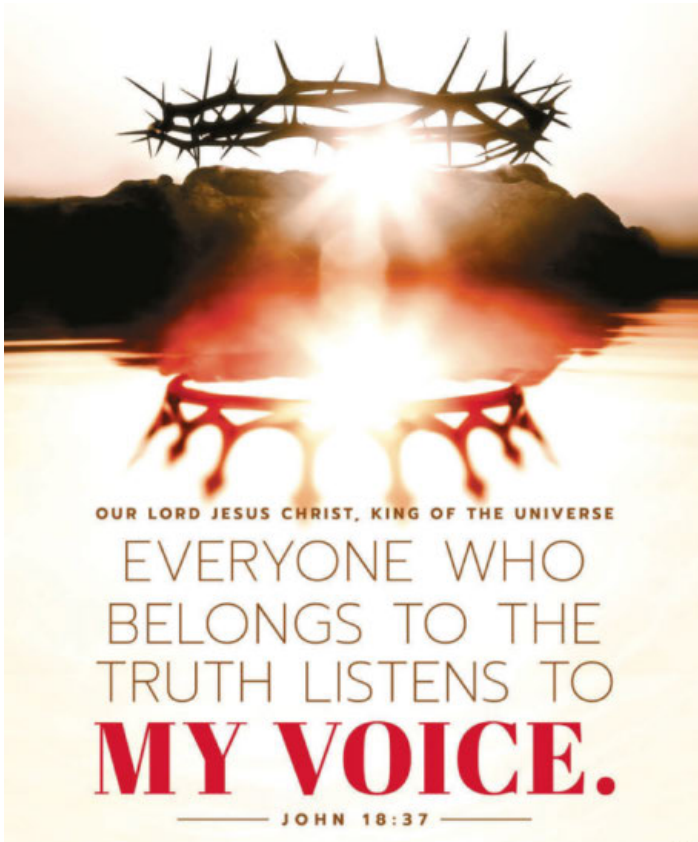


November 24, 2024

Catholic Diocese of Charleston



Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road

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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, Tues, Wed, Fri 11:30 am Mass

Thurs. 10:00 Thanksgiving Day Mass

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Sunday Mass 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Weekday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Church

Mon. through Wed. 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 - Wednesday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Office is closed Thanksgiving and Friday

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

Stay in touch with us at Nativity

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

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NativityCharleston>

Which King will you serve?

Kingship today seems antiquated, especially in democratic societies where everyone is treated equal and free. God at first did not want to give his people Israel a king. God alone was their King and they needed no other.

The Jews understood that the Messiah ("Anointed One") would come as God's anointed King to restore paradise and establish God's reign of everlasting peace for them. They wanted a Messianic King who would free them from strife and division and from foreign oppression. Many had high hopes that Jesus would be the Messiah and Ruler for Israel. Little did they understand what kind of kingship Jesus claimed to possess.

Jesus came to deliver his people, and the whole world, from bondage to sin, condemnation and death, and to free us from Satan's kingdom of deception, oppression, and destruction. Jesus came to conquer hearts and souls for a kingdom ruled not by force or fear - but by the power of God's righteousness and peace.

The Scriptures tell us that there are ultimately only two kingdoms, the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness. If we follow the Lord Jesus Christ, He will open our eyes to the light of his truth and guide us on the course that leads to our true homeland and security with God!

... adapted from Don Schwager at <https://www.dailyscripture.net>

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

...Today's Psalm PS 93

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@charlestandiocese.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@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 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 30 & Dec 1**

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 & Marcia McNamee
Altar Servers: Nick Carter, Daniel Salceda
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Beida, Wendy Bergstrom, Eileen Easler, Carolyn Smith, John Warren
Lector: Eileen Easler
Ushers: Emmet Alphonse, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Hulseberg, Lamar Watkins
- 9:00 am Sunday Mass**
Greeters: Kathy Grisillo, Knight Family
Altar Servers: Maisie Lewis, Savanna Owens, Jacob Perry
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Cellars, Judy Daugomah, Suzanne Decker, Becky Warriner, Gary Warriner
Lector: Elena Zuraw
Ushers: Richard Bragiel, Joe Dubois, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony
- 11:30 am Sunday Mass**
Greeters: Susan La Via, Natalie Zanolli
Altar Servers: Rosalie Felix, Liam Hale, Emmeline Strott
Eucharistic Ministers: Jackie Doscher, Pam Everitt, Christine Lewis, Maier Runyon, Scott Runyon
Lector: Betsy DesNoyer
Ushers: Lew Doscher, Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn, Gilbert O'Brien

Offerings Nov 11 — Nov 17

The weekly offerings information was not available by the publishing deadline for this week's bulletin. The information will be provided in a future bulletin.

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



The staff and ministers of Nativity Church and School wish you a safe and blessed Thanksgiving.



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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, 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, Margaret Messervy, 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 all who are recovering from illness.

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

Mass Intentions

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| Sa, Nov 23 | 5:30 pm | Ed Gulyas† |
| Su, Nov 24 | 9:00 am | Marianne Marta Tuza† |
| | 11:30 am | Clemente Tran† |
| Mo, Nov 25 | 11:30 am | All Souls of the Nguyen Family† |
| Tu, Nov 26 | 11:30 am | Fred Herrmann† |
| We, Nov 27 | 11:30 am | Harley Jack Powers† |
| Th, Nov 28 | 9:30 am | The People of Nativity |
| | 11:30 am | Special Intentions for Thanks Giving |
| Fr, Nov 29 | 11:30 am | |
| Sa, Nov 30 | 5:30 pm | Kessler Domrese (living) |
| Su, Dec 1 | 9:00 am | Leslie Boyer (living) |
| | 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!



Nativity students thank veterans on Nov 11.

Keeping Advent 2024



The Advent season is a time of hopeful expectation, as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child. Again this year, St. Mary of the Annunciation parishioner and Yale-trained biblical scholar, Betsy Cahill,

will be offering daily Advent reflections by email. These brief meditations are accompanied by a prayer and a link to the day's lectionary readings. The reflections will begin on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1, and will conclude on Christmas Eve. Many readers have enjoyed these over the last several years.

To sign up, click here: <http://eepurl.com/gj22CH>,
For more information, please contact Betsy at betsy@betsycahill.com

It is our hope that these reflections will fill you with joyful anticipation throughout the Advent season.

This is a free program and all are encouraged to participate.



This Advent, join Father Mike Schmitz on a journey through the daily readings as he confronts our doubts and reveals God's love through daily video reflections and scripture passages.

"Face to Face" — the first-ever Advent program from Fr. Mike — is inspired by his personal reflections and all about preparing you to stand in God's presence.

Let's make this season about intentionality, purpose, and grace.

This program is available only on the Ascension App!
To get the app for your device, please visit <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/ascension-app>

**Live Advent differently this year.
Prepare to meet God, face to face.**



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—A busy Mom who had a wonderful Advent

"We used the *Advent Adventure* in my 5th grade classroom this year. The kids loved it! Some even continued the Adventure at home while on their holiday break! Wow!" —Melissa, Catholic schoolteacher

"I love that my kids are learning the Faith...while I can be free to do laundry or dishes!"
—Anonymous Mom

Your Best Advent EVER!

"A great resource for parents who struggle to prepare for Christmas while also observing a meaningful Advent."
—Catholic Faith & Family

"This year's Advent has been "the best ever"—thanks to *Advent Adventure*. It introduced us to how the Old Testament lovingly foretold Christ's birth. I love it and my children love it!"
—Christina

Advent Adventure ... it's fun, it's easy, and I'm always nearby with the **answer keys!**

Learn from the Holy Heroes "Adventure Guides" & the "Answer Kid," too!

We do all the work for you, sending you daily emails full of fun:

- Make family memories as you explore **Advent Traditions and Feast Days** together!
- Get more out of the Mass with "**Mass Prep**" activities for each Sunday of Advent!
- Fall in love with the **Rosary**. Pray a "decade-a-day" and get "Rosary certified" this Advent!
- **FREE Jesse Tree Ornaments**. Print them in full color or color them in yourself!



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*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.

Seminarian Fundraiser Is Ending

If you still want to make a donation, You can **Put Your donation (cash, checks) into an envelope, Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 6250, Memo should say Seminarians**

Put your envelope into the collection in church or send it to the Nativity Parish Office. Option B is to donate online—just scan the QR Code.



**Thank you for
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our Seminarians.**

Nativity School teams up with Chik-fil-A James Island for 1st Friday Lunches



First you need to download the Chik-Fil-A App from the app store for your smart device.

On First Fridays, starting in December,

- Use the app to make a mobile order for dine in, carry out, or drive thru
- Make a purchase at Chik-Fil-A on James Island between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm
- Select **"Yes, I want to support"**

The program dates are Dec 4, Jan 10, Feb 7 , Apr 4 and May 5. A portion of the value of your order will be donated to Nativity School.

Thank You for your Helping Nativity School.

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

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



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
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Are You a Volunteer?

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

What is Virtus?

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.

ALL VOLUNTEERS need to have an account in Virtus. Please log in at www.virtus.org to set up your account or see your current information in Virtus. We want to ensure everyone is up to date. Thank you!



Everybody Enjoys Singing Seasonal Music And the Nativity Music Ministry could use your help.

Just sing with us for Advent and/or Christmas. We rehearse on Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

For more information, please contact Courtney Reed at Music@NativityCharleston.org or at 843-795-3821 x103.

We look forward to having you sing with us!

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