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17 SEPTEMBER 2023 - YEAR A

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### Cathedral Schedule

#### Weekend Schedule

5:30 pm Saturday Vigil

#### Sunday Mass Times

9:00 am Family Mass

11:15 am Solemn Mass

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

#### Weekday Schedule

Monday - Friday at 12:05 pm  
after the Angelus

#### ADORATION

Every Wednesday following 12:05 pm Mass  
until 7pm. Benediction is at 6:45pm.

#### Confession Schedule

Monday 11-11:45 am

Tuesday 11- 11:45 am

Wednesdays 12:30- 1 pm, 6-6:30pm

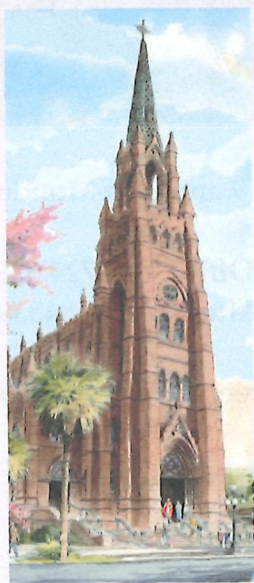
Thursday 11- 11:45 am

Friday 11 - 11:45 am

Saturdays 10 am & 4-5pm

*"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



## St. Finbar Festival & Picnic

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

FOLLOWING THE 11:15 AM MASS

All are welcome!

BBQ, beer and tea provided. Please sign up for sides and desserts at SignUpGenius: <https://shorturl.at/xJSZ8>. Enjoy the Bouncy House and bring a blanket & lawn chairs!

The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites  
Summerville Community invites you to a

### DAY OF RECOLLECTION

7 October, 2023

St. Therese of Lisieux:  
Her "Little Way" of Trust  
and Surrender

With: Very Rev. Gregory  
Wilson, V.G., Rector  
At: Cathedral of St. John  
the Baptist

From: 9:00am-3:00pm



Agenda includes Mass, Confessions, Holy Rosary, lunch. A reservation fee of \$20 is required. Please contact Karen with any questions at: [ka-remcL9@outlook.com](mailto:ka-remcL9@outlook.com).



## RECTOR'S CORNER

+JMJ+

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2023

Is Mass fun? If not, should it be fun? There are a lot of things we do in life and things we spend our time on not because it is fun, but because it is meaningful. Establishing and maintaining relationships with other people is not always fun, but it satisfies our need for community. Working on our health is not always fun, but it allows us to feel better in the long run and to be around for those whom we love.

In fact, when it comes to the things that matter in life, being “fun” or not is one of the least important things we consider before choosing to do them. We do these things for two reasons: it is the right thing to do, and it is good for us. Whether we have realized it or not, there is nothing that matters more in life than the Holy Mass. All those other things that matter to us – our relationships, our health, our jobs – are only possible and only matter because of what happens during the Mass.

The reason why Mass is the most important part of our lives is because it is where we can have a personal and physical encounter with Jesus Christ himself in the Most Holy Eucharist. Think of your relationships with those you love – how successful are those relationships going to be if it's a one-way street. How can we expect to foster relationships with others if we give and do not receive, or receive and do not give?

The Mass can be considered as the time we spend with God in our relationship with Him. Calling someone, texting, or thinking about him or her is great, but we can't expect this to lead to meaningful growth in our relationship with that person we say we love. We need to spend time in their presence to do that. We can pray to God and think about Him often, but if we do not spend personal time with Him in the Mass and before the Blessed Sacrament, our relationship will grow stagnant. The sad part is that God is always offering His time and presence to us, but sometimes we either don't accept it or don't reflect enough to appreciate it.

Like all our relationships, you will get out what you put in from the Mass. If you approach Mass reluctantly because it's not “fun” enough, you will resent being in the presence of God. Instead, approach Mass this way: I am not coming to have fun, I'm coming to find meaning. I am coming to work on my loving relationship to God, who first loved me.

Preparing for Mass does not begin when we walk into the church. All the preparation we do before the Mass, from fasting an hour before to genuflecting, blessing ourselves with holy water, and kneeling in prayer, is done because of the Eucharist. We are Catholic and have inherited the Holy Mass from the earliest foundation of our Church by Jesus Christ Himself. There is nothing more meaningful in our life than being in His presence.

– Taken from “Reflections on the Mass” (edited) by the Diocese of Salt Lake City



## Bible Study - Fall Series



We will be starting our discussions on Jesus' **Sermon on the Mount**. This will be a month long study **starting September 20th**. We will be meeting **every Wednesday at 7:10pm** in the **Lower Cathedral**.

Please contact Brian at 843-724-8395 or [bbarnwell@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:bbarnwell@charlestandiocese.org) if you have any questions.

### CATHEDRAL YOUTH GROUP

September 23rd join others at the Charleston Aqua Park from 12-2pm. Meet at the park 3050 Marlin Rd. Johns Island. **MUST RSVP!** To join the group, visit: [CharlestonCathedral.com/youth](http://CharlestonCathedral.com/youth).



**THE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
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### 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRAYER TO END ABORTION

Join Very Rev. Gregory Wilson, V.G., Rector, the first priest to pray at the abortion facility in 2003 in our Holy City on Saturday 16 September at 8am at Planned Parenthood on 1312 Ashley River Road. **Reminder:** First Saturday Mass For Sanctity of Life is at the Cathedral on 7 October at 9am.

## GENESIS TO JESUS

**Join us on a 12 week journey through salvation history, from Genesis to Jesus!**

We will study the covenants God made in the Old Testament and show how they prepared Israel for the coming of the promised Messiah.

**Deepen your knowledge of Scripture and the riches of our Faith.**

**If you're looking to grow in your knowledge of the Catholic faith, this is the perfect study for you.**



**Genesis to Jesus** will begin September 21! Afternoon (12:45-2pm in the Parish Hall) and Evening (7-8:15pm in the Lower Church) Sessions Available! This class is free but if you want to purchase the workbook, please contact Brian at [christian.formation@charlestoncathedral.com](mailto:christian.formation@charlestoncathedral.com) or call 843-724-8395.

### CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT MENTOR PROGRAM

The Catholic Young Adult Mentor Program will provide Catholic or active RCIA participants with a connection to a caring Catholic lay mentor for advice, guidance, and life-lessons for pursuing a meaningful career, a full life in faith, and an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. If you know anyone who may be interested in the program, please encourage them to apply through the Carolina Catholic Professionals website or contact Frank Dirks at [dirksjf@comcast.net](mailto:dirksjf@comcast.net) or 843-670-1350. Please keep us in your prayers for the success of this program.



### 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)

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).

### 11TH MARIAN EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE

The Eucharistic Conference will be held on Friday, October 13 - Saturday, October 14 at the Greenville Convention Center. Featured speakers include: Fr. Donald Calloway, Fr. Thomas Petri, Jim Wahlberg, John Martignoni and Fr. John Bartunek. Admission is \$125, youth \$75 including dinner Friday and lunch Saturday. Register by October 6. Visit: <http://www.meconferencesc.net>.

### THE EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS

The Catholics of South Carolina will be joining the National prayer initiative, The Eucharistic Rosary Congress with Opening Mass, October 7 at 8:30am at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Lexington, SC. The closing Mass will be October 13 at 11:00am at the Holy Family Chapel in Charleston, celebrated by Bishop Jacques Fabre Jeune, CS. All are welcome. Please offer prayers and rosaries during this time, for Life, Reparation of sin, and Healing of our Church. Watch live at [corpuschristisc.org](http://corpuschristisc.org). Email Christy: [cbrown@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:cbrown@charlestondiocese.org).

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#### Women's Bible Study

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#### Women's Faith Sharing

Marian Mentavlos





**Sunday 17 September 2023**

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

5:30 pm Vigil Mass  
Maria Magno +  
9:00 am Family Mass  
Timothy Prezzano +  
10:15 am Religious Ed: Classrooms  
10:15 am Café: Hall  
11:15 am Solemn Mass  
Pro Populo

**Monday 18 September 2023**

*Weekday*

11:00 am Confession  
12:05 pm Daily Mass  
Jonathan M. Rosa +  
6:00 pm Interior Life: CR

**Tuesday 19 September 2023**

*Saint Januarius, Bishop & Martyr*

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  
Ciaran O'Rourke +

**Wednesday 20 September 2023**

*Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest &  
Paul Chõng Ha-sang, &  
Companions, Martyrs*

12:05 pm Daily Mass  
Sarah Travers, Ranon Travers  
12:30 pm Confession  
12:30 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration  
5:15 pm SVdP: CR  
6:00 pm Confession  
6:30 pm RCIA: Hall  
6:45 pm Benediction  
7:15 pm Bible Study: Lower Church

Join us every Wednesday for Adoration of Our Eucharistic Lord following 12:05 pm Mass until 7pm. Benediction is at 6:45pm.

## Overflow Seating

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

**Thursday 21 September 2023**

*Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist*

11:00 am Confession  
12:05 pm Daily Mass  
Mary Czuba Kowski  
12:45 pm Prayer Apostolate  
12:45 pm Genesis to Jesus: Hall  
7:00 pm Genesis to Jesus: LChurch

**Friday 22 September 2023**

*Weekday*

11:00 am Confession  
12:05 pm Daily Mass  
Mike & Diane Horkey

**Saturday 23 September 2023**

*Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

10:00 am Confession  
4:00 pm Confession  
5:30 pm Vigil Mass  
Barbara A. Powers +

**Sunday 24 September 2023**

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

9:00 am Family Mass  
Rita Vettoretti +  
10:15 am Religious Education:  
Classrooms  
10:15 am Café: Hall  
11:15 am Solemn Mass  
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**ST. FINBAR FESTIVAL & PICNIC!**



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David Carter  
Naile Carter  
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Denice Gates  
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Maricela Maciel  
Deacon Charles Olimpio  
Raymond Reiss  
Joe Swartz  
Nicholas Yeaw

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.

**Pregnant? Need Help?** Birth-right 843-556-4403. Lowcountry Pregnancy Center 843-553-3505 free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, STD tests, counseling. For more info, please visit: [holycitypregnancycenter.org/mobile-pregnancy-center/](http://holycitypregnancycenter.org/mobile-pregnancy-center/).

**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

17 September 2023

## Weekly Offertory Reports

10 September 2023

Offertory	\$9,064.00
Electronic Offertory	\$6,011.50
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$15,075.50</b>

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**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!

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