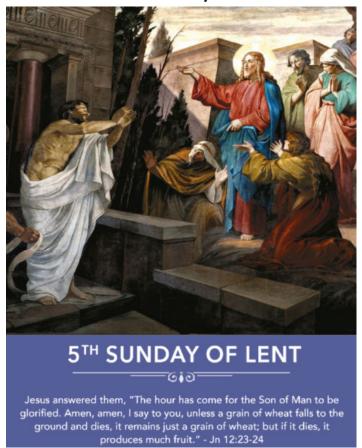
March 17, 2024



The Cross. The Path to Victory

Shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover, Jesus announced to his disciples that the "hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified" (John 12:23). The Son of Man is a prophetic title for the Messiah recorded in the prophecy of Daniel (see the Book of Daniel 7:13-14). In Jesus' time the Jewish people were looking for a Messiah who would set them free from the oppressive rule of Rome. Jesus came to set people free from the worst oppression of all - the tyranny of endless slavery to sin, Satan, and death. Jesus came to bring us into a new covenant relationship with God that would not end with death but lead to eternal life.

How did Jesus fulfill his mission as the Anointed (Messiah) King who came to bring victory and freedom for his people? Jesus knew that the only way to decisive victory for God's kingdom on the earth would be through his voluntary suffering and death on the cross. Jesus described his willingness to go to the cross as his "hour of glory" (John 12:23) when he would fulfill his Father's will and accomplish the mission entrusted to him. Jesus saw his death on the cross as triumph over the powers of sin and Satan's forces of darkness. The real enemy that Jesus came to overcome was Satan who tempts the human race to rebel against God and his commands in order to create their own destiny through sinful pride and disobedience. Jesus took our sins upon himself and nailed them to the cross to set us free from condemnation to death and destruction, and the eternal consequence of separation from God.

... 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.
Thurs.
9:30 am Mass
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 Sunday Mass 5:30 pm

9:00 am and 11:30 am

Weekly Stations

Wed. 2:00 pm Living Stations presented by Nativity School Students

Fri. 5:30 pm Stations presented by Nativity
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 - Friday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Office: 843-795-3821 / Fax: 843-795-2714 e-mail: Office@NativityCharleston.org

Create a clean heart in me,

...Today's Psalm PS 51

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 chummert@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 Mar 23 — Mar 24

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 Barbara Coddington, Eileen Easler,

Ministers: Patty Edwards, Meg Hoeft,

Carolyn Smith

Lector: Kathleen Janech

Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley,

Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass

Greeters: Kathy Grisillo, Horner Family Altar Servers: Sully Cellars, Matthew Hart,

Savanna Owens

Eucharistic Karen Cellars, Daniel & Tamme Suggs,

Ministers: Gary & Becky Warriner

Lector: Michael Dennis

Ushers: Richard Bragiel, George Hill,

Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass

Greeters: Susan La Via, Natalie Zanolli
Altar Servers: Gavin Gilreath, Jenna Hasenberg,

Kenji Tran

Eucharistic Jackie Doscher, Brian Dougherty,

Ministers: Pam Everitt, Maier Runyon,

Phu Tran

Lector: Scott Runyon

Ushers: Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt,

Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings March 4 — March 10 Collections at Mass (Mar 9—Mar 10) \$ 10.481.00

Mail in Offerings (Mar 4—Mar 8)	\$	10,0	95.00
myEoffering (Mar 4—Mar 8)	\$	4,8	12.19
Budget (1 week)	\$	16,5	57.69
Difference	\$	+ 8,8	30.50
Registered Households		-	643
Envelopes Used (Mar 9—Mar 10)			170
Active myEoffering Families			173
MyEoffering Family Donations (Mar 4—	-Mai	⁻ 8)	133
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Offerings for Catholic Relief Services: \$445.00

Second Collection for March: March 29 (Good Friday): Holy Land

Thank you for your Generosity.

If you are unable to attend Mass, please consider making your regular offerings by mail or online (myEoffering).

Please use vour envelopes.

If you need envelopes, call the parish office. at 843 795-3821



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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: Leslie Boyer, Glenna Kornahrens, Barbara Wade

From previous months: Allene Barans, Mary Bieda, Beverly Blevins, Ray Blevins, Don Carcone, Anne Castelli, Ron Connick, Herman Connor, Arlene & Bill Crosby, Sharon Dale, 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, Terry Parsons, 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.

Intentions

Mass: This Week

Sat.	16	5:30 pm	Susie DeLorme+
Sun.	17	9:00 am	For the people
		11:30 am	Bart Kelly+
Mon.	18	11:30 am	Edward J. Parent+
Tues.	19	11:30 am	Tito Maresca
			& Marianne Maresca+
Wed.	20	11:30 am	Louis LaMarche+
Thurs.	21	9:30 am	Jack Byrnes+
		11:30 am	Arnold Bennett+
Fri.	22	11:30 am	
Sat.	23	5:30 pm	In honor of Anhson's 31st Birthday
Sun.	24	9:00 am	John Madden+
		11:30 am	Michael 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.

Intention requests cannot be accepted more than 3 months in advance.



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!



The 6th grade Spanish class recently prepared (and consumed) shrimp and vegetable paella.



Confirmation Retreat: 43 Confirmation Candidates from Nativity, Holy Spirit and Our Lady of Good Counsel participated in a retreat at Nativity on March 2. Please keep them in your prayers as they enter the final weeks of preparation before they are confirmed in late April.



Vacation Bible School at Nativity

June 24 through 28 from 9:00 am to noon.

Take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Totally Catholic Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Sacred Scripture and discover what living water is really all about!

But SCUBA is not just for kids. Everyone can join in the fun. Just contact Mary Smith at 843-795-3821 ext. 104 or at dre@nativitycharleston.org to find out how you can help.

Note: All adults working with youth must complete the "Creating Safe Environments Program". For more information on "Creating Safe Environments" contact Mary Smith.

Mark Your Calendars and Plan to Participate!!!



Holy Week Services Schedule

March 24, Palm Sunday
Weekend Masses at Regular times
Distribution of Palms at all
Masses

March 28, Holy Thursday
(No 11:30 am mass)
7:00 pm Mass
Adoration after mass until 9:00 pm
in the Parish Life Center

March 29, Good Friday 3:00 Passion of the Lord

March 30, Holy Saturday 8:00 pm Vigil Mass RCIA Sacraments during Mass

March 31, Easter Sunday
9:00 am and 11:30 am Masses
Additional Seating (both Masses)
in the Nativity Parish Life Center

Mark Your Calendars and Plan to Attend.

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

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

Friday Evening Stations 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:

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



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).
- 3. Put the card in an envelope and write "Ladies Guild" on the outside of the envelope.
- 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

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FISH FRY THIS FRIDAY

March 22 at 6:15 pm After Stations In the Nativity Parish Life Center.



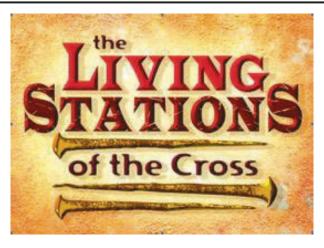
Menu: Fried Fish, Red Rice, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies and other goodies.

No Charge

(but your generous donation will be greatly appreciated.)

All Are Invited.
No Reservations. No Tickets.

First Come, First Served. When it's gone, It's GONE!



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



PART-TIME SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST

Church of the Nativity is looking for a secretary/ receptionist to work 30-35 per week. Duties include general receptionist tasks such: ◆ answering telephone calls ◆ assisting walk-in guests, ◆ preparing families and appropriate staff for funerals. Secretarial tasks such as:

- updating church registers with sacramental information,
- maintaining church database, ◆ preparing quarterly Church ministry schedules, ◆ screening and reporting for Safe Environment, ◆ drafting letters, ◆ overseeing bulletin and parish communications. ◆ data entry,
 assisting the pastor and other staff members in administrative tasks.

The candidate be very familiar with MS Word and Excel applications, ♦ have the ability to learn other programs as needed.

The candidate should possess strong organizational and time management skills, • strong interpersonal skills,

- the ability to communicate effectively and with empathy,
- function with a high level of confidentiality.

Knowledge of the Catholic faith is preferred, but not required.

If you are interested, please send a resume, cover letter, and salary expectations to

Fr. Thomas Kingsley C/O Church of the Nativity 1061 Folly Rd. Charleston SC 29412.

This is a very family friendly position for a parent/caregiver of school age children.



March Monthly Meeting Has been changed to Mon. Mar. 18 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Life Center

We will be preparing the eggs and other treats for the Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday.

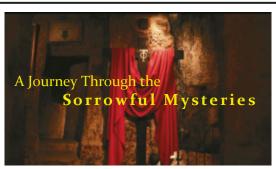
All Women of Nativity are Encouraged to help us prepare for this exciting family event.



10:00 am Sunday March 24 at the Nativity School Playground.

This event is for children age 10 and younger and is presented by the Nativity Ladies Guild.

Bring your Easter Basket and join us for friendship, games and fun!



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/88988721703?
pwd=OFdYRWZ5YzRWT2xlQkJndjFDbXlzQT09
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



Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

John Joseph Madden

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Monday, March 11th.

May he rest in peace.



Scrutiny Rites of Lent: are communal prayers celebrated on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent to strengthen the Elect (those in our midst who are preparing for Baptism). We join with the Elect to examine (scrutinize) how we are. The scrutiny rites are meant to uncover, and heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in our hearts and to strengthen all that is upright and good.

These rites, therefore, should deepen our resolve to hold fast to Christ and to love God above all.



Senior Ministry Lunch is Wed. Mar. 20 at 12:30 pm in the Parish Life Center Lunch is \$15 per plate.

Our guest this month is Dr. Elizabeth Higgins.

Dr. Higgins is a Nativity parishioner and a Palliative Care physician at MUSC. Dr Higgins will speak to us about the field of palliative care, how it is different from hospice care and how it may benefit us or a loved one.

Lunch will be catered by chefs Christine Dahl and Michael Hutchings.

Meal Selections include: Caesar Salads (Traditional), Turkey Meatballs Marinara with market vegetables and there will be a vegetarian option.

You won't want to miss this program

Please RSVP by Sun, Mar. 17@5:00 pm

To Mary Smith at 843-670-7519



Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Patricia Brewer Warren.

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Wednesday, March 13th.

May she rest in peace.



Weekly Hour of
fucharistic Adoration
fvery Thursday
at 12:00 noon

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 Talk with Jesus.



Help Save lives in Charleston

The Charleston Prayer vigils are daily from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm through March 24 at the

Planned Parenthood - Charleston Health Center 1312 Ashley River Road (West Ashley)

For more information or to sign up for an hour of prayer, Please contact Susan Seleniak (703) 328-2334 or at szelniak2@gmail,com



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