Cathedral of Saint 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.

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

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.

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A Face in the Crowd

Imagine you are walking along a busy street. You are minding your own business. The people passing by are no more than unfamiliar faces to you—not bad or threatening, just people. Ordinary people. No one special.

Suddenly you see someone you know. More than that, you see someone you love and are truly happy to see: a long-lost friend, a grown-up son or daughter, a dear family member, someone you never thought you’d run into on this day or in this place. Your face lights up. You call out or wave. There’s a happy moment of recognition, smiles, hugs. Hands are clasped or backs are slapped. “Hey, it’s great to see you!”

All sorts of people have walked by without you noticing or pausing. But when you see someone you care about, that person’s face “stands out in the crowd.” He or she shines for you, in the light of love. We use expressions like “she lit up” or “he was beaming” to describe the happiness we feel in such an encounter.

So far, so good. But what does this have to do with us? What does this have to do with Eucharist? Simply this: that same brilliance, that shining gaze of love, is what God lavishes on us as we worship him in the liturgy. Why? Because God recognizes his Son in us.

CHRIST PRESENT IN THE ASSEMBLY OF HIS PEOPLE

The bishops of the world, gathered at the Second Vatican Council, solemnly affirmed in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (article 7) that Christ is present in the assembly of his people. His presence in them, as they pray and sing, is real.

What does it mean that Christ is present in the assembly? It does not mean that we lose our individuality, or that we are preoccupied with ourselves, or that we do not acknowledge our sins and weaknesses. But it does mean that when God sees us at prayer, he sees his own Beloved Son, despite our faults and failings. He sees what is best in our humanness. God is not neutral toward us when we worship him. He is moved by the greatest love.

THE SHINING GAZE OF LOVE

Now imagine how God the Father, the first Person of the Blessed Trinity, “sees” his incarnate Son. The love between the Father and the Son is ultimately beyond human imagining, of course, but we can try. Consider this analogy. If your own heart is awakened by a surprise encounter with a beloved friend or family member whom you chance to meet on the street, think how much more must God’s love be “heartfelt” and “full” when he beholds his beloved Son, Jesus Christ. How much more must the Son shine in the eyes of his Father? How much more does God “light up” when he sees his own Son?

THE TRINITY AND THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Our worship is Trinitarian. Because we have been baptized into Christ, we have the immense gift of sharing in that relationship of love that exists between the Father and the
Son. We can share in the prayer of Jesus to his Father in heaven. We also share in his Spirit of love, who sealed us in the Sacrament of Confirmation and who strengthens us for mission. To understand the true implications of Jesus' presence in the assembly, we must remember this Trinitarian quality of worship.

ON THE CORNER OF 4TH AND WALNUT

The spiritual writer and monk Thomas Merton (1915–1968) once described an epiphany—a manifestation of God—that happened as he was walking along the street in Louisville, Kentucky. He was on the corner of 4th and Walnut, in the center of the shopping district, when suddenly he was overwhelmed with love for all the people around him.

He was filled with a sense of having awakened from a dream of being separate from others, to the truth of being one with them. He saw the glory of God's Son transfigure all the people around him. Here's what he wrote:

"It is a glorious destiny to be part of the human race, though it is a race dedicated to many absurdities and one which makes many terrible mistakes; yet, with all that, God Himself gloried in becoming a member of the human race. A member of the human race! ... And if only everybody could realize this! But it cannot be explained. There is no way of telling people that they are all walking around shining like the sun."

Think about it. The people in the pew, no matter their idiosyncrasies, are the people in whom Christ is present—the woman wearing unfashionable clothes, the man singing off-key, the restless teenager, the cranky elder—everyone of them. Christ is present in them as they become the assembly at worship. God looks on them with love. If only we could see ourselves as God sees us!

REFLECT

To recognize the presence of Christ in the assembly means accepting certain differences—differences of culture, race, language, income, style, etc. What differences do you find most challenging to accept in your neighbor? Can you learn to see the face of God's Beloved Son in someone very different from you?

ACT

When you exchange the Sign of Peace at Sunday Mass, meet the eyes of the other person, however briefly, with respect and affection. Carry the same spirit of respect into your everyday interactions, especially toward people who serve you in any way. Sometimes people feel invisible. See them. Treat others as you would like to be treated.

PRAY

Merciful Father, as Abraham trusted you and so received your blessing, help me to trust you in the tests and trials of my life. Jesus Christ, beloved Son of God, let me see your face shining in all those around me at worship. Holy Spirit, help our parish to be what you call us to be. Let our faith shine for all to see. Amen.

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Rector’s Corner

THE ELECT

Last weekend, at the Cathedral and at St. Joseph Church in Macon, Bishop Hartmayer presided over the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion for Adults from throughout the Diocese of Savannah. Those who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist are now officially “elected” to receive those Sacraments at the next Easter Vigil Mass. Those already baptized, who are seeking to be in full communion with the Catholic Church, will make a Profession of Faith and receive Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the next Easter Vigil.

In our own parish we have been pleased to join a group of very sincere men and women who have been studying the Catholic faith and preparing since the end of August. Each Tuesday evening we have met to learn about and discuss the beauty and richness of the Catholic faith. I want to congratulate them, and list their names here in the bulletin this week, so that we might all pray for them as they intensify their preparation during the season of Lent and move toward the Easter Vigil.

The Elect:
Virginia Hadwin, Anna Iemmo, Devon Charles Simon, Nancy Lee Tipton

Those to be received into full communion:
Felipe (Frank) Fukuda, Craig Harney, David Franklin Kennedy, Dottie James Kennedy, Veronica Ann Riley

They are already now members of our Cathedral Parish, and we look forward to being able to share the Sacraments with them on a regular basis at Sunday Mass. Congratulations to all of them!

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector

“God is always faithful to those he calls.”

Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion
As Jesus is transfigured before his disciples in today’s Gospel, a voice comes from the cloud saying, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him” (Mark 9:7). Lent is a particularly appropriate time to listen to Jesus. Last week we heard him proclaim, “Repent, and believe in the Gospel.” Next week we will hear him say “Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.” During this penitential season we reflect on when we have disobeyed or turned away from God and we ask for forgiveness.

Mass Intentions for the week of February 25, 2018

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Please Pray For: Ed Arbo, Dale Asbury, Juan Ayala, Odillo Blanco, Doris Boring, Vicky Buck, Heidi Carroll, Michael Cavanagh, Marjorie Connors, Joan Coules, Eileen and Bill Dunlop, Mary Dunn, Erin Dunning, Chris Fernandez, Robert Green, Catherine Joy Henning, Andy Hodgson, Matt Hunter, Charles James, Patricia Jarrell, Denise LeMay, Fr. Lou Lindsay, Virginia Logan, Bates Lovett, Rose Marcantonio, Lee Marmarus, Hugh Markowsky, Gayle McGhee, Marcia Morgan, Mary Moriarty, Brian Murphy, Josephine Nasworthy, Patrick Neligan, Joy Povec, Jeffrey Powell, Msgr. Peter Riani, Jerrie Ridgeway, Joel Rivera, Dr. Frank Rizza, Tina Sanders, Greg Smith, Fr. Jacek Szuster, Stephanie Venuto, Greg Waldhour, Jan Wilson and Larson Zekas.

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent after the Noon Mass
**Camp Villa Marie Job Opportunity**

Camp Villa Marie is accepting applications for all positions for summer 2018! If you are energetic, creative and enjoy working with children, consider applying for a camp position! Must be at least 16 years of age and CPR and First Aid certified prior to beginning of camp. Visit [https://diosav.org/human_resources-jobs](https://diosav.org/human_resources-jobs) for an application! Submit application by March 15.

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**St. John Vianney Vocations Ministry**

**Holy Hour**

**Sunday, March 4th, 3:00 PM**

National Catholic Sisters Week

Resurrection of Our Lord Church

112 Fell St. Savannah, GA

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**Convent Crawl**

Calling all single women between the ages of 16 and 35. You have an opportunity to share in vocation stories, food, and discussion with sisters from five different congregations living in the Savannah area. We will meet in the parking lot at the Catholic Pastoral Center and spend the afternoon and evening traveling to four residences.

**Saturday, March 3rd, depart from the Catholic Pastoral Center at 2:00 PM.**

- **First Stop - Carmelite Monastery**
  - Conversation topic - learning about the contemplative call

- **Second Stop - Sisters of St. Joseph**
  - Food - appetizers

- **Third Stop - Sisters of Mercy**
  - Food - pizza

- **Fourth Stop - Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament Missionary Franciscans of the Immaculate Conception**
  - Food - dessert.

There is a limit of 15 participants. To register, contact Sr. Donna Jo Leoper, SSJ by phone 912-484-7860 or by e-mail donnaloeper@comcast.net by Wednesday February 28th. Transportation from house to house will be provided by the sisters.
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory February 18, 2018: $25,636.00
Offertory February 19, 2017: $22,894.00

VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to February 18, 2018: $4,557
Week Prior to February 19, 2017: $4,364

A Prayer for Living the Eucharist

Dear Jesus

Help us to spread your presence everywhere we go.
Flood our souls with your spirit and life.
Penetrate and possess our whole being so utterly, that our lives may be only a radiance of yours.
Shine through us, and be so in us, that every person we come in contact with might feel your presence.
Let them look up and see no longer us, but only you!
Stay with us, and then we shall begin to shine as you shine;
so to shine as a light to others.
The light, O Jesus, will be all from you; none of it will be ours;
it will be you, shining on others through us.
Let us thus praise you in the way you love best
by shining on those around us.
Amen.

Children’s Religious Ed. Schedule

Feb 25 CLASS - Prayer Assembly 5th/6th Grades
Mar 4 CLASS

Each month, the USCCB Office for Child & Youth Protection livestreams the Rosary on it’s Facebook page www.facebook.com/usccb for victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse. On March 21st at 10:00 AM, the Rosary will be streamed from the Chapel at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Savannah. Please join us here as we keep the intentions of victims/survivors and their healing in our prayers.

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 join 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