

November 17, 2024

Catholic Diocese of Charleston

KNOW THAT HE IS NEAR.

MK 13:29



Keep the Faith!

I recently moved into a new neighborhood. On my first evening I went grocery shopping and could not find my usual favorite Greek yogurt. Strangely, my heart started to race. All the losses of my previous life hit me. So many of my old friends, habits, comforts, and predictable experiences had fallen away. There I stood, a grown man, crying like a little boy whose world was falling apart in the dairy aisle.

This week, Jesus describes what to do when one world ends, and another begins. Does it apply to the end of time? Yes. Does it apply to the end of our individual lives? Yes. It also applies to every "world" we inhabit throughout our lives, in school, family, friendships, work, play and so on. First, the sun, moon, and stars fall. The old, familiar ways of running things suddenly stop working. Light fades. Things fall apart. It's awful. But, second, Christ comes "in the clouds." Jesus, the Son of Man, replaces those old powers with himself as the prime governing principle. Third, he sends out his angels to "gather his elect from the four winds." He re-integrates the fragments into a new integrated whole. "Summer is near," he concludes. A new world begins.

Is your world crumbling? Are your sun, moon, and stars falling from the sky? Learn to discern the pattern of the Cross and Resurrection at work in it. This is the power we touch in the Mass. Jesus is coming precisely in this transition from the old to the new world. It doesn't make our losses easy. But it does make it possible to glimpse the dawning of a summer, a new beginning, the life of the world to come.

...Father John Muir



Church of the Nativity

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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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*You are my inheritance,
O Lord!*

...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 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

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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@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 Next Weekend

Nov 23 & 24

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, Timothy & Carolyn Smith
Altar Servers: Ben Heincelman, Graham Heincelman, Daniel Salceda
Eucharistic Ministers: Wendy Bergstrom, Barbara Coddington, Patty Edwards, Carolyn Smith, Mary Smith
Lector: Carl Borick
Ushers: Emmet Alphonse, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Hulseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Sunday Mass
Greeters: Mary Catherine Dubois, Horner Family
Altar Servers: Jack Perry, Jacob Perry, Addie Zolman
Eucharistic Ministers: Matt Cellars, Liisa Machowski, Kristi Roberts, Daniel Suggs, Tamme Suggs
Lector: Robert Horner
Ushers: Richard Bragiel, George Hill, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Sunday Mass
Greeters: Sheila Griner, Susan La Via
Altar Servers: Nick Carter, Kenji Tran, Megumi Tran
Eucharistic Ministers: Irene Bennett, Pam Everitt, David Knab, Christine Lewis, Phu Tran
Lector: Tomi Tran
Ushers: Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien

Offerings Nov 4 — Nov 10

Collections at Mass (Nov 9—Nov 10)	\$	10,857.00
Mail in Offerings (Nov 4—Nov 8)	\$	4,356.00
myEoffering (Nov 4—Nov 8)	\$	4,194.35
Budget (1 week)	\$	16,980.77
Difference	\$	+2,326.58
Registered Households		671
Envelopes Used (Nov 9—Nov 10)		178
Active myEoffering Families		199
MyEoffering Family Donations (Nov 4—Nov 8)		126

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, 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.

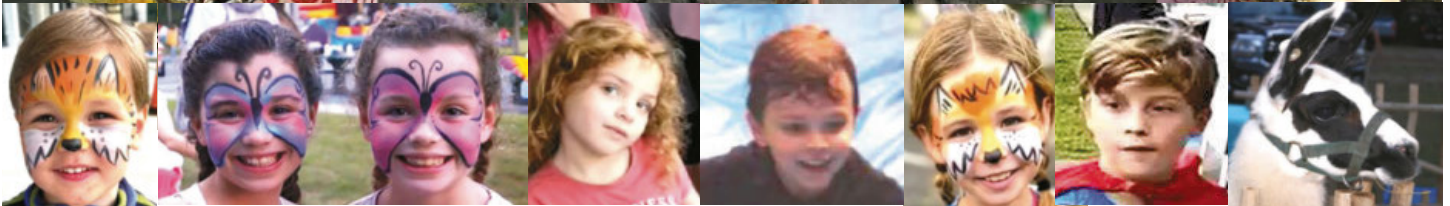
To have someone added or removed from this prayer list, please contact the parish office.

Mass Intentions

Sa, Nov 16	5:30 pm	Marie & Jim Donovan†
Su, Nov 17	9:00 am	Caroline Henry Domrese
	11:30 am	McNamee & Nelson Deceased Family Members†
Mo, Nov 18	11:30 am	Leslie Boyer†
Tu, Nov 19	11:30 am	James R. Lawler†
We, Nov 20	11:30 am	Ryan E. Droste†
Th, Nov 21	9:30 am	The People of Nativity
	11:30 am	Arnold Bennett†
Fr, Nov 22	11:30 am	Roy Hanna, Jr. †
Sa, Nov 23	5:30 pm	Ed Gulyas†
Su, Nov 24	9:00 am	Marianne Marta Tuza†
	11:30 am	Clemente Tran†

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.**



Scenes from the Nativity School Carnival on Friday, November 8. If you were not there, you missed a great time. Thank you to all who participated and worked so hard to make this a successful event. Thank you for supporting Nativity School.



Senior Adult Ministry Lunch
Wed. Nov 20 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.

We will be having a Thanksgiving Warm up feast prepared by parishioner and Chef, John Aquino. John has been cooking for our Alpha program and is available to prepare lunch for us as well this month. We will also have a salad bar and will celebrate our November birthdays with some sweet treats.

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, Nov 17@5:00 pm
To Mary Smith at 843-670-7519

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The Church of the Nativity and Nativity School require all volunteers to register in the new 'all-in-one' **Virtus Child Protection program.**

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Our Mission is to educate and empower everyone (individually and collectively) to ensure optimal safe environments for children and the vulnerable. VIRTUS programs empower organizations and people to take action as safe adults and improve the lives of everyone with whom they interact within the Church

Please contact Catherine, Safe Environments Coordinator at admin@NativityCharleston.org for more information and to get answers to your questions.

Already certified by Virtus? Then, log in to Virtus (www.virtus.org) to check your status and sign up to receive notifications regarding your certification.



November Monthly Meeting

This Monday, (Nov 18) at 6:30 pm
in the Nativity Parish Life Center

In addition to meeting, we will have refreshments. work on thanksgiving baskets for homebound members of our community and conduct our annual pie contest.



Paul Sizemore
 Home Parish: Our Lady of Peace Church, North Augusta
 Currently studying at Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA



Deacon Michael Ghattas
 Home Parish: St. Andrew Church, Myrtle Beach
 Currently studying at Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA



Michael Tracy
 Home Parish: Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Charleston
 Currently studying at Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA

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
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 - ⇒ Memo should say Seminarians
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DONATIONS WILL BE MATCHED TO A TOTAL OF \$5000.

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



A few of the "Lovers of Pancakes" who enjoyed the K of C Breakfast on November 10. Thank you for your support!



*Saturday, December 7
9:30 am - 2:00 pm
Free!!*

- Picture with Baby Jesus
- Activities
- Birthday Cake
- Visit from St. Nicholas
- Ladies Guild Creche Display

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**Nativity Ladies Guild Creche Display and Bake Sale
In the Nativity Parish Life Center**

Saturday (Dec. 7) from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm and after the 5:30 pm Mass.
And Sunday (Dec. 8) after the 9:00 am and 11:30 am Masses until 1:00 pm

Refreshments will be provided after all the Masses.

The Nativity Ladies Guild welcomes and encourages your participation. A Creche of any kind is appreciated. Or perhaps you have a tradition, a special Christmas Story, etc. Please include a short description or story about your item. Drop off items for display on Friday, Dec 6th, from 2:30 until 4pm at the PLC.

For more information, please contact Jackie Doscher at 843-276-5002 or at jackiedoscher@gmail.com

All are invited to this festive and inspiring display.



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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

For the full position description please visit:

<https://charlestandioocese.org/job/finance-secretary/>

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



Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy
to the family and friends of

James Jerome Heffron,

whose funeral was held at Nativity on
Tuesday, November 12th.

May he rest in peace.



Wolfgang Richard Kladviko

Son of Abby and Nick Kladviko was welcomed
into our faith community on Sunday, November 10.

**Congratulations to these
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