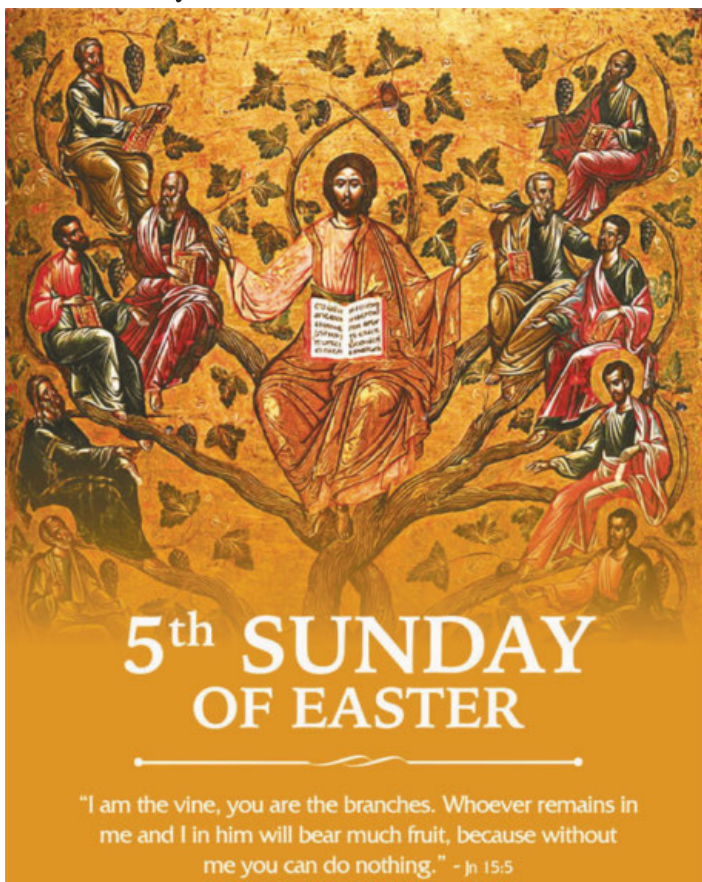


April 28, 2024

Catholic Diocese of Charleston



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:5

I am the true Vine

When Jesus calls himself the true vine he makes clear that no one can grow in spiritual fruitfulness and moral goodness unless they are rooted in God and in his life-giving word. Religious affiliation or association with spiritually minded people is not sufficient. Jesus Christ is the true source of life. He sustains us and makes us fruitful in living the abundant life which God has for us.

Vines characteristically have two kinds of branches, those which bear fruit and those which don't. The vine dresser must carefully prune the vine before it can bear good fruit. The non-bearing branches must be carefully pruned back in order for the vine to conserve its strength for bearing good fruit. Jesus used this image to describe the kind of life he produces in those who are united with him.

There is a simple truth here: we are either fruit-bearing or non-fruit-bearing. There is no in-between. But the bearing of healthy fruit requires drastic pruning. The Lord promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him and allow him to purify us. Trust in the Lord's healing and transforming power to give abundant life and fruit of his heavenly kingdom.

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



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
Confirmation at Nativity
Sunday 6:00 pm

Weekly Hour of Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 12:00 noon

Weekday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet 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

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

...Today's Psalm PS 22

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 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 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. **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.

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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.



Please consider joining our parish family!

Please support our Advertisers whose funding makes this bulletin possible.

Liturgical Ministers for May 4 — May 5

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: Savanna Owens, Daniel Salceda
Eucharistic Ministers: Wendy Bergstrom, Barbara Coddington, Eileen Easler, Patty Edwards, Mary Smith
Lector: Mary Bieda
Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Leroy Hulseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Sunday Mass
Greeters: Mary Catherine Dubois, Grant Family
Altar Servers: Mia Caughey, Eliza Cellars, Anna Tillman
Eucharistic Ministers: Suzanne Decker, Gary Hart, Mark Hollifield, Liisa Machowski, Kathy Murphy
Lector: Andrew Preston
Ushers: Richard Bragiel, George Hill, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Sunday Mass
Greeters: Sheila Griner, Susan La Via
Altar Servers: Gavin Gilreath, Caryn Hasenberg, Megumi Tran
Eucharistic Ministers: Irene Bennett, Lynn Curry, Pam Everitt, Christine Lewis, Maier Runyon
Lector: Sheila Elsey
Ushers: Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner

Offerings April 15 — April 21

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| Collections at Mass (Apr 20—Apr 21) | \$ 9,081.00 |
| Mail in Offerings (Apr 15—Apr 19) | \$ 2,440.00 |
| myEoffering (Apr 15—Apr 19) | \$ 4,103.66 |
| Budget (1 week) | \$ 16,557.69 |
| Difference | \$ - 933.03 |
| Registered Households | 680 |
| Envelopes Used (Apr 20—Apr 21) | 162 |
| Active myEoffering Families | 189 |
| MyEoffering Family Donations (Apr 15—Apr 19) | 122 |

**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 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).



Now available online at nativitycharleston.org

For immediate access, just scan this QR code with your smart phone ----->>



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: Chris Fisher

From previous months: Allene Barans, Mary Bieda, Beverly Blevins, Ray Blevins, Leslie Boyer, 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, Glenna Kornahrens, 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, Barbara Wade, 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

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| Sat. | 27 | 5:30 pm | Walter LaTorre+ |
| Sun. | 28 | 9:00 am | For the people |
| | | 11:30 am | Kevin Jenkins+ |
| | | 6:00 pm | Peter Ferra+ |
| Mon. | 29 | 11:30 am | |
| Tues. | 30 | 11:30 am | |
| Wed. | 1 | 11:30 am | For the people |
| Thurs. | 2 | 9:30 am | |
| | | 11:30 am | |
| Fri.. | 3 | 11:30 am | John Madden+ |
| Sat. | 4 | 5:30 pm | Judy Nys+ |
| Sun. | 5 | 9:00 am | For the people |
| | | 11:30 am | For the people |

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 Nativity School 5th Grade recently conducted a “Wax Museum” history project. Our celebrities included Marie Curie, Harriet Tubman, Jane Woodall, Walt Whitman, Helen Keller, Lance Sijan, Eliza Hamilton, Tom Brady and many others.



BOOSTERTHON is returning soon to Nativity

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

Here are some important things to remember:

- **REGISTER NOW 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!



Confirmation at Nativity Sun. April 28 at 6:00 pm
All are invited to attend
Please pray for our children who will receive this sacrament.

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.



Coffee and Donuts next Sunday (May 5) after the 9:00 am Mass in the Parish Life Center .

Ladies Guild Coffee and Donuts returns this weekend after an extended hiatus.

There is no charge but your donations are greatly appreciated.

Stop by, enjoy Coffee and Donuts And stay around for the May Crowning.

THE WILD GOOSE

Tuesday Bible Studies

Ancient Celtic Christians depicted the Holy Spirit as a goose, called Ah Geadh-Glas, which translates to "wild goose." Early Christians had an appreciation for the goose's unexpected interventions and saw the goose as a fitting symbol for the Holy Spirit.

The Wild Goose program is a 14-part video series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka. The episodes are intended to lead viewers to explore the transformative power of the Holy Spirit.

These Bible Study sessions are offered in person and online via ZOOM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88988721703?pwd=OFdYRWZ5YzRWT2xlQkQndjFDbXlZQT09>

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.

We are planning to complete this series by end of June,.

For more information, please contact Ryckie Watkins at 843-795-4194 or at ryckie.watkins@gmail.com

All are Invited to Participate.

Financial Resources Workshop James Island Outreach

Learn How to Better Manage Expenses

Get Ideas to Increase Income

Receive Information on Valuable Community Resources

Workshop is **free** and open to ALL in the community

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

James Island Outreach | 1860 Camp Road

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




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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
803 554 6088

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE
DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON
OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE AT 803 547 5063**

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

The Retreat is for Young Adults age 18 → 35 and is being held at the St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center on Johns Island.

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>



Is Thursday, May 2

The National Day of Prayer shares common roots with the celebration of Thanksgiving; both were national proclamations establishing a day of prayer.

In the New England Colonies under British rule, traditional observances in late fall called for prayer and thanksgiving. The fall observance was established by President Abraham Lincoln as the official Thanksgiving holiday in 1863.

Observances in the spring or summer called for prayer and fasting. The spring observance was established by President Harry S. Truman in 1952 as the National Day of Prayer.

A great way to honor this day of observance is to attend Nativity weekday Mass at 11:30 am on May 2, and remain for the weekly hour of Eucharistic Adoration.



*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.*



Catholic Radio in SC
on WLTQ 730 AM and 106.7 FM
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24th Annual Charity Golf Tournament
Sunday, May 5, 2024
at Charleston Municipal Golf Course

9:00 am Shotgun Start / Captain's Choice
Charity Donation \$500 per team / \$125 per individual golfer (includes Mulligan package)

All Proceeds are donated for the support of Local Charities.

Your entry donation includes your green fees, cart, lunch, range balls, 2 drink tickets and 1 door prize ticket.

Lunch is provided at the course immediately after the tournament

Sponsor and golfer registration forms are provided at the Nativity Church

For more information, please email rmcnallypga@gmail.com or call 843-789-0687

Come Join in the fun!
While you are at it, you will be helping our neighbors in need!



So What is a May Crowning?

May has been Mary's month since the medieval period. May was considered the end of winter and the start of a new season of growth. It's a time for new beginnings of gratitude and devotion. May is a special month to celebrate the "Queen of Heaven".

The May Crowning is a ceremony in which we 'crown' Mary with flowers. This is symbolic recognition of Mary's position as Queen of Heaven and of our lives.

- Mary is considered the "Queen of Heaven."
- She was a perfect follower of Christ, and so is considered the crown of creation
- She is also the Mother of the Son of God, Jesus, who is the King of the universe.
- She is the most important woman of our faith, and our spiritual mother.

Please come to Coffee and Donuts after 9:00 am Mass
Next Sunday (May 5) in the Parish Life Center
and Stay for May Crowning.



Feast of St. Joseph the Worker—Wednesday, May 1

The Catholic Church has long celebrated the dignity of human work as a participation in God's creative work. Saint Joseph's life as a carpenter underscores this holiness of labor.

Joseph earned an honest living to provide for his family. Jesus Himself learned the carpentry trade from Joseph and worked alongside him during His teenage and early adult years. From Joseph, Jesus learned the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to work for a living.

Joseph's manual labor was challenging, making him a great example for all of us in our daily work. His life exemplifies humility, hard work, and dedication.



Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets

Meets the second Wednesday of every month at 1:00 pm
in the Nativity Parish Life Center Meeting Room.

The next meeting is Wed. May 8

For more information, please contact Debbie Kennedy at
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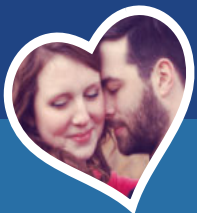
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