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 Mass 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 By request for those who are seriously ill.

Sacraments

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
In Residence - Rev. Pablo Migone
Permanent Deacon - Rev. Dr. Dewain E. Smith, Ph.D.
Sacristan - Lynne Everett, MD
Director of Religious Education - Mrs. Janee Przybyl
Bookkeeper/Admin. Assistant - Ms. Jan Cunningham
Office Assistant - Mrs. Brenda Price
Music Director - Mr. McDowell Fogle, MM
Assistant Organist - Dr. Jonathan Murphy
Maintenance - Mr. Jimmy Joseph Sheehan III
Housekeeper/Food Services - Ms. Alma Young
Docents - Mrs. Peggy Baker, Mrs. Gloria Keane

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
The Entrance Antiphon is proscribed by the Church for each Sunday of Advent. It is sung in the same format as the Responsorial Psalm.

Psalm 25: 1-3

James J. Chepponis

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.

In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.

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KYRIE Mass in Honor of St. Ignatius Music: Russell Weismann

Cantor, then All

Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison.

Cantor, then All

Kyrie, eleison.


COLLECT

All sit.

+ LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 2: 1-5

Missal, p. 19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 122:1-9

L ET us go re-joicing to the house of the Lord.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

Missal, p. 20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Missa Simplex

All stand.

REFRAIN

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

GOSPEL Matthew 24:37-44

Missal, p. 21

The Gospel Acclamation is repeated, then all sit.

HOMILY

NICENE CREED All sit. Missal, p. 99

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

+ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

5:30 & 11:30: O Lord of Light 506
CHORAL ANTHEM (10 A.M.)

Zion hört die Wächter singen, das Herz tut ihr vor Freuden springen, sie wachet und steht erlöst auf. Ihr Freund kommt von Himmel prächtig, von Gnaden stark, von Wahrheit mächtig, ihr Licht wird hell, ihr Stern geht auf. Nun komm, du werte Kron', Herr Jesu, Gottes Sohn, Hosanna! Wir folgen all zum Freuden- saal und halten mit das Abendmahl.

Zion hears the watchmen sing, her heart leaps for joy within her, she wakens and hastily arises. Her glorious friend comes from heaven, strong in mercy, powerful in truth, her light becomes bright, her star rises. Now come, precious crown, Lord Jesus, the Son of God! Hosanna! We all follow to the hall of joy and hold the evening meal together.

Text: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)
Music: Chorale Cantata BWV 140, J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Eucharistic Prayer

All stand.

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.
ASSEMBLY: And with your spirit.
PRIEST: Lift up your hearts.
ASSEMBLY: We lift them up to the Lord.
PRIEST: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
ASSEMBLY: It is right and just.

MASS ORDINARY: Mass in Honor of St. Ignatius
Music: Russell Weismann

Holy, Holy, Holy

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel.

We Proclaim Your Death, O Lord

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.

Amen


All stand.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.


All kneel.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will be stow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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MARIAN ANTIPHON Alma Redemptoris Mater

HYMN: O Come, Divine Messiah

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING 2016

We have celebrated our national feast of Thanksgiving on Thursday of this past week, giving thanks to God for the tremendous abundance of gifts we enjoy as citizens and residents of this beautiful land. It is our pleasure to welcome to the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist all of our visitors this weekend. It is wonderful to have so many family members home for this holiday. We hope you have had a great time together.

We begin today the Season of Advent; that annual season of anticipation and waiting, as we prepare to celebrate the great mystery of the Incarnation and the Lord’s birth. On Monday evening, December 12th, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during our Advent Penance Service. There will be a number of priests on hand to help with confessions. Although the Year of Mercy has officially come to a close, we will continue to have confessions on Friday afternoons from 4:00 – 5:00 PM. On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18th, our Choir will present its annual Christmas concert in the Cathedral at 4:00 PM.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all of you who were able to make a contribution to the Cathedral Heritage Endowment Fund. As this bulletin goes to print we do not know the final total contributed to the Endowment, but I am very pleased to be able to say that it will be the largest annual amount we have ever collected for the Endowment Fund. My thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Luke Curtsinger, the Chairmen of our committee this year, and to the members of that committee: Dr. Frank P. Rossiter, Gretchen Reese, Rob and Amy Massey, Bill and JoAnn Sterritt, Catherine Kostilnik, Loretto Lominack and Melanie Brooks.

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
On this first Sunday of Advent we recall our Church’s long-standing tradition that Advent is a time to mark the three comings of Christ. First is his coming as one of us, a human born of a woman two thousand years ago. Second is his coming at the end of time. Third is his coming into our hearts. As we begin this Advent season, let us prepare anew a place in our hearts for the Lord so that we, like Mary, can bring him into a world that sorely needs his presence.


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Cathedral Christmas Angel Trees

There are two angel trees in the back of the cathedral near the exits. Both trees will benefit the Social Apostolate. The Cathedral Council of Catholic Women will set up one tree to provide gift cards for the homeless and low income families. The Christian Service Committee will set up a tree to collect food to provide families in need with a Christmas Dinner. Please choose either a stocking or gift tag from these trees and purchase the items listed. It is important that each participant receives a gift package of equal value so please provide the gift cards or food items in the denomination or quantity requested. We welcome as many gift cards or Christmas Dinner items, as you would like to donate as there are many in need. Last year, the Cathedral donated over 300 Christmas Gift Stockings to the Social Apostolate. This year, we hope to donate as many stockings and to stock the pantry with a healthy Christmas Dinner for the families in need. 

Return the stockings and gift bags to the large wrapped boxes located near the trees no later than Sunday, December 18th. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer with this effort, please ask a committee member after Mass. On behalf of the Cathedral Council of Catholic Women and the Christian Service Committee, we thank you for your support and generosity.

SVA’s Annual Holiday Shopping Night

YOU WON’T WANT TO MISS this year’s 7th Annual SVA Holiday Shopping Night Fundraiser on Thursday, December 1st, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM, in St. Vincent’s Academy’s Walsh Hall (Gym) on the corner of Lincoln & E. Harris Streets. Come enjoy private shopping with over 35 local boutiques, all under one roof, while sampling complimentary hors d’oeuvres and cheerful beverages. Admission is $15.00 for Adults. Special appearance this year by New York Times best-selling author and celebrity, MARY KAY ANDREWS!!! She will be meeting and greeting her fans and autographing copies of her page-turning books. Let's "Pack the Gym" for this Fundraiser!

St. Nicholas Family Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus, Post 631, and the Cathedral Parish are hosting a St. Nicholas Family Pancake and Sausage Breakfast next Sunday, December 4th after the 10:00 AM Mass. Make this Christmas season a family affair and plan to join us for this festive event. Word has it that we may have a special visitor from the North Pole. Ho! Ho! Ho! See you in December. Coffee and donuts will still be served after the 8:00 AM Mass.

Parish Supper

Please make plans to join us for the "Light Up For Christ" and Blessing of the Crèche Parish Supper Wednesday, December 7, 2016. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Post 631 will be cooking ham and the Cathedral will provide the chicken. Parishioners are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert (family size)! Bring a canned good for the Social Apostolate and we will help brighten a family’s day! This is a GREAT way to begin your Christmas Season! The Prayer Service/Sing-a-Long at Crèche will begin at 6:00 PM outside the front window of the Cathedral Parish Center followed by the Parish Supper beginning at 6:30 PM.

Gold and Silver Jubilee Anniversary Mass

Couples celebrating their Silver or Gold (25th or 50th) Wedding Anniversaries in 2017 are invited to breakfast and a special Mass in their honor at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Savannah, GA on Sunday, February 12, 2017 with Bishop Gregory Hartmayer at the 11:30 AM Mass. Those wishing to attend should contact the parish secretary of your own parish to register or register online at https://www.diosav.org/familylife-marriage-jubilee no later than December 20, 2016.
St. Vincent’s Academy Christmas Candlelight Concert

St. Vincent’s Academy chorus will present its 45th Annual Candlelight Concert on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the inspirational setting of the Cathedral o St. John the Baptist. The concert is free and open to the public. Please come and join us for this beautiful evening of scripture and song. For more information, call 912-236-5508.

Attention Catholic Men!
Discernment Retreat for Catholic Men ages 18-40. Sponsored by the Vocations Office.
Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge
80 Live Oak Trail
Helena, GA 31037

Noon Friday, December 30th – Noon Saturday, December 31st 2016. To register go to www.diosav.org/vocations-discernment-retreat-registration. There is no cost
If you have any questions, please contact Vocation Director Fr. Pablo at pmigone@diosav.org or 912-201-4113

“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.” Matthew 20:28

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 ____________________________

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