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
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.

Mass Schedule
Cathedral Website:  www.savannahcathedral.org
Diocesan Website:  www.diosav.org  Cathedral Music:  sjbmusic.org

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. Jan Cunningham
Office Assistant  - Mrs. Brenda Price
Maintenance  - Mr. Jimmy Joseph Sheehan III
Housekeeper/Food Services  - Ms. Alma Young
Docents  - Mrs. Peggy Baker, Mrs. Gloria Keane

On the Road to Sainthood

"The Paschal Vigil is the center and goal of our liturgy. We live for this night." (“La Vigilia Pascual es centro y meta de nuestra liturgia. Vivimos para esa Noche.”) With these words, Blessed Carlos Manuel Rodriguez Santiago (1918–1963) expressed his great passion for liturgy, for the Paschal Mystery, and for the Risen Christ.

Carlos Manuel (“Chali” to his friends) worked as a clerk in an office. He was chronically ill. He never finished his education. He died young. Yet he shared his faith. He founded several religious publications. He taught religion, counseled, and wrote. He touched so many lives so generously that in 2001 he was declared Blessed, the third step on the road to sainthood. He is the first Puerto Rican to be accorded this honor.

Chali was part of the Liturgical Movement of the early twentieth century. He worked hard to bring the liturgy to the people, and the people to the liturgy. Even before the Second Vatican Council, the reform of the liturgy was underway. It began with Holy Week. In 1951 Pope Pius XII restored the Easter Vigil to its ancient splendor as a night service welcoming the Resurrection. Later (in 1955) he restored the rest of the Holy Week liturgies. Chali conveyed the meaning of these liturgies to ordinary parishioners, so they could come to know and love them. As Holy Week begins, it is good to remember how much we all owe to people like him.

Throughout this Holy Week we will continue to meditate on the Passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Easter Triduum (which begins with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, and continues through Vespers on Easter Sunday evening) is the center of the whole church year.

Of course, we remember the saving death and resurrection of Jesus all year long, whenever we celebrate the Eucharist. But our annual celebration of the Paschal Mystery—Christ’s Passover—helps us to see just what he accomplished. Satan is defeated. Death has no more power over us. We have been given a new life.

The high point of the Triduum is the Easter Vigil. This is the night when Christ rose from the dead. It is our Passover feast. This is when we baptize and confirm and bring new members to the table. This is when we sing the alleluia, silent all Lent. This is when the feast of Easter begins. The Masses of Easter Sunday overflow with the joy we first taste at the Vigil.

HOLY WEEK BEGINS

With Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, another Holy Week begins. The churches are arrayed in red, the color of martyrs. They fill to overflowing with people and palm branches. Today we remember the Lord’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem and his journey to the Cross for our salvation.

THREE DAYS OF WONDER

Throughout Lent, through the Living the Eucharist program, we have been reflecting on Sunday Mass. During this Holy Week, a time of devout recollection, prayer, and liturgical celebration, we have the opportunity to delve into the mystery of the Eucharist with the whole Church.
On Holy Thursday, we meditate on how Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper. We also experience gratitude for the priesthood, established at this meal. The washing of the feet, in memory of Jesus’ own act of humble service, gives us a chance to reflect on how we serve others. The emblem of eucharistic living is how we care for the lowest and the least.

On Good Friday, the reading of the Passion and the veneration of the Cross invite us to see the depth of God’s love for us, poured out in Jesus. He loved us even unto death. This is the love celebrated in the Eucharist. The salvation Christ won for us on the Cross is at the heart of the Mass.

Finally, in the Easter Vigil, we recall the story of our salvation, from creation to resurrection. When the elect are baptized, confirmed, and brought to the Eucharist, we see in the Eucharist the crowning glory of Christian initiation. Eucharist is the sacrament of who we are in Christ.

WHAT CHANGES?

Our Catholic understanding of the Eucharist is centered on the change that comes upon the bread and wine as they become the Body and Blood of Christ. This change is real, awe-inspiring, and important. Yet, when we open ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit in the Eucharist, the change or transformation that takes place there goes beyond what happens to the bread and wine. Something also happens to those who participate.

We change. Participation in the Eucharist makes us into the Body and Blood of Christ, so that we may be poured out and given for the life of the world. The Church is called to share in the mission of Christ and the Holy Spirit. Like Carlos Manuel, we are called to share Christ’s light with others. Like a ripple-effect, the gift of God’s saving love flows from the Eucharist, through us, to those we encounter in the world.

REFLECT

The Passion of Christ was redemptive suffering. When we join our sufferings with his, they too can become part of the mystery of God’s love. Ask yourself: Where do I experience suffering in my life? Can I offer my pain to God, joined to the faithful suffering of Jesus?

ACT

Attend all three of the Triduum liturgies this year, if you can. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper, the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion, and the Easter Vigil are actually one great liturgy spread out over three days. Treat yourself to the full experience.

PRAY

Lord Jesus, by dying on the Cross and rising to new life, you brought hope to the world. Help us hold fast to that hope. By your willingness to suffer for us, you showed us the meaning of love. Help us to love as you love. Through your gift of the Eucharist, you nourish our faith. Grant us the joy of sharing that faith with others.
Rector’s Corner

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE AT THE CATHEDRAL

This Sunday, March 25th, is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. As always, it will be a very busy week at the Cathedral. The Liturgies of Holy Week are beautiful and moving, and I hope that you will be able to attend all or many of them. At each Mass for Palm Sunday, we will bless palms and recall Jesus’ triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. For the 10:00 AM Mass, the blessing of the palms will take place in front of the Cathedral. For all the other Masses on Palm Sunday, the blessing of the palms will take place at the baptismal font at the entrance to the Church.

On Tuesday, April 11th, the Bishop will celebrate the Mass of the Chrism at 7:00 PM. At this Mass he will bless the Oils to be used throughout the Diocese for the next twelve months (Oil of the Sick, Oil of Catechumens, and Sacred Chrism). At this Mass the Priests of the Diocese will also renew their commitment to Priestly service.

On Wednesday evening, at 7:00 PM, the Choir will lead us in a traditional evening prayer service known as Tenebrae. The Latin word means “shadows” or “darkness.” It recalls the betrayal of Jesus by Judas Iscariot and his arrest in the garden.

The Sacred Triduum begins on Holy Thursday, with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:00PM. This beautiful Mass recalls the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist. At this Mass the Bishop will wash the feet of twelve people, commemorating the example given by Jesus to his disciples. Following Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be placed on the Altar of Repose, and the Church will remain open for private prayer until 10:00 PM.

On Good Friday, Bishop Hartmayer will celebrate the Liturgy of the Passion at 12:00 noon. The Passion according to John will be proclaimed, the Crucifix will be venerated, and Holy Communion will be distributed. At the conclusion of the Liturgy of the Passion, there will be silent meditation in the Church, commemorating the hours that Jesus hung upon the cross. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during those hours. At 3:00 PM we will make the Way of the Cross. At the conclusion, the Church will be closed, and nothing will take place in the Church until the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday night.

The Easter Vigil Mass will begin at 8:30 PM on Saturday, April 15th. At this most dramatic Liturgy, the new fire will be lighted, the Paschal Candle blessed and lighted, the history of salvation proclaimed from Scripture, and the water for Baptism blessed. Four adults will be baptized, and five others will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

On Easter Sunday, Masses will be at the usual times (8:00, 10:00, 11:30, and 1:00 PM Latin). Everyone should expect and be prepared for large crowds at each Mass. May God bless you!

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
After three years of traveling, preaching, and healing, Jesus had become well known in the region. From what we read in the Gospels, most people who had encountered him had formed a strong opinion. Many had become his followers, thinking him a prophet or a miracle worker, or the Messiah or the Son of God. Others, however, thought him dangerous, a rabble-rouser who threatened their hold on power under the Roman government. In the Gospel we hear now, Jesus is greeted with the branches of palm trees, often used to welcome returning heroes. Hosanna!” we cry. “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

**Mass Intentions for the week of March 25, 2018**

**SUNDAY**
- Pro Populo
- Jack Sheppard

**MONDAY**
- Fr. C. Donald Howard

**TUESDAY**
- Henry Bland

**WEDNESDAY**
- Joseph Sullivan

**THURSDAY**
- John Collins

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**
- Gertie Boland (Anni)

**Please Pray For:** Ed Arbo, Dale Asbury, Juan Ayala, 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 Mamalakis, Rose Marcantonio, Lee Marmarus, Hugh Markowsky, Gayle McGhee, Marcia Morgan, Mary Moriarty, Brian Murphy, Josephine Nasworthy, Patrick Nelligan, 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.
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 also available in 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 next 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.

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.

Job Opening

Saint Anne Catholic Church in Richmond Hill is seeking a Part Time Director/Coordinator of Religious Education. Applicant must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church and have experience in administering religious education program for grades pre-K through 12th to include supervision of the high school Catholic Youth Ministry program and coordinating the Summer Vacation Bible School. Please send resumes and references to: Fr. Allan J McDonald, Pastor, St Anne Catholic Church, P O Box 648, Richmond Hill, GA 31324 or email frajm@stannerh.org.

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 18, 2018: $19,544.75
Offertory March 19, 2017: $27,649.40

VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to March 18, 2018: $4,819.50
Week Prior to March 19, 2017: $5,490.00

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.

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. Thank you.

New Parishioner [ ]
Change of Address [ ]

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
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Telephone Number ________________________
Email Address _________________________

To register online, go to www.savannahcathedral.org

Children’s Religious Ed. Schedule
Mar 25 - CLASS
Apr 01 - NO CLASS - Easter

Devotion & Celebration
THE DIVINE MERCY

Divine Mercy Novena
March 30 – April 7 at 3:00 PM
Begins Good Friday after 3:00 PM liturgy

Divine Mercy Service
Sunday, April 8, 3:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration
Chaplet of Divine Mercy † Homily
Followed by reception (nursery provided)