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. Janeel Przybyl
Bookkeeper/Admin. Assistant - Ms. Jan Cunningham
Office Assistant - Mrs. Brenda Price
Music Director - Mr. McDowell Fogle, MM
Asst. Organist - Ms. Heidi Ordez, 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: csjsav@aol.com
Cathedral Website: www.savannahcathedral.org • Diocesan Website: www.diosav.org • Cathedral Music: sjbmusic.org
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
“Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.” Psalm 106:47

HYMN: Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven 957

FIRST READING Jeremiah 1:4,5,17-19
Missal, p. 72

PSALM: “I will sing of your salvation.”
Psalm 71:1-6, 15, 17

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12: 31-13:13
Missal, p. 73

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Liturgy of the Word

GOSPEL Luke 4:18
Missal, p. 74

HOMILY

NICENE CREED Missal, p. 108

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Liturgy of the Eucharist

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

HYMN: Where Charity and Love Prevail 858

ANTHEM (10 a.m.):

O Sacrum Convivium (O Sacred Banquet)

Text: St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)
Music: Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

O sacrum Convivium in quo Christus sumitur recolitur memoria passionis eius mens impleret gratia: et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur. Alleluia
O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of his Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory to us is given. Alleluia.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.” Psalm 31:17-18

COMMUNION HYMN:

Humbly We Adore You 1023, Hymnal

MARIAN ANTIPHON (10:00 A.M.)

Alma Redemptoris Mater

Alma Redemptoris Mater, quæ pervia cæli Porta manes, et stella maris, succurre cadentibus, Surgere qui curat, populó: tu quaæ genuisti, Natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem Virgæ prius ac posteriorum, Gabrielis ab ore Sumens illud Ave, peccatorum misere.

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: Lord You Give the Great Commission 788

Music Notes: Anthem O Sacrum Convivium

French composer Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992) was one of the 20th-century’s most important composers. Messiaen’s setting of O Sacrum Convivium (O Sacred Banquet) is hushed and reverent. The bottom three voices rise and fall chromatically, while the top voice has a semblance of a melody. The first half of the work peaks at the words mens impetetur gratia (mind is filled with grace), then the voices begin their slow decline, ending with sacrum (sacred), repeated several times. The second half peaks at the words et futurae gloria (and future glory), before winding down to a calm ending on the words alleluia, o sacrum convivium. The text beautifully expresses the sacramental partaking of the Real Presence, the memory of Christ’s passion, the present grace and the promise of the future Messianic feast.

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Rector’s Corner

FRIDAYS DURING THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

We have entered into this Holy Year, a Jubilee of Mercy, when we are encouraged to reflect upon and to experience the mercy that God wishes to show each of us. Jesus Christ was the image, in flesh and blood, of God who is mercy. On the Fridays of this Jubilee Year, from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Sacred Heart Chapel of the Cathedral. It provides a wonderful opportunity to come and spend a few moments, or a half hour, or an hour, before Jesus in the Eucharist and to thank Him for the mercy of God which he showed us on the cross.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation provides us with that wonderful experience of God’s mercy. On the Fridays of this Jubilee Year, that sacrament will be available from 4:00-5:00 PM, in the Confessional. This is in addition to the normal hours for Reconciliation (Saturday morning from 11:00 – 11:50, and Saturday evening from 4:15 – 5:00). I encourage you to take advantage of these wonderful opportunities to feel and receive the mercy of God.

Also, please remember that for all who make a pilgrimage (a visit) to the Cathedral and enter through the Holy Door of Mercy (the center doors), a plenary indulgence may be gained. In order to receive the indulgence a person should:

- Visit the Cathedral, or any other Church or Shrine designated for the Holy Year, and enter through the Holy Door.
- Have sincere contrition for sins and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Make a Profession of Faith (the Nicene or Apostles Creed).
- Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.
- Receive Holy Communion.

Those who are unable to make a visit to the Cathedral, because of physical incapacity or even incarceration, are able to receive the indulgence by meeting the other requirements. I urge you to do so during this Jubilee Year.

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector

Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in Memory of Florence Santosuosso
As we gather today at the invitation of our Lord God, we will hear about the prophet Jeremiah and Jesus the prophet without honor in his native land. A prophet in the Bible is not a fortune-teller who can see into the future. A biblical prophet is a truth-teller, a messenger of God. It might be good for us today to think of and pray for the prophets whom we know, those in our own lives and those about whom we have heard. Let us thank God for these prophets today.

**Mass Intentions for the week of January 31, 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.

**New Website Corner**

**Giving to the Cathedral**
If you use the website for Offertory Giving, click the Give link at the top of the homepage, and the online giving link is there, just like the previous site. In addition, there are opportunities to give to other funds at the Cathedral, namely, the Endowment, Music, Murals, and Annual Giving.
Volunteer During this Year of Mercy!
If you are interested in being part of the growing volunteer ministries at the Cathedral, please join us this 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 at threenovacks@gmail.com or Melanie at brooks508@aol.com.

Christmas Ornaments Are Available!
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.

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 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?

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.

Register with your Parish by this Sunday, January 31, 2016
Contact the Rectory office at 912-233-4709 or email: cathedralextra@aol.com
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory January 24, 2016: $17,872.25
Offertory January 25, 2015: $19,931.75

VISITOR'S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to January 24, 2016: $2,085.00
Week Prior to January 25, 2015: $2,078.00

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
40 Days For Life
From February 10 to March 20, our city will join with hundreds of other cities for 40 Days For Life, a life-saving campaign made up of three components: Prayer and fasting, community outreach, and peaceful vigil. 40 Days for Life 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 on the website to pray at the local Planned Parenthood location for the babies and their mothers at 40daysforlife.com/savannah.

Pray and Get Involved. You can Help Save Lives.

CRE Schedule
Jan 31 - CLASS - Meeting with Confirmation Parents
Feb 7 - CLASS - Prayer Assembly - 5th & 6th

Abuse Hotline Number: To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number at 888-357-5330 or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, 912-201-4073/4.

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.

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.

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