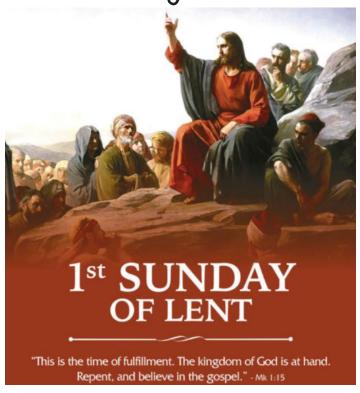
February 18, 2024



Repent and Believe

Repentance means to change - to change my way of thinking, my attitude, my disposition, and the way I choose to live my life - so that the Lord Jesus can be the Master and Ruler of my heart, mind, and will. Whatever stands in the way of God's will and plan for my life must be surrendered to him - my sinful pride, my rebellious attitude, and stubborn will to do as I please rather than as God pleases. If I am only sorry for the consequences of my own sinful ways, I will very likely keep repeating the same sins that control my thoughts and actions. True repentance requires a contrite heart and true sorrow for sin (Psalm 51:17) and a firm resolution to avoid the near occasion of sin. The Lord Jesus gives us the grace to see sin for what it really is - a rejection of his love, truth, and wisdom for our lives and a refusal to do what he says is right and good for us. His grace brings pardon and freedom from guilt, and breaks the power of bondage to sin in our lives through the strength and help of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. If we yield to the Holy Spirit and not to our sinful inclinations, we will find the strength and help we need to turn away from all wrong-doing and whatever else might keep us from living in his truth and love.

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, friendship, and unity with our Father in heaven. He is our Father and he wants us to live in joy and freedom as his beloved sons and daughters. God loved us first and he invites us in love to surrender our lives to him. Do you believe in the Gospel - the good news of Jesus Christ - and in the power of the Holy Spirit who transforms each one of us into the likeness of 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.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon. through Fri. 11:30 am Mass 9:30 am School Mass Thurs.

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 Stations

Wed. 2:30 pm Living Stations presented by Nativity School Students

5:30 pm Stations presented by Nativity Fri. Ministries followed by Lenten Dinner in the Parish Life Center

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: Office Closed—Presidents Day

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Office: 843-795-3821 / Fax: 843-795-2714 e-mail: Office@NativityCharleston.org

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth

to those who keep your covenant.
...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.

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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 Feb. 24 — Feb. 25

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

5:30 pm Mass

Patrick Kelley & Kathy Wiley, **Greeters:**

Tom & Marcia McNamee Jake Hoeft, Aisling Smith

Altar Servers: Mary Bieda, Mike Bieda, **Eucharistic**

Ministers: Wendy Bergstrom, Eileen Easler,

Meg Hoeft

Anna Yonce Lector:

Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley,

Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass

Péchon Family, Becky Warriner **Greeters:**

Eliza Cellars, Finley Feary, **Altar Servers:**

Matthew Hart

Hal Perry, Pat Perry, Kirby Preston, **Eucharistic**

Ministers: Kristi Roberts, Becky Warriner

Lector: Elena Smith

Richard Bragiel, George Hill, **Ushers:**

Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass

Greeters: Susan La Via. Natalie Zanolli **Altar Servers:**

Gavin Gilreath, Alena Novak,

Kenji Tran

Eucharistic Jackie Doscher, Brian Dougherty,

Christine Lewis, Scott Runyon, Ministers:

Phu Tran

David Knab Lector:

Ushers: Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner,

Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings February 5 — February 11

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 February:

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

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, 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 17 — Feb 23 Philip Eacock+

Mass: This Week

Sat. 17 5:30 pm Bea Amato+ 9:00 am John McGinness+ Sun. 18 11:30 am Joe Roche+ 19 11:30 am Healing for John Warren Mon.

Tues. 20 11:30 am Michael Caramanica, Jr.+ Wed. 21 11:30 am Arnold Bennett+

Thurs. 22 9:30 am

> 11:30 am For the people of Nativity 23 11:30 am Dominick Minotti+

Fri.. Sat. 24 5:30 pm One year anniversary of death of Roy Ross+

9:00 am Tony Kelly+ Sun. 25 11:30 am Joseph Tran+

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
or our FaceBook page at www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights.
or contact the School Office at 843-795-3975

Teaching Values for Life!



Maintenance Alert: Critical supply shortage in ladies rest room. All in good fun during Catholic Schools Week.



Lenten Day of Reflection

March 9, 2024 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

"Ignatian Wisdom for the Season of Lent."

with Rev. Brian O. McDermott, S.J., Dr. Theol. ,Special Assistant to the President, Georgetown University, former academic dean of the Weston Jesuit School of Theology, author, and spiritual director for over 40 years.

Father McDermott is highly regarded for his wisdom and experience as a spiritual director and for his deep understanding of the Spiritual Exercises.

Save the Date!



Anointing of the Sick Sunday, Mar 10 at 1:00 pm. In the Church

Anointing of the Sick is the sacrament that is received by those who are suffering from a potentially life threatening illness, those planning to have serious surgery and by those in advanced years.

Through the anointing and the prayer of the priest, the whole Church commends those who are sick to Christ. Those anointed receive the Holy Spirit's gifts of strength, faith, peace, and courage. Their suffering is united with that of Christ.

After the sacrament, the Nativity Ladies Guild will sponsor a reception in the Parish Life Center for the anointed and their families.



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
our critical Baptismal Robe shortage.

Please assist the LADIES GUILD Sewing Group

Next session is Sat. Feb. 24 from 9:00 am to 12 noon in the Nativity Parish Life Center

Robe materials (and snacks) will be provided but it would help if you bring your own sewing machine, scissors and supplies.

So you do not sew?

Not a problem, we have lots of other tasks that do not require sewing.

For more information, please contact Marion Hoffman at m.hoffman@earthlink.net



The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina Returns in February

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

Please make your checks payable to CASC or Catholic Appeal of South Carolina.

Mail pledges and donations to...

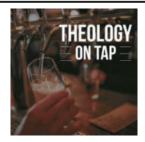
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To donate online, please visit https://charlestondiocese.org/online-donations/

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



Seder Dinner Reminder

If you purchased a Seder ticket, please be at the Nativity Parish Life Center next Sunday (Feb. 25) at 5:30 pm.

We are looking forward to seeing you.



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
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87244968092?
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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



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 <u>birthrightofcharleston@gmail.com</u>

LENT: THE TIME FOR PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING

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

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

Reconciliation Service Tues. March 12 @ 6:30 pm

There will be a communal prayer service followed by the opportunity for individuals to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Several priests will be available.



Catholics are required to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once per year. All are encouraged to take advantage of the Sacrament on a regular basis. This service provides Catholics the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare themselves to receive Christ at Easter.

All are encouraged to attend



Once again, the Nativity Ladies Guild, will be collecting Grocery Gift Cards. The cards will be delivered to Neighborhood House and James Island Outreach. These ministries will

distribute your donations to families in need of food for Easter.

Here is how this works:

- Visit your favorite grocery store and purchase a gift card (any store, any amount).
- Write the value of the of the card on the front of the card (this is really important).
- Put the card in an envelope and write "Ladies Guild" on the outside of the envelope.
- 4. Put the envelope in the collection at Mass between now and March 24 (Palm Sunday).

It is that simple but if you want more information, please contact Christine Lewis at lewischristined@att.net

This is a great way to practice Lenten almsgiving.

Thank you for your generosity

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 23: The Lector Ministry leads stations and will provide dinner.

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

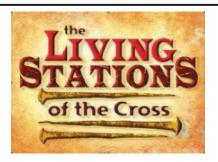
March 8: The Respect Life Ministry leads stations and will provide a dinner.

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 greatly appreciated.

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



2:00 pm in Nativity Church

Led by the Students of Nativity School

on Wednesdays during Lent 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
RSVP by Sun, Feb. 18@5:00 pm

To Mary Smith at 843-670-7519



LET'S BE TOGETHER.

Pledge Weekend

Please make your commitment to the 2024 Catholic Appeal of South Carolina today!

How to Participate

In the spirit of Christian stewardship, giving back a portion of our gifts to God, we ask each family to prayerfully consider a contribution in one of the following ways:

ONE TIME GIFT

Payable by cash, check, credit and debit card, securities, or direct debit.

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A pledge may be paid over a period of ten months. Pledges may include down payments, but they are not required. Pledge reminders and a special payment envelope will be mailed to you in accordance with your payment plan.

DIRECT DEBIT

A monthly debit from your checking account. Please complete the information on your pledge card or visit charlestondiocese.org.

AS YOU MAKE YOUR PLEDGE, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- Payments may be made over a period of ten (10) months.
- Pledges need to be completed by Dec. 31, 2024.
- Payment reminders will be mailed to you in accordance with your payment plan. You may also use the CASC envelopes you have received from your parish.
- All contributions to the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina are fully tax deductible.
- Donations and pledges may now be made online at charlestondiocese.org/donate.
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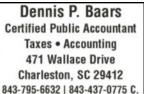
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