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17 DECEMBER 2023 - YEAR B

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4th Sunday: Next Sunday's Obligation

Saturday 5:30 pm Vigil

Sunday 9:00 am Mass

Sunday 11:15 am Mass

Christmas: Holy Day of Obligation

Sunday 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 11:15 pm Choral Prelude
followed by Midnight Mass

Monday 10:00 am Christmas Mass

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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

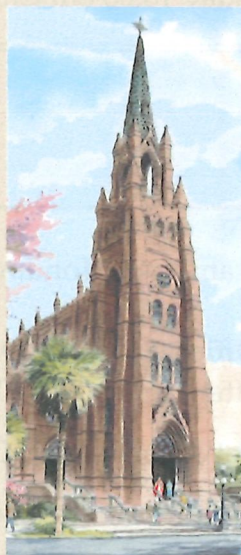
Thursday 11- 11:45 am

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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



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

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Gaudete Sunday – 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When I was last assigned to the Cathedral, I walked out on this third Sunday of Advent to open the church for what was then 8am Mass. It was the cusp of dawn, and the entire sky was teeming with brilliant, rose-colored clouds, which just happens to be the liturgical color of this Sunday! We celebrate today Gaudete Sunday – the Sunday of Joy. The entrance text for the Mass (known as the Introit) comes from St. Paul's epistle to the Philippians, *"Gaudete!... Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near"* (4:4-5). The vestments that the priest and deacon wear along with the third candle of the Advent wreath are colored rose – the color of hope and anticipation since it is the color of the sky just before the dawn.

We have many reasons to be joyful. For one, the solemn celebration of the Incarnation of our God is almost here. "Incarnation" literally means "taking on flesh." We celebrate the amazing fact that God the Son, the eternal, Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, through the power of the Holy Spirit, took on human flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary and was born for us at Christmas to be our Savior. Also, with Jesus' own Body and Blood as our spiritual food, we can find His joy even in the midst of hardships and uncertainty. Utilize these last days of Advent to slow down and prepare spiritually to receive the Lord in your heart.

In one short week, Christmas will be here! This is the shortest Advent season possible since Christmas Day falls on Monday, the 25th. Christmas Day is always a Holy Day of Obligation and so is the Fourth Sunday of Advent, celebrated on the evening of December 23 and the morning of the 24th. The question always comes up, "Do I have to go to Mass twice?" The best answer is, "Yes, you *get* to go to Mass twice!" Like spouses who joyfully live the obligation to be faithful, we realize the festive opportunity these two important Masses hold. Keep in mind, if you want to "spread things apart" more, if you usually go to Mass on Christmas Eve, you could attend the Saturday vigil of the 4th Sunday of Advent on the 23rd. Also, you could go to the 4th Sunday of Advent on the morning of the 24th and then the 10am Mass of Christmas Day. So many options!

Here again is the schedule of Masses for both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas, which this year fall back-to-back:

4th Sunday of Advent: Saturday, December 23 at 5:30pm; Sunday, December 24 at 9am and 11:15am.

Christmas Masses: Sunday, December 24, Vigil Masses at 5pm and 7pm. Then, Midnight Mass begins at midnight (12am) with our Cathedral Choir's lovely musical prelude beginning at 11:15pm. Monday, December 25, the Mass of Christmas Day at 10am.

Rejoice! The Lord is near!

Father Wilson

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.

Cathedral's Respect Life Second Annual Angel Tree
The Cathedral Respect Life Committee is delighted to have two trees at the back of the church with angel ornaments supporting the following 3 Charleston-area organizations:

- **Lowcountry Pregnancy Center** is a free, medical pregnancy center which offers sexual health and pregnancy-related services, life-affirming resources, and support for expectant mothers. They have two satellite DAZZ facilities in West Ashley and Orangeburg.
- **St. Clare's House** is the diocesan maternity home in Greenville County which supports expectant mothers aged 18 years or older who choose life for their children and are in need of shelter, safety, and security.
- **Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach** offers many programs to meet the needs of the local community, including financial assistance, emergency food and clothing, dental and OB/GYN care, and GED, ESL, and youth education. Please drop off items by Sunday December 17th in the Parish Hall unwrapped with the Angel Tree tag attached to the corresponding item. Questions? Please contact Maggie at margaretjfontaine@gmail.com or Sophia at surban91@gmail.com with questions.



WEDNESDAY ADORATION NEEDS SUPPORT FOR THE 2-3PM AND 5-6PM TIMESLOTS. IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE ON A WEEKLY BASIS TO SPEND THAT TIME WITH OUR EUCHARISTIC LORD, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 843-724-8395.

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

THE CHARLESTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL: THE CCS food drive was a great success, collecting over 1,000 lbs. of food for Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach program. Thank you! Go Saints!

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

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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.

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Welcome to the Cathedral Parish!

We are so glad you are here!

Paul Kennedy
Justin Aboy

Chris & Jill Blasy
James Strange

Patrick Wilson
Mike Randolph



In your kindness, you are asked to pray for the happy repose of the soul of parishioner Patricia "Patty" McBurney, mother of parishioner Patricia "Trish" McBurney & grandmother of Seminarian John McBurney. May God grant her eternal rest and may the Lord's consolation be with her family.

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

Gaudete Sunday

Sunday 17 December 2023

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5:30 pm Vigil Mass

Deceased Members of Hanvey Family

9:00 am Family Mass

Claude Webster +

10:00 am Advent Pageant & Cookie

Contest: Hall

10:15 am Religious Education: CR

10:00 am Café: Hall

11:15 am Solemn Mass

Pro Populo

12:30 pm Café: Hall

2:00 pm King's Counterpoint Concert

Monday 18 December 2023

Late Advent Weekday

11:00 am Confession

12:05 pm Daily Mass

Timothy Prezzano +

6:00 pm Interior Life: Conf Rm

7:00 pm KOC Men's Faith Formation

Tuesday 19 December 2023

Late 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

Ted Kerhulas +

Wednesday 20 December 2023

Late Advent Weekday

12:05 pm Daily Mass

Joyce Ann Kreft +

12:30 pm Confession

12:30 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Confession

No RCIA: Hall

7:10 pm Bible Study: Lower Church



Thursday 21 December 2023

Late Advent Weekday

7:00 am Mass

7:30 am Men's Bible Study: LC

11:00 am Confession

12:05 pm Daily Mass

Ceceliu Lisante +

12:45 pm Prayer Apostolate

12:45 pm Bible Study: Hall

7:00 pm Young Adults: Hall

Friday 22 December 2023

Late Advent Weekday

11:00 am Confession

12:05 pm Daily Mass

Dorothy Winslow +

Saturday 23 December 2023

Late Advent Weekday

10:00 am Confession

4:00 pm Confession

5:30 pm Vigil Mass

Flake Richard Legrand, Sr. +

Sunday 24 December 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Family Mass

Jim & Sandy Horkey

No Religious Education: CR

No Café: Hall

11:15 am Solemn Mass

Pro Populo

No Café: Hall

Christmas

5:00 pm Mass

Brittany Wojnowski +

7:00 pm Mass

Will Stocksdales +

Midnight Mass

Marie Meledje

*The Mass on Monday 25 December,
Christmas Day is at 10:00 am.*

*The Parish Office is closed Monday &
Tuesday, the 25 & 26th of December.*



Charles Bateman

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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.

Overflow Seating & Cry Room Option

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Cathedral of St. John the Baptist**17 December 2023****Weekly Offertory Reports**

10 December 2023

Offertory \$15,819.01

Electronic Offertory \$5,843.50

Total Offertory \$21,662.51**DONATE**

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The **Parish Financial Report** for FY 2022-2023 is now available. Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/csbfy2223>.

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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