



*J*esus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see."

### Hello, God

Do you think God has stopped talking? People apparently felt that way in Samuel's time. What can Samuel's experience in this reading teach us?

At first Samuel thinks it is Eli calling him. It is not unusual for people to miss a sign from God. If you have a talent that you are proud of, perhaps it is a sign that God wants you to use that talent to help others. If a friend tells you she is concerned about your health, it could be God's way of telling you to get help. **Try to see God speaking in whatever happens to you and you may hear a lot more than you think.**

Samuel also gets help from Eli. Eli began to recognize that the Lord was speaking to Samuel. Sometimes we need help discerning what the Lord is telling us. A good spiritual director can help. He or she will probably ask how often you pray. In our reading Samuel finally speaks directly to God instead of going back to Eli. So if **you wonder what God plans for your life, try spending more time in prayer.** I bet we have all had times where we did not know if we are doing God's will because we did not take time to pray. But don't do all the talking. Give God some quiet time for a response. **God hasn't stopped talking; we've just stopped listening.** Tom Schmidt, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Diocese of Charleston



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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15, 2012

### 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  
Office: 843-795-3821 / Fax: 843-795-2714  
e-mail: nativityc@bellsouth.net  
website: www.nativitycharleston.org

**Please note the following changes for the week of January 16.**

**Jan. 16—** No Mass; Office Closed (Martin Luther King Day)  
**Jan. 17, 18, 19—** No Mass due to Priest Convocation

## STAFF

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, they must have participated in a 1<sup>st</sup> grade PSR or Catholic school program. If you plan to have your child receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, that child must also have participated in a 7<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**New Parishioners:** Welcome to our parish family! To register with our parish, please fill out a registration form. If you want to register your whole family, please complete the registration form located at the church entrances. You can also register by visiting our web site at [www.nativitycharleston.org](http://www.nativitycharleston.org). or by calling the parish office at 843-795-3821.

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**Pastoral Council:** Mrs Claire Bergstrom (Chair)  
council\_nativity@bellsouth.net

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

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister:**  
800-921-8122

### Coordinator Is Needed



in order to offer Vacation Bible School this summer — an individual or maybe a group of 2 or 3 friends who would like to 'take charge' of this important, **one week summer program**.

This is a wonderful ministry. A lot of work, but also a lot of fun! For more information, please contact Mary Smith at 795-3821 x24.

**We know you want to Help  
So please give us a call!**



### Nativity Registration & Address Change Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please drop this information into the Offertory Basket**

## SUNDAY MASS

### Offerings for Last Weekend

Collection	\$ 13,158.05
Budget	<u>\$ 11,423.00</u>
Difference	\$ 1,735.05
Children	\$ 51.75
Registered Households:	661
Envelopes used:	306

### Mass Intentions for this Week

Sat	14	5:30 pm	Eddie and Helen Forsberg + Frank and May Sineri +
Sun	15	9:00 am	Joseph Reynolds +
		11:30 am	Exie Elizabeth Defourneaux +
Mon	16	5:15 pm	(No Mass)
Tues	17	5:15 pm	(No Mass)
Wed	18	5:15 pm	(No Mass)
Thurs	19	9:30 am	(No Mass)
Sat	21	5:30 pm	Roger T. Schook +

### Liturgical Ministers for Jan. 21-22

#### 5:30 pm Mass

<b>Greeters:</b>	James/Marina Churchill
<b>Altar</b>	Ashlyn Jowers, Aubrey Jowers,
<b>Servers:</b>	Hayley Jowers,
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Claire Bergstrom, Ernest Bergstrom, Debbie Blalock, Eileen Easler, Ed Frederick, Terry Harris, Mary Smith
<b>Lector:</b>	Mimi Jurgielewicz
<b>Ushers:</b>	Emmet Alphonse, Jon Benthall, Donald Blevins, Leroy Hulseberg

#### 9:00 am Mass

<b>Greeters:</b>	Dick & Mary Abbott, Aimar Family
<b>Altar</b>	Sydney Aimar, Morgan Balliet,
<b>Servers:</b>	Robbie Wilson
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	James Hayes, Gary Hart, Mark Hollifield, Brenda Kennerty, Lisa Kynoski, John Lavelle, Patricia Palmer
<b>Lector:</b>	Robert Horner
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jim Anderson, Richard Bragiel, Larry Fisk, Austin Taylor

#### 11:30 am Mass

<b>Greeters:</b>	Sheila Griner, Jeanne Harrington
<b>Altar</b>	Rafe Flathman, Gabby Gardner,
<b>Servers:</b>	Mark Wolfe
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Ann Ginn, Abel Girault, Kathy Hepner, Karen Luhrs, Liisa Machowski, Jackie Proveaux, Suzy Stalker
<b>Lector:</b>	Frank DiFiglio
<b>Ushers:</b>	Cathy Berg, Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn, Barry Lingenfelter

## LET US PRAY

**For Members of our Community who have requested our prayers.**

**New this month: Allene Barans, Jero Lustrario, Jeannie Moore, Terry and Ed Pop, Heide and Mike Powers**

**From previous months:** RoseMary Bouvette, Ed Frederick, Samuel Gentile, Abel Girault, Angela Harbuta, Jeanette Heffron, Thomas Honan, Kathleen Janech, Linda Kay, Marjorie O'Brien, Austin Taylor

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

To have names added or removed from the list, please contact the parish office at 795-3821 or [nativityc@bellsouth.net](mailto:nativityc@bellsouth.net)

### Martin Luther King Jr.

Jan. 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968

**Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.....Martin Luther King, Jr**

### Thank You for Serving the Homeless



On Dec 24, volunteers associated with Council 6250 Knights of Columbus cooked and served breakfast at the Crisis Ministry Men's Shelter on Meeting St. They included Daniel Barton, Don Blevins, Jim Craven, David Culley, James Daugomah, Gary Hart, Marina Hart, Donna Hiers, Jack Kennerty, Ed Lee, Charlie Peberdy and team leader Frank Schachte.

**Thank you for making the holidays brighter for those who are homeless**

## PARISH NEWS

### Footprints of God Bible Study Really starts Thurs. Jan 19th



with videos, study guides and fellowship. You are welcome to come once or every week. **Meetings are 6:30 pm Thurs evening** at the home of Ryckie Watkins. For more information, please contact Ryckie Watkins at 795-4194 or at ryckiewatkins@knology.net.

### Leisure Club No Meeting In January



The Leisure Club is a seniors' fellowship group, members age 50+, who meet monthly for lunch.

The next Leisure Club luncheon will be Wed., Feb 1.

### Please mark your calendars and plan to attend

- Want to learn more about the Leisure Club?
- Want to help plan our monthly activities?

Please contact Mary Smith at 795-3821

### Nativity's Nursery Ministry Needs your Help.



This is a valuable and well used ministry for our community. However, we need more volunteers to be able to continue to provide this service. If you think you help one Sunday per month, please contact Mary Smith at Mary\_nativity@bellsouth.net or Erin Peterson at rorismommy@gmail.com.

All Nativity volunteers who minister in programs involving the children of Nativity Parish/School are asked to complete the required screenings and awareness/prevention training (VIRTUS).

**LADIES GUILD**

### Coffee and Donuts

Next Sunday (Jan 22) in the School Hall after the 9:00 am mass. This is sponsored by the Ladies Guild. There is no charge but your donations are greatly appreciated.

### A Great Time to Mix and Mingle

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## Nativity Flapjack 5K Run and 1 Mile Family Fun Walk

**LOCATION:** James Island County Park at the Stono Shelter

**TIME/DATE:** 8:30 AM on Sat., February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**REGISTRATION OPTIONS:** Sign up on-line at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com), or Obtain a registration form and mail/deliver it to the Nativity School office, (paper forms are available in the school office and at the church entrances) or Register at Packet Pick-up (see below)

**PACKET PICK-UP OPTIONS:** Friday, February 3rd from 5 PM-8 PM at Nativity School, or Race Day at the Stono Shelter, James Island County Park

**RACE DAY EVENTS:** Timed 5k Run/Walk starts at 8:30 AM  
8:35 One mile Fun run/walk starts at 8:35 AM (strollers are permitted)  
Kid's races: ages 8 and under—100 yard,  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile at about 9:15 AM (following 5K finish)  
**(NO PETS on race courses)**

**AWARDS/PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** at about 9:30 AM (following end of races)

**AWARDS FOR:** 5K Run Overall Male and Female winner; 5K Run Top 3 (M/F) age groups

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Go to [www.nativity-school.com](http://www.nativity-school.com), Fun Run link or [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)

**Come Join Us for the FUN!!!**

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# CHILI COOK-OFF and OYSTER ROAST



It's Next Saturday  
From 6:30 until 9:00 pm  
at the Nativity School Hall and Grounds.

## Children are welcome

Price for Oysters and Beverages:

Adults: \$15.00 per person

Children (under 12): \$10.00 per person

Bring your own knife and glove and eat all you want

Price for Hot Dog and Beverages: \$3.00 per person

Price for Chili and Beverages: \$2.00 per person

Sample as many as you like and vote for your favorite cook/recipe

Tickets are on sale after the weekend masses

Please purchase your tickets early so we can plan adequately



So you think you can cook?

Perhaps you would like to  
enter the Chili Cook-off!

For more details, Please contact Lane Reed at  
elreed@knology.net or at 795-0980.

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## Spaghetti Dinner Fri, Feb 3



from 5:00 to 8:00 pm  
in the School Hall.  
You can eat in or carry out. This is the Kick Off event for the Annual Nativity School fun run and walk.

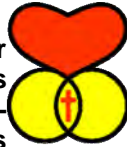
Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Tickets are on sale after Masses beginning next weekend or at the door. This is a great way to help support the school while enjoying a great dinner.

**Come with your family  
and bring all your friends!!**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Marriage Encounter

We are a temple of the Holy Spirit! Do our lives and marriage relationship reflect this truth? Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and receive the tools needed to let God be glorified in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 24-26 in Myrtle Beach. Please apply early.



For more information, go to [wwmes4.org](http://wwmes4.org) or call Ted ♥ Mary Harden at 803-810-9602.

### Diocesan Employment Opportunity Administrative Assistant (FT)



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### Diocesan Employment Opportunity Page Designer (FT)



Design layout of the weekly newspaper, design advertising and other publications, including diocesan directory, programs, brochures, campaign materials, etc. Coordinate with printers and advertisers. Bachelors degree in graphic design or communications with min 2 yrs newspaper page design experience or Associates degree with min 4 yrs experience required. Proficiency with Adobe InDesign and Photoshop required. Attention to detail, knowledge of AP style, ability to manage multiple projects under deadline pressure, thorough knowledge of Catholicism required. Excellent benefits, generous paid time off, convenient downtown location, free parking. Apply online at [www.catholic-doc.org/hr](http://www.catholic-doc.org/hr). Cover letter with salary expectations required as part of application process.

### Respect Life

*"May the love and forgiveness of Our Lord manifest in our relationships with one another."*

**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 **Father Thomas Kingsley**, 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, Jan 21, from 8 am to 9 am**. For information call Stephen Boyle at 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](http://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.

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### Vocation Web Site



has ample information about discernment groups, retreats, women religious, etc. There is also information for parents, family and tons of information for inquirers.

**Not sure about God's calling for you life? Perhaps we can help. Visit us at [www.charlestonvocations.com](http://www.charlestonvocations.com).**

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