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 • Saturday: 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
Assistant Organist • Dr. Jonathan Murphy
Maintenance • Mr. Jimmy Joseph Sheehan III
Housekeeper/Food Services • Ms. Alma Young
Docents • Mrs. Peggy Baker, Mrs. Gloria Keane

Hours: Monday - Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm • Phone: (912)233-4709 Fax: (912)233-8229 • E-mail: csjsav@aol.com
Cathedral Website: www.savannahcathedral.org • Diocesan Website: www.diosav.org • Cathedral Music: sjbmusic.org
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Entrance Antiphon is proscribed by the Church for each Sunday of Advent. It is sung in the same format as the Responsorial Psalm.

Isaiah 30: 19,30       James J. Chepponis

Lord will come to save the nations.

Penitential Act       Form A, Missal Page 7

KYRIE                   Mass in Honor of St. Ignatius
Music: Russell Weismann

Cantor, then All

Ky-ri-e, ele-i-son. Chri-ste, ele-i-son.

Cantor, then All

Ky-ri-e, ele-i-son.

Collect

All sit.

+ LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING     Isaiah 11: 1-10
                  Missal, p. 22

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 72: 1,2,7,8,12,13

USTICE shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace
    for ever.

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-9
                 Missal, p. 23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Missa Simplex
All stand.

GOSPEL          Matthew 3:1-12
                 Missal, p. 24

The Gospel Acclamation is repeated, then all sit.

HOMILY

NICENE CREED All stand. Missal, p. 99

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

+LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

All sit.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

5:30 & 11:30: Comfort, Comfort You My People  507
**CHORAL ANTHEM (10 A.M.)**

Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming From tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse’s lineage coming As men of old have sung. It came, a flower bright, Amid the cold of winter When half-gone was the night.

Isaiah ’twas foretold, The Rose I have in mind: With Mary we behold it, The virgin mother kind. To show God’s love aright She bore to men a Savior When half-gone was the night.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender With sweetness fills the air, Dispels with glorious splendor The darkness everywhere. True man, yet very God, From sin and death He saves us And lightens every load.

Text: German, 15th Century  
Tune: Cologne Gesangbuch, 1599

**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:**  
**Music: Russell Weismann**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**All kneel.**

**Communion Antiphon**

Jerusalem, arise and stand up on the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

**Marian Antiphon**  
**Alma Redemptoris Mater**

**CONCLUDING RITE**

**HYMN:**  
**On Jordan’s Bank**  
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THE CATHEDRAL HERITAGE ENDOWMENT FUND APPEAL

I am very happy to report that our appeal for the Cathedral Heritage Endowment Fund was very, very successful. We collected over $162,000 for the endowment! I believe that is the largest amount we have ever raised. As of June 30, 2016, the Endowment Fund was valued at $1,819,537. With this latest contribution we will likely be over the $2,000,000 mark. As you know, only a portion of the interest generated by the fund is disbursed each year. That money is used for structural repairs and maintenance on the Cathedral. For the last three years, the annual disbursement from the fund has been used to reduce our indebtedness on the repair of the Cathedral steeples. Our ultimate goal is to build the endowment to at least $5,000,000, so that we will have sufficient revenue each year to meet the maintenance needs of the Cathedral.

I want to thank each of you who were able to make a donation to this annual appeal. I appreciate the sacrifices that you continue to make for the good of our Cathedral. It really is a treasure, and something of which we should be rightly proud. Every day when visitors come through our Cathedral they marvel at its beauty, and often stop to tell me how beautiful it is and how fortunate we are to have it.

My sincere thanks go to Dr. and Mrs. Luke Curtsinger who were the Chairpersons of the annual appeal. I also want to thank our hard working committee members: Dr. Frank P. Rossiter, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Rob Massey, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sterritt, Mrs. Gretchen Reese, Mr. Charlie Ganem, Mrs. Catherine Kostilnik, Mrs. Loretto Lominack and Ms. Melanie Brooks. They did a terrific job, again!

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
On this Second Sunday of Advent our focus begins to shift from the end of time to the time immediately before the first coming of Christ into the world. Yet the message is still the same: God’s reign is at hand. As we worship together today, let us heed John the Baptist, whose message of preparing those people of Israel so long ago echoes in our own hearts. “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”


Flowers on Blessed Mother Altar are in Memory of Frank Baker

Mass Intentions for the week of December 4, 2016

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Cathedral Christmas Angel Trees

There are two angel trees in the back of the cathedral near the exits. Both trees will benefit the Social Apostolate. The Cathedral Council of Catholic Women will set up one tree to provide gift cards for the homeless and low income families. The Christian Service Committee will set up a tree to collect food to provide families in need with a Christmas Dinner. Please choose either a stocking or gift tag from these trees and purchase the items listed. It is important that each participant receives a gift package of equal value so please provide the gift cards or food items in the denomination or quantity requested. We welcome as many gift cards or Christmas Dinner items, as you would like to donate as there are many in need. Last year, the Cathedral donated over 300 Christmas Gift Stockings to the Social Apostolate. This year, we hope to donate as many stockings and to stock the pantry with a healthy Christmas Dinner for the families in need. Return the stockings and gift bags to the large wrapped boxes located near the trees no later than Sunday, December 18th. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer with this effort, please ask a committee member after Mass. On behalf of the Cathedral Council of Catholic Women and the Christian Service Committee, we thank you for your support and generosity.

St. Vincent’s Academy Christmas Candlelight Concert

St. Vincent’s Academy chorus will present its 45th Annual Candlelight Concert on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the inspirational setting of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. The concert is free and open to the public. Please come and join us for this beautiful evening of scripture and song. For more information, call 912-236-5508.

Parish Supper This Wednesday!

Please make plans to join us for the "Light Up For Christ" and Blessing of the Crèche Parish Supper Wednesday, December 7, 2016. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Post 631 will be cooking ham and the Cathedral will provide the chicken. Parishioners are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert (family size)! Bring a canned good for the Social Apostolate and we will help brighten a family’s day! This is a GREAT way to begin your Christmas Season! The Prayer Service/Sing-a-Long at Crèche will begin at 6:00 PM outside the front window of the Cathedral Parish Center followed by the Parish Supper beginning at 6:30 PM.

Gold and Silver Jubilee Anniversary Mass

Couples celebrating their Silver or Gold (25th or 50th) Wedding Anniversaries in 2017 are invited to breakfast and a special Mass in their honor at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Savannah, GA on Sunday, February 12, 2017 with Bishop Gregory Hartmayer at the 11:30 AM Mass. Those wishing to attend should contact the parish secretary of your own parish to register or register online at https://www.diosav.org/familylife-marriage-jubilee no later than December 20, 2016.

Upcoming VIRTUS Class

A VIRTUS class has been scheduled at Blessed Sacrament School on December 6th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. This training is required for Safe Environment Compliance for any adult who will come into contact with youth as part of their ministry (a listing of those ministries can be found at http://bit.ly/1yU4Yk6), and must be completed before they begin ministry. We also invite adults who are not currently volunteers to attend this training to learn tools they can use to help keep children safe. Seating is limited at this session and you must pre-registration online to save your seat using the link https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0&theOrgID=17973.”
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory November 27, 2016: $19,197.25
Offertory November 29, 2015: $25,797.50

VISITOR’S DEPOSITOR BOX
Week Prior to November 27, 2016: $3,372.00
Week Prior to November 29, 2015: $3,402.50

You can contribute online by going to www.savannahcathedral.org and clicking on Give.

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

Children’s Religious Ed. Schedule
Dec 4 - CLASS
Dec 11 - CLASS - Prayer Assembly; 1st and 2nd Graders

Cathedral Christmas Ornaments
We currently have all years ornaments available, but they are beginning to go fast! We only have a limited number remaining. If you wish to purchase one, you should do so soon. Last year, we sold out of many of them by December. We will not be ordering any more this year! We ask for a donation of $20.00 per ornament. These make great gifts for any occasion!

NEW PARISHIONERS & ADDRESS CHANGES
Those 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.

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
Telephone Number ________________________________
Email Address ________________________________

To register online, go to www.savannahcathedral.org

Cathedral Holiday Schedule
Penance Service
Monday, December 12 at 7:00 PM

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

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December 18 - 3:00 PM
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