## THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 21 MAY 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 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**

14 May 2023

Offertory \$12,501.40 Electronic Offertory \$6,151.35 Total offertory \$18,652.75

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

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The Ascension of the Lord – 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Next Sunday is the fiftieth day of Easter – Pentecost. Tongues of flame descended upon the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Apostles gathered together in prayer in the upper room. The Church left the confines of that room and spread her fire throughout the world! Come celebrate a special Solemn Mass at 11:15am as the Cathedral Choir sings Mozart's 'Mass in C Major, KV 167' along with works by Asola, Handel, and Mawby. Come, Holy Spirit! Come!

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. In most dioceses in the United States, this feast is transferred from its usual home on Thursday to the closest Sunday. But what does the Ascension mean? The Ascension "completes" the Resurrection, as Christ's glorified, human body is now forever joined to the eternal, infinite Godhead. This is our own destiny when Christ "will raise these lowly bodies of ours to be like His own, glorified body" (Phil 3:21). We profess this privileged future in our Creed when we proclaim that we "believe in the resurrection of the dead", when Christ will come again in glory, raise and transform us to be like Himself.

The late Pope Benedict XVI put it very well when he described the Church's celebration of this feast as "the expression of our belief that in Christ, human nature – the humanity in which we all share – has entered into the inner life of God in a new and hitherto unheard of way. It means that mankind has found an everlasting place in God."

More insight from an article by Regis Martin: "The Scriptures are wonderfully plainspoken about all this ... telling us that, moments before the ascent back to the Father, thus completing the circuit begun thirty-three years before with that daring descent into the brokenness of our world, Christ leaves two promises in the care of the Church He will shortly fashion from His pierced and crucified side. 'I go to prepare a place for you,' He first tells His disciples, 'that where I am you too may be' (Jn 14:3). Followed by this sublime assurance: 'I shall not leave you orphans' (Jn 14:18).

"Two promises are thus made, one for eternity, the other for time. Both entrusted to those whom He loved to the very end. First there is the gift of everlasting life, then the capacity to endure even this life. Each locked in the treasury of Holy Church, Christ's spotless Bride, whose keys unlock all the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven." (What the Lord's Ascension Means, Crisis, 9 May 2013.) Find out more in your Catechism, paragraphs 659-667.

Yours truly in our risen and ascended Lord, Father Wilson

#### THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

On Sunday 11 June after the 11:15 am Solemn Mass there will be a Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Charleston. Following Benediction, join us under the tent for a cookout. Sign up at https://tinyurl.com/muerrprj.

#### 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

#### Young Adults Bible Study

On Thursday May 25th at 7pm in the Parish Hall, join in Formation with Fr. Wilson. Including a main course meal, BYOSides and extra drinks. Eat & learn and socialize!

#### CATHEDRAL CAFÉ

Please note: there will be no Café on Sunday 28 May due to Memorial Day Weekend. The Café will resume for the summer months in the hall after the 9am Mass only. The 11:15 am Mass volunteers will resume in September.

#### Women's Faith Sharing and Bible Study

Faith Sharing & Bible Study will start a summer schedule on Tuesday 6 June as follows: <u>Faith Sharing</u> from 10:30 - 11:45 am. The <u>Women's Bible Study</u> will meet again starting Tuesday 5 September at 10:30 am in the Conference Room of the Parish Hall.

#### THE CATHEDRAL LIBRARY

Visit the Cathedral Library located in the Conference Room 9-4pm Monday through Friday when not being used, to select from the reading materials available. Directions for checking out are posted.

#### CATHOLIC RADIO IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Catholic Radio is celebrating 20 years of bringing the Truths of the Catholic Faith to the Diocese. It is available at WLTQ 730 AM & 106.7 FM and on Mediatrx App. For more information visit CatholicRadioInSC.com.

#### THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

The Solemnity of Pentecost on Sunday May 28 will be sung by the Cathedral Choir & Chamber Orchestra at the 11:15 am Solemn Mass. It will feature Mozart 'Mass in C Major, KV 167' with works by Asola, Handel and Mawby.

#### RITE OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Rite of Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Paul Lacombe will be Friday, June 9 at 6:00 pm in the Cathedral. A reception on the Cathedral lawn will follow.

#### **ENGAGED ENCOUNTER**

Engaged Encounter of the year is November 11-12 at St. Mary Magdalene in Simpsonville. Couples are responsible for their own lodging. Cost is \$160.00 per couple. Register at: southcarolina.engagedencounter.com. Contact Bob and Mary Reimer 864-420-2633.

#### SILVERION CAMP 2023

Silverion ("Kingdom of the Holy Spirit") is a Tolkien-inspired Catholic medieval fantasy camp for 8-16 year olds at Heart Ridge Retreat Centre, Sunset, SC from October 20-22. Registration is \$200 at silverioncamps.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.

5:30 pm Vigil Mass Peter Hickey + 9:00 am Family Mass The Heggarty Family 10:15am Café 11:15 am Solemn Mass Pro Populo 12:30 pm Café

12:05pm Daily Mass Timothy Prezzano + 6:00 pm Interior Life: CC

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 Dorothy Aungst +

12:05 pm Daily Mass Timothy Prezzano + 12:30 pm Confession 12:30 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration 6:45 pm Benediction

11:00 am Confession 12:05 pm Daily Mass Coletta Tadeo + 12:30 pm Prayer Group: LC 6:00 pm Young Adults:Hall

11:00 am Confession 12:05 pm Daily Mass William Saad +

10:00 am Confession 4:00 pm Confession 5:30 pm Vigil Mass Irene Y Ei Gboka +

9:00 am Family Mass Timothy Prezzano + No Café 11:15 am Solemn Mass Pro Populo No Café

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 29 June in observance of Memorial Day. It will reopen at 9am on Tuesday 30 June.

Sunday Masses are broadcast live in the lower chapel for overflow capacity. Please come upstairs for communion.



Donate by text! Text amount to (843)580-1719



#### 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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