

# November 19, 2023

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, Tues, Wed, Fri	11:30 am Mass
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>10:00 Thanksgiving Day Mass</b>
Saturday Vigil Mass	5:30 pm
Sunday Mass	9:00 am and 11:30 am

### Weekday Rosary in the Church

After 11:30 Weekday Mass

### 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 - Wednesday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm  
**Office is closed Thanksgiving and Friday**  
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e-mail: [Office@NativityCharleston.org](mailto:Office@NativityCharleston.org)

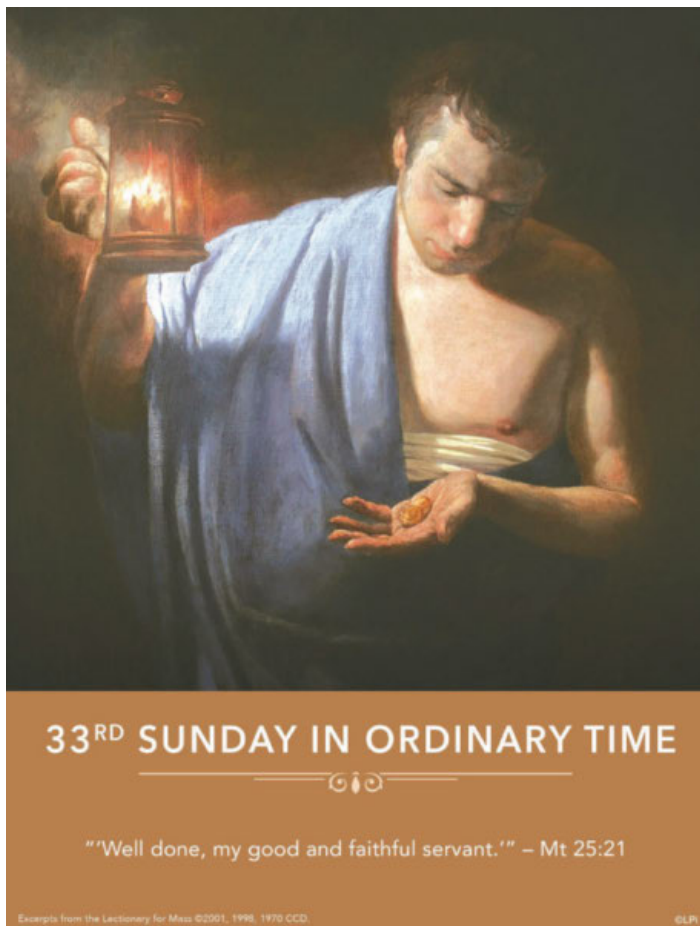
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*My soul is thirsting for you,*

*O Lord my God*

...Today's Psalm PS 63



### Invest

When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the "investability" of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, get it out of our possession. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. This week, find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it

...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 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 Nov 25—Nov 26

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

**5:30 pm Mass**  
**Greeters:** Dianne Piri, Timothy & Carolyn Smith  
**Altar Servers:** Emma Grace Turner, Daniel Salceda  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Eileen Easler, Meg Hoeft, Carolyn Smith  
**Ministers:** Mary Smith, John Warren  
**Lector:** Claire Bergstrom  
**Ushers:** Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins

**9:00 am Mass**  
**Greeters:** Grant Family, Kathy Grisillo  
**Altar Servers:** Eliza Cellars, Teddy Delaney, Anna Tillman  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Suzanne Decker, Liisa Machowski, Hal Perry, Pat Perry, Kirby Preston,  
**Lector:** Amber C. Knight  
**Ushers:** Richard Bragiel, George Hill, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

**11:30 am Mass**  
**Greeters:** Susan La Via, Péchon Family  
**Altar Servers:** Zoe Cuzmar, Gavin Gilreath, Megumi Tran  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Irene Bennett, Lynn Curry, Brian Dougherty, Christine Lewis, Phu Tran  
**Lector:** Cava Riley  
**Ushers:** Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

### Offerings November 6— November 12

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 Collection for November:**  
**November 27: Offerings for Guatemala Mission**

**Thank you for your Generosity.**

**Please use your envelopes.**

If you need envelopes, call the parish office.  
at 843 795-3821



*The staff and ministers of Nativity Church and School wish you a safe and blessed Thanksgiving.*



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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.**

**From previous months:** Allene Barans, Mary Bieda, Beverly Blevins, Ray Blevins, Don Carcone, Anne Castelli, Ron Connick, Herman Connor, Arlene & Bill Crosby, Ed Defourneaux, Vi Defourneaux, William Doherty, Jake DuPree, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, Darcy Hill, James Michael Huber, Dan & Mary Hughes, Myrtis Jenkins, Fred Kornahrens, Mariano La Via, Delores Lopez, Ruthie Mallard, 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.**

**For our service men and women and their  
families throughout the world.**

To have names added or removed from these lists,  
please contact the parish office at 843-795-3821  
or at [Office@NativityCharleston.org](mailto:Office@NativityCharleston.org).

### Intentions

#### Mass: This Week

Sat.	18	5:30 pm	Susie DeLorme+
Sun.	19	9:00 am	Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus Council 6250
		11:30 am	James Lawler+
Mon.	20	11:30 am	Stephen Luan Nguyen+
Tues.	21	11:30 am	Arnold Bennett+
Wed.	22	11:30 am	Wendy Craven+
Thurs.	23	10:00 am	Thanksgiving Mass
Fri.	24	11:30 am	Fred Herrmann+
Sat.	25	5:30 pm	John McGinnigle+
Sun.	26	9:00 am	Nancy Nixon+
		11:30 am	All the souls in purgatory+

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 Students Recently Collected Food for James Island Outreach.



## Nativity Ladies Guild Creche Display and Craft Sale In the Nativity Parish Life Center

Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9:30 pm to 4:00 pm and after the 5:30 pm Mass.  
And on Sunday, Dec. 3 after the 9:00 am and 11:30 am Masses until 1:30 pm

**Refreshments will be provided after all the Masses.**

The Nativity Ladies Guild welcomes and encourages your participation. A Creche of any kind is appreciated. Or perhaps you have a tradition, a special Christmas Story, etc. Please include a short description or story about your item.

For more information, please contact Jackie Doscher at 843-276-5002 or at [jackiedoscher@gmail.com](mailto:jackiedoscher@gmail.com)

**All are invited to this festive and inspiring display.**





## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6250

**CORPORAL MASS THIS SUNDAY (NOV. 19) AT 9:00 AM**

**ALL KNIGHTS OF COUNCIL 6250 ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

**ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AFTER THE 9:00 MASS  
IN THE PARISH LIFE CENTER FOR REFRESHMENTS.**



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## Christmas Wreath Sale: The price is \$25

A Holiday Tradition, these beautiful wreaths are made fresh in North Carolina of Fraser Fir and are treated to last throughout the Christmas season.



Purchase wreaths at the K of C reception this Sunday (Nov. 19) after the 9:00 Mass.

Better yet, you can order them online at

<https://checkout.square.site/buy/VLBMCHAE6C2CHTLJQXSA7YD>

Just click this link if you are viewing an electronic version of this announcement.

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**Pick up your wreaths at the Nativity parking lot on Sat. Dec. 3 between 9:00 am and noon.**

For more information, please contact Steve Molony at [molonyplumbing@gmail.com](mailto:molonyplumbing@gmail.com)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**



## Charity 50/50 Raffle



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### Nativity Ladies Guild Quilt Raffle

The raffle proceeds will benefit Catholic educational programs.

Tickets are \$10.00 and are available at Weekend Masses and at Ladies Guild Events.

**Thank you for your support.**

# Community THANKSGIVING SERVICE

ANNUAL EVENT | FIVE CHOIRS | MULTIPLE SPEAKERS | EVERYONE WELCOME

JAMES ISLAND CHURCHES  
UNITING TOGETHER AS ONE

Sunday, Nov 19th | 4pm–5pm  
Hosted by First Baptist of James Island  
1110 Camp Road, Charleston, SC 29412

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#### Highlights:

- ⇒ Picture taking with the Baby Jesus
- ⇒ Costumes provided
- ⇒ Birthday Cake and Sing Happy Birthday
- ⇒ Other Fun Activities

For more information, please contact Karen  
at [kcellars@comcast.net](mailto:kcellars@comcast.net)



Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist for the Global Celebration of Youth and Young Adults on Sunday, Nov. 26, at 11:15 am.

**All youth and young adults are invited to attend.**



# Christmas SILENT AUCTION

NATIVITY SCHOOL'S 13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION IS DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>!  
THE SILENT AUCTION IS OUR MAIN FUNDRAISER AND PROCEEDS HELP OUR  
PARENT ORGANIZATION FUND ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, TECHNOLOGY UPDATES  
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR & PHILANTHROPIC ENDEAVORS.

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LOCAL COMMUNITY.

*Previous auction donations have included:*  
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*Interested in participating?*  
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Some of the folks who have worked creatively and diligently for the past three months to make items for sale at the Fall Craft Show.



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