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

Hours:
Monday - Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
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Cathedral Website: www.savannahcathedral.org  Diocesan Website: www.diosav.org  Cathedral Music: sjbmusic.org

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
Weekends: Sat 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 - Rev. Pablo Migone
In Residence - Rev. Tom Peyton
Permanent Deacon - Rev. Dr. Dewain E. Smith
Interim Associate Director of Music - Jillian Pashke-Durant
Interim Associate Director of Music - Jared Register
Director of Religious Education - Mrs. Janee Przybyl
Bookkeeper/Admin. Assistant - Ms. Jared Register
Office Assistant - Mrs. Brenda Price
Maintenance - Mr. Jimmy Joseph Sheehan III
Housekeeper/Food Services - Ms. Alma Young
Docents - Mrs. Peggy Baker, Mrs. Gloria Keane
Rector’s Corner

The Flu Season

As we have entered into the season of influenza, it is necessary that we take some simple steps to prevent the spread of the disease. Bishop Hartmayer has written to all Pastors in the Diocese of Savannah giving permission for us to take some prudent precautions.

For the time being, we will discontinue the practice of receiving the Precious Blood of Christ from the common cup. This suspension is only temporary and we will resume the practice at the appropriate time, when the flu season seems to be ending. Please remember that even if one receives Holy Communion under only one species, the Body of Christ, one has received the whole Christ. If someone is unable to receive the consecrated host for medical reasons, please alert the Priest or Deacon before Mass begins and we will make it possible for you to receive from the cup.

In addition, we will discontinue the practice of shaking hands for the Sign of Peace. I recommend that you simply turn to the persons near you and say: “Peace be with you.” After Masses, the Priest and Deacon will continue to be outside of Church to greet parishioners as you leave. If you wish not to shake hands, no one will be offended.

Lastly, please remember that if you are ill with the flu it would be wise not to attempt to come to Mass. If a person is ill, the obligation to participate in Sunday Mass is lifted. I recommend that you watch the live stream of the Mass from the Cathedral, and return to Mass when your illness is over.

I hope that we will all be well and that this Flu Season will pass quickly. God bless you!

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
Living the Eucharist Sign Up This Weekend

Sign-up is this weekend for Living the Eucharist at all Masses. You can also register on-line by using the link on the Cathedral website [www.savannahcathedral.org](http://www.savannahcathedral.org). Scroll to the link.

By participating in this program, you can enrich your life in both subtle and amazing ways. You will grow in your understanding of the mystery of the Eucharist, participate more fully in weekend Mass and leave with a renewed zeal to let the light of Christ shine. This Lenten program will be incorporated into Mass via prayers and homilies. Prayerfully consider joining your fellow parishioners as we enter into this wonderful experience of encountering Christ more deeply in the Eucharist.

*Living the Eucharist - Have you considered helping out as a small group leader?*

Pope Emeritus Benedict’s apostolic exhortation, *The Sacrament of Charity*, inspired Living the Eucharist. This exhortation calls on all Catholics to renew our experience of the Sacrament of the Eucharist as a mystery to be believed, a mystery to be celebrated, and a mystery to be lived. Have you thought about how you can be involved?

Whether or not a small group is formed with friends, neighbors, or colleagues, or with the assistance of the Cathedral LE team, each group will function best with a designated facilitator. This individual will help determine a meeting location, date, and time and pass that information on to each participant. The leader will also be responsible for picking up and distributing program materials for each member of their group. Most importantly, with the help of the LE team, each group leader will be given training and materials to help facilitate the weekly sessions. If you have questions, or are interested in becoming a small group leader or forming a group within your own circle, please contact Mary Rooney at rooney84@icloud.com
On the last two Sundays we heard Jesus calling his first disciples. Over the next three Sundays, we will hear stories of Jesus healing the sick and afflicted. He is just beginning his public ministry but as he drives out demons and heals lepers, his renown and his popularity increase quickly. In today’s Gospel, Jesus drives out an unclean spirit. The people are astonished, not just at his actions, but also how he taught with such authority.

Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in Memory of Florence Young.

Mass Intentions for the week of January 28, 2018

SUNDAY
- Pro Populo
- Grace Rechtiene (Anni)
- Manuel Rubio
- Poor Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY
- Pat Dolvan
- Ryan Gainey

TUESDAY
- Christopher Joseph Koncul (Anni)

WEDNESDAY
- Pat Dolvan

THURSDAY
- Int. for Mother of Lydia Yoder

FRIDAY
- Int. of Charles James

SATURDAY
- Florence Young (Anni)

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, Andy Hodgson, Matt Hunter, Charles James, Denise LeMay, Fr. Lou Lindsay, Bates Lovett, Rose Marcantonio, Lee Marmarus, Gene Maxey, 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, Bob Schwartz, Greg Smith, Fr. Jacek Szuster, Stephanie Venuto, Greg Waldhour, Jan Wilson and Larson Zekas.
**Holy Hour for Vocations**

The St. John Vianney Vocations Ministry of Savannah will be celebrating a special Holy Hour for the *World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life* this Sunday January 28 at 3:00 PM at St. Frances Cabrini Church at 11500 Middleground Road. Rev. Gabe Cummings will be the presider. Please join the Vocations Ministry to ask the Lord of the Harvest to send us many good and holy priests, deacons and religious to serve the people of God and the life of the Church.

**Thank You Cathedral Parishioners**

The Social Apostolate, CCW, and Christian Service Committee would like to express our gratitude to the Cathedral parishioners, visitors, and all of those who continue to pray for those who live on the margins of our community. The Angel Trees were successful in providing Christmas gifts/stockings as well as much needed food items for those that the Social Apostolate serves. Please continue to pray for this mission and support our efforts to help those in need. THANK YOU!

**Cathedral Adoration Chapel**

Adoration brings us closer to Jesus: Jesus told us to “love one another as I have loved you.” (John 13:34). Spending time in Adoration connects us to the whole world—after all, we’re spending time with the Creator of all things! More time spent praising and adoring God means you can look beyond your own concerns to see the needs of others around you as well as those in your own life and in the world beyond! Consider how time spent with Jesus will give you the peace and perseverance to look outside yourself at the needs of others. Let us take advantage of the opportunity, right here in the Adoration Chapel at our own Cathedral, to grow in our love for Jesus as well as for others!

There are three openings currently available: Tuesday at 9:00 AM, Thursday at Noon and 4:00 PM. If these times are not good for you, consider a prayer time with a partner anytime between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. You are welcome to become an Adorer! Call Gretchen at 912-658-3848.

**Attention Physicians and Health Care Workers!**

The Catholic Medical Association will host a guest speaker on February 24 at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Savannah on February 24 at 6:30 PM. Dr. Kathleen Raviele will be speaking on the history of the Catholic Medical Association. Dr. Raviele is a physician in Atlanta and served as the president of the national CMA organization in 2007-2008. Dinner will be provided. Health care workers and supporters are welcome to attend this talk and meeting to discuss formation of a CMA guild in Savannah. For further information, contact Richard Rowe at rarowe@mac.com

Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 6:30 PM
Catholic Pastoral Center Boland Hall
2170 E. Victory Drive, Savannah, Georgia 31404
Great Opportunities in February to Get to Know your Fellow Parishioners!

Coffee and Donuts
Join us for coffee and donuts (Krispy Kreme...yum) in the Parish Hall next Sunday, February 4th after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses. All are Welcome!

Covered Dish Dinner
Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for Cathedral's Winter Covered Dish Dinner on Wednesday, February 7th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Meat will be provided. Parishioners are asked to bring a family size side dish or dessert. If you are new to the parish, this is a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners!

Cathedral Ornaments
The following year’s of the Cathedral ornaments are currently on backorder: 2007, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. All other year’s are in stock including this year’s. They are $20 each, and may be purchased at the back of the church or at savannahcathedral.org.

Cathedral Prayer Group
Ignatian Prayer Group meets Thursday nights 6:00 to 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. First session began January 4th, but new participants are always welcome.

Cathedral Bible Study
The Bible Study finishes the Bible Timeline Study! We began discussing Session 19 on January 8th, but you can still join us! Where: Parish Hall Library. When: 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Monday nights. New participants are welcome. For more information email: threenovacks@gmail.com

St. Patrick's Day Parade Seeking Children for Flag Unit
The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is currently seeking all children ages 7-18 to participate in the Flags of Ireland Unit for the 2018 St. Patrick's Day Parade and other activities. Space is limited so please contact T.C. Madison (below) if you are interested in reserving your spot. There will be a meeting for any children that would like to participate on Saturday February 17th at 10:00 AM at the Parade Committee Office at Liberty and Bull Street. To reserve your spot or if you have any questions, please contact T.C. Madison at 912-777-9373 or tcmadison3@gmail.com.

Puttin on the Ritz Fashion Show
St. Vincent's Academy’s Alumnae Association is pleased to announce the Puttin on the Ritz Fashion Show at St. Vincent’s Academy’s Walsh Hall on Sunday, February 4th at Noon. Silent Auction, photo booth, Dinner and fashion show. $35 per person. For more information, call 912-236-5505 or visit www.svaga.net and click alumnae events.
**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](http://www.savannahcathedral.org). Thank you.

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**To register online, go to** [www.savannahcathedral.org](http://www.savannahcathedral.org)

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**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 though 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.**

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**SVA Placement Test**

All Prospective Incoming Freshmen, please join us for St. Vincent’s Academy’s 2018 Placement Test on Wednesday, February 21st from 8:30 AM - noon in the school's academic building at 207 East Liberty Street, Savannah, GA. Enter through the iron gates on the corner of Lincoln and Liberty Streets. The testing fee is $30 cash. Bring two #2 pencils. Register at [www.svaga.net](http://www.svaga.net) and click on High School Placement Test on the home page. Call 912-236-5508 for further information.

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**Children’s Religious Ed. Schedule**

Jan 28 - CLASS - Meeting with Confirmation Parents

Feb 4 - CLASS