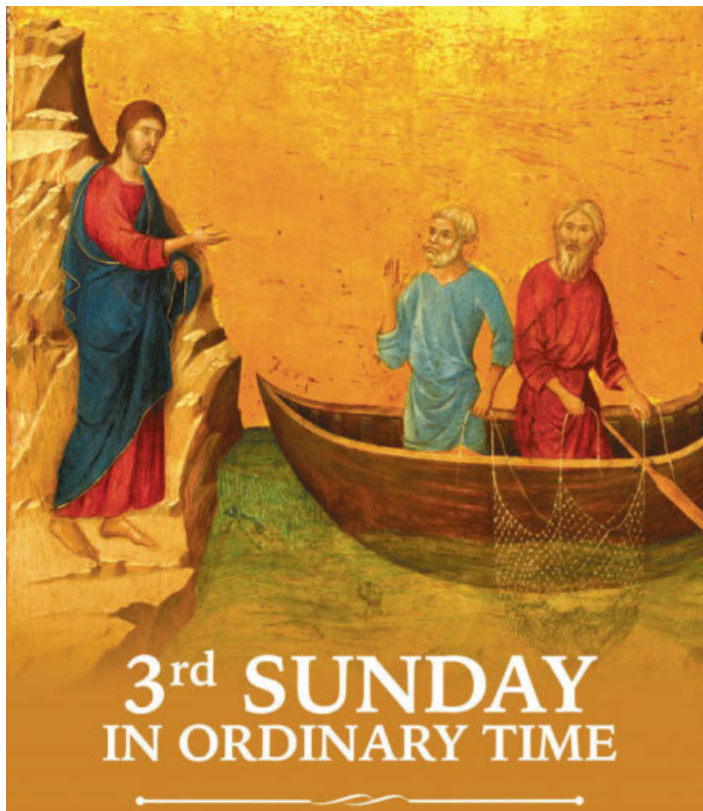


January 21, 2024

Catholic Diocese of Charleston



Repent and Believe

How do we enter the kingdom of God? In announcing the good news, Jesus gave two explicit things each of us must do to in order to receive the kingdom of God: repent and believe. When we submit to Christ's rule in our lives and believe the gospel message the Lord Jesus gives us the grace and power to live a new way of life as citizens of his kingdom. He gives us grace to renounce the kingdom of darkness ruled by sin and Satan, the father of lies (John 8:44) and the ruler of this present world (John 12:31). That is why repentance is the first step.

Repentance means to change - to change my way of thinking, my attitude, disposition, and life choices so that Christ can be the Lord and Master of my heart rather than sin, selfishness, and greed. If we are only sorry for the consequences of our sins, we will very likely keep repeating the sin that is mastering us. True repentance requires a contrite heart (Psalm 51:17) and sorrow for sin and a firm resolution to avoid it in the future. The Lord Jesus gives us grace to see sin for what it really is - a rejection of his love and wisdom for our lives and a refusal to do what is good and in accord with his will. His grace brings pardon and help for turning away from everything that would keep us from his love and truth.

To believe is to take Jesus at his word and to recognize that God loved us so much that he sent his only begotten Son to free us from bondage to sin and harmful desires. God made the supreme sacrifice of his Son on the cross to bring us back to a relationship of peace and friendship with himself. He is our Father and he wants us to live as his sons and daughters. God loved us first and he invites us in love to surrender our lives to him.

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



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. 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

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

...Today's Psalm PS 25

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

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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 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 Jan. 27—Jan. 28

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: Jake Hoeft, Joe Hoeft
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Bieda, Mike Bieda,
Wendy Bergstrom, Barbara Coddington,
Eileen Easler
Lector: Mary Bieda
Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley,
Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass
Greeters: Caughey Family, Cellars Family
Altar Servers: Matthew Hart, Liam Manning,
Alena Novak
Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Hollifield, Liisa Machowski,
Kathy Murphy, Hal Perry, Pat Perry,
Lector: Robert Horner
Ushers: Richard Bragiel, Joe Dubois
Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass
Greeters: Pechon Family, Natalie Zanolli
Altar Servers: Gavin Gilreath, Jackson Gintz,
Kenji Tran
Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Hepner, Christine Lewis,
Maier Runyon, Scott Runyon,
Phu Tran
Lector: Cava Riley
Ushers: Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt,
Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings January 8 — January 14

Collections at Mass (Jan 13—Jan 14)	\$ 11,473.00
Mail in Offerings (Jan 8—Jan 12)	\$ 11,175.00
myEoffering (Jan 8—Jan 12)	\$ 4,098.84
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,557.69
Difference	\$ +10,189.15
Registered Households	643
Envelopes Used (Jan 13—Jan 14)	161
Active myEoffering Families	173
MyEoffering Family Donations (Jan 8—Jan 12)	127

Second Collection for January:
January 28: Church in Latin America

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: Sharon Dale

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.

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.

Intentions

Mass: This Week

Sat.	20	5:30 pm	Frederick Klemm+
Sun.	21	9:00 am	Wendy Craven+
		11:30 am	Arnold Bennett+
Mon.	22	11:30 am	Joe Tierney+
Tues.	23	11:30 am	Florence Cafiero+ & Marie Farina+
Wed.	24	11:30 am	Larry Fisk+
Thurs.	25	9:30 am	
		11:30 am	John McGuinness+
Fri..	26	11:30 am	Jack Kennerty+
Sat.	27	5:30 pm	Brian James O'Connor+
Sun.	28	9:00 am	Wendy Craven+
		11:30 am	Rena Madigan+

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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or contact the School Office at 843-795-3975

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NATIVITY SCHOOL DEDICATION CEREMONY

1/28/2024 ♦ 12:30-2:00

**1125 Pittsford Circle
Charleston, SC 29412**



RSVP to lgjuliani@nativity-school.com or 843.795.3975

Sign Up Now for the Dedication Next Sunday (Jan 28)!

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Apply today! **Applications are open until March 15.**

WHAT IS THE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND (ESFT)?

- The Education Scholarship Trust Fund (ESFT) is a scholarship program funded by the state of South Carolina.
- The scholarship give parents more flexibility in providing their children with the education that is best for them. It can be used for any approved education expenses like tuition and fees, textbooks, instructional materials, tutoring and many other services!
- The funds can be used for **Catholic School tuition!**

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AND MOST IMPORTANTLY: HAVE FUN!

Friday-Saturday
Feb 2-3



Nativity Ladies Guild is Conducting a Fundraiser for Catholic Schools Week!

The Ladies Guild has adopted the "Giving Tree" model for this fundraiser. The "Trees" will be at both entrances of Nativity Church through Jan. 28.

The trees have envelopes that identify specific classroom and educational items and their cost. These items have been requested by the teachers at Nativity School.

You know how this works:

- Take an envelope for an item (or items) that you would like to donate.
- Purchase the item(s) or include the appropriate donation in the envelope.
- Please make checks payable to the Nativity Ladies Guild.
- Return the envelope and your donation or item(s) to the church entrance or the Nativity Parish Office before January 29.

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

Thank You for Supporting Nativity School.

Ladies
Guild

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Ladies
Guild

Monthly General Meeting
Mon. Jan 22 at 6:30 pm
in the Parish Life Center

**All Women of Nativity
are Encouraged to Participate.**

Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

**Sr. Maureen
Tzinieris,**

whose funeral was held at
Nativity on January 10th.

**May she rest in
peace.**



Romans 13:11

"And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to **wake up from your slumber**, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed."

Contact

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901 Orange Grove Road
Charleston, SC 29407

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jwhite@charlestdiocese.org

Register online:



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Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Inge Thornley,

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Saturday, January 13th.

May she rest in peace.

Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Anthony Odrian Kelly,

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Friday, January 12th.


May he rest in peace.



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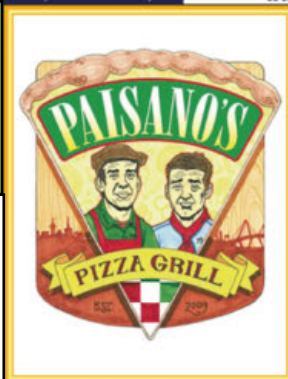
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