

# July 7, 2024

Catholic Diocese of Charleston



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. - Mk 6:2

## A Prophet and His Native Place

It could be the slogan of high school reunions everywhere. I speak from experience — I didn't go to my high school reunion, but I do live in the same area in which I grew up. Ghosts from the past lurk in every grocery aisle and gas station. Former classmates fill my prescriptions at the pharmacy. I am always sure to see an old teacher or two at the Fourth of July parade.

If my teenage self knew that this was her future, she would be horrified. She wanted to grow up and move away, not because she didn't like living in this town, but because she wanted to reinvent herself. And you can't reinvent yourself in your native place. In your hometown, you'll always be exactly what you are — no more, no less.

The same was true for Jesus. When he returned to his native place, he was what he had always been — God and man, Messiah, miracle-worker. This is not something he became, it was always within him.

But the people of Nazareth cannot accept it. The Nazarenes lived with God right under their noses, and they didn't realize it. So, when he came in all his greatness, the dissonance was too much to bear, and they rejected him. They didn't want that God — the one they had dismissed or overlooked or ignored. They wanted a different one.

But that's where God is, folks. He's in the right now, and nowhere else. He's waiting there for you, with all the happiness, holiness, and beauty your life needs.

...Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



## 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: 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>  
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and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NativityFamily>  
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*Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,  
pleading for his mercy.*

...Today's Psalm PS 123

## THINGS TO KNOW

### Nursery

For children ages 6 wks to 4 yrs. old during the Sunday 9 AM Mass. It is located on the right side of the school's breezeway entrance. \*Temporarily closed due to site renovations.\*

### Religious Education Programs

Nativity School serves students in grades K4 through 8. The Parish School of Religion (PSR) is offered for other parish children (K4-Gr 8), enrolled in non-parochial schools. For information, please contact the Director of Religious Education.

### Safe Haven Training for Volunteers

All volunteers who minister in programs involving children at Nativity Parish or School are required to complete prevention education and a background check. To initiate the process and volunteer, please contact the Parish Office Administrator.

### Baptism

To schedule a Baptism preparation class, a parent should be an active parishioner. Godparents for Baptism must be active parishioners of Nativity or another Catholic parish. For information, please contact the Director of Religious Education.

### Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation

These sacraments require a 2-year preparation period. To receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, children must have participated in a 1<sup>st</sup> grade PSR or Catholic school program; to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade children must have participated in a 7<sup>th</sup> grade PSR or Catholic school program. For information, please contact the Director of Religious Education.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the proposed marriage date. For inquiry, contact the Parish Office.

### Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

This pastoral ministry provides compassionate presence, prayer, and sacraments to parishioners confined to their home, hospital, or nursing home. It includes Extraordinary Ministers to the Sick and Eucharistic Ministers who bring Holy Communion. To arrange a pastoral visit, please contact the Parish Office.

### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament 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 sacrament; contact the Parish Office.

### Alpha

"Alpha" is a time to connect in a small group with others who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning. Weekly sessions include sharing a meal, a brief video on an element of the Christian faith, and an opportunity for sharing individual thoughts and questions. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. For information, please visit [www.nativitycharleston.org/alpha](http://www.nativitycharleston.org/alpha). **Online option available.**

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA meets in a small group online to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare adults to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. For information, please contact Vicki Vázquez, 843-813-4238.

### FORMED.org

FORMED is an online resource for our parishioners to access video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and eBooks from the Church's foremost presenters. An email is needed to access FORMED.org; no password is required.

## STAFF

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**Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:**

843-856-0748, 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: 843-261-0435, [cmummert@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:cmummert@charlestdiocese.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 complete a "new parishioner form" from [www.nativitycharleston.org](http://www.nativitycharleston.org) or collect a form from the church

foyer. You can also scan this QR code for the same form here. You may email, mail, or drop off the form to the church office anytime, and please contact us for more information.

**Please consider joining our parish!**



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### Liturgical Ministers for July 13 — July 14

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

**5:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass**  
**Greeters:** Patrick Kelley, Kathy Wiley, Tom & Maria McNamee  
**Altar Servers:** TBD  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mike Bieda, Wendy Bergstrom, Eileen Easler, Patty Edwards, Carolyn Smith  
**Lector:** Kathleen Janech  
**Ushers:** Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Hulseberg, Lamar Watkins

**9:00 am Sunday Mass**  
**Greeters:** Caughey Family, Daniel & Tamme Suggs  
**Altar Servers:** Eliza Cellars, Finley Feary, Anna Tillman  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Judy Daugomah, Suzanne Decker, Gary Hart, Mark Hollifield, Tamme Suggs  
**Lector:** Michael Smith  
**Ushers:** Richard Bragiel, Joe Dubois, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

**11:30 am Sunday Mass**  
**Greeters:** Sheila Griner, Natalie Zanolli  
**Altar Servers:** Gavin Gilreath, Caryn Hasenberg, Megumi Tran  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynn Curry, Brian Dougherty, David Knab, Maier Runyon, Phu Tran  
**Lector:** John Lavelle  
**Ushers:** Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

### Offerings June 17 — June 23

Collections at Mass (Jun 22—Jun 23)	\$ 10,502.00
Mail in Offerings (Jun 17—Jun 21)	\$ 2,360.00
myEoffering (Jun 17—Jun 21)	\$ 4,705.35
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,557.69
Difference	\$ + 1,279.66
Registered Households	680
Envelopes Used (Jun 22—Jun 23)	169
Active myEoffering Families	189
MyEoffering Family Donations (Jun 17—Jun 21)	120

### 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: Phyllis Cafiero, Haylee Hulseberg, Tommy Lavelle

**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 our parishioners who daily struggle with chronic and/or life-threatening burdens.

To have names added or removed from these lists, please contact the parish office at 843-795-3821 or at [Admin@NativityCharleston.org](mailto:Admin@NativityCharleston.org).

### Intentions

#### Mass: This Week

Sat.	6	5:30 pm	Mary Jo Ross+
Sun.	7	9:00 am	Mary Jo Ross+
		11:30 am	For the People
Mon.	8	11:30 am	Leo Michael Croghan+
Tues.	9	11:30 am	Richard McKinney+
Wed.	10	11:30 am	
Thurs.	11	11:30 am	
Fri.	12	11:30 am	
Sat.	13	5:30 pm	Mary Margaret Forsberg Hughes+
Sun.	14	9:00 am	Victoria Chytla +
		11:30 am	Edward Bucher+

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?

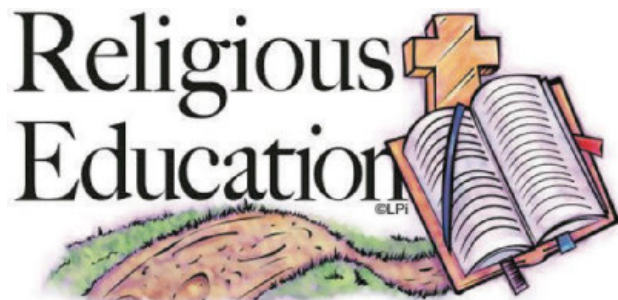
**Look no further!**



**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!**



### Nativity Parish School of Religion

PSR is offered for parish children, grades K4 through 8, enrolled in non-parochial schools. Nativity PSR is accepting applications for the 24–25 School Year.

Registration packets are available at the church entrances and online at

<https://nativitycharleston.com/formation/>

Please Register before July 24 to allow time for textbooks and materials to be ordered.

For more information. please contact Mary Smith at 843-795-3821 x 104.

**Classes Begin Sunday September 8**

**Sign Up Now!**

## Catechists Needed!

LOVE YOUR FAITH?  
SHARE IT!

Specifically, we need more catechists in order to be able to offer the Nativity Parish School of Religion for the 2024-2025 school year. We need class teachers, substitute teachers and class assistants.

Please Call Mary Smith at 795-3821ext 104 to learn more about how you can participate in this vital ministry.

### Soul Note:

**You have the heart of a lion, strong and courageous. Let nothing distract you, let nobody discourage you from your daily communion with he one who created you.**


**...Matthew Kelly**

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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\$75 Early Bird Registration ends Aug. 3  
\$90 Regular Registration ends Aug. 20  
\$15 Livestream Registration ends Aug. 20



## Theology on Tap For College Students And Young Adults

Join us for an evening of faith, food, and fellowship.

Theology is on Tap in Charleston  
on Wednesday, July 17 at 7:00 pm at

### Tommy Condon's Irish Pub (Abbey Room)

We have the room reserved until 10:00 pm, and dinner is provided! No RSVP necessary.

For more information about the Young Adult Ministry and our events, please contact Scott at [shillbc93@gmail.com](mailto:shillbc93@gmail.com)

# Birthright of Charleston

BoC needs volunteers who will work with their clients. They are seeking compassionate people whose beliefs align with the BoC charter statement:

**"It is the right of every mother to give birth and the right of every child to be born."**

Birthright is an abortion alternative for crisis pregnancies. The Center is located in West Ashley. They offer hope, love and support to any woman who is or thinks she may be pregnant.

For more information, please call 843-556-4403 or email [birthrightofcharleston@gmail.com](mailto:birthrightofcharleston@gmail.com)

**These Mothers and their babies  
need your help.**



## MARRIAGE PREPARATION RETREAT

The Diocese of Charleston Office of Family Life invites couples preparing to receive the Sacrament of Marriage to a retreat.

**NOTE: This retreat will be  
conducted in Spanish.**

Saturday Aug. 24 from 8:00 am  
to Sunday, Aug. 25, 2:00 pm.

At St. James Catholic Church in Conway, SC  
The price is \$120

To register, please visit

<https://bit.ly/retirodeparejaaugust>

For more information, please contact: María Romero at 305.979.1573



## Catholic Radio in SC on WLTQ 730 AM and 106.7 FM

These stations broadcast Catholic Radio content twenty four hours a day. In addition to radio show offerings from the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), the station broadcasts short interviews, special features, and announcements of local interest.

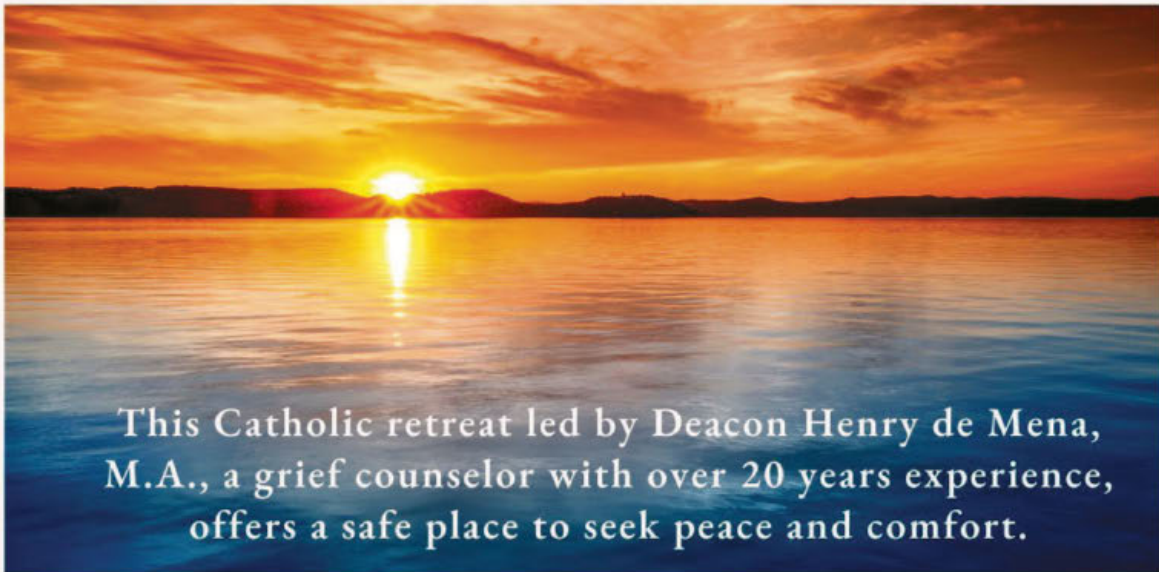
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ONE DAY RETREAT

**Saturday, July 13, 2024**

**8:30 AM - 5:00 PM**

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Rock Hill, SC**



This Catholic retreat led by Deacon Henry de Mena, M.A., a grief counselor with over 20 years experience, offers a safe place to seek peace and comfort.

*\$20 Registration Fee Includes Lunch & Materials*

To Register just click this link: <https://bit.ly/WalkwithJesusJuly132024>



FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT  
Office of Family Life - Christy Brown  
[cbrown@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:cbrown@charlestdioocese.org) | 803.554.6088





## **The Nativity Bell Tower has been Completed.**

The blessing and dedication of this magnificent addition to our campus will be

**Sunday July 21 at 10:00 am.**

Immediately after the dedication, The Nativity's Ladies Guild  
will host a reception in the Parish Life Center.

**All are invited to attend.**

Many thanks to many trades persons, sub contractors, staff, donors, operators and others who worked together to make this monument a reality.

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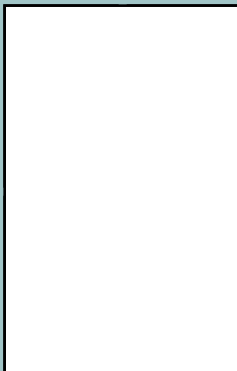



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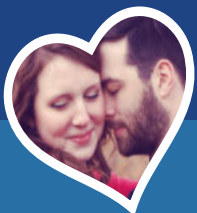
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