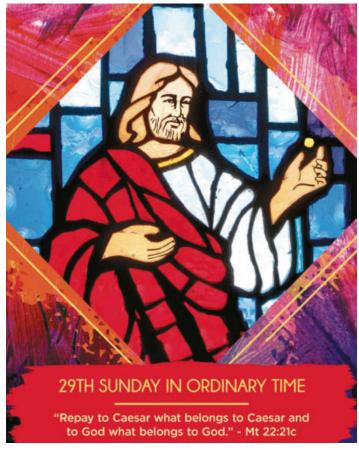
October 22, 2023



So Who is Really In Charge?

Jesus says, "Render therefore to Caesar the things are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question: what is the relationship between political and divine authority?

Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s and 40s. It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion. If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now. Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime.

What's a better alternative? At our best, Christians hold that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate autonomy but is nested within God's all-encompassing authority. Think, for example, of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s respect for politics while also being able to criticize unjust human laws because he recognized a higher heavenly law. In other words, Caesar owns politics — and God owns Caesar. So, we should allow Jesus' words to lead us to have a deep respect and willingness to peacefully engage in politics without making that engagement our religion. We bring our faith to bear on our politics knowing confidently that Caesar isn't God but he is indeed God's. 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 Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon. through Fri. Thurs. 11:30 am Mass 9:30 am School Mass

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.

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 pm Sunday Mass 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

Sive the Lord glory and honor ...Today's Psalm PS 96

...Father John Muir

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

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Kingsley Pastor@NativityCharleston.org, 843-795-3821 x 105

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Religious Education: Mrs. Mary L. Smith DRE@NativityCharleston.org, 843-795-3821 x 104

School Principal: Mrs. Patti Dukes pdukes@nativity-school.com, 843-795-3975

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 chummert@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 Oct 28—Oct 29

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

	5:30 pm Mass
Greeters:	Tom & Marcia McNamee,
	Dianne Piri
Altar Servers:	Jake Hoeft, Emma Grace Turner,
Eucharistic	Wendy Bergstrom, Barbara Coddington,
Ministers:	Patty Edwards, Meg Hoeft,
	John Warren
Lector:	Eileen Easler
Ushers:	Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley,
	Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins
	9:00 am Mass

Greeters:	Bolchoz Family, Mary Catherine Dubois
Altar Servers:	Liam Manning, Jack Perry,
	Connor Richey
Eucharistic	Judy Daugomah, Suzanne Decker,
Ministers:	Gary Hart, Mark Hollifield,
	Liisa Machowski
Lector:	Michael Dennis
Ushers:	Richard Bragiel, Joe Dubois,
	Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass

Greeters:	Susan La Via, Natalie Zanolli		
Altar Servers:	Jackson Gintz, Kenji Tran, Tomi Tran		
Eucharistic	Jackie Doscher, Brian Dougherty,		
Ministers:	Christine Lewis, Maier Runyon,		
	Phu Tran		
Lector:	Pam Everitt		
Ushers:	Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn,		
	Sheila Griner, Natalie Zanolli		

Offerings October 9 — October 15

Collections at Mass (Oct 14—Oct 15) Mail in Offerings (Oct 9—Oct 13) myEoffering (Oct 9—Oct 13)	\$ \$ \$	10,503.00 1,545.00 5,586.36
Budget (1 week)	s S	16,557.69
Difference	\$	+ 1,076.67
Registered Households		632
Envelopes Used (Oct 14—Oct 15)		172
Active myEoffering Families		176
MyEoffering Family Donations (Oct 9-	-Oct	:13) 120

Second Collections for October are:

October 22: World Mission Sunday

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



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: Mary Bieda, Mariano La Via, Ruthie Mallard

From previous months: Allene Barans, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Ray Blevins, Don Carcone, Anne Castelli, Ron Connick, Herman Connor, Wendy Craven, Arlene & Bill Crosby, Ed Defourneaux, 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, Jama Stilwell, Fran Taylor, Inge Thornley, Jerry Wade, Courtney Wilson, Sally Wojcik

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 or at Office@NativityCharleston.org.

Intentions

Mass: This Week

Sat.	21	5:30 pm	Pat Campbell+
Sun.	22	9:00 am	Peter Radding+
		11:30 am	Arnold Bennett+
Mon	23	11:30 am	Funeral Mass
Tues.	24	11:30 am	
Wed.	25	11:30 am	
Thurs.	26	11:30 am	Frederick Klemm+
Fri.	27	11:30 am	
Sat.	28	5:30 pm	Brady Lee+
Sun.	29	9:00 am	Special Intention
		11:30 am	George Wulbern+

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.



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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 Year continues. Please pray for our students.

Community Fellowship Weekend

Parish Covered Dish Hosted by the Nativity Ladies Guild





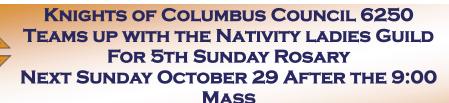
Saturday, November 4, after the 5:30 Mass Bring your favorite dish to share

Sunday, November 5, after the 9:00 Mass Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share

Sunday, November 5, after the 11:30 Mass Bring your favorite lunch dish to share

Drop off food at the PLC before all Masses.

All are encouraged to participate in these Community Gatherings!





ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE!



Floral Workshop Saturday, Nov. 11 at 9:00 am in the Life Center

This event is sponsored by the Nativity Environment Ministry. There will be 2 instructors, teaching the basics of creating beautiful arrangements. The Event Fee is \$10, We will provide each participant with the materials to create their own arrangement.

For more information and to register, please email Margaret at <u>m.holseberg@icloud.com</u> or text 843-697-4437. Hope to see you at this informative and fun event.



Nativity Ladies Guild Quilt Raffle

The quilt was donated by NLG member, Courtney Wilson. The raffle proceeds will benefit Catholic educational programs.

Tickets are \$10.00 and will be available at Nativity Weekend Masses and at Ladies Guild Events for the next few weeks.

Thank you for your support.

Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation

The purpose of the Enrolment is fourfold:



- ⇒ Encourage the candidates to make public their commitment to preparing for Confirmation
- ⇒ Highlight the importance of partnership in the preparation for Confirmation
- ⇒ Assert the connection between Baptism and Confirmation
- ⇒ Invite the candidates to make a commitment to personal prayer.

The Enrollment of Confirmation for Nativity Youth Candidates is this Sunday (Oct. 22) during the 11:30 Mass



LADIES GUILD SEWING GROUP

Will Meet Every Saturday through Nov 18th in the Parish Life Center from 9:00 am to noon.

Everyone who has some time on Saturday and would like to help us is encouraged to participate. We are working on items to sell at the Fall Craft Festival in November.

You don't have to sew (but it helps if you have your own machine!) We really need people who can cut fabric, pin materials, use an iron as needed and other tasks.

We also enjoy the fellowship of catching up on what's going on in the neighborhoods!

For more information, please contact Marion Hoffman at <u>m.hoffman@earthlink.net</u> or at 803-397-2681

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED. JUST SHOW UP WHEN YOU CAN!



Nativity Ladies Guild Monthly General Meeting Mon. Oct. 23 in the Nativity Parish Life Center

All Women of Nativity are Encouraged to Participate.



JAMES ISLAND OUTREACH HELPING and

UNITING COMMUNITY 1860 Camp Road Office Ph: (843) 762-3653

Every can counts! Please help feed our neighbors. Most needed items:

- Canned lima beans, peas, mixed veggies
- Baked beans
- Saltines and other crackers
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Canned pasta (Spaghettios and Ravioli)
- Flour and cooking oil
- Ketchup/mustard/mayo

Please bring your items with you to Nativity weekend Mass and place them into the containers at the church entrances.

Thank you for continuing to help feed our hungry neighbors.



Nativity "Baby Everything" Drive

Throughout the month of October, The Nativity Ladies Guild and Respect Life Committee will be collecting items that a new mother needs in order to care for her new baby. **Donations of all New or Gently Used baby items are appropriate.** Preferred clothing and diaper sizes are for infants and toddlers 10 to 30 pounds.

Place your items in the containers at the church entrances when you come to weekend Mass or you can bring them with you to any Ladies Guild activity.

Your donations will assist clients of the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center and Birthright of Charleston.

For more information, please contact Christine Lewis at lewischristined@att.net

Thank you for caring for these new mothers and their babies.



Fall 2023 Campaign: Sep. 27 through Nov. 5

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion in America.

Facts

- Currently over 700,000 abortions are reported yearly in the United States.
- 40 Days for Life played a role in saving over 23,000 lives since 2007.

Local 40 Days for Life Events

Now through Sun. Nov. 5: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm—Daily Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood Charleston Health Center (1312 Ashley River Road Hwy. 61).

Now Through Wed. Nov 1: 12:00 noon—Weekly Rosary for Life at Nativity Church

Sun. Oct 22: 9:30 am—Mid-Way Rally at Planned Parenthood Charleston Health Center (1312 Ashley River Road Hwy. 61).

Sat. Nov 4: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm—Walk for Life at Wannamaker County Park For more information, please contact Christine Lewis at 843-813-3937 or at <u>lewischristined@att.net</u>

Sat. Nov 4: 5:30 pm—Victory Potluck Celebration (Location TBD) For more information, please contact Susan 703.328.2334

For more information regarding local 40 Days for Life Events, please visit :

https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/charleston

Radical Solidarity Prayer

O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations. Ask your Son to give us unfailing determination to witness to the profound dignity of every person, at every stage and in every circumstance. In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid. May our support help them to find hope and strength in the Lord. Amen.

Joyful Mysteries - Wednesday Night Bible Study

We live in a time of great crisis. So many in our world are tormented with MYSTERIES desolation and despair. Yet the Gospel is exploding with joy! Joy of the ROSARY is attractive, magnetic, contagious! Our world is desperately in need of a joyful Christian witness. The new evangelization will be marked by Christian joy!

Please join us in our study of The Joyful Mysteries. Filmed on location in Israel, these episodes in union with the prayers of the rosary can foster in us an appreciation and love of Mary, but even more so, faith in, hope for, and love of Her Son.

This Study begins on Wednesday Nov 8th at 6pm in the Parish Life Center. Please contact Andrea Gilliard at <u>acgilliard@comcast.net</u> with questions or to sign up.



26th ANNUAL LOW COUNTRY TROUT TOURNAMENT Saturday – November 11, 2023

Registration:	Forms are available at the Nativity Church entrances. Or contact Bobby Watkins at <u>bobby.watkins@usfoods.com</u>	
Late Registration:	Friday, November 10 th at the CAPTAIN's Meeting - 6:00 to 8:00 pm American Legion Post 147 / 968 Folly Road / Charleston, SC	
Registration Fee:	\$40.00 per Angler (includes T Shirt for early registration)	
Weigh-In:	Saturday, November 11 th - from 4:00 to 4:30 pm Wapoo Boat Landing under the bridge on the city side	
Prizes:	1 st Place - \$300.00; 2 nd Place - \$200.00; 3 rd Place - \$100.00	
Tournament Fishing Hours: 12:00 am Saturday morning to 4:00 pm Saturday afternoon.		

The Rules: All trout must be caught on a rod & reel. Only legal trout will be weighed. In case of a tie, the first trout weighed-in will win. Only one prize will be presented per entrant.

All proceeds from this tournament will go to support the good works of Knights of Columbus Council 6250.

For more information regarding sponsorship or participation in this exciting event, please contact Bobby Watkins at bobby watkins@usfoods.com or at (843) 270-5788.

Please join us for this exciting event for the anglers of the community.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Johns Island is seeking applicants for the position of Financial Secretary. The ideal candidate will have years of bookkeeping experience and proficiency in Microsoft Excel and Word while working on a PC platform. A finance or accounting degree would be a plus. The applicant will also be performing various administrative and clerical duties such as contract administration, ADP payroll processing, Human Resources tasks and financial correspondence. This position is 30+ hours a week (M-Th, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm). For consideration, please submit a resume and cover letter with salary expectations to

ssergi@holyspiritsc.org.

For a detailed job description, the position is posted on the Diocese website at charlestondiocese.org. Once on the diocese website, click on the JOBS tab and enter Holy Spirit in the location field.



Baptism

Colby Nicholas Evancho,

son of Alexandra and Chad Evancho, was welcomed into our faith community on Sunday, October 15.

Congratulations to this new member of our church.



Catholic Radio in SC on WLTQ 730 AM and 106.7 FM

These stations broadcast Catholic Radio content twenty four hours a day. In addition to radio show offerings from the

Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), the station broadcasts short interviews, special features, and announcements of local interest.

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