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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
23 APRIL 2023 - YEAR A

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## 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 one's 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 shared 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](mailto:executive.assistant@charlestoncathedral.com).

For answers to frequently asked questions, please visit:  
[www.charlestoncathedral.com/active-parish-policy-faq](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@charlestoncathedral.com).

## Weekly Offertory Reports

9 April 2023

Offertory	\$25,175.00
Electronic Offertory	\$6,703.75
Total offertory	\$33,925.45

16 April 2023

Offertory	\$8,616.43
Electronic Offertory	\$6,149.00
Total offertory	\$14,765.43

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](http://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+

3rd Sunday of Easter – 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The joy of the great season of Easter continues! Forty days of fast have given way to fifty days of feast. The Season of Easter will continue through Pentecost on May 28.

First Holy Communion is fast approaching! Please keep in your prayers our young men and women, who will soon receive Jesus' Body and Blood for the first time in Holy Communion at the 11:15am Mass on April 30. As they receive Our Lord for their first time, let each of us renew our own excitement for this magnificent gift. Receive *every* Holy Communion as if it is your first... as if it is your last.

I mentioned last week that we would take a look at the promises – the covenant with God – we renewed at our Easter Masses. What exactly have we promised? The expanded form of this renewal begins with this important question: "Do you renounce sin so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?" We answer, "I do." This is freedom versus its opposite – enslavement. In St. John's Gospel, Jesus clearly says, "Truly I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin" (8:34).

Jesus comes to liberate us, to set us free. He destroys the tangled web sin weaves in our lives, like weeds slowly choking out the light of God. The more sin enslaves us, the less clear we think, affecting our words and actions. In our day, freedom often seems to be defined as the ability to do whatever one wishes. "I am free to do whatever I want," and, "Nobody can tell *me* what to do." Yet, we know that having freedom to act or speak a certain way is not always the *right* thing to do. One has freedom to yell "Fire!" in a crowded public building, but there better be a fire if you do it! Freedom is not found in fulfilling every desire or speaking every thought that comes to mind, but instead in living and speaking as the children of God we are.

Sin truly enslaves. We live in the freedom of the children of God when we realize that it is God who has created us, and that He calls us to follow Him. Freedom is found not in doing whatever we please but in using our freedom to choose the right thing – to choose the good.

To live in the freedom of the children of God is a great responsibility because it requires us to remain ever vigilant and ever attentive to our relationship with God. It compels us to be attentive to the needs of others and to our own spiritual needs as well.

Reflecting on this baptismal promise, ask the Lord today for the grace to renounce sin and to choose Him, so you may truly live in the freedom of the children of God.

Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen!  
Father Wilson

**MOTHERS' DAY ENVELOPES:**

Please fill out your Mothers' Day Envelopes and return them to the Parish Office via the collection basket or drop them off by Friday 5 May. The envelopes will be placed on the altar and your intentions for your loved ones will be offered. Mothers' Day is Sunday 14 May 2023.



### **Confession & Adoration Schedule:**

- 11:00 - 11:45 am Confession Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
- 12:30 - 1:00 pm Confession Wednesdays
- 10:00 - 11:00 am & 4:00 - 5:00 pm Confession Saturdays
- 12:30 - 7:00 pm Adoration Wednesdays

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

- First Holy Communion workshop & rehearsal is Saturday 29 April at 9am.
- First Holy Communion is on Sunday 30 April at the 11:15 am Mass.



### **DIRECTOR OF EVANGELIZATION & FAITH FORMATION AT THE CATHEDRAL**

The FT position of Director is responsible for developing and implementing programs for the faith formation of parish youth and adults. Major responsibilities include: coordinating the K-12 Sunday school program & youth events). Developing/implementing an evangelization program for inactive parishioners. Coordinating adult faith formation sessions. Developing ways to use parish communications to evangelize parishioners. Coordinating parish retreats and missions. Must be a joyful, practicing Roman Catholic living a life in conformity with the teachings of the Catholic Church. Minimum of a bachelor's degree, preferably with a concentration in theology. Salary commensurate with education and experience. Please send a resume with a cover letter to Father Wilson.

### **MARY MEDITATION GARDEN BRICKS**

Bricks support the charitable works of the CWC. Order forms are available at the office. Orders will be placed twice a year: in March and November. It takes 4-6 weeks to receive them. Installation is the following month based on delivery and weather conditions. Contact Jennifer at jennrisk@yahoo.com.

### **SIDEWALK ADVOCATES FOR LIFE**

Come learn the peaceful, prayerful method of sidewalk advocacy from Sidewalk Advocates for Life and help women and men entering the abortion facility to choose life! Training will be a combination of training and outreach. Please contact 843-580-6516 or SAFLCharleston@gmail.com. More information at sidewalkadvocates.org!

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION**

St. Vincent de Paul will be begging for alms after all Masses next weekend 29-30 April. All donations go to help with rent, utilities and medical care for those in need on the peninsula.

The SVdP food pantry is in need of the following: Mac & Cheese, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Cereal, Crackers, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Baked Beans, canned peas, and canned chicken.

### **CATHEDRAL CAFÉ**

The Cathedral Café offers a great opportunity for fellowship after Sunday Masses. Please consider helping the 11:15am groups who are in need. If interested, call Ann Bragg at 843-670-8435.

### **THE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

CCS is a small creative arts based Catholic School in downtown Charleston. Enroll now grades K4 - 5. [www.charlestoncatholic.com](http://www.charlestoncatholic.com).

**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.



## Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

## Third Sunday of Easter

**Saturday 23 April 2023**  
*Third Sunday of Easter*

5:30 pm Vigil Mass  
*The Hernandez Family*  
9:00 am Family Mass  
*Timothy Prezzano +*  
10:15am Café  
11:15 am Solemn Mass  
*Pro Populo*  
10:15 am Last Christian Formation  
10:15 am High School Youth: CR  
12:30 pm Café  
**1:30 pm Spirited Brunch Tours**

**Monday 24 April 2023**  
*Easter Weekday*

12:05pm Daily Mass  
*Jack Lubbers +*  
6:00 pm Interior Life: CC

**Tuesday 25 April 2023**  
*Saint Mark, Evangelist*

9:00 am Women's Faith Sharing-CR  
10:30 am Women's Bible Study-CR  
11:00 am Confession  
12:05 pm Daily Mass  
*Eduardo Bongolan*

**Wednesday 26 April 2023**  
*Easter Weekday*

12:05 pm Daily Mass  
*Nyal & Josephine Clinton +*  
12:30 pm Confession  
12:30 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration  
6:45 pm Benediction  
6:30 pm Mystagogy: 2nd floor

**Thursday 27 April 2023**  
*Easter Weekday*

11:00 am Confession  
12:05 pm Daily Mass  
*James B. Brown +*  
12:30 pm Prayer Group: LC  
6:00 pm Young Adults: Hall

**Friday 28 April 2023**  
*Easter Weekday*

11:00 am Confession  
12:05 pm Daily Mass  
*Barbara Fazzina +*

**Saturday 29 April 2023**  
*St. Catherine of Siena,  
Virgin & Doctor of the Church*

**9:00 am 1st Communion Rehearsal**

10:00 am Confession  
4:00 pm Confession  
5:30 pm Vigil Mass  
*JoAnn Suarez +*

**Saturday 30 April 2023**  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations*

9:00 am Family Mass  
*JoAnn Suarez +*  
10:15am Café  
11:15 am Solemn Mass with First  
Holy Communion  
*Pro Populo*  
12:30 pm Café



### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Charles Bateman  
David Carter  
Moriola Dassoundo  
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.

**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.

## Parking Pass

**22-23 April 2023**



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