Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
222 East Harris Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401 - Located at Abercorn and East Harris Streets
Most Reverend Gregory J. Hartmayer OFM Conv. — Bishop of Savannah
Most Reverend J. Kevin Boland — Bishop Emeritus

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 12 Noon & 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, & 11:30 a.m.
Latin Mass 1:00 p.m.
Weekdays: Mon thru Fri: 7:30 am & 12 Noon
Holy Days: 7:30 am, 12 Noon, 6:00 pm
Nursery: 10:00 am Mass on Sundays.

Sacraments
Baptisms Arrangements should be made in advance.
Confessions Fridays: 4:00 to 5:00 pm
Saturdays: 11:00 am to 11:45 am & 4:15 pm to 5:00 pm
Also by request at other times.
Weddings Arrangements should be made at least four months in advance. Participation in a marriage preparation program is required. Please call parish office for more information.
Anointing of the Sick By request for those who are seriously ill.

Faith Formation
Children’s Religious Ed Sunday 8:45 am to 9:50 am
R. C. I. A. Tuesday 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Parish Staff
Rector - Very Rev. J. Gerard Schreck, JCD
In Residence - Msgr. William O’Neill, Rector Emeritus
In Residence - Very Rev. Daniel F. Firmin, JCL, VG
In Residence - Rev. Pablo Migone
Permanent Deacon - Rev. Dr. Dewain E. Smith
Sacristan - Lynne Everett, MD
Director of Religious Education - Mrs. Janez Przybyl
Bookkeeper/Admin. Assistant - Ms. Jan Cunningham
Office Assistant - Mrs. Brenda Price
Music Director - Mr. McDowell Fogle, MM
Maintenance - Mr. Jimmy Joseph Sheehan III
Housekeeper/Food Services - Ms. Alma Young
Docents - Mrs. Peggy Baker, Mrs. Gloria Keane

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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: A child is born for us, and a son is given to us. His scepter of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called messenger of great counsel. Is 9:6

HYMN: O Come, All Ye Faithful 528

penitential ACT Jubilation Mass Cheponis

Gloria Jubilation Mass Cheponis

ColLECT All sit.

FIRST READING Isaiah 52: 7-10
Missal, p. 47

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 98: 1-6

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1: 1-6
Missal, p. 48

Gospel Acclamation
All stand

Jubilation Mass Cheponis

Gospel John 1: 1-18
Missal, p. 49
The Gospel Acclamation is repeated, then all sit.

Homily

Nicene Creed All stand. Missal, p. 99

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL
The “Prayer for Vocations”, which concludes our prayer, is found on the back page of the red hymnal.

+LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
All sit.

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

In The Bleak Midwinter 521
Eucharistic Prayer

All stand.

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.
ASSEMBLY: And with your spirit.
PRIEST: Lift up your hearts.
ASSEMBLY: We lift them up to the Lord.
PRIEST: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
ASSEMBLY: It is right and just.

MASS ORDINARY: Resonet in Laudibus
Music: Dr. Jennifer Pascual

Communion Antiphon

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Psalm 97:3

Communion Hymns

The First Nowell

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Marian Antiphon Alma Redemptoris Mater

+ Concluding Rite

Greeting and Blessing

PRIEST: The Lord be with You.
ASSEMBLY: And with your spirit.

Dismissal

Hymn Joy to the World

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The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

All stand.
The Bishop, Priests, Deacon and Staff of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist wish you and your loved ones a very merry and blessed Christmas!
During the Advent season we have contemplated the three “comings” of Christ: in history, at the end-times, and into our hearts. Today we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord - his coming in history - as fully as we can. In celebrating the Nativity, we fervently pray that our dear Lord will also be born in our hearts. Then we, like the Blessed Mother, can share his presence with the world around us.

Mass Intentions for the week of December 25, 2016

**SUNDAY**
- Pro Populo
  - Raul S. Buelvas III (Anni)
  - Stella Letcher (Anni)
  - Regina Haslam Sullivan (Anni)
- Fred & Josephine Doyle
- Ursula Kennedy Keller (Anni)

**MONDAY**
- Alberta Chance (Anni)
- Intentions of Laverne South

**TUESDAY**
- Fret & Marie Lyon Crider
- Intentions of Gretchen Reese

**WEDNESDAY**
- Souls in Purgatory
- Bob Welcher

**THURSDAY**
- Intentions of Kathy Dziuban

**FRIDAY**
- Mary Jo Haner
- Sam D. Tootle, Sr.

Two VIRTUS Sessions Coming Up!

Start the new year right! We have scheduled two sessions for Cathedral parishioners: Thursday, January 12th, 5:30 - 8:30PM and Saturday, January 21st, 9:30 AM to 12:30PM. Both sessions will be held in the Parish Hall. We need to have a minimum of five people to hold a class. If you have recently asked about joining a volunteer ministry or team and have not attended a Virtus session, this would be a good time to get it done. Call the parish office to sign up.

A New Years Resolution - Prayer

The Cathedral Prayer group is offering a new prayer program beginning January 8th at 11:15AM (after 10:00 AM Mass) in the Parish Hall Library. Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Over the course of eight weeks you will discover how to place yourself in the presence of God. Following the wisdom of the saints and the Tradition of the Church, you will learn how to express yourself to God in prayer, and how to make prayer an integral part of your daily life. Oremus includes eight video presentations by Fr. Mark Toups, lively small-group discussions, and inspiring readings and reflections for each day. The Student workbook is $14.95 plus shipping. Please email threenovacks@gmail.com to be directed to order the workbook and sign up.

New Book Discussion starts January 12th at 10:15 AM in the Parish Hall

Come join the group to discuss East of Eden by John Steinbeck. "In his journal, Nobel Prize winner John Steinbeck called East of Eden "the first book," and indeed it has the primordial power and simplicity of myth. Set in the rich farmland of California's Salinas Valley, this sprawling and often brutal novel follows the intertwined destinies of two families—the Trasks and the Hamiltons—whose generations helplessly reenact the fall of Adam and Eve and the poisonous rivalry of Cain and Abel." (Amazon)

Island Hospice in Need of Volunteers.

Island Hospice helps clients with a life-limiting illness and their families cope with life’s final journey. They provide clinical care, comfort and support, allowing families to focus on being together. As part of THA Group’s philosophy of giving back to the community, Island Hospice was formed as a non profit company – owned by the community and locally managed. To learn more, please contact Michelle Darsey: 912-721-5130 or mdarsey@thagroup.org.

This Christmas send a Spiritual gift to honor a special person and receive perpetual prayers said for your loved one from the Carmelite Sisters.

Brick “BUY” Brick

Carmelite Monastery

Building Fundraising Opportunity!

Your donation will help build our MUCH needed monastery one brick at a time! Please visit our website to make your donation at: carmelofsavannah.com/campaign

For more information call Byron Stephens at 912-355-7276.
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory December 18, 2016: Not Available
Offertory December 20, 2015: Not Available

VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to December 18, 2016: Not Available
Week Prior to December 20, 2015: Not Available
Financial Numbers through December 18, 2016 are not available due to early printing of bulletin.
Will be available next week!

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Adoration Chapel
Adoration Chapel will be closed for two weeks from Dec. 19 - Jan 1st. It will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd. Why not start off the New Year with a resolution to grow closer to Jesus, Our Lord and Savior? Call Gretchen at 912-658-3848 if you would like to spend some time in Adoration.

2016 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL
Parish Target $ 108,174
Pledge Balance $ 11,188
Collected $ 112,913

Children’s Religious Ed. Schedule
Dec 25 - NO CLASS
Jan 1 - NO CLASS

Cathedral Christmas Ornaments
We are now out of the 2008 and 2012 Christmas ornaments and are almost out of 2016! If you wish to purchase one, you should do so now. We ask for a donation of $20.00 per ornament. These make great gifts for any occasion! They can be purchased at the back of the church, online, or by coming by the Rectory office during office hours, Monday - Friday 9:00AM to 5:00PM

NEW PARISHIONERS & ADDRESS CHANGES
Anyone wishing to become a parishioner of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, should complete the following, cut out and drop it in the offertory collection basket. A census form will be mailed to you, which must be completed and mailed back. You may also register online at www.savannahcathedral.org. Thank you.

New Parishioner □
Change of Address □
Name ____________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________
Telephone Number ________________________________
Email Address ________________________________

To register online, go to www.savannahcathedral.org

Cathedral Holiday Schedule
Christmas Eve Masses
December 24 at 5:30 PM
12:00 Midnight Mass, Doors Open at 11:00 PM
Music Concert Begins at 11:15 PM

Christmas Day Masses
8:00 and 10:00 AM, Latin Mass 11:30 AM

New Year’s Eve Mass
December 31 at 5:30 PM

New Year’s Day Mass
8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 AM, Latin Mass 1:00 PM