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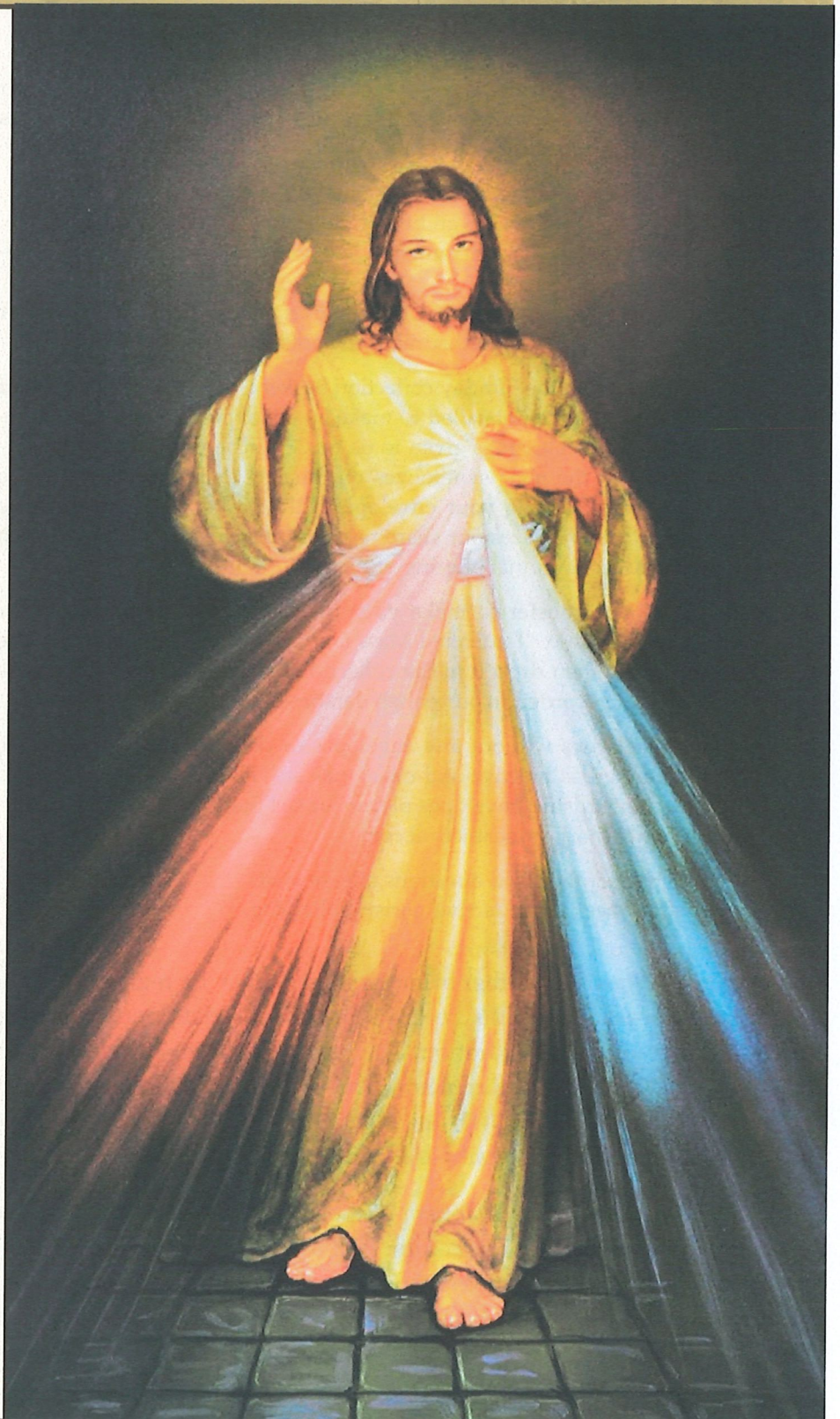
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Cathedral Active Parishioner Policy

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.

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

Due to the early deadline, the Offertory Report for 2 April will be published in next week's bulletin.

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+

Divine Mercy Sunday – 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

First, I am incredibly grateful for all of the volunteers and staff that helped make our liturgies this past Holy Week and Easter so remarkable and profound. It's amazing to see the enormous preparation that is necessary behind the scenes for these beautiful, ancient (and sometimes a bit complex) liturgies that directly connect us to our very roots as Catholic Christians. To all those who gave of themselves in any way, I want to express my deep gratitude. Thank you!

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead in His new, glorious, and incorruptible body was the event and message that is the reason our Catholic Christian faith exists. At the end of Lent, Holy Week culminates not only in the celebration of the day Jesus rose in glory, but the season of Easter also commences with you and me renewing our promises made at Baptism. Recall that, at all of the Easter Masses, we renewed these solemn promises.

A person might say, "But I didn't choose to be baptized. My parents did that." On one level, yes. That's true. However, think of it more that your parents fulfilled what was being asked of them. If we believe in God and His revealed word, then we also believe what Jesus says, "It was not you who chose me, *but I who chose you*" (John 15:16). And also in St. John's first Letter, "We love *because He first loved us*" (1 John 4:19). Your baptism was God's initiative first. You were baptized and made an adoptive son or daughter of God the Father because He chose you first. He chose you "to go and bear fruit that will last" (John 15:16). When we were children, we all wanted to be chosen by the captain for a team at recess. Well, we are children of our Heavenly Father, and He has chosen you for His team.

Over the next few weeks, I'd like us to look again at the promises we renewed. Here are the first three questions, in which we renounced sin and Satan: Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God? Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you? Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin? To each of these, we reply, "I do," just like at a wedding. Pray about these questions and your answers as we ponder them over these fifty days of Easter.

We come to the Sunday of Divine Mercy. In the Gospel, Jesus gives us the Sacrament of Confession / Reconciliation as His *very first gift* after His Resurrection: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:22-23). On this Divine Mercy Sunday, let us be grateful to God for His loving mercy and forgiveness, for His providence that has led us here, and for this amazing faith!

Truly, He is risen! Alleluia!

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.



Thank you to all of the musicians, servers, and volunteers for their service and dedication during Holy Week and Easter.

Confession & Adoration Schedule:

11:00 am Confession Tuesdays
 12:30 pm Confession Wednesdays
 11:00 am Confession Thursdays
 11:00 am Confession Fridays
 10:00 am & 4:00 pm Confession Saturdays
 12:30 pm Adoration Wednesdays

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

The last class of the school year will be next Sunday 23 April.

- First Reconciliation is on Wednesday 19 April at 5pm
- 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.

CATHEDRAL CAFÉ

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

BOOK: THE ONCE & FUTURE ROMAN RITE

Lecture by author Dr. Kwasniewski on Thursday, April 20 at 7pm at the Hobcaw Yacht Club. A suggested donation of \$10 at the door. Contact Gene 203-530-1908.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE

Welcome Jesus into our marriages by participating in a WWME on Nov 10-12 or Jan 26-28 in North Myrtle Beach. Visit: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org>, or 803-810-9602, or applications@scmarriagematters.org.

Congratulations to those who were received into full communion with the Catholic Church or received Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for them as they begin their new lives in the Catholic Faith!

BISHOP ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL JV FOOTBALL:

An informational meeting on April 16 at 6:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center for families with a rising 7th - 9th grade boy interested in BEHS's JV football. Contact Coach Paul with questions: pspence@behs.com.

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CCS is a small creative arts based Catholic School in downtown Charleston. Enroll now grades K4 - 5. www.charlestoncatholic.com.

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.

KOC COUNCIL 9475 CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Benefiting Carter-May Senior Living Center on May 15 at Wild Dunes Harbor Course. 10:30 check in - Noon shotgun start. \$145 per player includes golf, lunch, dinner, beverages and many prizes Team and sponsorship opportunities available. Contact Jim Welsch at welschj@hotmail.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

Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday 16 April 2023

Divine Mercy Sunday

5:30 pm Vigil Mass
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Slade
 9:00 am Family Mass
Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmone
 10:15am Café
 11:15 am Solemn Mass
Pro Populo
 No Christian Formation
 12:30 pm Café

Monday 17 April 2023

Easter Weekday

12:05pm Daily Mass
Linda DuRoss +
 6:00 pm Interior Life: CC

Tuesday 18 April 2023

Easter Weekday

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
Jack Lubbers +

Wednesday 19 April 2023

Easter Weekday

12:05 pm Daily Mass
Timothy Prezzano +
 12:30 pm Confession
 12:30 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration
 5:15 pm SVdP: CR
 6:45 pm Benediction
 6:30 pm RCIA: 2nd floor
 7:00 pm Young Adults: Hall

Thursday 20 April 2023

Easter Weekday

11:00 am Confession
 12:05 pm Daily Mass
William Saad +
 12:30 pm Prayer Group: LC

Friday 21 April 2023

Easter Weekday

11:00 am Confession
 12:05 pm Daily Mass
Eversole Family

Saturday 22 April 2023

Easter Weekday

10:00 am Confession
 4:00 pm Confession
 5:30 pm Vigil Mass
The Hernandez Family

Saturday 23 April 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

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



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.

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


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