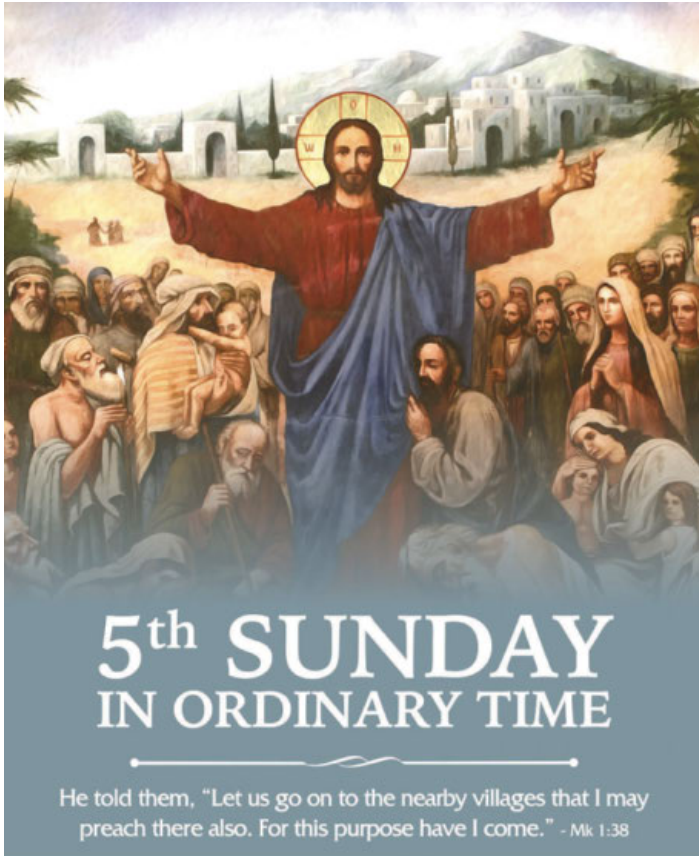


February 4, 2024

Catholic Diocese of Charleston



A Hospital for Sinners

Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctor's offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues.

Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. "...they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door." The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ — and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place.

...Father John Muir



Church of the Nativity

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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

Weekly Mass Schedule

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

*Praise the Lord,
who heals the brokenhearted.*

...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.

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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



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 Feb. 10 — Feb. 11

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

5:30 pm Mass
Greeters: Patrick Kelley & Kathy Wiley,
Tom & Marcia McNamee
Altar Servers: Joe Hoeft, Declan Smith
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Bieda, Mike Bieda,
Wendy Bergstrom, Barbara Coddington,
Patty Edwards
Lector: Eileen Easler
Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley,
Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass
Greeters: Kathy Grisillo, Horner Family
Altar Servers: Teddy Delaney, Jacob Perry,
Connor Richey
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Cellars, Jimmy Craven,
Judy Daugomah, Suzanne Decker,
Gary Warriner
Lector: Amber C. Knight
Ushers: Richard Bragiel, George Hill,
Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass
Greeters: Susan La Via, Natalie Zanolli
Altar Servers: Gavin Gilreath, Liam Hale, Kenji Tran
Eucharistic Ministers: Jackie Doscher, Brian Dougherty,
Christine Lewis, Maier Runyon,
Scott Runyon
Lector: Sheila Elsey
Ushers: Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt,
Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings January 22 — January 28

Collections at Mass (Jan 27—Jan 28)	\$ 9,642.00
Mail in Offerings (Jan 22—Jan 26)	\$ 5,089.00
myEoffering (Jan 22—Jan 26)	\$ 3,768.31
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,557.69
Difference	\$ + 1,941.62
Registered Households	643
Envelopes Used (Jan 27—Jan 28)	126
Active myEoffering Families	173
MyEoffering Family Donations (Jan 22—Jan 26)	122

Offerings for Church in Latin America: \$310.00

Offerings for Catholic Schools Week: \$1,970.00

Second Collection for February:

February 4: Catholic Appeal of South Carolina

February 11: Church in Central & Eastern Europe

February 18: Black and Indian Missions

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



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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.**

Recently Added: Sharon Dale, Terry Parsons

From previous months: Allene Barans, Mary Bieda, Beverly Blevins, Ray Blevins, Don Carcone, Anne Castelli, Ron Connick, Herman Connor, Arlene & Bill Crosby, Ed and Vi Defourneaux, William Doherty, Jake DuPree, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, James Michael Huber, Dan & Mary Hughes, Myrtis Jenkins, Mariano LaVia, Delores Lopez, Ruthie Mallard, Paul Madden, Katherine and William Manning, 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, 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

Sanctuary Candle:

Feb 3 — Feb 9 Wendy Craven+

Mass: This Week

Sat.	3	5:30 pm	Frederick Klemm+
Sun.	4	9:00 am	Wendy Craven+
		11:30 am	Libby Conway+
Mon.	5	11:30 am	Leo Weber+
Tues.	6	11:30 am	John McGinness+
Wed.	7	11:30 am	Wendy Craven+
Thurs.	8	9:30 am	
		11:30 am	Veronica Eckert+
Fri..	9	11:30 am	Dominick Minotti+
Sat.	10	5:30 pm	Ron Hanna, Jr. +
Sun.	11	9:00 am	Wendy Craven+
		11:30 am	Stephen Luan Nguyen+

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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Look no further!



Open House and Dedication of the Nativity School Renovations on Sunday, January 28. This was the Kick Off of Catholic Schools week for 2024. The renovations are a tremendous improvement to the school. The generosity of the donor, the creativity of the architect, and the skill and energy of all who assisted are greatly appreciated. **Thank You!**



Baptism

Baker Orlando Cristaldi.

son of Aileen and Joe Cristaldi, was welcomed into our faith community on Sunday, January 28.



February 14-March 24
40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

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More information will be provided in future bulletins.

Save the dates and plan to participate in local activities.



The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina Returns in February

Please note that the process and forms have changed this year.

Please make your checks payable to **CASC or Catholic Appeal of**

South Carolina.

There are new payment envelopes and your donations will be sent to a new processing center. Payments to CASC cannot be included in your payments made to Nativity. A separate check is required for CASC payments. Also, checks payable to the Bishops Appeal or BAA will be returned for a new check.

To donate online, please visit

<https://charlestdiocese.org/online-donations/>

Our parish is listed as Charleston Nativity Church.

For more information, please contact Carolyn Miller at finance@nativitycharleston.org or at 843-798-3821 ext. 102.

**Thank you for your generosity
and your patience with this new process.**



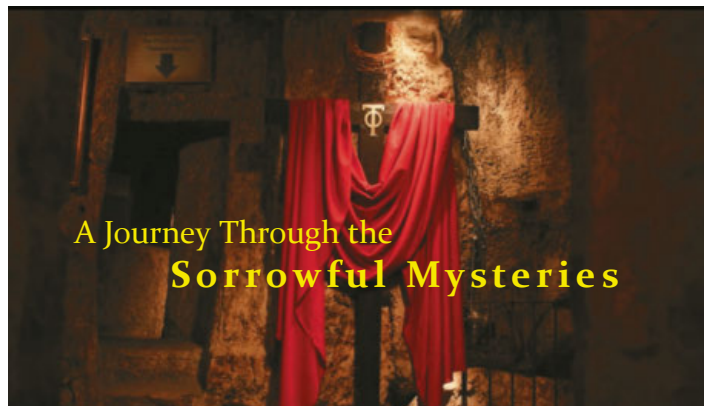
For College Students And Young Adults

Join us for an evening of faith, food, and fellowship.

Theology is on Tap in Charleston
on Wed. Feb. 21 at 7:00 pm at

**Tommy Condon's Irish Pub
(Abbey Room)**

For more information about the Young Adult Ministry and our events, please contact shillbc93@gmail.com



Tuesday Bible Studies

A Journey through the sorrowful Mysteries is a 7-episode video series highlighting the Mysteries in the life of Christ as outlined in the decades of the Rosary. Mysteries of the Rosary integrates deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories together with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art, and inspiring music. By filming on location in the Holy Land, our aspiration is to make the Rosary come alive in the hearts and minds of the viewer.

The sessions are in person and online via ZOOM

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Meeting ID: 889 8872 1703 and the Passcode: Nativity

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study is 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study is 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

All meetings are in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

For more information, please contact Ryckie Watkins at 843-795-4194 or at ryckie.watkins@gmail.com



According to tradition, Blaise was of noble birth, became a physician, was educated in the Catholic faith and eventually became bishop of Sebastia, a city in Turkey. Blaise was martyred in 316 AD for the crime of being a Christian. The feast of Saint Blaise is observed on February 3.

We know more about the devotion to Saint Blaise than we know about the saint himself. He was known to be a very holy priest. Legend has it that a mother came to Blaise with her young son, who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. Through Blaise's prayers, the child was able to cough up the bone. Thereafter, St. Blaise became the patron for the cure of throat illnesses. Many Catholics have long sought the annual Saint Blaise blessing of their throats.

**There will be blessing of throats
after the Mass This Weekend.**



LENT: 2024

IS WEDNESDAY FEB. 14
THROUGH
THURSDAY, MARCH 28

**SAVE THE DATES
AND
PLAN TO REPENT!**



Seder/Passover Meal Learning Experience, at Nativity 5:30 pm on February 25, 2024 In the Parish Life Center

Enter more deeply into the Passion of Christ and gain a greater spiritual understanding of the Passover and Holy Week. Those who attend will be active participants praying together and learning the meaning behind the rituals. We will also share a meal together.

Because of the style of this learning experience, we recommend it to adults and those in the 4th grade and up.

**Tickets are \$15 per person
Advance ticket purchase is required**

Advance ticket purchase is required. and will be on sale after Masses the weekend of Feb 3/4. Tickets are also available from the church office during regular office hours.

Please purchase your tickets by February 11th.



Annual Oyster Roast & Chili Cook Off (Adults only)



**Saturday, February 10, 2024 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
At the Nativity School Portico and the Parish Life Center.**

Sponsored by Nativity Ladies Guild & Knights of Columbus, Council 6250.

Ticket Price:\$40 for Oysters, \$15 for Non-Oysters.

**So what will be available for non-oysters?
Hot dogs, chili and beverages.**

**Advanced Ticket sales are after the weekend Masses this Weekend
and at the Ladies Guild Fellowship events this Weekend.**

Don't forget to bring your own knife and glove for the oysters!

Be sure to enter your best Chili in the Cookoff.

Entry forms for the Chili Cookoff will be available at the Nativity Church Entrances.
For information, please contact Jackie Doscher at jackiedoscher@gmail.com or at 843-276-5002.

**Come Join us for this Great Event
And Bring All Your Friends!**



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Jan. 24, 2024

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This month, our diocese will take up a second collection to support the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) beginning **Feb. 3-4**. This yearly initiative plays a vital role in providing for our Catholic Schools, charitable ministries, education funds for seminarians and much more.

Donations are not used to support or fund the Chancery. Instead, these gifts go to food pantries and economic support to those in need; to Catholic campus ministries at colleges throughout the state to form young adults in faith and discipleship; to send men to seminary to become our priests; and to retired priests for healthcare assistance and pension costs. These are only a few of the many programs supported by the appeal. All proceeds of this collection make a uniquely local impact across our state.

I am greatly encouraged by the good works across South Carolina brought about by your generosity to last year's appeal. I thank you in advance for your continued support. Let's be together — let's be "good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pet 4:10).

To learn more about the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina, please visit charlestdiocese.org/catholic-appeal.

In Christ's love,

Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS
Bishop of Charleston

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Community Fellowship This Weekend



Saturday, February 3, after the 5:30 Mass: Bring your favorite dinner dish to share.

Sunday, February 4, after the 9:00 Mass: Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share.

Sunday, February 4, 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 Come and Enjoy these Get Togethers!

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