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"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning." Mk 13: 35



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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

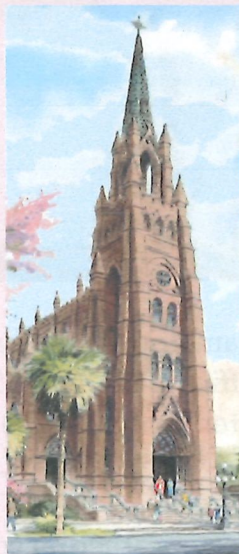
Thursday 11- 11:45 am

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



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 8 December a Holy Day of Obligation
Masses at: 8am, 12:05pm & 7pm

The Parish Office is closed 8 December for the holy day

Christmas at Cathedral

24 DECEMBER

5:00 pm Vigil Mass with Bishop Fabre-Jeune

7:00 pm Solemn Christmas Mass by Candlelight

11:15 pm Choral Christmas Prelude followed by
Midnight Mass

25 DECEMBER

Christmas Morning

10 am Christmas Mass with Bishop

**All Christmas Masses will be broadcast live
downstairs for overflow seating.*

***Free parking at the 93 Queen Street City
Garage for all Christmas Masses.*

RECTOR'S CORNER

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1st Sunday of Advent – 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year! At least, happy new *Liturgical* Year! As always, the first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the Church's new liturgical cycle. The good Lord knows that we need a new beginning! Most of the Gospels for this liturgical year will come from St. Mark – Cycle B. We begin each new year *not* by looking back at Christ's first coming at Christmas, but by looking *forward* to His glorious Second Coming. As disciples, we are to keep the future in mind as we go about the present.

While it doesn't have the character of full-on penance like Lent does, Advent is, nevertheless, a time to reflect deeply and prepare. So, what can we do to prepare?

As Christmas approaches, it seems that every shopping trip, every gift exchange, and every party brings us a little more stress. What if it didn't have to be this way? Advent is a time to slow down and remember what matters most. It's a time to prepare our homes for guests and our hearts for Jesus. Resolve to have your Best Advent Ever. Register free at dynamiccatholic.com/advent and receive daily inspirations in your inbox. Each session has a different focus, speakers, videos, and challenges.

As I mentioned previously, you can also sign up for Advent inspiration from our local, Catholic scholar, Betsy Cahill. You'll find brief meditations and a prayer along with a link to the lectionary readings of the day. The reflections begin today (December 3) and will conclude on Christmas Eve. Sign up for free at: <http://eepurl.com/gj22CH>, or go to betsycahill.com and fill out the form on the website.

Another tradition is the Advent wreath, which is a wreath lying flat and adorned with four candles, three purple and one rose, symbolizing Hope, Peace, Joy (the rose one), and Love, respectively. One candle is lit every Sunday as the Light is coming into the world. (The rose candle is for the 3rd Sunday – Gaudete Sunday.) With no beginning or end, the circular wreath reflects the endless love that Jesus has for us.

This Friday, December 8, we joyfully celebrate a special **Holy Day of Obligation – the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Masses are on the day at 8:00am, 12noon, and 7pm. We celebrate the conception of Mary in the womb of St. Ann, her mother. This was one of the supreme preparations God made for His Son to take flesh from Mary at the Incarnation. By preserving Mary at the first moment of her existence from the original sin of our first parents, Mary was made pure and ready for the later overshadowing of the Holy Spirit at the Annunciation. On May 13, 1846, the United States bishops unanimously chose the Virgin Mary, the Immaculate Conception, as patroness of our country. Come pray for your family and our nation on this important Holy Day.

Amen, Come, Lord Jesus! (Revelation 22:20)

Father Wilson

**MASS & PROCESSION****FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, will celebrate Mass on Dec. 12 at 6:00 pm at the Cathedral in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Following Mass will be a candlelit procession and an enthronement of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. Please watch the video invitation from the bishop: English: <https://youtu.be/>

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS: Participate in making the church special for the Christmas season by donating flowers in memory or honor of loved ones. Use your envelope provided or any envelope listing your name and those you wish to honor. Submit them in the offertory basket or Parish Office by Monday 18 December.

GREENERY IS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS! Help is needed collecting tons of greenery to beautify the Cathedral for Christmas - any amount! Magnolia leaves, long leaf pine, cedar, yew, holly leaves & berries, boxwood and any long lasting varieties. Please keep in water and bring to the office beginning 13 December.

CATHEDRAL YOUTH GROUP: The next event is December 15th Ice Skating from 7-9pm at Carolina Ice Palace. RSVP by 12/5! 843-724-8395.



Join Father Wilson, and the men and women of the diocese for Mass on Thursday mornings at 7am. Following Mass, the **Men's Study Group** will meet in the Parish Hall, with Father Wilson, for the "*Jesus and the Eucharist*" study program, published by the National Eucharistic Revival and the Augustine Institute. Contact Clayton at cburrous@sunbeltgifts.com for more info.

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SATURDAY 13 JANUARY 2024

6:30—9:30 PM

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BIBLE STUDY—A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS: Discover the beauty and richness of the Mass with Edward Sri's program. Classes either Wednesday nights at 7pm, Thursday afternoons at 12:45pm or Young Adults on Thursday nights at 7pm. Contact Brian at 843-724-8395.

PROUDLY PRO-LIFE WEEKEND: January 5 & 6 in Columbia SC. Featured speaker is Seth Dillon, CEO of the Babylon Bee. Sponsorship & tickets are now available at sclife.org/events or 803-252-5433.

YOUNG ADULTS

- Text CYAG to 84576 to sign up for notifications of future events.
- Young Adults meet every Thursday at 7pm in the Cathedral hall for faith & formation with Fr. Lacombe.

Cathedral Active Parishioner Guide

The Cathedral is able to operate only because of the generosity of our "family."

A Registered and Active family/individual is one who:

1. Has formally registered and is participating in the life of the parish community for a sufficient amount of time.
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.)

Become part of our Cathedral family! For more answers to frequently asked questions, please visit: www.charlestoncathedral.com/active-parish-policy-faq.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony: Congratulations! The world truly needs strong, faithful couples. Our parish stands ready to help prepare you for your life together in Christ through this holy Sacrament. The Diocese of Charleston requires a minimum of 6 months preparation for the Sacrament, so please contact us as soon as you are engaged so that we can share your joy and begin the process of preparation and reserving a date for your special day. Please understand that not all dates and times at the Cathedral may be available. Please see the Active Parishioner Guide and a comprehensive set of Wedding guidelines may be found on the Cathedral Website. Please contact Mrs. Stephanie Stewart at weddings@charlestoncathedral.com for more information. We look forward to helping you forge a future together!

Holy Baptism: The birth of your child is such a gift! Let the Cathedral parish help you give the gift of new birth through the waters of Holy Baptism. For a child to receive Baptism at the Cathedral, please note that at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic, regularly attend Holy Mass, participating in the life of the parish, and be registered at the Cathedral for a sufficient time prior to requesting the date. First-time parents must attend our Baptismal Preparation session prior to the Baptism. Please contact Ms. Cheryl LaRose at secretary@charlestoncathedral.com for more information. Additional information on Baptism, including an online form, may be found on the Cathedral Website.

Welcome to the Cathedral Parish!

We are so glad you are here!

Emily Jahn
Zachariah Moulds
Cara Greene
Samantha Safa
Gail Morgan
Matthew & Anna Williams
Emily Schafhauser
Joshua Scott
Jim Morris

Theresa Benson
Beth Crowder
Timothy & Sarah Willoughby
Evan Darden
William & Laura Deprill
Joseph & Diane Sileo
Barbara Jansen
Bailey Maddie
Marc & Jennifer Lloyd
Barbara Kociszewski

Kimberly Gleason
Sarah Tapp
Alexandra Serra
Jerald & Mary Irving
Lauren Ward
Matthew Donnelly
Kimberly Gleason
Isaac Rutan
Mary Knudsen

Ministry Leader List

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Katy Sheehy

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Office Volunteers
Diane Horkey

Young Adults
Fr. Paul Lacombe

Women's Bible Study
Marian Mentavlos

Women's Faith Sharing
Marian Mentavlos



Sunday 3 December 2023 First Sunday of Advent

5:30 pm Vigil Mass
John O'Connor +
9:00 am Family Mass
IHSMGRJUSBCS Behshayrt'
10:15 am Religious Education: CR
10:00 am KOC Pancakes & Café: Hall
11:15 am Solemn Mass
Pro Populo
12:30 pm Café: Hall

Monday 4 December 2023 Advent Weekday

11:00 am Confession
12:05 pm Daily Mass
Michael Horkey
6:00 pm Interior Life: Conf Rm

Tuesday 5 December 2023 Advent Weekday

9:00 am Women's Faith Sharing: Conf
10:30 am Women's Bible Study: Conf
11:00 am Confession
12:05 pm Daily Mass
Inga McAllister Smith +
6:30 pm CWC: Hall

Wednesday 6 December 2023 Advent Weekday

12:05 pm Daily Mass
Timothy Prezzano+
12:30 pm Confession
12:30 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Confession
6:30 pm RCIA: Hall
6:30 pm Marian Catechist: Hall
7:10 pm Bible Study: Lower Church



Come fellowship
at the café on
Sundays!

Overflow Seating & Cry Room Option

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

Thursday 7 December 2023 Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Mass
7:30 am Men's Bible Study: LC
11:00 am Confession
12:05 pm Daily Mass
Frank Hallson +
12:45 pm Prayer Apostolate
12:45 pm Genesis to Jesus: Hall
5:00 & 8:30 pm Messiah Concerts
No Young Adults: Hall

Friday 8 December 2023 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 am Mass
11:00 am Confession
12:05 pm Daily Mass
Frank Hallson +
7:00 pm Mass
Pro Populo

Saturday 9 December 2023 Weekday

10:00 am Confession
10:00 am Advent Play Rehearsal: Hall
4:00 pm Confession
5:30 pm Vigil Mass
Cecelia Lisante +

Sunday 10 December 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

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

Friday 8 December, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 8am, 12:05pm and 7pm.



Charles Bateman
Deborah Bray
David Carter
Naile Carter
Moriola Dassoundo
Denice Gates
Rogelio Luengo
Bob McBurney
Sue McManus
Charlotte Sarnowski
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.

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

3 December 2023

Weekly Offertory Reports

19 November 2023

Offertory \$13,067.49

Electronic Offertory \$6,524.85

Total Offertory \$19,592.34

26 November 2023

Offertory \$12,125.00

Electronic Offertory \$4,775.68

Total Offertory \$16,900.68

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.

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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).

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

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