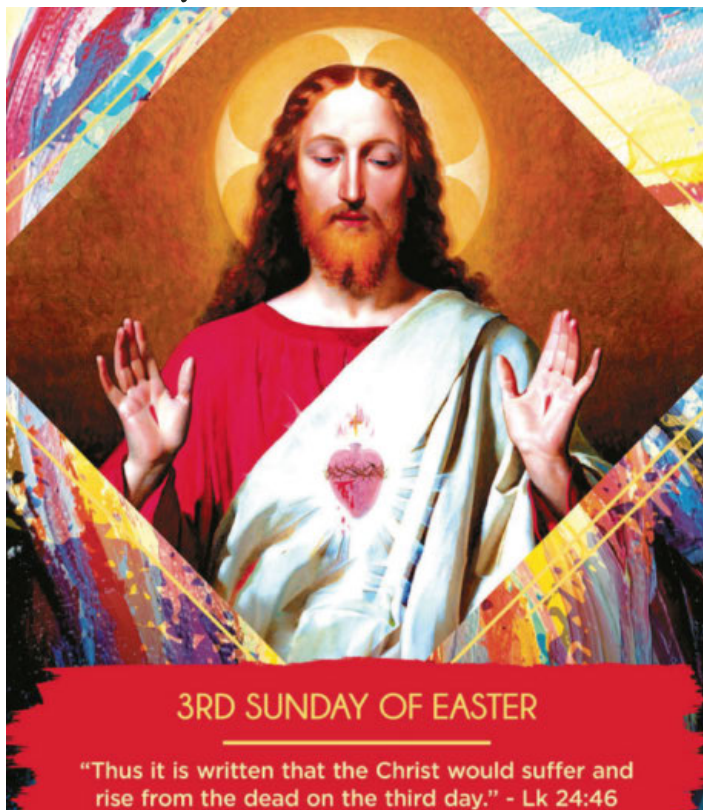


April 14, 2024

Catholic Diocese of Charleston



### Jesus sets our hearts ablaze with His Word

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, “If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!” As a lifelong late-arriver, it’s something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the “it counts” is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous “Road to Emmaus” story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: Word, followed by Eucharist. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus’ presence in the “breaking of the bread.”

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that’s precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

...Father John Muir



## 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

*Lord, let your face shine on us*

...Today's Psalm PS 4

## 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 until site renovations are completed.**

**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 Mary Smith 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 place to connect with other people who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning. Each weekly session includes a time to connect with others (over a free meal), presents a brief video on an element of the Christian faith, and provides an opportunity for each person to share their own thoughts and questions in a small group setting. 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 843-813-4238. **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  
Pastor@NativityCharleston.org, 843-795-3821 x 105

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Music@NativityCharleston.org, 843-795-3821 x 103

**Religious Education:** Mrs. Mary L. Smith  
DRE@NativityCharleston.org, 843-795-3821 x 104

**School Principal:** Mrs. Patti Dukes  
pdukes@nativity-school.com, 843-795-3975

**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](mailto: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](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 Apr 20 — Apr 21**

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

**5:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass**  
**Greeters:** Dianne Piri, Timothy & Carolyn Smith  
**Altar Servers:** Joe Hoeft, Daniel Salceda  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Bieda, Mike Bieda, Wendy Bergstrom, Barbara Coddington, Eileen Easler  
**Lector:** Anna Yonce  
**Ushers:** Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Hulseberg, Lamar Watkins

**9:00 am Sunday Mass**  
**Greeters:** Bolchoz Family, Becky Warriner  
**Altar Servers:** Eliza Cellars, Maisie Lewis, Anna Tillman  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kirby Preston, Kristi Roberts, Daniel Suggs, Tamme Suggs, Becky Warriner  
**Lector:** Ainsley Knight  
**Ushers:** Richard Bragiel, Joe Dubois, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

**11:30 am Sunday Mass**  
**Greeter:** Rebecca Beylotte, Sheila Griner  
**Altar Servers:** Gavin Gilreath, Caryn Hasenberg, Megumi Tran  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jackie Doscher, Brian Dougherty, Pam Everitt, Christine Lewis, Scott Runyon  
**Lector:** Sheila Elsey  
**Ushers:** Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt, Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

**Offerings March 25 — April 7**

Collections at Mass (Mar 30—Mar 31)	\$ 6,801.00
Collections at Mass (Apr 6—Apr 7)	\$ 16,095.00
Mail in Offerings (Mar 25—Apr 5)	\$ 9,649.00
myEoffering (Mar 25—Apr 5)	\$ 9,543.45
Budget (2 weeks)	\$ 33,115.38
Difference	\$ + 8,973.07
Registered Households	680
Envelopes Used (Mar 30—Mar 31)	138
Envelopes Used (Apr 6—Apr 7)	128
Active myEoffering Families	162
MyEoffering Family Donations (Mar 25—Apr 5)	254

**Good Friday – Holy Land Offerings: \$2,866.00**

**Easter Offerings: \$13,860.00**

**Second Collection for April:  
 April 28: Catholic Home Mission**

**Thank you for your Generosity.**

**Please use your envelopes.**

If you need envelopes, please contact 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, Or mail your donation to the parish office



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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, Charlie Organ, James Parker, Terry Parsons, Brenda Pearson, Ed and Terry Pop, James Romero, 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.	13	5:30 pm	Donald Blevins+
Sun.	14	9:00 am	Gladys & Sal Lobianco++
		11:30 am	Shawn M. Road+
Mon.	15	11:30 am	For the people
Tues.	16	11:30 am	
Wed.	17	11:30 am	Peace in the world
Thurs.	18	9:30 am	
		11:30 am	
Fri..	19	11:30 am	
Sat.	20	5:30 pm	James Maney+
Sun.	21	9:00 am	For the people
		11:30 am	Arnold Bennett+

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](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 Middle School Students recently visited the theater to see the movie “Cabrinì”. This highly rated and inspirational movie is a “must see”. “Cabrinì” is still showing at local theaters. Check it out for yourself.



## 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](mailto: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!!!**



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

**CHILDREN: \$1.00 / ADULTS: \$3.00!**

**JOIN US FOR GOOD PANCAKES AND GREAT FELLOWSHIP.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



## SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST NEEDED

Church of the Nativity is looking for a secretary/receptionist to work 30-40 hours per week.

Receptionist duties include: answering telephone calls ♦ assisting walk-in guests, ♦ preparing families and appropriate staff for funerals.

Secretarial tasks include: ♦ updating church registers with sacramental information, ♦ maintaining parish databases, ♦ preparing quarterly Church ministry schedules, ♦ screening and reporting for Safe Environment, ♦ drafting letters, ♦ overseeing bulletin and parish communications. ♦ entering data, ♦ assisting the pastor and other staff members in administrative tasks.

Candidate skills include: competence with Microsoft Word and Excel applications, ♦ ability to learn other office applications 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.*

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## Senior Ministry Lunch is Wed. Apr. 17 at 12:30 pm in the Parish Life Center Lunch is only \$15 per plate.

The program and the menu for this event remain a bit of a mystery, which is fitting for this liturgical season. However, this event promises to be interesting and exciting.

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

**You won't want to miss this program**

**Please RSVP by Sun, Apr. 14@5:00 pm**

**To Mary Smith at 843-670-7519**



## Baptism

**Sumter Nicholas Diggs,**

son of Erica and Wyatt Diggs was welcomed into our faith community on Sunday, April 7.

**Congratulations to this new member of our church.**





## Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

**Sr. Mary Cyril Murray OLM,**

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Tuesday, April 2.

**May she rest in peace.**



## **BOOSTERTHON is returning soon to Nativity**

Nativity School's Fun Run & Color Games fundraiser is kicking off soon!

Here are some important dates:

- REGISTRATION OPENED: **04/11/2024**  
Register at <https://mybooster.com/v3>
- Nativity School Fun Run & Color Games Kicks off **04/25/2024**
- Event Day - **05/03/2024**

**Thank you for your supporting Nativity School!**

## A Walk with Jesus for Grieving Parents

**ONE DAY RETREAT**

**Saturday, May 4, 2024,**

**8:30-5:00pm**

**St. Finbar Hall,**

**901 Orange Grove Road**

**Charleston, SC**

This Catholic retreat offers a safe place to seek peace and comfort and it will be led by Deacon Henry de Mena, MA who has been a grief counselor for over 20 years.

**TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT**

Christy Brown at [cbrown@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:cbrown@charlestondiocese.org)  
803 554 6088

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE  
DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON  
OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE AT 803 547 5065**

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

This Post Abortion Healing Retreat is a supportive, confidential, nonjudgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion. On the retreat you can find peace and closure and strengthen your relationship with God. Come discover God's love, mercy and Forgiveness.

The next retreat in South Carolina is:

**April 19-21, 2024-- Fort Mill-English**

**May 31-June 2-Fort Mill- Spanish**

**For more information or registration**

Christy 803 554 6088 Kathy 803 546 6010

Or email us at [Grace4Healing@gmail.com](mailto:Grace4Healing@gmail.com)



**YOUNG ADULT  
SPRING  
RETREAT  
JUNE 14-16,  
2024**

**Draw Near- Young Adult Spring Retreat**  
June 14 @ 7:30 pm - June 16 @ 10:30 am | \$85 - \$150

**Details**

**Start:**  
June 14 @ 7:30 pm

**End:**  
June 16 @ 10:30 am

**Cost:**  
\$85 - \$150

**Event Category:**  
Young Adult Events

**Website:**  
<https://charlestdiocese.org/event/yaspringretreat24/>

**Organizer**

Diocese of Charleston-Young Adult Ministry

**Phone**  
843-670-2586

**Email**  
msylvester@charlestdiocese.org

For more information or to register, please visit:  
<https://charlestdiocese.configio.com/pd/427/ya-spring-retreat-2024>

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Please call Matt Whipple to register for an upcoming workshop at James Island Outreach, 843-762-3653

James Island Outreach | 1860 Camp Road

- APR**
  - Wednesday, April 10th | 10:30am - 12pm
  - Thursday, April 25th | 6:30pm - 8pm
- MAY**
  - Wednesday, May 8th | 10:30am - 12pm
  - Thursday, May 23th | 6:30pm - 8pm
- JUN**
  - Wednesday, June 12th | 10:30am - 12pm
  - Thursday, June 27th | 6:30pm - 8pm



*Weekly Hour of  
Eucharistic Adoration  
Every 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 Talk with Jesus.*

**Nativity Ministries Fair  
Sunday, May 19 at 10:00 am  
in the Parish Life Center**

**Come and learn more about what your  
peers are doing and be  
prepared to yield to peer pressure.**



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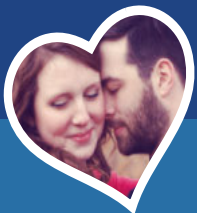
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