

# November 10, 2024

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



"AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, THIS POOR WIDOW PUT IN MORE THAN ALL THE OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE TREASURY."  
- MK 12:43

### What really counts?

Jesus warns his disciples against the wrong kind of behavior. In his denunciation of the Scribes (the religious experts of his day), He warns against the desire for prominence, against the desire for recognition and against using one's position (even a religious position) for self-gain.

Jesus cautions against following the example of the Scribes. Their actions, such as wearing long robes and giving greetings in market places, were intended to draw public attention to themselves. The first seats in Synagogues and first couches at dinners were places of honor that demonstrated the social status of those who occupied them. These actions may sound harmless and may be perceived as mere trappings of privilege in an honor based society.

The phrase *devour widows' houses* means "cheating widows out of their property". In ancient times widows held little or no power in the courts. It was not uncommon for a husband to appoint, in his will, a Jewish legal expert, (e.g. a Scribe or Pharisee) to be the executor of his widow's estate. Essentially, this gave the executor opportunity and authority to exploit the widow's finances and assets for personal enrichment.

To this story of hypocrisy Jesus adds the touching example of the poor widow. She puts much less money in the box than the wealthy ones. However, she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood. Her offering is a sign of what devotion to God really means.

Catholic Diocese of Charleston



## 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

### 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](mailto:admin@nativitycharleston.org)

### Stay in touch with us at Nativity

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

You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/ChurchoftheNativity>

*Praise the Lord, my soul!*

...Today's Psalm PS 146

## 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. **\*Closed until number of volunteers are reached. Please Contact Mary Smith, DRE or Parish Office to volunteer.**

### 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 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.**

### 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.

## STAFF

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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@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:cmummert@charlestandiocese.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 Next Weekend Nov 16 & 17

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

- 5:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass**
- Greeters:** Tom & Marcia McNamee, Timothy & Carolyn Smith
- Altar Servers:** Nick Carter, Rosalie Felix
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Mike Beida, Wendy Bergstrom, Eileen Easler, Patty Edwards, John Warren
- Lector:** Mary Beida
- Ushers:** Emmet Alphonse, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Hulseberg, Lamar Watkins
- 9:00 am Sunday Mass**
- Greeters:** Bolchoz Family, Caughey Family
- Altar Servers:** Mia Caughey, Matthew Hart, Ben Heincelman
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Jimmy Craven, Mark Hollifield, Hal Perry, Pat Perry, Kirby Preston
- Lector:** Brandon Paul
- Ushers:** Richard Bragiel, Joe Dubois, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony
- 11:30 am Sunday Mass**
- Greeters:** Sheila Griner, Natalie Zanolli
- Altar Servers:** Caryn Hasenberg, Jenna Hasenberg, Maisie Lewis
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynn Curry, Jackie Doscher, Christine Lewis, Maier Runyon, Scott Runyon
- Lector:** Tara Hasenberg
- Ushers:** Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

*This email list is:*

<https://nativityfamily.flocknote.com/LiturgicalServer>

## Offerings Oct 28 — Nov 3

Collections at Mass (Nov 2—Nov 3)	\$ 12,523.00
Mail in Offerings (Oct 28—Nov 1)	\$ 465.00
myEoffering (Oct 28—Nov 1)	\$ 4,3521.03
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,980.77
Difference	\$ + 528.26
Registered Households	671
Envelopes Used (Nov 2—Nov 3)	180
Active myEoffering Families	199
MyEoffering Family Donations (Oct 28—Nov 1)	118

### Second Collections for November:

### November 24: Guatemalan Missions

### 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.**

**For Margaret Messervy,**

**We pray for:** Beverly Blevins, Phyllis Cafiero, Don Carcone, Anne Castelli, 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, Katherine & William Manning, John Minaudo, Carole Moran, Billy Moran, Bill Mattingly, Charlie Organ, James Parker, Terry Parsons, Brenda Pearson, Ed Pop, Louis Richter, James Romero, Fran Taylor, Sandy Tedesco, Barbara Wade, Jerry Wade, PFC. Sam Whitnack, Courtney Wilson, Sally Wojcik

**For our service men and women and their families throughout the world.**

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

## Mass Intentions

Sa, Nov 9	5:30 pm	Clydie Bevis†
Su, Nov 10	9:00 am	Chris Fisher†
	11:30 am	Frances O. O'Leary†
Mo, Nov 11	11:30 am	Special Intention of Fr. Joe Fessenden
Tu, Nov 12	11:30 am	Harley Jack Powers†
We, Nov 13	11:30 am	Roy Ross†
Th, Nov 14	9:30 am	The People of Nativity
	11:30 am	Mary Ann Calloway†
Fr, Nov 15	11:30 am	John McGinnigle†
Sa, Nov 16	5:30 pm	Marie & Jim Donovan†
Su, Nov 17	9:00 am	Caroline Henry Domrese
	11:30 am	McNamee & Nelson Deceased Family Members†

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!



## 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!**



Many thanks to all of our families, faculty, and staff who donated food for the World Food Day drive (Oct 16). All the food was donated to Our Lady of Mercy Outreach on Johns Island.



### The Nativity Ladies Guild “Baby Everything” Drive and the K OF C COUNCIL 6250 BABY BOTTLE FUND RAISER have ended.

Please deliver your items to church this weekend or drop them off soon at the Nativity Parish office.



### Upcoming Ladies Guild Events:

- November 18 Monthly meeting (includes thanksgiving baskets and annual pie contest) at 6:30 in the PLC
- December 7 Baby Jesus Birthday Party in the PLC.
- December 7 and 8 Creche Festival and fellowship weekend in the PLC.

**Mark your Calendars and plan to attend!**



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6250 PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY (NOV 10) 10:00 AM IN THE NATIVITY PARISH LIFE CENTER.

STILL ONLY \$3.00 PER PLATE!

### Senior Adult Ministry Lunch

**Wed. Nov 20 at 12:30 pm**

**in the Nativity Parish Life Center**

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

**See future bulletins for more details and plan to attend.**







Hello, I am Paul Sizemore, and I'm a seminarian for the Diocese of Charleston. This is my fifth year of priestly formation, which means — God willing and my cooperation — that I should be ordained to the transitional diaconate in May, 2025. A little about me: I spent my childhood in North Augusta, SC, and our family attended Our Lady of Peace Church. After high school, I joined the South Carolina Corps of Cadets, Citadel Class of 2013. After graduation, I served in the US Air Force Reserves for over ten years, most as a load master for C-17A aircraft based in Charleston. After an intense, conversion experience in Afghanistan, I applied to seminary for the Diocese of Charleston. Thank you for all of the support and prayers over these last four years. Please continue to pray for us seminarians and all of our priests.

## Please DONATE to Support Diocese of Charleston Seminarians

Currently the Knights of Columbus are helping to support 3 men who are studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Charleston. SC (Michael Ghattas, Paul Sizemore and Michael Tracy). Yes the diocese pays for the room, board and education while they are at the seminary. However, the diocese does not provide stipends for other expenses (e.g. transportation, communication, clothing, personal care, etc.). These expenses are supported by donations from family, friends and concerned parish organizations.

Here is how this works:

1. You can donate Cash, Check or with a Credit card.
2. Put money (cash, checks) into an envelope and Write Seminarians on the envelope
  - ⇒ Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 6250
  - ⇒ Memo should say Seminarians
3. Return the envelope to the Nativity Church or mail to the Parish Office on or before Nov 10

## QR Code Now Works



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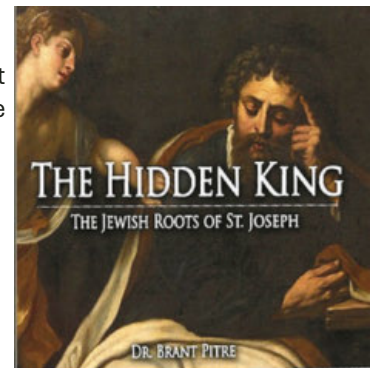
For more information, please contact Mike Cellars (843-830-0528 or [mikecellars56@gmail.com](mailto:mikecellars56@gmail.com))

**Thank you for supporting our Seminarians.**

## Tuesday Bible Study — New Study begins Nov 12

This is a 5 session video study by Dr. Brandt Pitre. It focuses on what we can learn about Saint Joseph from the Bible, ancient Jewish and Roman history, and the living Tradition of the Church.

*Topics include: How Joseph was the Hidden King of the Jews; Why Joseph was a threat to the Fake King Herod; Why Herod Murdered his own Wife, three Sons, and the Infants in Bethlehem; Why Joseph accepted Mary's Jewish Vow of Virginity; How Joseph Hid the Virgin Birth from Satan; Joseph's Relation to the "Brothers" of Jesus; Apocryphal Legend of the Elderly Joseph; The Biblical Age of Saint Joseph; The Persecution of Joseph's Family; How Joseph is the earthly Shadow of Jesus' heavenly Father.*



Sessions are conducted in person (in the meeting room of the Parish Life Center) 12:30 to 2:00 pm and again at 6:30 to 8:00 pm. You can also participate in these sessions via ZOOM. Here is the link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88988721703?pwd=OFdYRWZ5YzRWT2xlQkVndjFDbXlzQT09>

Meeting ID: 889 8872 1703 and the Passcode: Nativity

For more information, please contact Ryckie Watkins at 843-795-4194 or at [ryckie.watkins@gmail.com](mailto:ryckie.watkins@gmail.com).

**Everyone is invited to participate in Tuesday Bible Study.**



## Veterans Day is Monday, November 11

This an official United States holiday which honors people who have served in armed service. It is a federal holiday. It coincides with other holidays such as Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other parts of the world and also marks the anniversary of the end of World War I. (Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918)

**"Lord, bid war's trumpet cease; fold the whole earth in peace."**

## Job Opening! Financial Secretary

The Church of the Nativity and the Nativity School is seeking a full-time Finance Secretary. This is a shared position that reports to the Parish Pastor and the school's Office Manager, and works closely with all parish and school staff, and the parish Finance Council. The Finance Secretary is responsible for supporting all aspects of parish and school finance, including but not limited to, accounts payable and receivable, reporting, processing, and budgeting. The Finance Secretary regularly interacts with diverse members of both communities. The Church of the Nativity and Nativity School staff work cooperatively, diligently, and enthusiastically to support all parishioners, families, and students in the mission of the Catholic Church.

If you are interested, please send a resume, cover letter and salary expectations to [admin@nativitycharleston.org](mailto:admin@nativitycharleston.org)

For the full position description please visit: <https://charlestdiocese.org/job/finance-secretary/>

**Please share this information with others who may be interested in this opportunity.**

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. from 1:00 – 2:30 pm  
in the Parish Life Center.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry distributed 12 prayer shawls and blankets to those in need. If you know someone that is ill, in the hospital or just needs a "HUG", please contact Debbie Kennedy at:

[natprayershawl@gmail.com](mailto:natprayershawl@gmail.com).



## 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, Nov 13 at 7:00 pm at  
**Tommy Condon's Irish Pub  
(Abbey Room)**

Our speaker is Fr. Wilson from the Cathedral! Fr. Wilson will be speaking about miracles, particularly as regards Lourdes. 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)



## Flowers

at the altar are in thanksgiving for the 68th anniversary of Carole and Bill McCrary.

*May God grant them many more years of happiness together.*



## Nora Rhys Reagan,

daughter of Alyson and Ryan Reagan was welcomed into our faith community on Sunday, November 3.

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



*Weekly Hour of  
Eucharistic Adoration  
Every Thursday at 12:00 noon*

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





A few of the folks who enjoyed Coffee and Donuts last Sunday. Many thanks to the Ladies Guild for hosting this great event.

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

This Post Abortion Healing Retreat is a supportive, confidential and non-judgemental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion experience. On the retreat you can find peace and closure. You will also strengthen your relationship with God.

**The next retreat in Charleston is December 13-15.**

Register online at <https://bit.ly/RachelsVineyardDec2024>

For more information or to register please contact Christy at 803-554-6088 or Kathy at 803-546-6010. You can also email us at [Grace4Healing@gmail.com](mailto:Grace4Healing@gmail.com)

**Come discover God's love, mercy and forgiveness.**

## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



Traditionally the month of November is a time when we remember in prayer all who have died. Throughout November, a Book of Remembrance will be placed in the back of church. Parishioners are invited to add names of deceased loved ones to this list. If a name is already in the book it is not necessary to re-enter a name.

**...THE SOULS OF THE JUST ARE IN THE HAND OF GOD.**



**You Can Help Your Marriage** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage.

**The next Program is the weekend of Jan 4 through 6, 2025 in Charlotte, NC.**

For more information or to register please contact Bill and Lyn Folsom at 727-343-6701 or visit <https://www.HelpOurMarriage.org>

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## Are a Volunteer?

If you have in the past or plan to in the future, volunteering with the Church of the Nativity or the School requires registering in the recently launch 'all-in-one' program **Virtus**. Contact Catherine, Safe Environments Coordinator in the Parish Office to get instructions or review any questions. And please, log in to Virtus ([www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)) to ensure you have access to your status and receive notifications of any expirations to certifications or other requirements. Thank you!



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