

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 12 MARCH 2023 - YEAR A



*"Every time you go to confession,
immerse yourself in My mercy,
with great trust, so that I may pour
the bounty of My grace upon your soul."
- St. Faustina*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

(following 6:15pm Benediction)

15 March

22 March

29 March

5 April

Friday 31 March at 6pm with Choir

Come to the Fish Fry before or after
Stations!

CONFESSIONS:

*Beginning March 14,
Confessions will be offered:*

Tuesday 11- 11:45 am

Wednesdays 12:30- 1 pm

Thursday 11- 11:45 am

Friday 11 - 11:45 am

Saturdays 10 am & 4-5pm

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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

- ♦ Saturday 5:30 pm Vigil, Sunday 9:00 am Family Mass, 11:15 am Solemn Mass
 - ♦ Monday - Friday at 12:05 pm after the Angelus
- ♦ Confession Schedule: 12:30 pm Wednesday, 10:00 am Saturday

Cathedral Active Parishioner Policy

A Registered and Active family/individual is one who:

1. Has formally registered and is participating in the life of the parish community for at least 3 months.
2. Attends Mass at Cathedral at least 75% of all Sundays.
3. Contributes financially to the parish according to ones means.
4. Places the offertory envelope each week in the collection basket, even if empty. (If you forgot your envelope there are extra envelopes in the pews and tables at the back of the church.)

Active member status in our database is essential for requesting the following:

- Parishioner tuition rate as CCS and BE High School
- Endorsement to serve as a sacramental sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation
- Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation or Marriage (for oneself or for one's children, either at Cathedral or in another parish)

Placing your envelope in the Sunday collection basket is an important aspect of parish stewardship. We are not called to make an equal gift but an equal sacrifice in proportion to the blessings given to us by God. The offertory basket carried in procession to the altar symbolizes our shared sacrifice offered to the Lord in thanksgiving. Placing your envelope in the basket, even if you have given electronically, symbolizes our share responsibility to support the Church and our parish and a communal offering of thanks.

If you use electronic transfer to make your offertory contribution and other gifts, simply check the box "I attended Mass and/or gave electronically" on the empty envelope and then drop it in the collection basket. All envelopes in the collection basket are recorded in our parish database.

Once six months elapses without any envelopes or online donations received, the account is marked as Inactive and envelopes are no longer distributed. To begin receiving stewardship envelopes please contact Stephanie Stewart at executive.assistant@charlestoncathedral.com.

For answers to frequently asked questions, please visit:
www.charlestoncathedral.com/active-parish-policy-faq.

Sacrament of Marriage: Either bride or groom must be registered at the Cathedral at least 12 months before scheduling a date and beginning the 6 month marriage preparation. The bride/groom must meet the Active Parishioner Policy requirements. The Wedding Policy Booklet may be found on the Cathedral Website. Please contact Mrs. Stephanie Stewart at weddings@charlestoncathedral.com for more information.

Baptisms: Parents desiring Baptism of their children must be registered at the Cathedral Parish and meet the Active Parishioner Policy requirements. More information on Baptism, including an online form, may be found on the Cathedral Website. To schedule to have your child baptized, please contact Ms. Cheryl LaRose at secretary@charlestoncathedral.com.

Weekly Offertory Reports

5 March 2023

Offertory	\$20,461.00
Electronic Offertory	\$6,598.85
Total Offertory	\$27,059.85

We welcome all visitors to the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist and ask that you prayerfully consider using the QR code to make a donation online. God bless you for your generosity!



Automatic Online Giving! If you wish to give electronically, it may be done via our secure web portal. Use the QR code above or go to charlestoncathedral.com and click on the blue and green online giving button at the top of the page.

Donate by text! Send a text to 843-580-1719 with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount (example: \$25).

Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (formerly Bishop's Annual Appeal) donations should be made payable to: Catholic Appeal of SC

Bicentennial Payments should be made to CCFSC – Bicentennial Campaign Office, P. O. Box 31257, Charleston, SC 29417. Thank you!

RECTOR'S CORNER

+JMJ+

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What joy it is to be with you! Throughout my almost twenty-two years as a priest, God has always led me to wonderful parishes filled with extraordinary people who love their faith. In this case, I am *returning* to a community that feels very much like home. Of course, having been away from the Cathedral for eleven and a half years, there are many new faces. Please introduce yourself. It may take some time, but I look forward to learning your names!

If we have not met before, I would like to take this opportunity to give you a little background about myself. I am a native of South Carolina and grew up in the small town of St. Matthews in Calhoun County, which is not far from the city of Orangeburg. Also, I am a convert to our beloved Catholic faith. In 1992, while attending The University of South Carolina, I began RCIA classes at St. Joseph's in Columbia. At the Easter Vigil in 1994, I was baptized, confirmed, and received my First Holy Communion. During my conversion I began to feel a call to the priesthood. Eventually, the call became more than a whisper, and I applied to seminary for the Diocese of Charleston. I graduated with a B.S. in biology in 1995, and the same fall, I entered St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, PA. Finally, I was ordained to the holy priesthood right here in the Cathedral on June 9, 2001.

Through my priestly life, God has blessed me to be part of several, outstanding parishes. After ordination, I was assigned as parochial vicar to Christ Our King in Mt. Pleasant. After two years, I was moved here to the Cathedral as parochial vicar until 2005, when I became the administrator of Our Lady Star of the Sea in North Myrtle Beach. In 2008, I came back to the Cathedral to serve as rector for three and a half wonderful years until 2011, when I became pastor of St. Mary Help of Christians in Aiken.

Humbly, I ask for your prayers as I begin again. One good thing is that we embark on this journey together in the middle of Lent. With holiness our goal, I would like to offer a little wisdom from the late Pope Benedict. "Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." (*Deus Caritas Est*) "The new decisive direction is to become holy. And the way we advance on the path of holiness is by spending time with Christ regularly, by allowing ourselves to be caught up in his love: Once you enter into friendship with God, everything in your life begins to change. As you come to know him better, you find you want to reflect something of his infinite goodness in your own life." (2010 address, Twickenham University)

Let us pray for each other!

Father Wilson



FISH FRY

Cathedral's Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Come to St. Finbar Council's Lenten Fish Fry! On Friday, March 31st, from 5-7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. \$15 for adults and \$12 for Children – **Cash or Check Only**. Tickets sold after all Masses. Orders Can be for Dine-In or To-Go and include: Fried Fish, Cole Slaw, Texas Toast, Iced Tea & Kids Mac-N-Cheese. Help support Cathedral's KOC Council this Lent!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2023

PALM SUNDAY 2 APRIL

Vigil Mass, Saturday 1 April at 5:30 pm

Family Mass 9:00 am

Solemn Mass at 11:15 am with Palm Procession

Monday, 3 April 12:05 pm Mass

Tuesday, 4 April 11:00 am Chrism Mass

Spy Wednesday, 5 April 12:05 pm Mass

12:30 pm Confession, 12:30 pm Adoration, 6:15 pm

Benediction, 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday 6 April

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm. Church open for
prayer before Altar of Repose -11 pm

Good Friday 7 April

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday 8 April

The Easter Vigil 8:30 pm

EASTER

Easter Sunday 9 April

Easter Mass 8:00 am

Easter Mass 10:00 am

Solemn Mass 12:30 pm with Cathedral Choir

CELEBRATING ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Everyone, Irish or not, is invited to a family-friendly St. Patrick's Day celebration on Friday March 17th. Festivities begin at 8am with Mass at St. Patrick's Church, 134 St. Philip Street. The Parade begins at 10am at King & Radcliffe Streets proceeding down King Street and ending at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. For questions, please email: finnegan5@bellsouth.net.

MARCH ROSARY AT THE PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Please join, Father Gildardo Garcia, Chaplain for the Air Force Base & the Naval Weapons Station, who will lead a pro-life Rosary and prayers from 8-9a.m on Saturday, March 18th, 2023 at the Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic, 1312 Ashley River Road. Stephen Boyle can be reached at (843) 323-8216

**THE SUFFERING OF CHRIST FROM A
PHYSICIAN'S PERSPECTIVE -
A LENTEN REFLECTION**

Based on the book by Thomas W. McGovern, MD *"What Christ Suffered: A Doctor's Journey Through the Passion"*

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral Center Hall with Light refreshments at 6:30 PM

This program is open to all and free of charge. Questions? Contact Linda Baranoski 843-795-0027.

Presented by Sophia Urban, MD, MPH
Hospice & Palliative Care Fellow
Parishioner at the Cathedral
Elizabeth Higgins, MD
Hospice & Palliative Care Physician
Associate Professor of Medicine
Parishioner at the Church of the Nativity

THE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CCS is accepting student applications for the 2023-24 school year from Grades K4-8. CCS promotes Faith-Family-Diversity-Arts-Academics. Visit www.charlestoncatholic.com, Admissions Tab.

Homebound? If you know someone who is homebound, and would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office.

Pregnant? Need Help? Birthright 843-556-4403. Lowcountry Pregnancy Center 843-553-3505 (free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, STD tests, counseling & more!

St. Vincent de Paul Society for assistance with food, utilities, rent, or medical bills, contact the at 843-727-1577.

Sunday 12 March 2023
Third Sunday of Lent

5:30 pm Vigil Mass
Mary Massar
9:00 am Family Mass
Timothy Prezzano +
10:15am Christian Formation
10:15 am High School Youth Group
10:15 am Café
11:15 am Solemn Mass
Pro Populo
12:30pm Café

Monday 13 March 2023
Lenten Weekday

12:05pm Daily Mass
Elizabeth Branch Ecke +
6:00 pm Interior Life: CC

Tuesday 14 March 2023
Lenten Weekday

9:00 am Women's Faith Sharing-CR
10:15 am Women's Bible Study-CR
11:00 am Confession
12:05 pm Daily Mass
Kathleen Marie Lowry Hannon +

Wednesday 15 March 2023
Lenten Weekday

12:05 pm Daily Mass
Susan Johnson +
12:30 pm Confession
12:30 pm Adoration
5:15 am SVdP: Conference Room
6:15 pm Benediction
6:30 pm Stations Of the Cross
6:30 pm RCIA: 2nd floor
7:00 pm Young Adults: Hall

Thursday 16 March 2023
Lenten Weekday

11:00 am Confession
12:05 pm Daily Mass
Michele Forsythe
12:30 pm Prayer Group: LC

Friday 17 March 2023
Lenten Weekday

11:00 am Confession
12:05pm Daily Mass
Deacon Jim Raispis +

Saturday 18 March 2023
Lenten Weekday

10:00 am Confession
5:30 pm Vigil Mass
Marie Attelier

Sunday 19 March 2023
Laetare Sunday

9:00 am Family Mass
Joseph M. Gisoldi +
10:15am Christian Formation
10:15 am Café
11:15 am Solemn Mass
Pro Populo
12:30pm Café



After Hours Emergency Line

In the event of a medical emergency or death *after* office hours, please call: (843) 724-6376.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Charles Bateman
Moriola Dassoundo
John Devane
Brittani DeVore
Michael Keenan
Candy O'Brian
Joe Swartz
Steve Wilkens

The above names have been submitted for prayers during the last 30 days or have been identified as long term need for prayer. Please contact the office to add a name to the list.

Parking Pass

11-12 March 2023



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