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: 10:00am Masses 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

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
Sacristan - Lynne Everett, MD
Permanent Deacon - Rev. Dr. Dewain E. Smith, Ph.D.
Director of Religious Education - Mrs. Janez Przybyl
Bookkeeper/Admin. Assistant - Ms. Jan Cunningham
Office Assistant - Mrs. Brenda Price
Music Director - Mr. McDowell Fogle, MM
Asst. Organist - Ms. Heidi Ordaz, MM
Cantors - Rebecca Flaherty and Jillian Pashke Durant
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: csjbsav@aol.com
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

“O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.”
Psalm 95: 6-7

HYMN: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus  746, Hymnal

+ LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING  Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8
Missal, p. 75

PSALM:  “In the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises, Lord.”
Psalm 138: 1-8

SECOND READING:  1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
Missal, p. 76

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Antiphon: (Cantor, then all)

Missal, p. 77

HOMILY

NICENE CREED   Missal, p. 108

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

+ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

HYMN:  O Beauty Ever Ancient   Tune: Roc O’Conner, SJ

Refrain

O Beauty, ever ancient, O Beauty, ever new: you, the mirror of my life renewed, let me find my life in you!
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

“Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders
for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.” Psalm 107:6-9

COMMUNION HYMN:

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 886, Hymnal

MARIAN ANTIPHON (10:00 A.M.)

Ave, Regina Caelorum

Ave, Regina Caelorum, Ave, Domina Angelorum: salve, radix, salve, porta ex qua mundo lux est orta: Gaude, Virgo gloriosa, super omnes speciosa, vale, o valde decora, et pro nobis Christum exora.

Welcome, O Queen of Heaven. Welcome, O Lady of Angels hail! Thou root, hail! Thou gate from whom unto the world, a light has arisen: rejoice, O glorious Virgin, lovely beyond all others, farewell, most beautiful maiden, and pray for us to Christ.

+ CONCLUDING RITES

HYMN: All Creatures of Our God and King 930

Music Notes: Hymn “O Beauty Ever Ancient”

The text to the hymn “O Beauty Ever Ancient, O Beauty Ever New”, is a paraphrase of a passage in Book X of the Confessions of Saint Augustine. In Chapter X, Saint Augustine laments the fact that it has taken him 33 years to discover the beauty of the divine. In those immortal lines he cries out: “Late have I loved thee, O beauty ever ancient, ever new.” Beauty is both ancient and new: we are at once surprised and comforted by its presence. Beauty exists in a sphere beyond time. And so beautiful things expose us to the timelessness of eternity. This is why beauty matters, in an eternal sense. Beauty was part of God’s creative plan in the beginning, and it is just as much a part of his redemptive plan now. God has placed the desire for beauty within our hearts, and he uses that desire to lead us back to himself.

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  Feb 7, 2016

Rector’s Corner

Ash Wednesday and the Beginning of Lent

On Wednesday, February 10th, we begin our Lenten penance. We will hear the words of the Prophet Joel, who says:

Even now, says the Lord,
Return to me with your whole heart,
With fasting, and weeping, and mourning;
Rend your hearts, not your garments,
And return to the Lord, your God.
For gracious and merciful is he,
Slow to anger, rich in kindness,
And relenting in punishment.

What strategy will you adopt in order to “rend your heart, not your garments”? The Church suggests that we 1) increase our prayer; 2) deny ourselves pleasure, by abstinence and fasting; 3) perform works of mercy and charity.

The Fridays of the Season of Lent are days of abstinence from eating meat. Anyone who is fourteen years of age is obliged to abstain from eating meat on Fridays. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence, which means that we eat only one full meal that day (and two smaller meals) and abstain from meat. All adults up to the age of sixty are obliged to fast and abstain. Fasting on these days, however, is still recommended for children and seniors.

To be reconciled with God, and with the Church, and with one another, is a very important part of our Lenten penance. We humble ourselves and put away our pride by admitting our sins and weaknesses. That’s our part of the process. But it is so important that we allow God the opportunity to do His part, and speak to us words of forgiveness and peace. Because God is “slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment.”

Each Saturday, from 11:00 to 11:55, and from 4:15 to 5:00, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at the Cathedral. During the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available on Fridays from 4:00 – 5:00 PM. On Tuesday evening, February 17th, at 7:00 PM, as part of our Lenten Parish Mission we will have our Lenten Penance Service. Fr. Daniel Lanahan, our Mission Priest, will preach, and then there will be the opportunity for individual confession. We will have several Priests on hand to assist us. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Easter Sunday.

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck

Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in Memory of Chris, Ellen and Daniel J. O’Connor, Jr.
The Sundays that begin Ordinary Time each year eventually turn to the call of the first disciples. Today we will hear about the miraculous catch of fish and the invitation to Peter, James, and John to change what they will be fishing for. We too have been invited to become disciples, through our Baptism. On this last Sunday before Lent, it is good to be reminded of our call.

**New Website Corner**

**Calendar**

One of the most functional new website features is the Calendar. You can access the calendar from any page using the link at the top of each page. The calendar is available to announce any events happening at the Cathedral. Special events will be posted there as well. If you have any calendar events, email to webmaster@savannahcathedral.org

**Mass Intentions for the week of February 7, 2016**

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**Please Pray for:**


*If you know of someone sick or injured that needs praying for, please contact the parish office at 912-233-4709.*
February Item of the Month
A hot shower and clean teeth feel so refreshing but unfortunately not everyone can enjoy that simple pleasure. Yet, with the overwhelming response from the Cathedral family, we continue to help the Social Apostolate fulfill their mission by providing hygiene packets every month. We are asking for your help with the item of the month for February. We need plain white washcloths, travel size toothpaste, and toothbrushes to help complete these packets. Place items in the baskets in the vestibule on either side. Thank you from the Christian Service Committee.

Gold and Silver Wedding Anni. Mass
The diocese will celebrate World Marriage Day on February 7, 2016 with an Anniversary Mass at 11:30 AM here at the Cathedral honoring all couples who have been married 50 or 25 years.

Contribution Statements Mailed!
Year-End Contributions Statements have been mailed. For your information, the Peter’s Pence 2nd collection is not tax deductible, and therefore is not on the statements. We have recently been informed that donations made to foreign countries (e.g. the Holy See) are not tax deductible.

February Lenten Mission
Father Dan Lanahan, OFM will be coming to the Cathedral to conduct a Lenten Mission. Father Dan will preach at all the Masses next weekend, February 13-14. The following Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, the Lenten Mission will be at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral.
The Parish Mission Theme is: Awakening Our Faith in Challenging Times. In a time when violence and evil have visited our lives how does the Gospel message of Jesus Christ call us to respond? How is God present to us? How do we live His message of love and reconciliation and at the same time seek justice? How do we find healing for our pain?
Father Dan has conducted numerous retreats and Lenten missions, including nearby at Hilton Head and was very well received there. We hope all parishioners can come!

Most Rev. Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM CONV.
Bishop of the Diocese of Savannah
Joyfully invites
The Diocesan Family To A
Pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year of Mercy
An Afternoon of Prayer, Reconciliation and Celebration of God’s Mercy
Saturday, February 20, 2016 From 2:00 to 4:30 PM
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
Homilist: Very Reverend Timothy McKeown, Missionary of Mercy
There is a 5:30 Vigil Mass at the Cathedral if you wish to stay.
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY

Offertory January 31, 2016: $22,354.09
Offertory February 1, 2015: $19,859.25

VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to January 31, 2016: $2,883.50
Week Prior to February 1, 2015: $1,883.50

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

Weekly Prayer Group

A weekly prayer group now meets in the Parish Center Library on Thursday evenings 6:00 to 7:30 PM. All are Invited! For more information, please e-mail sandersgks53@aol.com.

Respect Life Ministries

From February 10 to March 20, our city will join with hundreds of other cities for 40 Days For Life, a life-saving campaign which includes: Prayer and fasting, community outreach, and peaceful vigil. It is a peaceful pro-life effort. Vigil Location is the Savannah Medical Center at 120 E. 34th St. Vigil Hours are 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM every day. Contact Paul Kinard at kinardpaula@gmail.com or sign up at 40daysforlife.com/savannah to pray at the local Planned Parenthood location for the babies and their mothers. Join us on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in front of the Savannah Medical Center for a prayer vigil to begin the 40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

CRE Schedule

Feb 7 - CLASS - Prayer Assembly - 5th & 6th
Feb 14 - NO CLASS

Christmas Ornaments Are Available!

Including the new 2016 ornament. We ask for a donation of $20.00 per ornament. Ornaments can be bought at the back of the church or online at www.savannahcathedral.org.

Catholic College Students Needed

Prayer and Action is looking for holy, energetic, Jesus-loving college students to assist a team with leading the summer’s high school mission program in Savannah. It will be a 4 week commitment from June 5 - July 1. Some travel and training will be involved and a weekly stipend is included. To find out more about Prayer and Action, go to www.diosav.org/oyyam-prayerandaction. Apply under the “leader” tab. For questions, please contact Leigh Ebberwein at ebberwein@aol.com.

Come let us Adore Him!

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, on Fridays of each week, the Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Sacred Heart Altar, from 8:00AM until 5:00PM. This is so that parishioners and visitors can make a visit and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Also, from 4:00PM to 5:00PM on the Fridays of each week, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in the confessional of the Cathedral.

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.

New Parishioner
Change of Address

Name __________________________
Address __________________________
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Telephone Number __________________________
Email Address __________________________

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