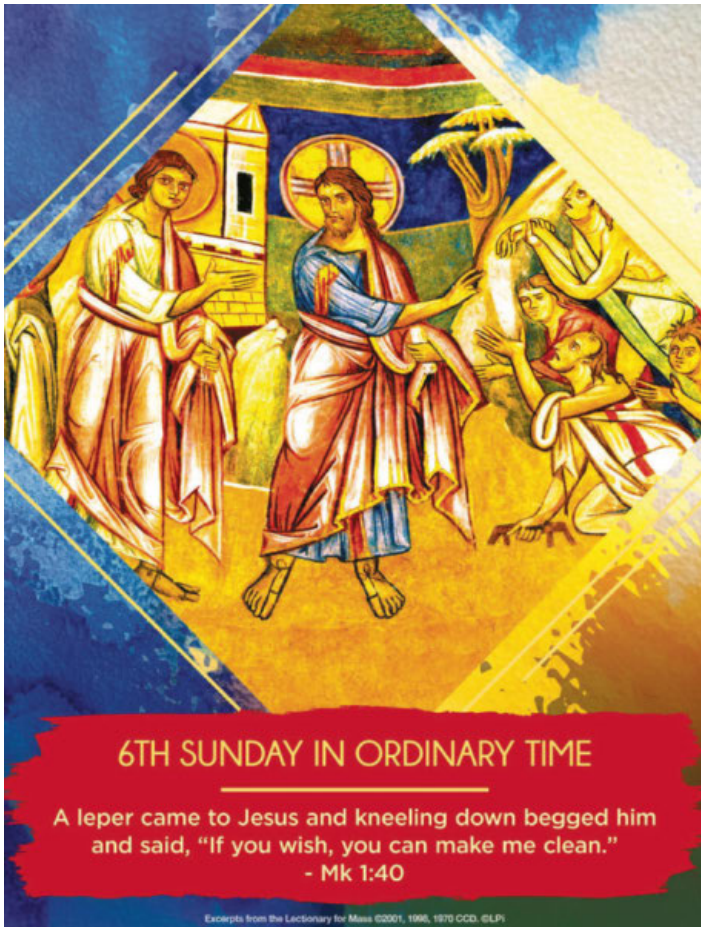


# February 11, 2024



## Jesus Can Make Me Clean

No one who sought Jesus out was refused his help. Even the untouchables and the outcasts of Jewish society found help in him. Unlike the people of Jesus' time who fled at the sight of a leper, Jesus touched the leper who approached him and he made him whole and clean. Why was this so remarkable? Lepers were outcasts of society. They were driven from their homes and communities and left to fend for themselves. Their physical condition was terrible as they slowly lost the use of their limbs and withered away. They were not only shunned but regarded as "already dead" even by their relatives. The Jewish law forbade anyone from touching or approaching a leper, lest ritual defilement occur.

This leper did something quite remarkable. He approached Jesus confidently and humbly, expecting that Jesus could and would heal him. Jesus not only grants the man his request, but he demonstrates the personal love, compassion, and tenderness of God in his physical touch. Jesus met the man's misery with compassion and tender kindness. He communicated the love and mercy of God in an action that spoke more eloquently than words. He touched the man and made him clean - not only physically but spiritually as well.

The Lord is always ready to show us his mercy and to free us from whatever makes us unclean, unapproachable, or unloving towards others.

... 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. and Tues. 11:30 am Weekday Mass

**Thurs. No Mass at 9:30 am**

Thurs and Fri. 11:30 am Weekday Mass

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Sunday Mass 9:00 am and 11:30 am

### Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14

**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.

**Wed. No Mass at 11:30 am**

**Wed. 12:00 noon and 6:30 pm Mass**

Ashes will be distributed after all Masses on Ash Wed.

**Thurs. No Mass at 9:30 am**

Thurs and Fri. 11:30 am Weekday Mass

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

*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,  
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

...Today's Psalm PS 32

## 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

**Pastor:** Rev. Thomas Kingsley  
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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 Feb. 17 — Feb. 18

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:** Alena Novak, Daniel Salceda  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mike Bieda, Eileen Easler, Carolyn Smith, Mary Smith, John Warren  
**Lector:** Cava Riley  
**Ushers:** Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins

**9:00 am Mass**  
**Greeters:** Knight Family, Bonnie Nixon  
**Altar Servers:** Mia Caughey, Anna Tillman, Emma Grace Turner  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Matthew Cellars, Gary Hart, Mark Hollifield, Liisa Machowski, Kathy Murphy  
**Lector:** Andrew Preston  
**Ushers:** Richard Bragiel, Joe Dubois, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

**11:30 am Mass**  
**Greeters:** Rebecca Beylotte, Sheila Griner  
**Altar Servers:** Caryn Hasenberg, Jenna Hasenberg, Megumi Tran  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Irene Bennett, Lynn Curry, Pam Everitt, Maier Runyon, Phu Tran  
**Lector:** Betsy DesNoyer  
**Ushers:** Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner

## Offerings January 29 — February 4

Collections at Mass (Feb 3—Feb 4)	\$ 13,230.00
Mail in Offerings (Jan 29—Feb 2)	\$ 1,515.00
myEoffering (Jan 29—Feb 2)	\$ 4,364.00
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,557.69
Difference	\$ + 2,551.31
Registered Households	643
Envelopes Used (Feb 3—Feb 4)	205
Active myEoffering Families	173
MyEoffering Family Donations (Jan 29—Feb 2)	125

### 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 or make a donation via your myEoffering account.  
<https://members.myeoffering.com>



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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, 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](mailto:Office@NativityCharleston.org).

## Intentions

### Sanctuary Candle:

Feb 10 — Feb 16 Erline Craven+

### Mass: This Week

Sat.	10	5:30 pm	Ron Hanna, Jr.+
Sun.	11	9:00 am	Wendy Craven+
		11:30 am	Stephen Luan Nguyen+
Mon.	12	11:30 am	Peace in the family and a happy new year
Tues.	13	11:30 am	Edward J. Parent+
Wed.	14	9:30 am	
		11:30 am	Tony Kelly+
		6:30 pm	
Thurs.	15	9:30 am	
		11:30 am	Leo Weber+
Fri..	16	11:30 am	
Sat.	17	5:30 pm	Bea Amato+
Sun.	18	9:00 am	John McGinness+
		11:30 am	Joe Roche+

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—dedicated to the academic and spiritual growth of our students

Nativity School is accepting applications for admittance for grades K4 through 8 for the 24–25 School Year.

To learn more about Enrollment please visit our website at [www.nativity-school.com](http://www.nativity-school.com) or our FaceBook page at [www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights](https://www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights) or contact the School Office at 843-795-3975

### Teaching Values for Life!



Nativity students, teachers, staff and parents enjoyed a 'Family Fun' day during Catholic Schools Week



## 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 11<sup>th</sup>.**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6250  
PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY (FEB. 11)  
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!**



**Great News!** There have recently been a large number of children baptized at Nativity. Congratulations to these new members of our Church.

**Bad News!** Our supply of baptismal robes is almost depleted and we need to make more. Immediate action must be taken to resolve this critical Baptismal Robe shortage.

**Please assist the LADIES GUILD Sewing Group**

Starting Sat. Feb. 17 from 9:00 am to 12 noon in the Nativity Parish Life Center

For more information, please contact Marion Hoffman at [m.hoffman@earthlink.net](mailto:m.hoffman@earthlink.net)





## 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.

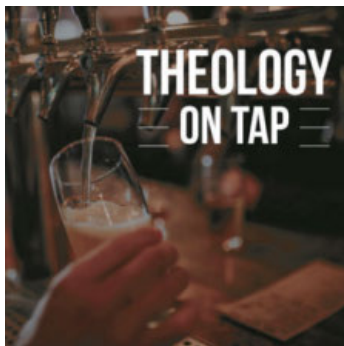
**To donate online, please visit**

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Our parish is listed as Charleston Nativity Church.

For more information, please contact Carolyn Miller at [finance@nativitycharleston.org](mailto: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](mailto:shillbc93@gmail.com)



## A Journey Through the Sorrowful Mysteries

### 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](mailto:ryckie.watkins@gmail.com)

## Birthright of Charleston

BoC is looking for New Board Members and volunteers who will work with their clients. They are seeking compassionate people whose beliefs align with their charter statement:

**It is the right of every mother to  
give birth and the right of every  
child to be born.**

Birthright is an abortion alternative crisis pregnancy center in West Ashley: they offer hope, love and support to any woman who is pregnant or thinks she maybe pregnant.

For more information, please call 843-556-4403 or email [birthrightofcharleston@gmail.com](mailto:birthrightofcharleston@gmail.com)



### Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy  
to the family and friends of

**Carol Anne Harken**

whose funeral was held at Nativity on  
Monday, February 5th.

**May she rest in peace.**

# LENT: THE TIME FOR PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING



**Is this Wednesday, February 14.  
Holy Mass will be Celebrated at  
9:30 am, 12:00 (noon) and 6:30 pm**

Ashes will be distributed at each Mass.

**All are encouraged to attend!**

## Lenten Penitential Requirements:



**Fasting** allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, not to equal one full meal. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year.

**Abstinence** (from meat) is observed on all the Fridays of Lent in addition to Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. It is obligatory for all who have reached their 14th year.

## The Exceptions:

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence include the physically or mentally ill, individuals suffering from chronic illness such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

Information from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday  
are obligatory days of  
fast and abstinence.**

**In addition, all Fridays in Lent are  
days of abstinence.**



## Flowers

at the altar this week-  
end are in loving  
memory of

*Ron Hanna, Jr.  
May He Rest in Peace.*

## Friday Evening Stations

**5:30 pm Feb. 16 through Mar 22.**

These are traditional stations led  
by Nativity Ministers.

Please join us for the stations followed  
by dinner (6:15 pm) in the  
Nativity Parish Life Center.

The Friday evening menus:

**Feb 16:** Father Kingsley leads stations and the  
Nativity Ladies Guild will provide dinner.

**Feb 23:** The Lector Ministry leads stations  
will provide dinner.

**March 1:** The Music Ministry leads stations and the  
Nativity Ladies Guild will provide dinner.

**March 8:** The Respect Life Ministry leads stations  
and will provide a dinner.

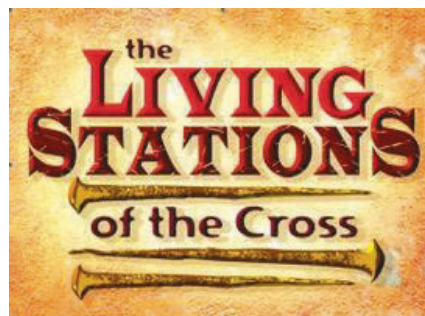
**March 15:** RCIA Ministry leads stations and  
will provide a Salad Bar dinner.

**March 22:** Father Kingsley leads stations and the  
Knight of Columbus will provide a Fish Fry.

**All dinners are free.**

**But, your donations will be great appreciated.**

**All are invited to Attend Stations  
and Stay for Dinner and Fellowship.**



**Led by the Students of Nativity School**

**2:00 pm in Nativity Church**

**on Wednesdays during Lent  
Beginning Feb 21 and continuing through March 20.**

**All are invited to this inspiring devotion.  
Guests are requested to sit behind the student sections**

**Senior Adult Ministry  
Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 12:30 pm  
in the Parish Life Center  
Lunch: \$15 per plate / Save the Date**





# LET'S BE TOGETHER.

## 2024 Catholic Appeal Begins

The **Catholic Appeal of South Carolina** (CASC) is a primary source of funding to help sustain and expand the ministries of the 95 parishes, 21 missions, 32 Catholic schools and multiple agencies of the Diocese of Charleston across the state. As stewards of God's gifts, we are invited to support the needs of our diocese through prayers and sacrificial gifts.

### Catholic Appeal of South Carolina Funding | \$5,000,000 Goal

#### Ministry & Outreach | \$1,500,000 – 29%

- Catechetical & Evangelization Programs
- Child Protection Services
- Ethnic Ministry Programs
- Family Life Programs
- Hispanic Ministry Programs
- And many more services*

#### Vocations, Seminarians, Priest Retirement | \$975,000 – 20%

- Seminarian education
- Permanent Diaconate
- Priest retirement pensions & healthcare
- Women religious vocations

#### Catholic Charities of South Carolina | \$850,000 – 17%

- Clean of Heart Laundry & Shower Facilities
- Food Pantries
- Pregnancy Case Management
- Response Preparedness
- Senior Care Management
- And many more services*

#### Catholic Schools | \$750,000 – 15%

- Tuition Assistance
- Catholic School Grants
- Support of educational initiatives

#### College Campus Ministry | \$650,000 – 13%

- Conferences and Statewide Retreats
- Minister and Student Training
- Catholic Student Center Spaces
- And many more services*

#### Youth & Young Adult Ministries | \$275,000 – 6%

- Education and Training
- Youth Retreats, Camps and Conferences
- Regional Young Adult Communities

**Thank you for making  
a difference!**



Next week, all registered parishioners will be mailed their personalized information packet and invitation to participate in the **2024 Catholic Appeal of South Carolina**. Please take the time to review the materials and make your response in the return envelope provided.

Only by your prayers and generosity are the ministries supported by the **Catholic Appeal of South Carolina** able to thrive and serve the many people who need us to share with them the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.



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