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 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. Jane Przyblyl
Bookkeeper/Admin. Assistant - Ms. Jan Cunningham
Office Assistant - Mrs. Brenda Price
Music Director - Mr. McDowell Fogle, MM
Asst. Organist - Mr. Pablo Migone
Cantors - Rebecca Flaherty and Jillian Pashke Durant
Housekeeper/Food Services - Ms. Alma Young
Docents - Mrs. Peggy Baker, Mrs. Gloria Keane

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

“O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honor in his holy place.” Psalm 96:1,6

HYMN: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You 945, Hymnal

GLORIA

Gloria to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heav’nly King, O God, almight’y Father,
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Nehemiah 8:2–6, 8-10 Missal, p. 68

PSALM: “Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.” Psalm 19: 8-10, 15

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30 Missal, p. 69

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

GOSPEL Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21 Missal, p. 70

HOMILY

NICENE CREED Missal, p. 108

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

HYMN: You Are the Way 748, Hymnal

ANTHEM (10 a.m):
Laudate Dominum Text: Psalm 117 Music: W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Praise the Lord, all nations; Praise Him, all people. For He has bestowed His mercy upon us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever, and for generations of generations. Amen.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*  
*John 8:12*

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

*Alma Redemptoris Mater*

*Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia caeli Porta manes, et stella maris, succurre cadenti, Surgere qui curat, populo: tu qua genuisti, Natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem Virgo prius ac posterior, Gabrielis ab ore Sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.*

Mother of Christ! Hear thou thy people's cry, star of the deep, and portal of the sky! Mother of Him who thee from nothing made, sinking we strive and call to thee for aid; Oh, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee, thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.

**CONCLUDING RITES**

**HYMN:** Sing a New Song  
*931, Hymnal*

**Music Notes:** Anthem *Laudate Dominum*

*Laudate Dominum* is a highly melismatic (many notes per syllable) soprano solo; the choir quietly enters at the conclusion of the piece with the *Gloria Patri* (Glory be to the Father...), with the soloist joining them on the word Amen. The *Laudate Dominum* is the fifth movement from Mozart's *Vesperae solennes de confessore* (Vespers in honor of a saint). It was composed for liturgical use in the Cathedral of Mozart's hometown of Salzburg, Austria. This was Mozart's final choral work composed while he was in service to Prince-Archbishop Colloredo, an authoritarian, autocratic ruler who demanded economy and efficiency in his church services and in the music created for those services. For example, the Mass was to be no longer than 45 minutes.

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Rector’s Corner

February Lenten Mission

Easter is early this year, March 27th, and that means that Lent is going to begin soon. Ash Wednesday is February 10th. I am very pleased to announce that Father Dan Lanahan, OFM will be coming to the Cathedral to conduct a Lenten Mission. Father Dan will preach at all the Masses on the weekend of 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? The three day mission will be broken down as follows:

**Day One: Living in the embrace of God’s Love**

In the face of violence and injustice it is indeed tempting to abandon our belief in a God of Love. We proclaim that God does indeed hold us in a loving embrace which gives us the strength to carry on as well as the ability to reach out to all those in need.

**Day Two: Forgiveness as the path to Peace.**

In a world that more and more seeks to resolve conflict through retaliation, punishment and violence we proclaim a God who is merciful and always seeks to forgive, and who call us to be peacemakers by forgiving those who have wronged us, and by accepting His gift of mercy for ourselves. At the same time we must wrestle with the truth that real Peace and reconciliation cannot come about without justice.

**Day Three: Healing the human heart**

In spite of the advances made in medicine and technology suffering and sorrow still afflict the human heart, be it due to sickness, injustice, or the violence that is so rampant in today’s world. We proclaim that through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ people of today will find healing and restoration. We ourselves are called to be healers, to bring the Good News of Jesus into the world around us.

**Father Daniel Lanahan** was raised in Brooklyn, NY, and joined the Holy Name Friars at age 20. He was educated in moral theology at the Catholic University of America and received his doctorate from the Alphonsian Institute in Rome. For the first 20 years of his priestly ministry, he was involved with the formation of candidates for the priesthood at Christ the King Seminary at St. Bonaventure University. In 1986 he joined the Franciscan Ministry of the Word parish renewal team, and in this capacity he conducted numerous retreats and parish missions. He is also the author of *When God Says No: The Mystery of Suffering and the Dynamics of Prayer.*

Father Dan has conducted Lenten Missions nearby at Hilton Head and was very well received there. I hope you can come!

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector

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Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in Honor of Roger and Rita Haneline’s 57th Wedding Anniversary
Now that Ordinary Time is underway, we will be hearing from Luke’s Gospel for most of the year. This week, Jesus returns home to Nazareth and in a simple yet dramatic way announces his mission. As we gather to celebrate the Good News of God’s presence in our midst, let us take to heart the mission of Jesus and pray for the grace to carry it out in our own lives.

Mass Intentions for the week of January 24, 2016

**SUNDAY**  
Pro Populo  
Garrett Zwicky

**MONDAY**  
Fred & Josephine Doyle  
Lessie Helms Engler (Anni)

**TUESDAY**  
Grazia Castronovo

**WEDNESDAY**  
Robert Hambly

**THURSDAY**  
Grace Rechtiene (Anni)

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**  
Humberto Annibal Santos  
Sam D. Tootle, Sr.

Please Pray for:

If you know of someone sick or injured that needs praying for, please contact the parish office at 912-233-4709.

New Website Corner

Parish Ministries: Stewardship
From the homepage, you can access various Parish Ministries: Organizations to Join, Community Service and Outreach, Parish Experiences, and many more. Please take the time to review these opportunities for Stewardship. There is a form to complete if you are interested in volunteering or just want more information. You will be connected to the ministry organizer. The Cathedral webpage: [www.savannahcathedral.org](http://www.savannahcathedral.org)
Volunteer During this Year of Mercy!
If you are interested in being part of the growing volunteer ministries at the Cathedral, please join us on Sunday evening, January 31 at 6pm in the Parish Center for a planning session and dessert buffet. There are so many exciting and challenging opportunities in which to participate during this jubilee year of mercy. If you have questions, contact Moira.ovacks@gmail.com or Melanie at brooks508@aol.com.

Savannah Irish Festival
The Savannah Irish Festival Committee invites you to the 24th Annual Savannah Irish Festival on February 19 – 21, 2016 at the Savannah Civic Center. For more information visit www.SavannahIrish.org.

Christmas Ornaments For Every Year Are Now Available!
We know many people have been waiting for the Christmas ornaments and they have now arrived! We now have all previous years Christmas ornaments available for sale, 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.

Protecting Our Youth
Diocesan policy requires all diocesan adult employees and volunteers who minister to the youth of the diocese attend VIRTUS (safe environment) awareness training, undergo a background check, and read and sign the diocesan code of conduct for working with minors prior to commencing their ministry. For information regarding policies and procedures relating to the diocesan safe environment program please visit the diocesan website www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection or call Brenda in the Rectory office at 912-233-4709.

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.
Register with your Parish by January 31, 2015
Contact the Rectory office at 912-233-4709 or email: cathedralextra@aol.com
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory January 17, 2016: $21,829.50
Offertory January 18, 2015: $19,694.25

VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to January 17, 2016: $2,076.00
Week Prior to January 18, 2015: $1,579.00

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

Weekly Prayer Group
A new weekly prayer group now meets in the Parish Center Library on Thursday evenings at a new time - 6:00 to 7:30 PM. There is fellowship, prayer, and a discussion on weekly readings and how to incorporate them into our daily lives. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please e-mail sandersgks53@aol.com.

CRE Schedule
Jan 24 - CLASS
Jan 31 - CLASS - Meeting with Confirmation Parents

Respect Life Ministries
Prayer volunteers are always welcome at the Savannah Medical Clinic 120 East 34th St. on Weds. and Fri. 10:30-11:30 and Thursdays 9:30-Noon. For more information regarding Respect Life Ministries, contact Gretchen at 912-658-3848

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 _________________________
Telephone Number __________________
Email Address _____________________

To register online, go to www.savannahcathedral.org

Come let us Adore Him!
We now have Adoration every Friday (except during Noon Mass) in front of the Blessed Sacrament altar in the Cathedral for the entire Year of Mercy. Adoration is simply praying and honoring Jesus who is present in the Holy Eucharist. All are welcome. Could this be your way of participating in the year of Mercy? Contact: sandersgks53@aol.com for more info.

Follow Us!

Jan Cunningham in the Cathedral rectory is a Notary. Please call in advance to make arrangements if you are in need of a Notary for documents. (No fee.)

Participating Catholic Tuition
Cathedral parishioners who have children in Catholic Schools and who wish to receive the parish participating tuition rate must be endorsed by Fr. Schreck. A participating parishioner is a parishioner who attends Mass on weekends and Holy Days of Obligation, participates in the activities of the parish, contributes to the offertory collection in a recognizable way by using envelopes or checks as a means of verification of attendance. Any questions, call the Cathedral office at 912-233-4709.