

# May 12, 2024

Catholic Diocese of Charleston



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs. - Mk 16:19-20

### Go into all the world and preach the gospel.

Jesus' departure and ascension was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time. Jesus promised to send them the Holy Spirit who would anoint them with power on the Feast of Pentecost.

Jesus' last words to his apostles were to be witnesses of his saving death and his glorious resurrection and to proclaim the good news of salvation to all the world. Their task is to proclaim the good news of salvation - not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations. The Gospel is the power of God to release people from their burden of guilt, sin, and oppression, and the power to heal, restore, and make us whole.

This is the great commission which Christ gives to the whole church. All believers are tasked to be heralds of the good news and to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ. It is our job to witness, to others, the joy of the Gospel and the hope of the resurrection. But we have not been left alone, the Lord works in and through us by the power of his Holy Spirit to achieve this mission.

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



## Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road

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

### Stay in touch with us at Nativity

Web page: <https://nativitycharleston.com/>  
You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/ChurchoftheNativity>  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NativityCharleston>

*God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

...Today's Psalm PS 47

## 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

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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 [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 May 18 — May 19

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

**5:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass**  
**Greeters:** Caughey Family, Dianne Piri  
**Altar Servers:** Mia Caughey, Maisie Lewis  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Wendy Bergstrom, Barbara Coddington, Patty Edwards, Carolyn Smith, Mary Smith  
**Lector:** Eileen Easler  
**Ushers:** Emmett Alphonse, Leroy Hulseberg, Lamar Watkins

**9:00 am Sunday Mass**  
**Greeters:** Knight Family, Bonnie Nixon  
**Altar Servers:** Finley Feary, Liam Manning, Jacob Perry  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Karen Cellars, Matthew Cellars, Tamme Suggs, Becky Warriner, Gary Warriner  
**Lector:** Michael Bolchoz  
**Ushers:** Richard Bragiel, George Hill, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

**11:30 am Sunday Mass**  
**Greeters:** Sheila Griner, Susan La Via  
**Altar Servers:** Liam Hale, Alana Novak, Kenji Tran  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynn Curry, David Knab, Jackie Doscher, Pam Evertt, Maier Runyon, Phu Tran  
**Lector:** Cava Riley  
**Ushers:** Joe Grinn, Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

### Offerings April 29 — May 5

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 Collections for May:**  
**May 12: Catholic Charities**

**May 19: Catholic Communications Campaign**

**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).



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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: Louis Richter

**And let us continue to pray for:** Allene Barans, Mary Bieda, Beverly Blevins, Ray Blevins, Leslie Boyer, Don Carcone, Anne Castelli, Ron Connick, Herman Connor, Arlene & Bill Crosby, Sharon Dale, Ed & 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 & William Manning, John Minaudo, Paul & Carole Moran, Charlie Organ, James Parker, Terry Parsons, Brenda Pearson, Ed and Terry Pop, Louis Richter, 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

Sat.	11	5:30 pm	Justin Mehler+
Sun.	12	9:00 am	Carolyn Nan Moloney+
		11:30 am	
Mon.	13	11:30 am	
Tues.	14	11:30 am	
Wed.	15	11:30 am	Bernadette Richards Knisley+
Thurs.	16	9:30 am	
		11:30 am	Brady Lee+
Fri..	17	11:30 am	Carolyn Nan Moloney+
Sat.	18	5:30 pm	Sr. Cyril +
Sun.	19	9:00 am	
		11:30 am	Frances Leary+

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!



### WE REACHED OUR GOAL OF \$15,000!!!

Thank you parents, grand parents, extended family and friends for your unwavering support.

### WE APPRECIATE YOU!!

Thank you to our parents who volunteered at the water station to keep our students hydrated at the BOOSTERTHON events.

**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://charlestandiocese.org/event/yaspringretreat24/>

#### Organizer

Diocese of Charleston-Young Adult Ministry

**Phone**

843-670-2586

**Email**

[msylvester@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:msylvester@charlestandiocese.org)

For more information or to register, please visit:

<https://charlestandiocese.configio.com/pd/427/ya-spring-retreat-2024>



## Vacation Bible School at Nativity initially planned for June 24 through 28 **Cancelled.**

We have not received sufficient adult volunteer support to be able to effectively and safely manage this program.

We will continue to pursue other opportunities to minister to the spiritual needs of our children.



### Flowers

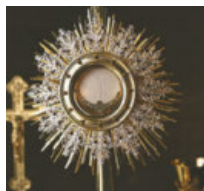
at the altar this weekend, are in celebration of  
**all of our mothers**



**Monthly General Meeting**  
Mon. May 13 at 6:30 pm  
in the Parish Life Center

- Refreshments at 6:30 pm
- Meeting at 7:00 pm

**All Women of Nativity  
are Encouraged to Participate.**



**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.

***This is a Great Opportunity  
to stop by and Talk with Jesus.***



## **Nurses Needed**

**Helping Moms -----> Saving Babies ----->  
Rescuing the Culture**

Are you Interested helping moms and babies in the Lowcountry? The Holy City Mobile Pregnancy Center is looking for volunteers and/or salaried registered nurses.

Requirements:

- Passion for helping moms and babies
- Active SC license
- Able to commit to a minimum of the same day 16 hours/month in 4 four hour shifts
- Cares for patients with love

Preferred:

- Limited Obstetric Ultrasound experience
- Charting on eKYROS' Centerpiece
- Bilingual (Spanish, Portuguese)
- Able to handle idle periods as well as rushed periods

Bonuses available — Will train

Send resume to [Business.HCMPC@gmail.com](mailto:Business.HCMPC@gmail.com)

For more information, please call (854) 895-6060



## **End of Year Celebration**

**Sat, May 25 11:00 am to 2:00 pm**  
**At Nativity Parish Life Center**

For the Members of the Nativity Ladies Guild  
and their 'significant others'!

We want to recognize our "Woman of the Year" and  
celebrate our many accomplishments of this year.

**Please RSVP by Sunday, May 19**

To Lisa Horner at [hornerl@wseinc.com](mailto:hornerl@wseinc.com)  
or at 843-762-6307

**Please attend and help us  
celebrate a great ministry year!**



**Congratulations to our youth  
who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 4th**

Stella Capobianco, Robert Caughey, Charlie Cellars, Harper Cellars, Elise Filush, Serafina Giuliano, Ben Heincelman, Graham Heincelman, Delaney Hottel, Oliver Langley, Zak Macko, Miles McCracken, Brianna Miller, Birdie Morganello, Knox Peterson, Rachel Presley, Nan Risch, Sommer Smith, Emmeline Strott, Josie Michael Turner, and Addie Zolman.

**May you always be strengthened by the grace you receive in this sacrament.**

Special thanks to parents; our catechists and retreat team: Sheila Finnerty, Kaycee Meyer, Ryckie Watkins, and all those who helped to prepare our youth for this sacrament.



**Weekend of May 18–19  
in the Parish Life Center  
After all the weekend Masses**

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

Here are some of our current activities  
that could use your help.

Cantors, singers and musicians; Bible Study; Children’s Liturgy of the Word; H.O.M.E. Works; Church Environment; Bereavement Ministry; Ladies Guild; Knights of Columbus; Nursery; Alpha; Support for Nativity School; Nativity School PTO; Meals on Wheels; Respect Life; James Island Outreach; Parish School of Religion; Vacation Bible School; Audio, Video and Lighting Support; Information Network Administration; Computer Support; Facilities Maintenance; Youth and Young Adult Outreach.

We know we are not yet doing everything that could/should be done. So tell us how you are planning to help.

**All are invited to this fantastic opportunity to learn more about “What’s Happening” and how you plan to make our community even better.**

**Coffee and Donuts will be served at 10:00 on Sunday**



## *A Mother's Love*

*by Michael O. Adesanya*

*There are times only when a Mother's love  
Can understand our tears,  
Can soothe our disappointments  
And calm all our fears.*

*There are times when only a Mother's Love  
Can share the joy we feel  
When something we've dreamed about  
Quite suddenly is real.*

*There are times when only a Mother's faith  
Can help on life's way  
And inspire in us the confidence  
We need from day to day.*

*For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith  
And a Mother's steadfast love  
Were fashioned by the Angels  
And sent from God above...*

## *Happy Mother's Day*

*Bless all the women in our lives*

**who model for us the love  
of a mother. Protect them and encourage  
them to love as you have loved us.**



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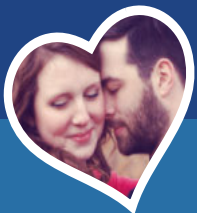
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