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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

Please note the following schedule changes:

- The Parish Office is closed Monday January 1st.
- The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1, 2024 is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year as it falls on a Monday. Mass will be at 10:00 am and there will be no Confessions that day.

JAN 13TH 6:30PM



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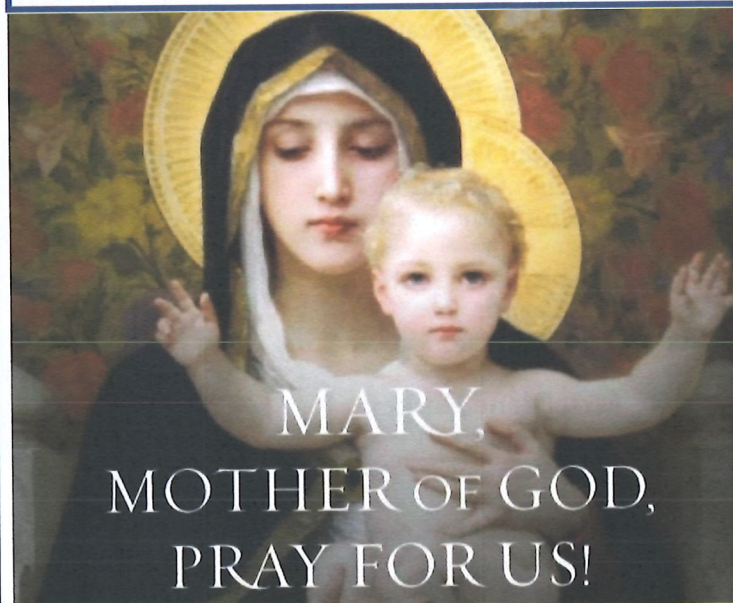
SATURDAY 13 JANUARY 2024

from 6:30—9:30 PM

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Mass for Mary Mother of God
Monday, 1 January 2024
10:00 am

**WEDNESDAY ADORATION
NEEDS SUPPORT FOR THE
2-3PM AND 5-6PM TIMESLOTS.**

RECTOR'S CORNER

+JMJ+

Feast of the Holy Family – 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Merry Christmas! We have only just begun our Church's Christmas season, so "Merry Christmas!" is *still* our appropriate Christian greeting for each other, at least through Epiphany. They call it the twelve days of Christmas for a reason, after all. I think they even wrote a song about it...

First, regarding the January 1st Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God: Normally, this is a Holy Day of Obligation; however, since this year the feast falls on a Monday, this obligation is lifted. It is still a holy day, of course. The Cathedral will have one Mass on New Year's Day for the solemnity at 10:00am.

Second, a reminder that beginning next Sunday, January 7, the Cathedral will host a weekly Mass in the Spanish language at 6pm. This has been our bishop's desire since he was ordained. It is, of course, open to all.

The Sunday between Christmas and the Epiphany is Holy Family Sunday. Yearly, Holy Mother Church invites us to ponder the example of the family life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, the shining model for all Christian families. If you are called to the vocation of Christian family life, then use this celebration to ask the Holy Family to bless and guide you in your vocation. Are you a husband and father? Then, strive to be the best one *ever*. Why settle for less? Are you a wife and mother? Then, endeavor to be the *best one* who ever lived. Again, why settle for less? Are you a child? (Including teens on this one!) Be a light to your family, helping to show them the way as did the Child Jesus, who eventually became the "Teen Jesus." We cannot settle for being anything less than a saint, because only saints go to heaven. Praise God for His mercy, grace, and forgiveness to help us when we fall to start again and again on the path to holiness of life. Be a light wherever God has placed you.

A final reflection about the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The three members of this family helped each other to discover God's plan. They prayed, worked, communicated. Importantly, they communicated with *each other*. Do I know how to communicate, or am I like so many families at the table, each one with their mobile phones out, texting away to others? There's a silence at these tables as if they were at Mass. But they are not communicating with each other. We must learn to talk again as a family: fathers, parents, sons, grandparents and siblings must communicate with one another. This is today's homework as we look to the Holy Family of Nazareth. May the love of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph help all families to grow in grace and holiness through real, physical interaction with one another.

So, put away those phones and talk ... to *each other*!

Merry Christmas!

Father Wilson

KOC PANCAKE BREAKFAST & CATHEDRAL CAFÉ

Next Sunday, January 7th, come and enjoy a pancake breakfast courtesy of the St. Finbar Knights of Columbus! This will be held in cooperation with the Cathedral Café in the parish hall.



The Café is staffed by volunteers. If you would like to help, please contact the office at 843-724-8395. We especially need help keeping the kitchen tidy at the end of the fellowship and linens washed and returned.

BIBLE STUDY - WINTER SERIES**Schedule**

The same class will be offered in the afternoon that is offered at night. Each week has 1 new class.

Afternoon classes will be held on Thursday in the Parish Hall from 12:45-2:15pm. Evening classes will be held on Wednesday & Thursday in the Parish Hall from 7-8:30pm unless otherwise noted by an asterisk. Asterisk classes will take place in the Lower Cathedral.

Wednesday Night
Classes:
December
13*, 20, 27
January
3*, 10*

Thursday Afternoon
Classes:
December
14, 21, 28
January
4, 11

Thursday Night
Classes:
(Young Adults)
January
4, 11*, 18, 25
February
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IMPORTANT NOTE

It is highly recommended that you purchase both the book and the workbook for this study. Please contact christian.formation@charlestoncathedral.com or call 843-724-8395 for more information/help. You can also order directly from the Ascension Press website by ordering "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass Study Set".

<https://ascensionpress.com>

THE 2024 CALENDARS are now available for parishioners to pick up after Mass at the back of the church. They are courtesy of James A. McAlister Funeral Home.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: A longtime parishioner is seeking help with transportation to the 11:15 am Mass from North Charleston. If you are able to help please contact the office at 843-724-8395.



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THEOLOGY ON TAP: Wednesday, January 17 from 7-10pm at Henry's on the Market (Whiskey Room). Ben Robertson will be joining us from Bishop England to deliver a talk about Christian Charity, and how it differs from secular charity. The talk will last 30 minutes, and the rest of the time is reserved for socialization and food! Every Young Adult (18-35) and college student in the city is invited. Future Dates: February 21 and March 13.

Marriage Troubles? If marriage has become troubled, stressed, or unloving; if divorced, separated or are thinking about it, Retrouvaille can help. Sign up for January 19-21 weekend. Visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 727-343-6701. *Not counseling or group therapy.* All contacts & names held in strictest confidence.

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.



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.

**ADORATION NEEDS SUPPORT FOR THE
2-3PM AND 5-6PM TIMESLOTS.**

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Young Adults

Fr. Paul Lacombe

Women's Bible Study

Marian Mentavlos

Women's Faith Sharing

Marian Mentavlos



Sunday 31 December 2023
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

5:30 pm Vigil Mass
George Wilson, Sr. +
9:00 am Family Mass
William Saad +
No Religious Education: CR
No Café: Hall
11:15 am Solemn Mass
Pro Populo
No Café: Hall

Monday 1 January 2024
Mary, Mother of God

Parish Office is Closed
No Confession
10:00 am Mass
Pro Populo
No Interior Life: Conf Rm

Tuesday 2 January 2024
Saints Basil the Great & Gregory
Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors

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
Souls of Purgatory & Joseph Vinou +

Wednesday 3 January 2024
The Most Holy Name of Jesus

12:05 pm Daily Mass
Stephen DeAntonio
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: Classrooms
7:10 pm Bible Study: Lower Church



Thursday 4 January 2024

7:00 am Mass
7:30 am Men's Bible Study: Hall
11:00 am Confession
12:05 pm Daily Mass
Mike Golden +
12:45 pm Prayer Apostolate
12:45 pm Bible Study: Hall
7:00 pm Young Adults: Hall

Friday 5 January 2024
Saint John Neumann, Bishop

FIRST FRIDAY
11:00 am Confession
12:05 pm Daily Mass
Sarah Travers, Ranon Travers

Saturday 6 January 2024
Christmas Weekday

10:00 am Confession
4:00 pm Confession
5:30 pm Vigil Mass
Ciaran O'Rourke +

Sunday 7 January 2024
The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 am Family Mass
IHSMGRJUSBCS Behshayrt'
10:15 am Religious Education: CR
10:00 AM KOC PANCAKE BREAKFAST & CAFÉ: HALL
11:15 am Solemn Mass
Pro Populo
12:30 pm Café: Hall
6:00 pm Spanish Mass

Please note:

- The Mass on 1 January will be at 10:00 am.
- The Parish Office is closed Monday 1 January.

Overflow Seating & Cry Room Option

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



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

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

Weekly Offertory Reports

Due to the early deadline, the Offertory Report for 24 & 25 December will be published in next week's bulletin.

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/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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