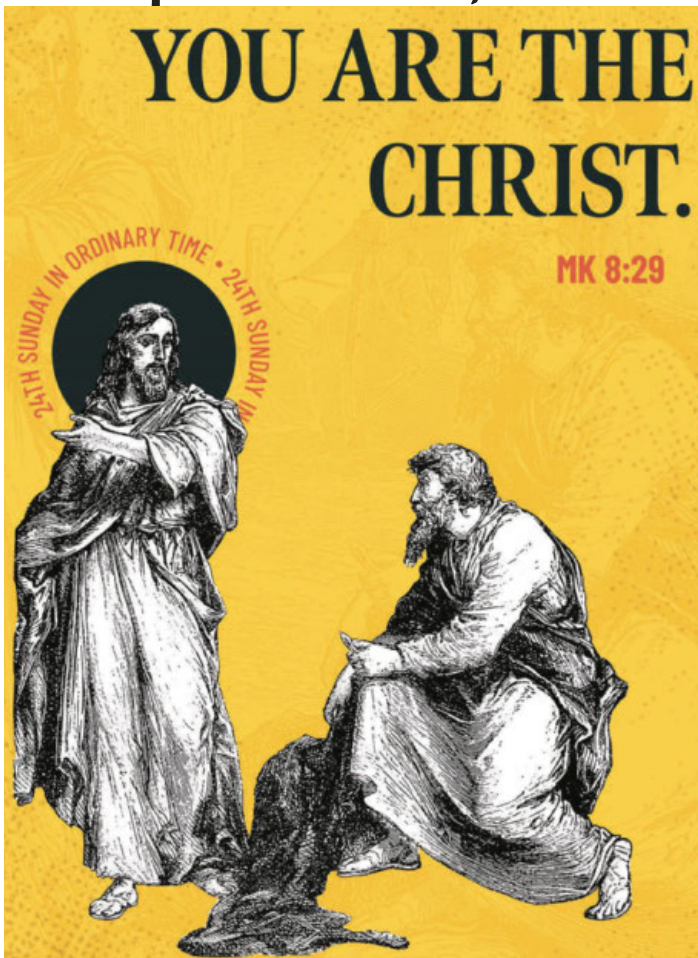


September 15, 2024

Catholic Diocese of Charleston



Who is Jesus for you?

In fact, the question of Jesus' identity and authority is one of the most important themes of Mark's entire Gospel. Various people in Mark's Gospel have tried to answer that question but their answers always fall short of capturing Jesus' full identity. For some Jesus is a wonder worker and for others a teacher. Still others see him as a prophet. In this passage we read about Peter identifying Jesus as the Messiah and our Lord using the term "Son of Man" to speak of Himself.

So how are we to respond as His disciples? Who we believe Jesus is will determine how far we will go in following Him and what sacrifices we will be willing to make for the sake of discipleship. Jesus can make a radical claim on our lives only because He is the Son of God. When we reduce the Lord to anything less than God incarnate, we also diminish our necessary response as His disciples.

If we are following someone we truly believe to be the Lord, we need to understand and accept the implications of that belief. Namely, as Lord, Jesus has total claim to every part of our lives. He is Lord of our homes and our families; of our marriages and of our businesses. He is Lord of our finances, sexuality, and politics. He is Lord of our leisure, our habits, and our friendships. Jesus asks each of us to answer this question as a fundamental act of our discipleship and subsequently to live out the consequences of that response.

... adapted from Daniel H. Mueggenborg, Come Follow Me



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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: admin@nativitycharleston.org

Stay in touch with us at Nativity

Web page: <https://nativitycharleston.com/>

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*I will walk before the Lord,
in the land of the living.*

...Today's Psalm PS 15

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 Environments 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 2nd grade, children must have participated in a 1st grade PSR or Catholic school program; to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the 8th grade children must have participated in a 7th 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. **Online option available.**

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

OCIA meets in a small group and 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.

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ocyp@charlestdiocese.org, 843-853-2130

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.

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 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 September 21 & 22

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: Rosalie Felix, Liam Manning
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary & Mike Bieda, Carolyn Smith, Mary Smith, John Warren
Lector: Claire Bergstrom
Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Hulseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Sunday Mass
Greeters: Knight Family, Bonnie Nixon
Altar Servers: Mia Caughey, Jacob Perry, Jack Perry
Eucharistic Ministers: Hal & Pat Perry, Kirby Preston, Gary Hart, Kristy Roberts
Lector: Mary Catherine Dubois
Ushers: Richard Bragiel, Joe Dubois, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Sunday Mass
Greeters: Sheila Griner, Natalie Zanolli
Altar Servers: Caryn & Jenna Hasenberg, Kenji Tran
Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn Curry, Jackie Doscher, David Knab, Christine Lewis, Phu Tran
Lector: Scott Runyon
Ushers: Lewis Doscher, Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings Aug. 19 — Sep. 1

Collections at Mass (Aug 19—Sep 8)	\$ 31,866.00
Mail in Offerings (Aug 19—Sep 6)	\$ 7,649.00
myEoffering (Aug 19—Sep 6)	\$ 11,815.01
Budget (3 weeks)	\$ 50,942.31
Difference	\$ + 387.70
Registered Households	696
Envelopes Used (Aug 24—Sep 8)	489
Active myEoffering Families	178
MyEoffering Family Donations (Aug 19—Sep 6)	341

Offerings for Catholic University: \$485.00

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Please use your envelopes.

If you need envelopes, please contact the parish office at 843 795-3821

Ladies Guild Upcoming Events

Ladies Guild Craft Fair: Saturday, Oct 12, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. "Booths" are \$50 and the deadline is Sep 30. For more information, please contact Sharon Dale at 843-795-6715 or at ashsharon1@aol.com

Ladies Guild Monthly Meeting: Monday, Sep 23 at 6:30 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

5th Sunday Rosary: with the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, Sep. 29 after the 9:00 am Mass.



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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: Beverly Blevins, Leslie Boyer, Phyllis Cafiero, Don Carcone, Anne Castelli, Karen Cellars, Ron Connick, Herman Connor, Arlene & Bill Crosby, Ed & Vi Defourneaux, William Doherty, Jake DuPree, Kathy Fowler, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, James Michael Huber, Dan Hughes, Myrtis Jenkins, Glenna Kornahrens, Tommy Lavelle, Mariano La Via, Delores Lopez, Paul Madden, Robert Mallard, Katherine & William Manning, John Minaudo, Paul & Carole Moran, Billy Moran, Bill Mattingly, 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 integrity in our words and deeds, that we manifest the Gospel that we have heard .

To have someone added or removed from this prayer list, please contact the parish office administrator.

Intentions

Mass: This Week

Su, Sep 15	9 00 am	Freddy McMahan†
	11:30 am	Dianne Huck†
Mo, Sep 16	11:30 am	Ruthie Mallard†
Tu, Sep 17	11:30 am	Maureen Minaudo
We, Sep 18	11:30 am	For the People of Nativity
Th, Sep 19	9:30 am	
	11:30 am	For Peace in Our Homes
Fr, Sep 20	11:30 am	Arnold Bennett†
Sa, Sep 21	5:30 pm	Charlotte Hanna†
Su, Sep 22	9 am	Chris Fisher†
	11:30 am	

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

Intention requests may be made only up to 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!



Creative activity in a recent K4 Art class.



Senior Adult Ministry Lunch
Wed. Sep 18 at 12:30 pm
in the Nativity Parish Life Center
Lunch is \$15 per plate.

Nativity Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) is a fellowship group for parishioners age 60+, who meet monthly.

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life of our seniors by providing opportunities to bring them together in prayer, service, social activities and unique educational experiences that encourage seniors to prosper and grow in union with God.

Please contact Mary Smith (dre@nativitycharleston.org) to receive information regarding upcoming meetings/events emailed to you. Please provide your name, e-mail address and phone number.

Please RSVP by Sun, Sep. 15@5:00 pm
To Mary Smith at 843-670-7519

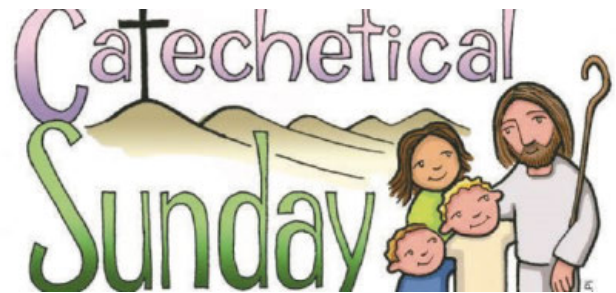
LADIES GUILD SEWING GROUP

Sat. Sep 21 at 9:00 AM to Noon in the Parish Life Center.

We will be sewing burp cloths and bibs for distribution in October. The steps are pin, trim, iron, turn, and sew.

Please bring your sewing machine if you have one, and other sewing gear.

For more information, please contact Marion Hoffman at nativityladiesguild@gmail.com or at 803-397-2681



Is September 15

The start of a new school year can be hectic with the rush to put children in the appropriate class, handle late registrations, and maybe even find catechists. In all this activity, the Church reminds us how important catechesis is with Catechetical Sunday, which began in 1935. In the United States, the Bishops set the third Sunday of September as Catechetical Sunday. The theme for 2024 is "Lord, when did we see you hungry? The theme is intended to reflect our call to missionary discipleship.

There will be a blessing of Catechists at all the Masses this weekend.



Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Sr. Carmelita Boyd, OLM,

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Friday, Sep. 6.

May she rest in peace.



OUR LADY OF SORROWS ROSARY AND HOLY MASS INTENTIONS FOR COUPLES WITH INFERTILITY

The month of September is dedicated to *Our Lady of Sorrows*, whose memorial the Church celebrates on September 15. Our Blessed Mother knows all our struggles including infertility, as she stood by Jesus Christ when He was crucified, she knows our pain. Intentions for couples with infertility will be included in this day's Holy Mass.

The Diocese of Charleston Family Life Office invites all couples with infertility together with their family and friends to pray with us online the *Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary on September 15 7PM with meditations and reflections for couples with infertility.*



Please register in advance:

<https://tinyurl.com/7SoRosaryInfertility>

The *Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary* will be livestreamed in our *Natural Family Planning – Diocese of Charleston FB Page*. Submit your prayer intentions to jecc8477@yahoo.com

Theology on Tap For College Students And Young Adults

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

Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 pm at

Tommy Condon's Irish Pub (Abbey Room)

Our Speaker for this event is Deacon Matt Story from Stella Morris Church.

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

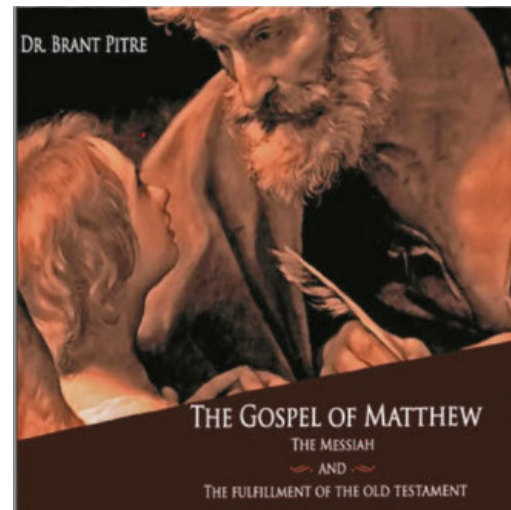


Baptism

McLain Leigh Horner

daughter of Kaitlyn and Robert Horner was welcomed into our faith community on Sunday, September 1.

Congratulations to this new member of our church.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study

meets from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room of the Nativity Parish Live Center.

St. Matthew's Gospel was considered the most influential and popular book among the early Christian community. In this four part series, Dr. Pitre will explain why that is the case and how for the early Jewish Christians, in particular, St. Matthew clearly makes the case for how the long awaited hopes of the Jewish people are being fulfilled in Jesus.

For more information, please contact Andrea Gilliard at acgilliard@comcast.net

All are encouraged to Participate.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

meets from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room of the Nativity Parish Live Center. We will study The Gospel of Matthew, a 4 part video series by Brant Pitre

For more information, please contact Andrea Gilliard at acgilliard@comcast.net

All are encouraged to Participate.

In addition to Worship, Nativity Offers Many Other Opportunities
For us to Get to Know Our God Better.

Sunday: PSR (Parish School of Religion)

This program is for children in grades K4 through 8 who do not attend a Catholic School.
PSR assists parents in their responsibility to teach the Catholic Faith to their children.
Sessions are from 10:00 am to 11:15 am in the Nativity School.

For more information, please contact Mary Smith at DRE@NativityCharleston.org or at 843-795-3821 x 4.

Sunday: The OCIA process (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This program is for those who are considering to become Catholics.

Sessions are from 10:00 am to 11:15 am in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

For more information, please contact Vicki Vázquez at OCIA@NativityCharleston.org or at 843-813-4238.

Monday: Mother's Morning Prayer Group

This is a program of prayer, devotions and support for moms.

Sessions are from 8:00 am to 9:00 am in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

For more information please contact Vicki Vázquez at vivazgraphics@gmail.com or at 843-813-4238.

Tuesday: Afternoon Bible Study

This is a program of bible related studies using multi session audio/video presentations by renowned scholars.
Sessions are from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center.
For more information, please contact Ryckie Watkins at ryckie.watkins@gmail.com.

**Tuesday Bible Studies
Will Return Oct 1.**

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

Tuesday: Alpha

This is a program that explores the Christian faith using multi session audio/video presentations and discussion.

Sessions are from 6:15 pm to 8:00 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

For more information please contact Vicki Vázquez at alpha@nativitycharleston.org or at 843-813-4238.

Wednesday: Evening Bible Study

This program focuses on faith and liturgy related studies using audio/video presentations by renowned scholars.

Sessions are from 5:45 pm to 7:00 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

For more information, please contact Andrea Gilliard at acgilliard@comcast.net or at 843-696-2161

Thursday: Men's Scripture Study

This program focuses on the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday and weekday Masses.

Sessions are from at 7:00 am to 8:30 am in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

For more information, please contact Ben Curry at ben.curry@curryfirm.com

Please give these Soul Foods a try.



40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

The prayer Vigils for Nativity will be Wed. Oct. 9 and Thurs. Oct 10 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. To sign up. Please contact Christine Lewis at lewischristined@att.net or Malcolm Brennan at mbprolife@gmail.com



Calling all Middle School Students and Parents!

We are excited to provide some Middle School Youth Group opportunities this fall. Just as Jesus invited his first disciples "Come and See" (Jn 1:38-39)

Middle School Youth Ministry invites our 6-8th graders to consider their faith journey toward heaven with a community of other Catholic youth striving for holiness!

Find out what holy ☺ and fun events we have planned for this fall.

Our "Come and See" meeting will be on Sep 22 from 12:30-2 in the PLC. Food and drinks provided.

Contact Morgan Sell or Kaycee Meyer at youth@nativitycharleston.org with your contact info: Parent: names, phone #, E-mail; and youth: name, grade... if you would like to be added to a contact group for future announcements.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024

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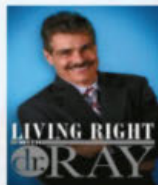
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Registration

General Admission: \$125, Youth: 90

Registration required by Oct. 12 by mail.

Registration after Oct. 12: \$135

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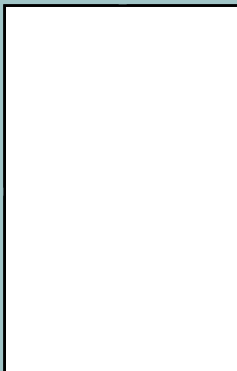
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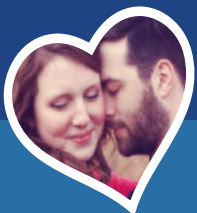
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