

August 13, 2023

Catholic Diocese of Charleston



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

Trust Jesus

This dramatic incident on the sea of Galilee revealed Peter's character more fully than others. Here we see Peter's impulsiveness - his tendency to act without thinking of what he was doing. He often failed and came to grief as a result of his impulsiveness. In contrast, Jesus always bade his disciples to see how difficult it was to follow him.

A great deal of failure in the Christian life is due to acting on impulse and emotion without counting the cost. Peter, in the moment of his failure, clutched at Jesus and held him firmly. Every time Peter fell, he rose again. His failures only made him love the Lord more deeply and trust him more intently.

The Lord keeps watch over us at all times, and especially in our moments of temptation and difficulty. So rely on the Lord for his strength and help. Jesus assures us that we have no need of fear if we trust in Him and in his great love for us. When calamities or trials threaten to overwhelm you, respond with faith and trust in God's love, care and presence with you.

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



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

Mon. 6:30 pm Vigil Mass of the Assumption

Tues. 9:30 am School Mass of the Assumption

All are welcome and invited to attend the School Mass. Attendees who are not affiliated with Nativity School are requested to please sit toward the back of the church and away from the students.

Tues. 11:30 am Mass of the Assumption

Wed. 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

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

...Today's Psalm PS 97

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 Aug 19—Aug 20

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

5:30 pm Mass	
Greeters:	John & Meg Hoeft, Timothy & Carolyn Smith
Altar Servers:	Isabella Cunningham, Jake Hoeft
Eucharistic Ministers:	Wendy Bergstrom, Barbara Coddington, Meg Hoeft, Carolyn Smith, Mary Smith
Lector:	Mary Bieda
Ushers:	Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Hulseberg, Lamar Watkins
9:00 am Mass	
Greeters:	Caughey Family, Mary Catherine Dubois
Altar Servers:	Eliza Cellars, Jacob Perry, Emma Grace Turner
Eucharistic Ministers:	Karen Cellars, Jimmy Craven, Judy Daugomah, Daniel Suggs, Tamme Suggs
Lector:	Michael Dennis
Ushers:	Richard Bragiel, Joe Dubois, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony
11:30 am Mass	
Greeters:	Rebecca Beylotte, Sheila Griner
Altar Servers:	Gavin Gilreath, Caryn Hasenberg, Tomi Tran
Eucharistic Ministers:	Lynn Curry, Pam Everitt, Christine Lewis, Maier Runyon, Phu Tran
Lector:	Scott Runyon
Ushers:	Lewis Doscher, Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien

Offerings July 31 — August 6

Collections at Mass (Aug 5—Aug 6)	\$ 10,801.00
Mail in Offerings (Jul 31—Aug 4)	\$ 2,910.00
myEoffering (Jul 31—Aug 4)	\$ 4,244.29
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,557.69
Difference	\$ + 1,397.60
Registered Households	615
Envelopes Used (Aug 5—Aug 6)	184
Active myEoffering Families	158
MyEoffering Family Donations (Jul 31—Aug 4)	114

Second Collections for August are:

August 20: Disaster Assistance

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: Jama Stilwell, Jerry Wade

From previous months: Allene Barans, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Ray Blevins, Don Carcone, Anne Castelli, Ron Connick, Herman Connor, Wendy Craven, Arlene & Bill Crosby, Vi Defourneaux, William Doherty, Jake DuPree, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, James Michael Huber, Dan & Mary Hughes, Myrtis Jenkins, Fred Kornahrens, Delores Lopez, Katherine and William Manning, Paul Madden, John Minaudo, Paul & Carole Moran, Frances O. O'Leary, 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.**

Intentions

Mass: This Week

Sat.	12	5:30 pm	Dooley Fava+
Sun.	13	9:00 am	For the 72 nd wedding anniversary of Esther & Walter Machowski
		11:30 am	For the 7th wedding anniversary of Dennis & Hien Bauhman
Mon	14	11:30 am	
		6:30 pm	
Tues.	15	11:30 am	All who have a special devotion to Mary, Our Blessed Mother
Wed.	16	11:30 am	Nancy Thomas+
Thurs.	17	11:30 am	Fiona O'Brien
Fri.	18	11:30 am	
Sat.	19	5:30 pm	One Year Death Anniversary of Leslie McDermott+
Sun.	20	9:00 am	For the 58th wedding anniversary of Pat & Hal Perry
		11:30 am	Stephen Buffington+

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.**

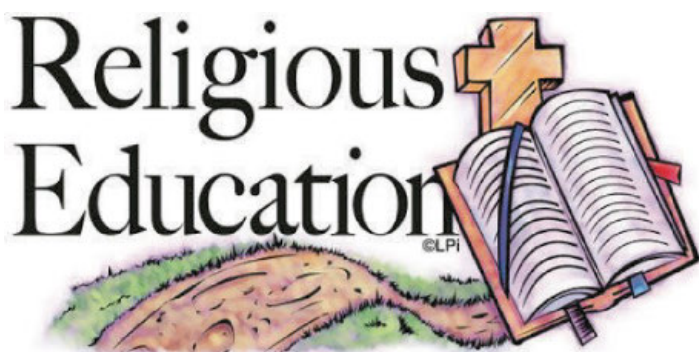


Nativity School—Teaching Values for Life!

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

The fall semester starts This Monday, August 14.
Hope all enjoyed the summer vacation.



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/>

Late registration of \$20 now applies.

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

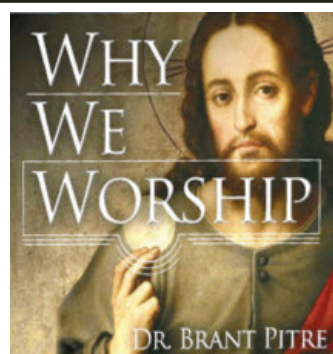
Catechists Needed!

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.



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

We have completed our study. However, this series was so full of inspiration and meaning that we will be having 'Replay Tuesday' for the next few weeks.

These sessions are in person and online via ZOOM
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87244968092?pwd=cmRrd2kvTmptEQZgqNE1ubE00NGZxdz09>

Meeting ID: 872 4496 8092 and the Passcode: Nativity

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

Contact Ryckie and vote to replay the episodes of you choice.



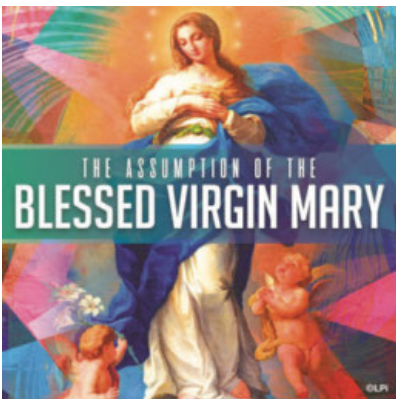
So what is RCIA anyway?

RCIA is an acronym that means the **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**ddults. 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.



August 15—Holy Day of Obligation

The church has always held to the belief that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into a heavenly state, even though the belief was not declared as dogmatic until 1950. The early church had a robust tradition of revering relics from the saints of the day. The complete lack of relics from the Mother of Jesus was seen as evidence of this Marian belief. The celebration of the event as a feast dates back to the fourth century in the East and the seventh century in the West.

Since Mary was untouched by the stain of sin, she was unable to experience the "wages of sin," which is death. But her Assumption also says something about humanity as well. Sin only has power over us if we allow it. Mary was freed from this power in her Immaculate Conception, and when she responded "yes" to God. We were freed from that power when Jesus died and rose, conquering death. Now, we must respond "yes" to claim the victory that was already won for us. On this feast, we should not only celebrate the great works God has done for us through Our Lady, but also celebrate the truth that we have the opportunity to one day spend eternity with her and her Son, Jesus.

Please plan to join us at Mass.

Monday, August 14th at 6:30 PM or Tuesday, August 15th at 9:30 AM (School Mass) or 11:30 AM



Choir Rehearsal Resumes Wednesday, Sep. 6 at 6:30 pm

The choir regularly rehearses on Wednesday evening. We usually finish by 7:30 pm.

**New singers are always welcome.
No experience is needed.**

The only requirement is to show up.

Can't make a 10 month commitment? Consider "singing for a season". You might be able to join us in September and sing through Thanksgiving or join us in advent and sing through Christmas. (This is really a popular option because everybody likes to sing Christmas Carols).

For more information, please contact Courtney Reed (Director of Music) at 843-795-3821 x 103 or at Music@NativityCharleston.org

Please Come Join Us!

Rachel's Vineyard

Healing the trauma of abortion, one weekend at a time

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

is a supportive, confidential, non-judgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion experience. The retreat offers an opportunity to find healing and peace.

Our next retreat: Sep 29—Oct 1 (Greenville, SC).

For more information or registration please contact Christy at 803 554 6088 or Kathy at 803 546 6010 or email us at Grace4healing@gmail.com



Flowers

at the altar this weekend are in thanksgiving for the 72nd wedding anniversary of Esther and Walter Machowski.

Alpha starts Tuesday, September 5, 2023
At 6:15 pm
In the Nativity Parish Life Center
Join in and bring all your friends.

We're all searching for more.

What is the point of life? / Why is there suffering in the world? /
What happens when we die? / Is forgiveness possible?

What is Alpha?

Alpha provides an opportunity to connect with other people who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning. Alpha is an 11 week program. Each session includes a time to connect with others (over a free meal), hear a short talk on an element of the Christian faith, and then a chance for each person to share their won thoughts and questions with the group.

Alpha is fun, relaxed and totally non-pressured

Alpha's Three Main Elements:



Good Food



Alpha Talk



Discussion

How does it work?

Each Alpha course session begins with food, followed by a short video that explores a different aspect of the Christian faith. After that, there is a time for discussion in a friendly small group.

Who is Alpha for?

Alpha is for everyone, especially:

- Those who have given up on church
- Those wanting to investigate Christianity
- Those who are new to the Christian faith
- Those wanting to grow in understanding and faith

What is the cost?

There is no charge for the Alpha course, although your donations will be greatly appreciated.

View the Alpha at Nativity Fall Schedule at <https://nativitycharleston.com/alpha/>
Join us by contacting Vicki Vázquez | alpha@nativitycharleston.org | 843-795-3821



The Nativity Ladies Guild Kicks Off a New Ministry Year!

Our first meeting of this new year is Monday, Aug 28th
Refreshments at 6:30 pm
followed by our meeting at 7:00
in the Parish Life Center.

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All ladies of the parish are invited to join us.

Our theme this year is **"Let Your Light Shine"** (Mt 5:16). We all have talents and skills. We encourage you to join us and share these skills with our parish community.

We are looking forward to a very full schedule full of faith, service, friendship and fun and would love to have you join us.

Please plan to attend on Aug 28th and bring a friend!

For more information please contact Jackie Doscher at 843-276-5002 or at jackiedoscher@gmail.com



Scenes from the Parish Fellowship Weekend after the Masses on August 5 and 6. This event was presented by the Nativity Ladies Guild. Many who attended brought also brought food and smiles to share. Many thanks to all who participated to make this a great community event...

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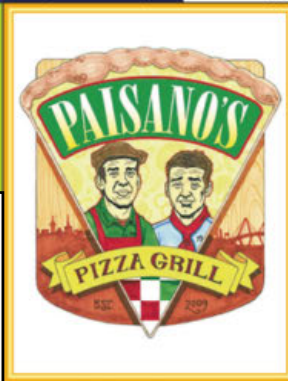
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