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### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8 OCTOBER 2023 - YEAR A

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#### ADORATION EVERY WEDNESDAY

Join us every Wednesday for Adoration of Our Eucharistic Lord following 12:05 pm Mass until 7pm. Benediction is at 6:45pm. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church for both committed weekly adorers and those joining us for occasional Wednesdays.

Pray a Rosary during your adoration for reparation for our country, for life, for peace in our families in the world and for our Church.

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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

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#### **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

The Parish Office will be closed Monday 9 October in observance of Columbus Day, reopening at 9am on Tuesday.



#### RESPECT LIFE NEWS & EVENTS

## Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility

(Read the full version at: respectlife.org/ navigating-infertility)

We often assume parenthood happens easily after "I do," but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never hap-

pens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility: after giving birth to one or more children, they are unable to have another. If you experience diffi-

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culty bringing a child into your family, know that God is with you, and that He has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple. You are not alone; His Church desires to walk with you. The full article at the website listed above contains compassionate, practical guidance, intended primarily for married couples struggling with infertility, though others may also find it to be informative.

40 Days for Life—Prayer and fasting for the end of abortion. Cathedral Vigil Day outside Planned Parenthood is Saturday 28 October. Sign up at https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/charleston. Even though South Carolina now has the "Heartbeat law" in effect, the local PP is "referring women out of state" who are past 6 weeks pregnant when a heartbeat is detected! We must "be there for them" to make life-affirming decisions "before" they travel outside our state.

GRIEVING PARENTS ONE DAY HEALING RETREAT will be Saturday, November 18 from 8:30am-6:30pm at The Oratory, 434 Charlotte Avenue, Rock Hill, SC, For more information, contact Cbrown@charlestondiocese.org or 803-554-6088.

#### RECTOR'S CORNER

+JMJ+

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week, I am wearing my Director of Seminarians "hat" and am off to visit our seminarians in Latrobe, PA, at St. Vincent Seminary (which also just happens to be my own alma mater). A priest looking after seminarians in a diocese is encouraged to visit the respective seminaries the diocese utilizes once a semester (i.e., twice a year) if possible. This visit allows me not only to see how our seminarians are doing, but it will also afford me an opportunity to meet with the people called "formators," those who are in charge of *forming* our seminarians for a lifetime of priestly service. A seminary is not merely a place of education (which *is* important, of course). It is overall the place *to form* a seminarian in such a way that he might learn to conform his life to Jesus Christ. If one feels called to be a shepherd of souls, he must learn to imitate in every way the Good Shepherd, who has laid down His life for His sheep.

At St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, we have ten men in various stages of formation. So, please pray this week especially for Erik Roman, Lee Bultman, Justin Damask, Michael (Micho) Ghattas, Daniel Perry, Philippe Dubourdieu (who was at the Cathedral this past summer), Reyes Palomares, Paul Sizemore, Michael Tracy (from the Cathedral parish), and John Erwin (also from our parish). Let us pray: O Lord, we ask you to give our seminarians the grace to follow you more perfectly. When they are lonely or discouraged, fill them with your peace. Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make the hearts of our seminarians like unto yours. Amen.

In the Creed we proclaim the Holy Spirit as "the Lord, the Giver of life." October is Respect Life Month. We as Catholics pray for the protection of all life: the defenseless unborn; the immigrant, legal or not (they are still in God's image); the prisoner; and the elderly, who some believe have outlived their "usefulness" and are a burden. We pray for *all* life, period. As God – infinite and perfect, all-loving and merciful – is the One who gives life, there is not one of us who is worthy, not one of us who can rightfully decide to take it away. There is no unvalued, only valued. There is no unwanted, only wanted. There is just life – a gift from the eternal God. No one is a mistake.

What can you do this month? Some ideas: 1) Study the Church's teaching on why every human life should be valued; 2) Choose one Friday this month to fast and pray for a greater respect for human life; 3) Pray the holy rosary (or a decade) for the beautiful gift of life; 4) You choose! Also, join thousands of Catholics praying the <u>Respect Life Month Novena</u>, Friday, October 13 – Sunday, October 21. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by signing up at respectlife.org!

May God give us the joy of His life, Father Wilson

#### Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### CATHEDRAL YOUTH GROUP - OCTOBER SCHEDULE

- October 14 South Carolina Aquarium. 12-3pm. 100 Aquarium Wharf. RSVP required
- October 27 Middle School Fall Festival. 7-9pm. St Joseph's Catholic Church - 1695 Raoul Wallenberg Blvd
- October 29 High School Fall Festival. 6-8pm. At the Cathedral.

Visit: CharlestonCathedral.com/youth to join!

#### SAVE THE DATES!

- MINISTRY FAIR ON OCTOBER 29TH AFTER THE
   9AM & 11:15 AM MASSES.
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PARISH-WIDE OPEN HOUSE POT LUCK ON OCTOBER 25TH AT 6:30PM

The St Vincent de Paul peninsula chapter has organized a food drive to restock our pantry. It is desperately in need of food to assist our neighbors in the community. Remember bring your donated items to the lower church during Mass hours, or to the Cathedral office during business hours. Please consider a donation for our neighbors in need here on the peninsula.

THE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL: CCS's Annual Walk-A-Thon is on Friday, Oct. 13. Please donate to support our Athletic Department and PTO. Visit: app.99pledges.com/fund/charleston10.

Beware of Phishing Emails & Texts: Please be careful with online phishing scams soliciting funds from the diocese and parish. Make sure to recognize the proper email address. The parish and diocese do not solicit for funds apart from the normal, established avenues: special collections at the parish level, online at our diocesan website, and through the Bishop's Annual Appeal. We appreciate the generosity of those who are actively seeking ways to support the diocese and our parishes.

#### **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 meets Thursday Afternoons (12:45-2pm in the Parish Hall) and Evenings (7-8:15pm in the Lower Church)! All are welcome! Attend either session. The class is free but purchasing the workbook is optional. Email Brian: christian.formation@charlestoncathedral.com. or call 843-724-8395.

#### **Bible Study - Fall Series**



We will be discussing Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. All are welcome! Meet every Wednesday at 7:10pm in the Lower Church.

Please contact Brian at 843-724-8395 or bbarnwell@charlestondiocese.org if you have any questions.

#### **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.

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.

#### CATHOLIC MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS: MASS & GATHERING



Please join us for a day of discussion and prayer! Keynote address, discussion & refreshments: 2-5pm in the Cathedral Parish hall. Rosary at5pm in the Cathedral followed by Mass at 5:30pm. Reception with Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, following Mass! Please respond by October 13th at: https://bit.ly/medical-professionals.

SAVE THE DATE! The 2023 Mepkin Abbey Crèche Festival is from November 13 – 18 and November 24 – December 2. Reservations will be taken on the Mepkin Abbey website starting October 1. Questions: contact mepkincreche@gmail.com. Volunteers needed! Contact mepkincrechevolunteers@gmail.com.

SC Engaged Encounter needs more presenting teams! CEE would like to add more weekends & more locations. If you are willing to share your experiences as a married couple and benefit from participating in a community building marriages, contact Bob & Mary Reimer: rreimer@bellsouth.net or 864-420-2633.

#### Ministry Leader List

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Young Adults
Fr. Paul Lacombe

Women's Bible Study Marian Mentavlos

Women's Faith Sharing Marian Mentavlos

#### Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

#### Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 8 October 2023 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm Vigil Mass

Bishop Fabre-Jeune

9:00 am Family Mass

Diane Horkey

10:15 am Religious Education: CR

10:15 am Café: Hall

11:15 am Solemn Mass

Pro Populo

12:30 pm Café: Hall

Monday 9 October 2023 Weekday

Parish Office Closed

11:00 am Confession 12:05pm Daily Mass Timothy Prezzano + 6:00 pm Interior Life: CR

Tuesday 10 October 2023 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 Fr. Gregory Wilson

Wednesday 11 October 2023 Weekday

12:05 pm Daily Mass
Stephanie Stewart
12:30 pm Confession
12:30 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration
5:15pm SVdP: CR
6:00 pm Confession
6:30 pm RCIA: Classrooms
6:30 pm Marian Catechist: Hall
6:45 pm Benediction
7:00 pm KOC: Hall
7:10 pm Bible Study: Lower Church

Thursday 12 October 2023 Weekday

11:00 am Confession
12:05 pm Daily Mass
The Hernandez Family
12:45 pm Prayer Apostolate
12:45 pm Genesis to Jesus: Hall
7:00 pm Genesis to Jesus: L Church

Friday 13 October 2023 Weekday

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

Saturday 14 October 2023 Weekday

10:00 am Confession

10:30 am Fall Newcomers Tour

4:00 pm Confession

5:30 pm Vigil Mass

Margaret "Peggy" Davis

Sunday 15 October 2023 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Family Mass
Timothy Prezzano +
10:15 am Religious Education: CR
10:15 am Café: Hall
11:15 am Solemn Mass
Pro Populo
12:30 pm Café: Hall

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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? Birthright 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/.

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

#### Overflow Seating & Cry Room Option

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

#### Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

#### 8 October 2023

#### **Weekly Offertory Reports**

1 October 2023

Offertory \$11,197.31 Electronic Offertory \$4,784.27 **Total Offertory** \$15,981.58

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! Sincere thanks for your generosity. Every gift matters!

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 E-Giving in the menu bar at the top of the page.

#### DONATE

Scan the QR code to donate via your phone.



**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).

The **Parish Financial Report** for FY 2022-2023 is now available. Visit: https://tinyurl.com/csjbfy2223.

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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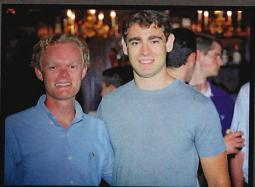


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