

# June 23, 2024

Catholic Diocese of Charleston



## 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"  
The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them,  
"Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

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### Fight Fear with Faith

Jesus' sleeping presence on the storm-tossed sea reveals the sleeping faith of his disciples. They feared for their lives even though their Lord and Master was with them in the boat. They were asleep to Christ while he was present to them in their hour of need. Jesus is ever present to us. And in our time of testing he asks the same question: Why are you afraid? Have you no faith? Recognize the Lord's presence with you, especially when you meet the storms of adversity, sorrow, and temptation. Whenever we encounter trouble, the Lord is there with the same reassuring message: "It is I, do not be afraid."

Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. Believing is only possible by grace and the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart. Faith opens our mind to understand and accept the truth which God has revealed to us. Faith enables us to relate to God with confidence and trust. If we want to live, grow, and persevere in faith, then it must be nourished with the word of God.

... 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
Saturday Vigil Mass	5:30 pm
Sunday Mass	9:00 am and 11:30 am

### Weekly Hour of Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday	12:00 noon
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### Weekday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Church

Mon. through Fri.	12:00 noon
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### Church is open Daily for Private Prayer and Devotion

Weekdays: 9:00 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/>  
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and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NativityFamily>  
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*Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.*

...Today's Psalm PS 107

## 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  
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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.



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### Liturgical Ministers for June 29 — June 30

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:** Liam Manning, Daniel Salceda  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Bieda, Mike Bieda, Barbara Coddington, Eileen Easler, Carolyn Smith  
**Lector:** Carl Borick  
**Ushers:** Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Hulseberg, Lamar Watkins

**9:00 am Sunday Mass**  
**Greeters:** Knight Family, Bonnie Nixon  
**Altar Servers:** Sully Cellars, Savanna Owens, Jack Perry  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Pat Perry, Kirby Preston, Kristi Roberts, Daniel Suggs, Tamme Suggs  
**Lector:** Robert Horner  
**Ushers:** Richard Bragiel, Joe Dubois, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

**11:30 am Sunday Mass**  
**Greeters:** Suan La Via, Natalie Zanolli  
**Altar Servers:** Gavin Gilreath, Caryn Hasenberg, Megumi Tran  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynn Curry, Brian Dougherty, David Knab, Maier Runyon, Phu Tran  
**Lector:** Pam Everitt  
**Ushers:** Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn, Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

### Offerings June 10 — June 16

Collections at Mass (Jun 15—Jun 16)	\$	9,890.00
Mail in Offerings (Jun 10—Jun 14)	\$	6,760.00
myEoffering (Jun 10—Jun 14)	\$	5,170.92
Budget (1 week)	\$	16,557.69
Difference	\$ +	5,263.23
Registered Households		680
Envelopes Used (Jun 15—Jun 16)		182
Active myEoffering Families		189
MyEoffering Family Donations (Jun 10—Jun 14)		124

**Offerings for Seminarians: \$929.00**

**Second Collections for June:**

**June 30: Peter's Pence**

**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>



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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.**

**We pray for:** Allene Barans, 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, Kathy Fowler, 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 Pop, Louis Richter, James Romero, Fran Taylor, Barbara Wade, Jerry Wade, Courtney Wilson, Sally Wojcik

**For Members of our Community who have recently lost loved ones.**

**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.	22	5:30 pm	Maria Pinelli+
Sun.	23	9:00 am	Mary Jo Ross
		11:30 am	Anne Kingsley+
Mon.	24	11:30 am	Funeral Mass, Keith Tapscott+
Tues.	25	11:30 am	Anne Kingsley +
Wed.	26	11:30 am	
Thurs.	27	11:30 am	
Fri..	28	11:30 am	
Sat.	29	5:30 pm	Lawrence Thomas Joyce+
Sun.	30	9:00 am	Richard McKinney+
		11:30 am	Mary Jo Ross+

Envelopes for Sanctuary Candle and Mass Intentions are at the church entrances. Please place them in the collection basket. Be sure to include your phone number or email in case of date changes or unavailability. Thank you!

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



## Nativity School—dedicated to the academic and spiritual growth of our students.

Do you dream of a school where each child is accepted, included, and valued? Are you looking for a school that stands as the model of academic excellence, moral ideals, and spirituality? Have you searched for a values-based education in the Catholic tradition?

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**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](http://www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights). or contact the School Office at 843-795-3975

**Teaching Values for Life!**

### *So, What is a Prayer Shawl?*



**A Prayer Shawl** provides a sense of comfort, security, and safety, particularly in times of stress,. In many ways it is like the security blanket many of us had as children and may still sometimes need.

**A Prayer Shawl** is an item of textile art which is designed and hand made by a crafts person of our parish. The maker prays for the recipient at each 'stitch'. Moreover, the prayer shawl is blessed by Father Kingsley upon completion.

**A Prayer Shawl** is given, free of charge to the recipient who is seeking healing and comfort (illness, grief, crisis, distress).

**A Prayer Shawl** is not intended to be a vestment to be donned on occasions of formal prayer. **A Prayer Shawl** is intended to be a comfort, a blessing and a gift to a friend who is in distress — **like a spiritual hug** (and who does not need a hug every now and then?)

The Nativity Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second Wednesday of every month at 1:00 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center Meeting Room. We are on vacation for the summer but will return in September.

To recommend a friend to receive a Prayer Shawl, or to learn more about the Nativity prayer shawl ministry, please contact Debbie Kennedy at [natprayershawl@gmail.com](mailto:natprayershawl@gmail.com)

*Everyone can participate in this ministry!*



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6250  
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FOR 5TH SUNDAY ROSARY  
SUNDAY, JUNE 30 AFTER THE 9:00 AM MASS.  
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO OIN US.**

*Ladies  
Guild*



**Steven Thanh Nguyen,**

son of Hoang & Nu Nguyen, was welcomed into our faith community on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

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



**Religious Freedom Week  
June 22-29, 2024**

Religious Freedom Week 2024 is celebrated annually from June 22-29. It begins with the feast day of Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More and ends with the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul.

Even now, our Christian brothers and sisters are persecuted and martyred throughout the world for practicing the faith, (like in Armenia, one of the oldest Christian nations in the world). It is by the grace of God that we are still able to practice our faith and act according to its principles freely.

Religious Freedom Week is an opportunity for Catholics to pray for the preservation of religious freedoms in our country and around the world. A few key topics this week are the respect for sacred spaces, for those suffering under unjust blasphemy laws, for the freedom to speak the truth and many other important issues.

... Gregory Wilson, Vicar General, Diocese of Charleston, SC

For more information, Please visit

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week>



We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of




**Gerald Louis Ciota**

whose Mass of Christian Burial was held at Nativity on Tuesday, June 18th.

**May he rest in peace.**

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD YOUR GOD goes with you, he will never leave you or forsake you. DEUT 31:6

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*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.*

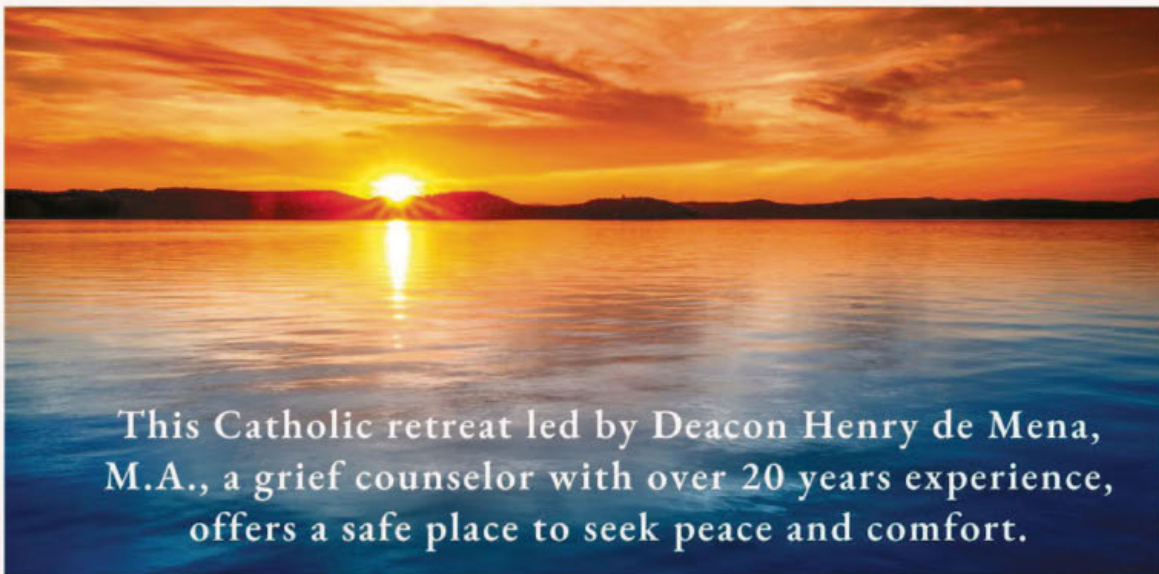
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FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT  
Office of Family Life - Christy Brown  
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The Nativity Bell Tower was installed in the Parish Life Center courtyard on Tuesday, June 11. White's Clock and Carillon of Atlanta GA was the general contractor for this entire project. Many thanks to all the trades persons, sub contractors, staff, donors, operators and others who worked together to bring this system to life.

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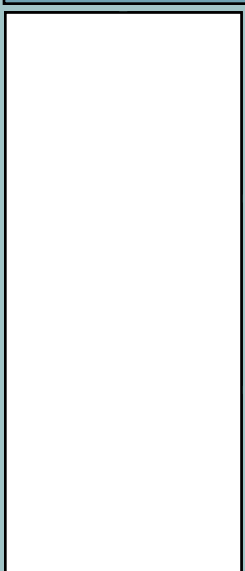
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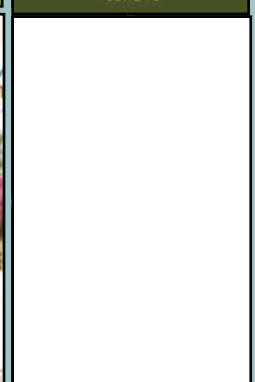
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