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
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.

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
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Full, Conscious, Active Participation

“Not me, I don’t sing at Mass.” “If you heard my voice, you’d be glad I keep my mouth shut!” “Why are all those people up there on the altar? I liked it better when it was just Father.” “Participation from our teens? The fact that they come at all is a miracle.”

Ever hear comments like these? Among the people in the pews a variety of opinions may exist about the value or even the possibility of active participation in the liturgy. Sad to say, not everybody is convinced that their own full and active participation—or that of others—is ever going to happen.

Yet full, conscious, active participation is the Church’s vision—for everybody. Not only for the most devout, or those with the best singing voices, or adults, or some select group of insiders. Participation is for everybody.

SPECTATORS AND PARTICIPANTS

Imagine you’re at a ball game, and your favorite team is playing. Could you possibly sit still and not make a sound when they score? Even spectators can be active—by cheering (which is like an acclamation or song), by paying attention to what is happening (as we do when we listen to the readings or follow the actions of the Mass), and by feeling invested in the outcome (as we do when we remember the Mass is for our good and for the salvation of the world).

Hold on, however! Being a spectator, even an enthusiastic spectator, is not the best analogy for what we do at Eucharist. Participation in the liturgy is less like being in the viewing stands, and more like being on the team. It’s true. Every single person in the liturgy is a “player” in one way or another.

- The assembly prays, sings, listens, and joins in the actions and gestures that are theirs.
- The ministers, such as ushers, lectors, servers, musicians, cantors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, have special roles to play as they serve the assembly.
- The priest and the deacon have specific liturgical functions, too, such as leading, proclaiming the Gospel, preaching, praying, and so on.

All these roles interact. Though different, they form one ordered and organic whole. This contributes to the beauty and richness of the liturgy. When the priest says, “The Lord be with you,” he is “throwing the ball” to the congregation. They cannot drop the ball! Their response matters.

A VISION OF CHURCH

We show forth the true nature of the Church through our active participation in the liturgy. When we all do our part, in concert with one another, we support others at the same time as we strengthen our own experience. Like a good team, we perform the liturgical action together, each of us taking care to do our own part in its proper way. As St. Paul said, “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord” (1 Corinthians 12:4-5). Participation in different roles is a unified effort.

Also, like a good team, we can’t just run out onto the field willy-nilly. We need to train. Catechesis is one form of training. Having a prayer life outside of Mass is another. The active living of our faith in daily life is a third. Some
people are helped by previewing the Sunday readings, or getting to church a few minutes early, or some other modest discipline. Some need rest and leisure. Whatever is needed, it is worthwhile to consider how we prepare.

FORMED BY PARTICIPATION

When we actively participate in the liturgy, we are formed by what we do. We make the sign of the cross; we stand, sit, or kneel; we say the responses, sing the songs, hymns, and acclamations. We give to the collection; we receive Holy Communion; we join in the listening, in the silences, in the prayers. These actions, performed faithfully, are etched into our minds and hearts. They become part of who we are.

They also return to us in moments when we need them. A snippet of music, a prayer, a posture or gesture can help us to find our way and remember God’s presence, long after the liturgy is over. It’s a common experience, for instance, to find that a snatch of song from the liturgy comes to mind during a “dark night” of grief or loss. It is like the breath of the Spirit sent to revive us. But what if we never sang that song? We must participate in the first place, so the experience can continue to echo in our lives.

Beneath the outward expressions of the liturgy lies another layer of participation. This might be called inner or spiritual participation. Heartfelt desire and assent—saying “Yes” to God—is participation. So is the Spirit striving within us to bring about ongoing conversion. Participation includes the willingness to experience life shared—with all its joys and struggles—in communion with one another. These are the inward movements of faith, the dispositions of the heart.

Both outward and inward participation is important. We need the outward signs of the liturgy, which engage us through our senses. But it’s the dispositions of the heart that allow the liturgy to bear fruit over the long run.

REFLECT

Recall an instance when you participated fully, actively, and consciously in the liturgy. What helped you to participate? What hinders your participation? How might you prepare over the coming week to experience Eucharist more fully next Sunday?

ACT

Invite a friend, neighbor, or co-worker to Mass with you. Be attentive to their needs, especially if they are unfamiliar with your community. Or you might offer transportation for someone who has a hard time getting to church. Participation begins by being there.

PRAY

Loving God, you invite us to share in the life of Jesus your Son through the Holy Eucharist. Help us to participate, fully, consciously, and actively in this wonderful sacrament of your Church. Bless our efforts together and make them fruitful!

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2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal

The Catholic Diocese of Savannah comprises 90 counties in South Georgia. It consists of 79 parishes and missions, 18 Catholic Schools, and more than 77,200 parishioners.

These are just a few of the programs and ministries funded by the Bishop’s Annual Appeal to provide spiritual, physical and emotional support to countless people throughout our diocese.

**Missionary Disciples**

**Education Ministries**
Responsible for the overall leadership, administration, organization and instructional services and support for the Catholic schools in the diocese. Also the education ministry provides leadership in research, development and coordination of religious programs.

**Youth & Young Adult Ministries**

**Multi-Cultural Ministries**

**Social Services Ministries**
Our ministries, which includes Catholic Charities, nurtures a reverence for life by responding to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of families. Also, local outreach centers provide food, clothing, and emergency assistance to those in need throughout the Diocese of Savannah.

**Technology & Communications**

**Vocations**
God calls each person to a life of holiness, whether single, married, ordained or consecrated. The Office of Vocations provides discernment opportunities, encouragement, support, education and resources for those responding to God’s call. We are committed to providing an environment where vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life and the diaconate are valued and nurtured.

**Family Life Ministries**

**Special Ministries**

**Mission Parishes**

“Dedicate yourself to conversion of heart and generosity of spirit!”
- Most Reverend Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv.

For more information on the 2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal, please go to https://diosav.org/baa or email stewardship&development@diosav.org
Office of Stewardship and Development
A month ago we received ashes on our foreheads as Lent began. We may have chosen to give up something or to do something special during this penitential season. Where do we stand now with that commitment we made? Have we slid back into our old ways from time to time? Have we totally forgotten about it? Well, it’s not too late. Always the Lord is calling us to follow him, no matter what has come before.

Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are In Memory of Walter Schaaf

Mass Intentions for the week of March 18, 2018

SUNDAY
Pro Populo
Johnnie Ganem Sr. (Anni)
Poor Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY
Intentions of Catherine Richey
Joseph Sullivan

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY
Intentions of Jeremy & Shannon Braccio

THURSDAY
Lucille Dufek
Jonette Kennedy

FRIDAY
Bernard J. Bauer, Sr. (Anni)
Daniel Joseph Keane (Anni)

SATURDAY
Christine Aliffi (Anni)
Jonathon Merriman Kennedy (Anni)

Please Pray For: Ed Arbo, Dale Asbury, Juan Ayala, Odillo Blanco, Doris Boring, Vicky Buck, Heidi Carroll, Michael Cavanagh, Marjorie Connors, Joan Coules, Cedric Dowdy, Eileen and Bill Dunlop, Mary Dunn, Erin Dunning, Chris Fernandez, Robert Green, Catherine Joy Henning, Andy Hodgson, Matt Hunter, Charles James, Patricia Jarrell, David Kennedy, Denise LeMay, Fr. Lou Lindsay, Virginia Logan, Bates Lovett, Mark Mamalis, Rose Marcantonio, Lee Marmaros, 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, Bob Weiterman, Jan Wilson and Larson Zekas.
**Social Apostolate Food Drive**

For 50 years the Social Apostolate has brought hope and provided support in many ways to the working poor and the homeless here in our community. It is through the grace of God that we are here and it is in that grace we are given opportunities to serve those in need. March is the month for the Cathedral to “stock the pantry” at the Social Apostolate and with our help we can continue to help the poor in our community.

**Please place these needed items in the baskets at the church entry:** Tuna, salmon, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jam/jelly, breakfast foods, canned ham, canned vegetables and soups.

**Catholic Charities Seminar**

The Catholic Lawyers Guild and Catholic Charities of South Georgia will present a program entitled “And Then They Came for Me”. The program will feature Dr. Roy Wesley, a research cell and molecular biologist in Chicago, who will share excerpts from his upcoming memoir about his family’s internment during World War II. He will concentrate on the plight of Japanese-American women and children held in internment centers in the United States. The program will be presented at Boland Hall, Catholic Pastoral Center, 7:00 PM, Wednesday, March 21st.

**Memorial Crosses to Honor Deceased Veterans**

Each year, the Catholic War Veterans (Post 1943, Savannah) places Memorial Crosses (bearing the Veteran’s name, conflict and branch of service) within the Catholic Cemetery. The crosses will be put in place on May 23rd. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 PM Thursday, May 24th, at the base of the Holy Cross. The crosses will remain in place through Memorial Day.

If you would like to honor a deceased Veteran in this manner, contact Bart Picasso, (912) 856-3512, bart.picasso@comcast.net, by April 15th. Request forms are also available in the Church office. Interment at the Catholic Cemetery is not required. There is a one-time only fee of $25. The crosses will continue to be maintained and placed in the cemetery each year.

**Cathedral Easter Egg Hunt**

Please make plans join us on Saturday, March 31st at 10:00 AM for the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Cathedral Parish and the Knights of Columbus, Council 631. Hot dogs, chips, drinks, and ice cream will be served after the hunt in the Parish Hall. So, have your little ones grab their Easter baskets and HOP on over to Lafayette Square on the 31st.

**Friends of Cathedral Music presents:**

**TENEBRAE**

A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

Featuring Allegri’s Miserere

March 28 - 7:00 p.m.

Free Admission
**CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY**
Offertory March 11, 2018: $23,114.20
Offertory March 12, 2017: $19,622.50

**VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX**
Week Prior to March 11, 2018: $3,455
Week Prior to March 12, 2017: $5,130

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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 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.

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**Children’s Religious Ed. Schedule**
Mar 18-CLASS - Prayer Assembly; 7th/8th Grade
Mar 25 – CLASS

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**Pre-Cana Class now open for registration at St. James!**

This class will take place on April 20-21st, at St. James Church. 7:00 -10:00 PM on Friday, April 20, 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM on Saturday, April 21.

Register online at:
[www.stjamessav.com/Sacraments/Matrimony](http://www.stjamessav.com/Sacraments/Matrimony)

Complete the registration form as soon as possible as the class size is limited. The cost for the class is $68 per couple. This covers the space, materials, and refreshments for the class.

Questions? Please contact Christina Lynch at 912-355-1523 or [nch@stjamessav.com](mailto:nch@stjamessav.com)

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**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.

New Parishioner [ ]
Change of Address [ ]

Name ____________________________
Address __________________________
Telephone Number __________________
Email Address ______________________

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