



Diocese of Charleston

Church of the Nativity



1061 Folly Road
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2011

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



Saturday Vigil	5:30 pm
Sunday	9:00 and 11:30 am
Mon, Tues, Wed	5:15 pm
Thurs	9:30 am
First Sat	9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:15 to 5:00 pm and by Appointment

Weekday Rosary in the Church



Mon, Tues, Wed	4:50 pm
First Sat	after 9:00 am mass

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
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The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday December 8 - Holy Day of Obligation

The Mass Schedule is:

Wed. Dec. 7:	5:15 pm Vigil Mass
Thurs. Dec. 8:	9:30 am Mass
	6:30 pm Mass



God's Delay

In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, "Where is God? Why hasn't your Lord come to save you now?"

And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today's second reading: the "delay" of the Lord's second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God's patience. **God is giving everyone the chance to seek repentance.**

God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a "straight highway" for them across the desert.

We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God's Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Nursery: Is available during the 9:00 am Mass. It is located at the right hand side of the school's breezeway entrance. For more information or to volunteer in the Nursery Ministry, please contact Erin Peterson at rorysmommy@gmail.com or 697-1080

Baptism: To schedule a Baptism preparation class, a parent should be an active parishioner. For more information, contact Mary Smith at 795-3821 ext. 24.

Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation: A two year preparation period is required for these sacraments. If you would like to have your child receive sacraments in the 2nd grade, they must have participated in a 1st grade PSR or Catholic school program. If you plan to have your child receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the 8th grade, that child must also have participated in a 7th grade PSR or Catholic school program. For more information please contact Mary Smith at 795-3821 ext.24

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples need to contact the priest at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.


Children's Liturgy of the Word: Is offered to 4 year olds through 5th graders during the 9:00 am Mass on Sundays. Children are dismissed after the opening prayers and re-join their parents for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Care of the Sick and Homebound: We care about you. If you wish to have a pastoral visit please contact the parish office at 795-3821.

Religious Education Programs: Nativity School serves students enrolled in grades K4 through 8. The Parish School of Religion (PSR) is offered for other parish children, grades K4 through 8. PSR classes are held in the School Building from 10:00 to 11:15 am on Sunday mornings during the school year. To register, please contact Mary Smith at 795-3821, ext 24.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): is a program for adults who wish to become Catholics. For information or to register contact the Parish Office at 795-3821.

An active parishioner: is registered with the parish, attends mass regularly, and uses envelopes to make regular contributions to the parish for at least 3 months. Please be an active parishioner.



Nativity Registration & Address Change Form

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Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please drop this information into the Offertory Basket

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council_nativity@bellsouth.net

Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services:
843-853-2130 x 209

Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister:
800-921-8122



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Mass Intentions for this Week

Sat	3	9:00 am	
		5:30 pm	Roger Wilkie +
Sun	4	9:00 am	Special Intention
		11:30 am	Gladys Thomas +
Mon	5	5:15 pm	Ted Delorme +
Tues	6	5:15 pm	Exie Elizabeth Defourneaux +
Wed	7	5:15 pm	All deceased members of the Icard-Lemer Family +
Thurs	8	9:30 am	
		6:30 pm	Gladys Thomas +
Sat	10	5:30 pm	Billy Hanna +

Envelopes for Mass Intentions

are at the church entrances. Please fill one out and put it in the collection basket. The standard stipend is \$10 per mass.

Meet Our Community

is still on vacation but we plan to return in another week. In the mean time,

- if you have some **suggestions for improving** this series,
- if you would like to **recommend someone** for us to feature
- or if you would like to **help write** this series

Please send an email to
Janet Chafe at nativityc@bellsouth.net
or Debbie McNally at mcnally.07@comcast.net

SUNDAY MASS

Offerings for November 20

Collection	\$ 11,152.50
Budget	<u>\$ 11,154.00</u>
Difference	\$ — 1.50
Children	\$ 21.33
Envelopes used:	289

Offerings for November 27

Collection	\$ 9,981.00
Budget	<u>\$ 11,154.00</u>
Difference	\$ —1,173.00
Children	\$ 36.00
Registered Households:	757
Envelopes used:	208

Please use your envelopes.

If you need envelopes, call the parish office 795-3821.

Children's envelopes are now available

Pick them up in the vestibule of the church and use them for the children's offerings

Liturgical Ministers for Dec. 3-4

5:30 pm Mass

Greeters:	James/Marina Churchill,
Altar	Emma Barrentine, Noah Gregory,
Servers:	Alex Wojcik
Eucharistic	Claire Bergstrom, Ernest Bergstrom,
Ministers:	Debbie Blalock, Eileen Easler, Ed Frederick, Terry Harris, Mimi Jurgielewicz
Lector:	Julie Wise
Ushers:	Emmet Alphonse, Jon Benthall, Donald Blevins, Leroy Hulseberg

9:00 am Mass

Greeters:	Dick & Mary Abbott, Aimar Family
Altar	Sydney Aimar, Morgan Balliet,
Servers:	Robbie Wilson
Eucharistic	James Hayes, Gary Hart,
Ministers:	Mark Hollifield, Brenda Kennerty Lisa Kynoski, John Lavelle, Patricia Palmer
Lector:	Amber C. Knight
Ushers:	Jim Anderson, Richard Bragiel, Steve Molony, Austin Taylor

11:30 am Mass

Greeters:	Sheila Griner, Jeanne Harrington
Altar	Meagan Ahl, Ian Duffy,
Servers:	Andrew Helmly
Eucharistic	Laurie Charles, Patty Edwards,
Ministers:	Abel Girault, Kathy Hepner Liisa Machowski, Jackie Proveaux, Suzy Stalker
Lector:	Keith Tapscott
Ushers:	Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn, Barry Lingenfelter, Chris Proveaux

LET US PRAY



For members of our parish have requested our prayers: Woody Aydlette, Kimberly Benn, RoseMary Bouvette, Robert Boyle, Sarah Bryant, Vera Buckland, Tommy Campbell, Lynne Connellee, Libby Conway, Vi Defourneaux, Nora Faust, Ed Frederick, Sam Gentile, Ruby Inez Germroth, Jay Ginn, Abel Girault, Ida Griffith, Charles Groffel, Marjorie Guarisco, Simone Guers, Angela Harbuta, Alfreda Hawkins, Jeanette Heffron, Donna Hiers, Sandy Honan, Helen Hopkins, Martin Houghton, Logan Howell, Kathleen Janech, Linda Kay, Rachele Lavelle, Robby Lingenfelter, Jero Lutrario, William Manning, Sister Stella Maris, Carolyn Martel, Sharon McLemore, John Minton, Jeanne Moore, Martin Mosley, Marion O'Brien, Marjorie O'Brien, Sherrill O'Brien, Hailey Ohlinger, Mary "Cookie" Papadimitrou, Richard Plumer, Terry Pop; Heidi Powers, Caroline Ramsey, Kay Reynolds, Armine Richardson, Sylvia Richardson, Ernestine Richter, Marie Smith, Della Spalviero, Ashley Starkey, Charlene Teague, Billy Thomas, Ashley Townsend, Bobby Townsend, Carol Walsh, Diane Wells, Grady Williams

Pray for our service men and women and their families throughout the world:

Col. Joseph Anderson M.D.; Joshua Balind, USAF.; SSGT Michael Brifnek, USAF; Sgt. Major James H. Dennis; Jeremy Dixon, Specialist; Col. Peter B. Edmonds; Lt. Geoffrey Edmonds, Army; Capt. Jason S. Falcone, Army; Capt. Robert A. Faustmann, USAF; AE3 Karl Grantham; ISC Patricia Grantham; 2nd Lt. William D. Jensen, Army, Sgt. Jesse Johnson; Pvt. Luke Johnson; Lt. Col. Kelly Kanapaux; 1st Lt. Cynthia McDermott, USAF; Michael R. McKenna, 1st Lt., USAF; Capt. Benjamin Pardieck; Capt. Zach Probst; Petty Officer 2nd class Tim A Ross, USCG; Col. Michael Rowland, MD; Hospital Corpsman Daniel Wade Suggs, Jr.; US Navy EM FR William Egan Suggs; Pvt. Barbara Thornhill, Army, Capt. Brian O. Walden, Navy; Pvt. Samantha Williams; 1st Lt. Rachel Young.

Please email or call the parish office, 795-3821, with names to be added or deleted from the prayer lists.

Praying for Each Other is a Wonderful Act of Outreach

However, the "Let Us Pray" series seems a bit static and we would like to make this section a bit more dynamic. While we don't want to stop praying for each other,

It seems appropriate to refresh the prayer list periodically.

We plan to restart the list next weekend. Please contact the parish office with names that we should include. If you are comfortable sharing, you may also tell us a bit about why the people need our prayers.

Please Let Us Hear From You This Week!

PARISH NEWS

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**Holiday Trees
Last Call**

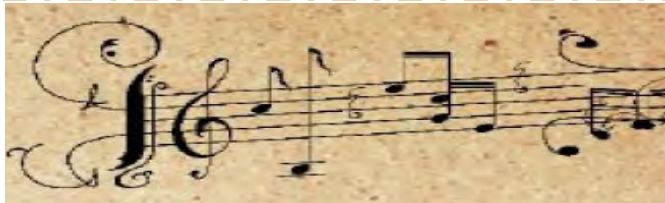
**Return all your gifts to the Church
THIS WEEKEND
Thank You for your Generosity!**



2012 Confirmation at Nativity is Tuesday, May 22

There will be a retreat for Confirmation Candidates on Saturday, March 24. Parents of candidates will receive more information regarding details in the very near future. Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers.

Mark your Calendars and Plan to attend!



Only 4 more choir rehearsals before Christmas

- **Adult Choir** rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
- **Children's' Choirs** rehearse on Thursdays at 3:00 pm

All Choir rehearsals are in the church.

If you want to join in the singing for the Christmas liturgies, all you have to do is start coming to the rehearsals.

Still have questions? Contact Jessica at 795-3821 ex 23 or send an email to music_nativity@bellsouth.net

We look forward to seeing you

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Thanksgiving Day Food Collection

resulted in the donation of 8 bags of canned goods and non-perishable food items. The food was sent to the Our Lady of Mercy Outreach Center's Food Bank on John's Island.



**The poor in our community appreciate
your concern and care**

PAN CAKE BREAKFAST



is **next Sunday** in the school hall after the 9:00 Mass. The cost is \$3.00. Nothing starts your Sunday better than attending Mass, hearing Fr. Kingsley's homily and eating a stack of 'Knights Cakes'.

SEE YOU THERE!

Baptism

Bailey Grider, twin daughter and **Brooks Grider**, twin son of Kara and Blake Grider were welcomed into our faith community on Saturday, November 26 through the waters of baptism.



**Congratulations to these
newest members of our church**

Thank You for Serving the Homeless



On the weekend of Nov 12-13, Nativity volunteers cooked and served Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast at the Crisis Ministry Men's Shelter on Meeting St. They included Donica Dennis, Eve & Jim Egan, Debi & Ted Fetner, Jeannette & Ken Osocki, Frank Pandullo, Jackie Proveux, Dorothy Soranno and Angela McLaughlin.

**Thank you for your outreach
to the poor and homeless**

Nativity Students Receive Award

Optimist Clubs recognize local youth for their efforts in the arts, athletics, academics and community service.

- **Rebekah Lewis** – 8th grade at James Island Middle School
- **Samantha Parsons** – 12th grade James Island Charter High School

recently received the **Youth Appreciation Award** of the James Island Optimist Club.

Congratulations!



Nativity School News School Christmas Program

Plan to join the students for Christmas entertainment.

**Wed., Dec. 7 at 6:45 pm
All are invited!**



I am the Immaculate Conception

Words of Our Lady to St. Bernadette Soubirous at Lourdes

But what does this mean?

In the Papal Degree "Ineffabilis Deus" of 8 December, 1854, Pius IX pronounced and defined that the **Blessed Virgin Mary** "in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, **was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin.**"

The formal active essence of **original sin was not removed from her soul**, as it is removed from others by baptism; it was excluded, **it never was in her soul.**

The person of Mary... should have been subject to sin, but, being the mother of the new Adam, **she was**, by the eternal counsel of God and by the merits of Christ, **with-drawn from the general law of original sin.**

Such is the meaning of the term "Immaculate Conception." ... Catholic Encyclopedia

Measuring Success

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles that one has overcome while trying to succeed.

...Booker T. Washington

COMMUNITY NEWS



Reconciliation Service More Options

So you were not able to attend Nativity's reconciliation service on Nov 29 due to your busy schedule. Not to worry. Here are some other options.

- Dec. 5 at Divine Redeemer — 7:00 pm
- Dec. 14 at Immaculate Conception — 7:00 pm
- Dec. 15 at St. Joseph — 7:00 pm
- Dec. 21 at St. Theresa the Little Flower — 7:00 pm

All are encouraged to attend one of these Reconciliation Services

Marriage Encounter

"with the Lord a thousand years is like one day." Time passes so quickly in our marriage, also. One day our spouse will be gone. Have I worked to make our days together the best they can be? **The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 24-26 in Myrtle Beach.** Please apply early.

For more information, go to wwmes4.org or call Ted ♥ Mary Harden at 803-810-9602.



Diocesan Employment Opportunity Process Analyst



Responsible for AP and payroll processing, reviewing accounting & workflow processes, recommending enhancements, developing and implementing procedures, preparing account reconciliations, monthly and year-end processes and tax filings. Bachelors in business administration, accounting or related field. Min 2 yrs experience in a professional accounting environment, including use of AP and payroll systems. Must be detail-oriented, able to work under min supervision and maintain confidentiality. Strong interpersonal and computer skills, including Excel and financial software. Excellent benefits with generous paid time off. West Ashley location. For consideration, apply online at www.catholic-doc.org/hr. Cover letter with salary expectations required as part of application process.

Respect Life

Rosary at the Abortion Facility: The organization, Priests for Life, has called for each Catholic to pray fervently for the closing of their local abortion facility. Please join the **Rev. Dennis B. Willey**, Pastor at Sacred Heart Parish and Christ the Divine Teacher Parish, who **will lead the Rosary and prayers** at the West Ashley Abortion facility at 1312 Ashley River Road (corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler) on **Sat, Dec 17 from 8:00 to 9:00 am**. For information call Stephen Boyle @ 763-0681.

Pregnant? Need Help?

Lowcountry Pregnancy Center
225-3010 in West Ashley or
553-3505 in North Charleston

Nationwide Toll Free:
1-800-395-HELP
www.pregnancycenters.org

Natural Family Planning: empowers couples to accurately identify their days of fertility and infertility either to achieve or to avoid pregnancy. **Fertility Care Practitioner:** Karen Provost, RN, CFCP: 745-0740, or Amy Withers, PT, CFPI: 870-6262; **Couple to Couple League:** Joseph and Michelle Shahid: 881-2451.

Catholic Counseling Services

Dr. Mara Calderon, a licensed clinical psychologist provides individual and couple counseling following a Christian value system. Services are provided in both English and Spanish and most health insurances are accepted. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 402-9115 ext. 17.



Charleston Miracle League was founded by Channing Proctor, a member of the Nativity community. The Charleston Miracle League provides a life-changing experience for children and adults with mental and physical challenges through a community supported baseball league. This year's fall season playoffs were held on Sat., Nov 12. Knights of Columbus Council 6250 supplied, cooked and serve several hundred hot dogs and 'trimmings', free of charge, to the participants of this exciting event.

The Island Side Concert Series

Presents

Un-Silent Night

Welcome this Holiday Season with a creative twist on familiar carols.

Featuring the Ariettes

a trio of classically trained vocalists with an innovative approach to various genres

Laura A. Ball, Jessica M. Minahan, and Jennifer Goldsmith Morlan with guest artist Dan Wright

Thursday, December 8th at 7:00pm

Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 3871 Betsy Kerrison Parkway, Johns Island, 29451

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