States.



# Nativity School

Catapult Learning



## 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



### 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.

For more information, please email Bishop England's Principal, Mary Anne B. Tucker, at [mtucker@behs.com](mailto:mtucker@behs.com), or visit the school's website, [www.behs.com/about/employment](http://www.behs.com/about/employment).



## CELEBRATING FATHER'S DAY



He didn't tell me how to live;  
he lived, and let me watch him do it....Clarence Budington Kelland

My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard.  
Mother would come out and say, "You're tearing up the grass". "We're  
not raising grass," Dad would reply. "We're raising boys."

...Harmon Killebrew

My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another  
person, he believed in me. ...Jim Valvano

When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could  
hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-  
one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years.

...attributed to Mark Twain

A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and  
yet one of the most valuable assets in our society. ...Billy Graham

I cannot think of any need in childhood  
as strong as the need for a father's protection. ...Sigmund Freud

It is easier for a father to have children  
than for children to have a real father. ...Pope St. John, XXIII

Dad taught me everything I know. Unfortunately,  
he didn't teach me everything he knows. ...Al Unser

When my father didn't have my hand, he had my back.

...Linda Poindexter

Being a dad is not for the faint of heart. The hours are long. Multi-tasking is a must. The stakes are  
high. Failure is inevitable. But failure is not the end,  
it's an opportunity for a new beginning. ...Timothy Diehl

...So he got up and went to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was  
moved with compassion. His father ran to him, hugged him, and kissed him. ...Luke: 15:20

### Bishop Fabre-Jeune Message to Fathers

My dear brothers in Christ,

I thank you for dedicating your lives to care for, protect  
and provide for your families. I would like to take this op-  
portunity to encourage you and to assure you of my con-  
tinued prayers for you.

You have been blessed with the gift of fatherhood and  
have inherited a high calling: to imitate our Father in  
heaven. Especially in our time, the importance of father-  
hood is downplayed or assumed to be unnecessary. But  
we learned through and from Jesus that a father has the  
vital responsibility of guiding his children in right paths —  
God chose Joseph to be Jesus' father.

We read in the book of Proverbs, "Train the young in the  
way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve  
from it" (22:6). A good father leads his family in prayer,  
embodying a life of unwavering service, so that his family  
might be inspired to do the same for others. Fatherhood is  
a sacred duty that transcends just providing for the physi-  
cal needs of children. More importantly, a father must  
raise up great saints whose lives bring glory and joy to  
our Father in heaven and peace to their neighbors.

Dear fathers, I urge you to instill in your children the ten-  
ets of our faith. Build your house on the rock of truth, so

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that your family is safe and unshakable. Like St. Joseph,  
you must guide your family through the desert of  
temptations the world offers and take responsibility for  
your children's education. Making dialogue an important  
activity in the life of your family will help reduce violence  
in our society.

May you find joy and fulfillment in this sacred calling that  
God has given you. Remember that you are not alone on  
this journey. The Church, your family in faith, is here to  
support and encourage you. May you continue to be a  
shining example of God's love and compassion, and may  
your families be blessed by your presence and strength. I  
pray that you will be nourished in your faith and always  
strive to imitate our heavenly Father in all that you do.

With gratitude and admiration, I wish all fathers a blessed  
Father's Day!

In Christ's love,  
Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS  
Bishop of Charleston



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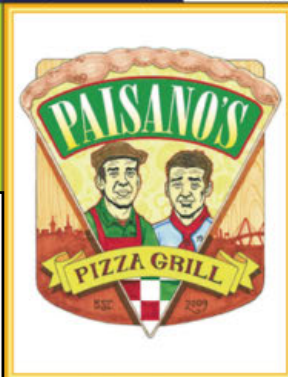
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