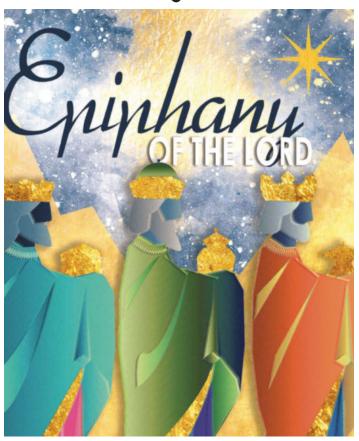
January 7, 2024



Faith: God's Gift to Us

If Jesus truly is who he claims to be, the eternal Son of God and Savior of the world, then why is he not recognized by everyone who hears his word and sees his works? John the Evangelist states that when Jesus came into the world the world knew him not and his own people received him not (John 1:10-11). Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. These men were not Israelites, but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see when this Messianic King would appear. extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. The Lord of the universe gives each one of us the same light of revelation to recognize and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. It is through the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and opens the eyes of the mind, that we are able to understand, accept, and believe the truth which God has revealed to us through his Son, Jesus Christ.

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

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. 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

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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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.



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Liturgical Ministers for Jan. 13—Jan. 14

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 Mary Bieda, Mike Bieda,

Ministers: Wendy Bergstrom, Barbara Coddington,

Eileen Easler

Lector: Claire Bergstrom

Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley,

Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass

Greeters: Bonnie Nixon, Daniel & Tamme Suggs

Altar Servers: Teddy Delaney, Maisie Lewis,

Emma Grace Turner

Eucharistic Karen Cellars, Kirby Preston, **Ministers:** Kristi Roberts, Daniel Suggs,

Tamme Suggs

Lector: Michael Bolchoz

Ushers: Richard Bragiel, George Hill, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass

Greeters: Rebecca Beylotte, Natalie Zanolli
Liam Hale, Kenji Tran, Megumi Tran
Brian Dougherty, Christine Lewis,
Maier Runyon, Scott Runyon,

Phu Tran

Lector: David Knab

Ushers: Chuck Everitt, Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien. Natalie Zanolli

Offerings December 18— December 25

Collections at Mass (Dec 23—Dec 24)	\$	8,	791.00
Mail in Offerings (Dec 18—Dec 22)	\$		745.00
myEoffering (Dec 18—Dec 22)	\$	4,	497.30
Budget (1 week)	\$	16,	557.69
Difference	\$	-	524.39
Registered Households			643
Envelopes Used (Dec 23—Dec 24)			176
Active myEoffering Families			173
MyEoffering Family Donations (Dec 11-	–De	c 15)	122

Christmas Offerings: \$23,138.00

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.

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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.

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.	6	5:30 pm	One year death anniversary of Delores Wrenn+
Sun.	7	9:00 am	Nancy Nixon+
		11:30 am	Jerrie Finnegan+
Mon.	8	11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Tues.	9	11:30 am	
Wed.	10	11:30 am	One year death anniversary of
			Joe Roche+
Thurs.	11	11:30 am	John & Veronica Eckert+
Fri	12	11:30 am	
Sat.	13	5:30 pm	Ann McDonald Engelstad+
Sun.	14	9:00 am	
		11:30 am	Edward J. Parent+

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 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights.c

The School Year continues. Please pray for our students.

Community Fellowship This Weekend

Parish Potluck Meals Hosted by the Nativity Ladies Guild





Saturday, January 6, after the 5:30 MassBring your favorite dinner dish to share.

Sunday, January 7, after the 9:00 Mass Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share.

Sunday, January 7, 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!



NATIVITY OYSTER ROAST AND CHILI COOK OFF SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10 AT 6:30 PM LOOK FOR TICKET SALES AFTER MASSES: PAY WITH CASH, CHECK OR VENMO.





We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Dr. Harold Joseph Quinn, Jr

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Friday, Dec. 22nd.

May he rest in peace.

Baptism

Juliette Tran Thompson

daughter of Trinh Phuong Tran and Richard Miles Thompson was welcomed into our faith community on Sunday, Dec. 17.

Congratulations to this new member of our church.







KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6250 PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY (JAN. 14) 10:00 AM IN THE NATIVITY PARISH LIFE CENTER.

STILL ONLY \$3.00 PER PLATE AND CHILDREN EAT FREE!

JOIN US FOR GOOD PANCAKES AND GREAT FELLOWSHIP.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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

The Ladies Guild has adopted the "Giving Tree" model for this fundraiser. The "Tree" will be at the main entrance of Nativity Church starting this weekend and continuing through Jan. 28.

The tree will 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.



Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

John Timothy "Jack" Byrnes,

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Wednesday, Jan 3rd.

May he rest in peace.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets Second Wednesday of every month. Next meeting is Wed. Jan. 10 at 1:00 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center Meeting Room. Read and Understand the Bible with The Bible in a Year Podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

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Senior Adult Ministry



Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 12:30 pm

in the Parish Life Center

Lunch: \$15 per plate Annual Dues: \$20 per Member RSVP by Sun, Jan 14@5:00 pm

To Mary Smith at 843-670-7519

2023 Annual First Christmas Fund

This year, the First Christmas Fund will support the new Holy City Mobile Pregnancy Center. This new ministry of Prolife Charleston takes care 'on the road' and delivers services directly to women in need throughout the local community. The services include pre and post natal care, ultra sound

and other exams, education, counseling, referrals and support.

Your donations will provide services to pregnant women and their families who are in great need.

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Please place your donation in the Nativity collection or snail mail it to:

> First Christmas Fund K of C Council 6250 1061 Folly Road Charleston, SC 29412

For more information please contact Malcolm Brennan, Director of Prolife Ministries, K of C Council 6250 at 843-906-5511 or mbprolife@gmail.com

Von can still contribute to the invaluable Respect Life Ministry

Marriage Assistance

Planning to get Married? 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.



Need to Declare a Marriage Invalid? Please contact Fr. Kingsley at pastor@nativitycharleston.org

Want to Validate your Marriage or Renew your Marriage Vows?

Please contact Fr. Kingsley at pastor@nativitycharleston.org

Does your Marriage need Help?

Retrouvaille is a lifeline for married couples. The next nearby event is Jan. 19, 2024 in Charlotte, NC. For more details, please contact retrouvaillenc@msn.com or visit the web site at https://www.helpourmarriage.org

Want to Strengthen your Marriage?

Marriage Encounter is a weekend for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. The next nearby event is Jan. 26 thru 28 in Myrtle Beach, SC.

For more information visit our website at: https://SCMarriageMatters.org Or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or at 803-810-9602.

Marriage is a Sacrament that the Church is here to uphold and protect.



Weekly Hour of fucharistic Adoration
fvery Thursday

U.S. Bishops launched a 3-year Eucharistic Revival. The intent is

to nudge Catholics toward a deeper personal relationship with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

The revival will include eucharistic processions and other events of adoration and prayer around the country. It will continue until the National Eucharistic Congress on July 17, 2024.

This is a Great Opportunity to stop by and have a fittle Jalk with Jesus.



Young Adult Ministry

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

Theology is on Tap in Charleston on Wed. Jan. 17 at 7:00 pm at

Henry's on the Market

All young adults are welcome.

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

NATIVITY Parish Calendar for January 2024

Saturday	6 Fellowship Weekend 4:15pm Reconcilation 5:30pm Mass 6:30pm Parish Potluck Dinner	13 11:00am Funeral Mass - Thornley 4:15pm Reconcliation 5:30pm Mass	20 4:15pm Reconcilation 5:30pm Mass	27 4:15pm Reconcilation 5:30pm Mass	3 Catholic Schools Week Fellowship Weekend 4:15pm Reconciliation 5:30pm Mass 6:30pm Blessing of the Throats after Mass 6:30pm Parish Potluck Dinner
Friday	5 11:30am Mass	12 11:30am Mass	19 11:30am Mass	26 11:30am Mass	2 Catholic Schools Week 11:30am Mass
Thursday	4 9:30am School Mass 11:30am Mass 12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration	1.1 9:30am School Mass 11:30am Mass 12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration	18 9:30am School Mass 11:30am Communion Service 12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration	25 9:30am School Mass 11:30am Mass 12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration	1 Catholic Schools Week 9:30am School Mass 11:30am Mass 12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday	3 10:30am Visitation 11:30am Funeral Mass - Byrnes 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	11:30am Mass 11:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00pm First Communion Parent Meeting 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	17 11:30am Communion Service 12:30pm Senior Ministry 5:45pm Bible Study 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	24 11:30am Mass 5:45pm Bible Study 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	31 Catholic Schools Week 11:30am Mass 5:45pm Bible Study 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday	2 11:30am Mass	9 11:30am Mass 6:00pm Bible Study - The Jewish Roots of Advent	16 11:30am Communion Service 6:00pm Bible Study - The Jewish Roots of Advent	23 11:30am Mass 6:00pm Bible Study - The Jewish Roots of Advent	30 Catholic Schools Week 1.130em Mass 6:00em Bible Study - The Jewish Roots of Advent
Monday	1 Office Closed 11:3ban Mass - Solemnity of Mary - Not a Holy Day of Obligation this Year	8:00am Mont's Morning Prayer Group 11:30am Mass 2:00pm Honor Roll Assembly	15 Office Closed - MLK, Jr. Day 8:00am Mont's Morning Prayer Group 11:30am Communion Service	22 8:00am Mom's Morning Prayer Group 11:30am Mass 6:30pm Ladies Guild Meeting	29 Catholic Schools Week 8:00am Mom's Morning Prayer Group 11:30am Mass
Sunday	31 New Year's Eve 9:00am Mass 10:00am Sh Sunday of the Month Rosary 11:30am Mass	Epiphany Fellowship Weekend Oyster Roast tickets go on sale 9:00am Mass 10:00am PSR 10:00am RCIA 11:30am Mass 12:30pm Parish Potluck Luncheon	14 9:00am Mass 10:00am Pancake Breakfast 10:00am RCIA 11:30am Nass	21 9:00am Mass 10:00am PSR 10:00am RGIA 11:30am Mass	28 Catholic Schools Week 9:00am Mass 10:00am PSR 10:00am RCIA 11:30am Mass

There are a lot of great things happening at NATIVITY. Please find some activities you like and join in!

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