



Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.

— Mark 13:33

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Mark's Jesus

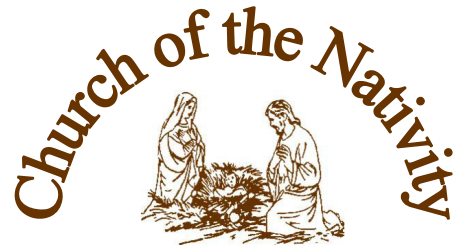
Mark's Gospel is the shortest and tersest of all four. The discourses of Jesus tend to be terser as well. Mark's portrayal of Jesus has none of the poetry of the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain as in Matthew or Luke, nor the extensive, reflective "I Am" discourses as in John. Mark's Jesus "cuts to the chase," we would say today. This is reflected quite well in today's passage.

It is no accident that the dialogue of Jesus at this point in the Gospel according to Mark—the concluding words about the end of the world—immediately before his passion, is riddled with exclamation points and an overall sense of urgency.

We would do well to re-tool our own way of living this Advent, for we live in a world urgently in need of hearing the message of Jesus proclaimed. **It's time for us to "wake up!" and get out into the world to do it.** copyright © J. S. Paluch



Diocese of Charleston



1061 Folly Road
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 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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website: www.nativitycharleston.org

**LORD, MAKE US TURN TO YOU
LET US SEE YOUR FACE
AND WE SHALL BE SAVED!**

Today's Psalm — Ps 80

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

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Nativity School News

School Christmas Program

Plan to join the students for Christmas entertainment.

Wed., Dec. 7 at 6:45 pm

All are invited!



Nativity Registration & Address Change Form

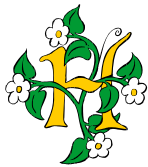
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Please drop this information into the Offertory Basket



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Henry Hulseberg.
May he rest in peace.

LADIES



This week, the Ladies Guild provided, prepared and delivered Thanksgiving Baskets in outreach to more than 20 families of the Nativity community.

Your generosity and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated

Pregnant? Need Help?

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Meet Our Community

is taking a little vacation but we plan to return in December. But in the mean time,

- if you have some **suggestions for improving** this series,
- if you would like to **recommend someone** we should 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

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sat	19	5:30 pm	The Hand Family +
Sun	20	9:00 am	Ensign Officer Robert C. Kerr+
		11:30 am	Tucho Antonio Fernandez +
Mon	21	5:15 pm	Exie Elizabeth Defourneaux +
Tues	22	5:15 pm	Evelyn Hannah Hoenig +
Wed	23	5:15 pm	For the people
Thurs	24	10:00 am	Fred Herrmann +
Sat	26	5:30 pm	Betty Strickland +

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.

From Our Tradition



Long ago in northern Europe, the growing dark and winter weather in Advent forced people to remove the wheels from their carts and replace them with snow runners. The wheels were hung high in the rafters of the house, fitted out with lanterns, and wound tightly with evergreen boughs. **The first wreaths were windows into heaven**, a source of light, **a comforting sign of the victory of the light of Christ over our world's dark wildernesses**, its mountainous obstacles, its valleys of need.

SUNDAY MASS

Offerings for Last Weekend

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the publishing deadline for this weekend's bulletin was Nov 17. At that time no offerings had been received for the weekend of Nov 20.

Please use your envelopes.

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

Children's envelopes are now available

Pick them up at the church entrance and use them for the children's offerings

Baptism

Colin Dermot Kennedy, son of Kate and Dermot Kennedy, was welcomed into our faith community on Sun, Nov. 13.

Congratulations to this newest member of our church



Liturgical Ministers for Dec. 3-4

5:30 pm Mass

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

9:00 am Mass

Greeters: Dick & Mary Abbott, Aimar Family
Altar: Sydney Aimar, Morgan Balliet
Servers: Robbie Wilson
Eucharistic Ministers: James Hayes, Gary Hart, 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 Ministers: Laurie Charles, Patty Edwards, 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, Ida Griffith, Charles Groffel, Marjorie Guarisco, Simone Guers, Angela Harbuta, Alfreda Hawkins, Donna Hiers, Sandy Honan, Helen Hopkins, Martin Houghton, Logan Howell, Kathleen Janech, Rachelle 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

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 hope to **restart this list in December** so 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 Soon

PARISH NEWS

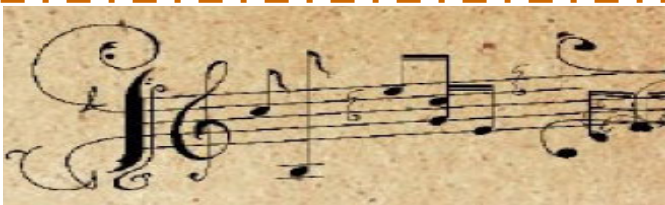
Reconciliation Service



will be at Nativity Church **this Tuesday (Nov 29) at 7:00 pm**. This service is in partnership with the members of Our Lady of Good Council community. Several priests will be available for private confessions.

This service provides Catholics the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare themselves to receive Christ at Christmas. **If you want to receive the sacrament before Christmas, Please plan ahead.** Priests are very, very busy throughout the week before Christmas, so people are urged not to procrastinate.

All are invited to Participate



Christmas is a beautiful liturgical season and in the back of your mind, you have been secretly wishing that someone would ask you sing some of the great holiday anthems. We know you have. We can see the longing on your faces.

The time of your waiting has Ended your invitation has arrived!

Here is all you need to do — start coming to choir rehearsals at 7:00 Wednesday evenings in the church. It is just that simple! We already have a space reserved just for you.

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



**And don't forget!
Children's Choir rehearsals are Thursdays at 3:00 pm in the church**



Admissions Testing at Bishop England

The **Placement Test** will be given on **Sat, Jan 7, 2012** at 8:00 am to all eighth and ninth graders applying for admission for the 2012-2013 school year. There is a **\$90.00 non-refundable fee for this test**. Apply online at www.behs.com and then register for the Test; form is available online under admissions tab.

Deadline for registration is Dec 1



Reconciliation Service More Options

So you can't 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

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**Holiday Trees
Only a few tags left.
Get yours while they last**

Here is how this works:

1. Tags are for gifts for children under 18 years.
2. Take one or more tags from the tree.
3. Purchase gifts (suggested \$25 per child value)
4. Return the gifts, along with the tags when you come to weekend mass.
5. **Gifts must be returned by Dec 4 (next weekend).**

Note:

1. The case workers prefer that gifts not be wrapped.
2. Stuffed toys and clothing are not needed at this time.

The gifts are for local children involved with the Department of Social Services.

**Don't like to go shopping this time of year?
No problem, donations and gift cards
are greatly appreciated**

Thank You for your Generosity!

Annual Baby Jesus Birthday Party

Sat. Dec 3 from 10:30 am and 4:30 pm.

at the Pauline Book & Media Center, 243 King Street. Bring family and friends for a fun time of picture taking with Baby Jesus (costumes provided), birthday cake for Baby Jesus, games, refreshments and music. Parking available behind PBM off Beaufain Street or validated short-term parking in selected City garages. For more information, please call (843) 577-0175



Please join us for a great event!

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