Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist

222 East Harris Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401 - Located at Abercorn and East Harris Streets
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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.

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the
day long, O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of
mercy to all who call on you. Psalm 85:3,5

HYMN: We Are Your People

PENITENTIAL ACT Mass of Wisdom Janco

GLORIA Mass of Wisdom Janco

FIRST READING Jeremiah 20:7-9
Missal, p. 52

PSALM: Psalm 63:2-9

MY soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-2
Missal, p. 53

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

REFRAIN

GOSPEL Matthew 16: 21-27
Missal, p. 53

Gospel Acclamation is repeated, then all sit.

HOMILY

CREED Missal, Page 94

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL
**+LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:**

**ANTHEM:** Prayer of Fatima (Rosario)  
5:30/11:30: Instrumental

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**MASS ORDINARY**

Mass of Wisdom  
Music: Ianco

*For guidelines for the reception of Holy Communion, please refer to the back page of the missal.*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM (10:00 A.M.)**  
*If Ye Love Me (Talkis)*

**COMMUNION SONG**

*HOW great is your goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who fear you.*

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**MARIAN ANTIPHON**

Salve Regina  
1008, Hymnal

*Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae;  
vita, dulcedo et spes nostra, salve.  
Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevae.  
Ad te suspiramus gementes et flentes  
in hac lacrimarum valle.  
Eia ergo, advocata nostra,  
illos tuos miserere oculos ad nos converte.  
Et resurget mortuum in ventris tui,  
nobis post hoc exsiliatum ostende. O dementes, o pia,  
O dulcis, Virgo Maria.*

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**+CONCLUDING RITE**

**GREETING AND BLESSING**  
STAND

**DISMISSAL**

**HYMN:** Beautiful Savior  
1019

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Rector's Corner

THIS IS A HOLY PLACE

We have begun our offertory appeal and you should have received some information in the mail this week about it. Please take some time to consider what you might be able to give to the Cathedral on a regular basis. If you have not been giving, now is a perfect time to start! We need your help, and I can promise you that we will use your offering wisely. Next weekend, we are going to ask everyone to bring their commitment card to Mass and place it in the basket at a designated time.

Two other things to keep in mind: ONLINE GIVING is a very good option to consider. You can simply click on the link on the parish website (savannahcathedral.org) and set up your own regular weekly or monthly giving. You can also designate an offering for each of the Second Collections which occur during the year. If you choose this option, you don’t have to write a check or use an envelope. The donation comes out of your back account or from a credit card. Many people have found this a very convenient way to give to the Cathedral. STOCK TRANSFERS are also an option that you might want to consider. Many people today have stocks which have appreciated in value. The Diocese of Savannah has a brokerage account through which we can accept a gift/donation of stock. The donor can make a gift of the stock, at its appreciated value, and receive a tax deduction for the gift. For many people, this is a good option.

I thank you for your generous support of the Cathedral and for the many sacrifices which you make to build up our parish and our community. God is pleased with our generous sacrifices, and He helps us make our Cathedral, our parish, a holy place!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
Today is a day of reflection for all of us who have gathered here at God’s invitation. Jesus asks us what profit there is in gaining the whole world if we forfeit our life. We would do well to assess our priorities and examine whether we wish to live for ourselves or for Christ. Let us pray today for the grace to take up our cross and follow him.

Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in Memory of Ruth E. Desmond

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**Mass Intentions for the week of September 3, 2017**

**SUNDAY**
Pro Populo  
Frank Baker (B-Day)  
Int. of William McGhee  
Poor Souls in Purgatory

**MONDAY**
Fred and Josephine Doyle  
Int. of Penny Jackson

**TUESDAY**
Ruth E. Desmond (B-Day)  
Dr. Edward J. Whelan, Jr. (MM)

**WEDNESDAY**
Francis Thomas Veigle Jr.

**THURSDAY**
Doris Cunningham (Anni)  
Int. of Irma Floyd  
Int. of Remington and Sara Kohrt.  
Harvey Granger  
John O’Neill (Anni)

**FRIDAY**
Harvey Granger  
Int. of Chris Kaminski

**SATURDAY**
Harvey Granger

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**Please Pray For:** Anthony Aliotta, Ed Arbo, Juan Ayala, Doris Boring, Vicky Buck, Right Reverend Oscar Burnett, Joy Castillo, Michael Cavanagh, Joan Coules, John Cronk, Eileen and Bill Dunlop, Mary Dunn, Kathy Dziuban, Amanda Mizelle Fanning, Chris Fernandez, Walt Harper, Andy Hodgson, Matt Hunter, Charles James, Denise LeMay, Delvin Love, Laura Marcantonio, Lee Marmarus, Hugh Markowsky, Jenna Nobles, Gayle McGhee, Marcia Morgan, Brian Murphy, Josephine Nasworthy, Patrick Neligan, Jeffrey Powell, Joel Rivera, Tina Sanders, Stephen Saunders, Beth Sheehan, Diane Trezza, Stephanie Venuto, Greg Waldhour, and Larson Zekas.
Priests on Retreat
This week, the Priests of the Diocese of Savannah will be on retreat at the Marywood Retreat Center in Jacksonville, FL. Since Monday is Labor Day, we will only have a 10:00 AM Mass. There will be Mass Tuesday through Thursday at Noon only (No 7:30 AM Mass). Friday there will be a 7:30 AM and the Noon Mass. Please pray for our Priests this week.

Children's Religious Education
Sign Up Next Weekend!
Attention Parents! For many of you the school year has already begun. Registration will take place after 5:30 Mass on Saturday, September 9th and 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 Masses on Sunday, September 10th. Bring your child’s baptismal certificate if you are new to the Cathedral’s CRE program. Classes begin on Sunday morning, September 24th at 8:45. If you miss this registration, bring your child to the parish center on the first day of class for registration and enrollment. Have a terrific remainder of the summer and talk about your Catholic faith with your children everyday.

Join the Cathedral Choir!
Singing in the choir is a great way to meet your fellow parishioners and to participate through music at mass in the Mother Church of the Diocese of Savannah! Introduction to Choir Class each Wednesday, 5:30-6:00 PM, in lower church, followed by rehearsals each Wednesday, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, September through May. Choir sings at 10:00 AM Mass every Sunday. Warm up at 9:00 AM. First Mass is Sunday, September 10th at 10:00 AM.

We invite you to experience a choir rehearsal. Open rehearsals will be held on September 6th and 13th in the lower church. No commitment is necessary, just a desire to sing! All voice parts are needed!

For more information, please email McDowell Fogle, Choirmaster, at: savcathedralmusic@gmail.com
Thank you for considering using your musical gifts to worship God through song.

Cathedral Flower Guild
New Member Drive
The Cathedral Flower Guild invites parishioners who are interested in learning how to create flower arrangements for our beautiful church are invited to join us! Beginners or experienced are welcome! Please send inquiries to cathedralextra@aol.com or 912-233-4709.

New Book Club Selection
All are Welcome to Join the Book Club!
Book: Gilead by Marilynne Robinson
The 2004 Pulitzer Prize winning novel is a New York Times Top-Ten Book of 2004 and winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction. Marilynne Robinson writes a story about fathers and sons and the spiritual battles that still rage at America's heart. In the words of Kirkus, it is a novel "as big as a nation, as quiet as thought, and moving as prayer. Matchless and towering."

The Bible Timeline
Our Popular Study Program Returns In a Week!
Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding it is often difficult. The good news is that you can understand the Bible, and The Bible Timeline makes it easy. The Bible Timeline is a Catholic Bible study that can help anyone to make sense of the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God’s Word.
The study includes a series of twenty-four videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Last Spring we began with lessons 1-8 and are continuing now with lessons 9-18 and will complete the program after the New Year with lesson 19-23. All are welcome, including those who did not attend lessons 1-8. Video portion of the lesson are available online if you miss a class!

When: Every Monday beginning September 11th for ten consecutive weeks.
Time: 6:00-8:00 PM
Where: Parish Hall Library room
Sign Up: Threenovacks@gmail.com
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory August 27, 2017: $18,480.26
Offertory August 28, 2016: $19,697.00

VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to August 27, 2017: $2,195.00
Week Prior to August 28, 2016: $3,391.50

BAA PROGRESS REPORT
Total Given: $116,652
Parish Goal: $114,459

Cathedral Ornaments are available for purchase for $20 each. We have all years available. However, we have less than 300 of the 2017 ornaments left. If you wish to purchase one, please do so soon! You may purchase them online or at the back of the church. No more will be ordered this year!

Save the Date
Stewardship Appreciation Dinner
Sunday, October 1, 2017
Lafayette Square, 5:00 to 8:00 PM
Parishioners, come join us for hamburgers, bratwursts, veggie burgers, baked beans, chips, tea, lemonade, and ice cream. Entertainment is The Equinox Small Combo. RSVP to the Rectory Office at 912-233-4709 or cathedralextra@aol.com by Monday, September 25th.

The Ignatian Adventure
Experiencing the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius in Daily Life.
When: Thursday starting Sept. 21st 6:00 - 7:00 PM weekly in the Parish Hall Library.
Contact: Threenovacks@gmail.com to sign up.

"There is no better guide than Saint Ignatius of Loyola if one desires to discover how faith and everyday life can thrive together. The Ignatian Adventure, by Kevin O'Brien, SJ, follows St. Ignatius's lead and offers time strapped individuals a unique way of making the spiritual exercises in daily life and is the only cost of the program as all participants will need to have a copy of the book.

Ignatius gave the church the Spiritual Exercises as a testament to God's gentle, persistent laboring in his life. Over his lifetime, Ignatius became convinced that the Exercises could help other people draw closer to God and discern God's call in their lives, much as they had helped him. The purpose of the exercises is very practical: to grow in union with God, who frees us to make good decisions about our lives and to help souls. The exercises help us grow in interior freedom from sin and disordered loves so that we can respond more generously to God's call in our life. The Exercises are a school of prayer in mediation and contemplation.

This group will meet weekly for an hour to discuss the daily assignments they will be doing on their own. While the book opens with helpful background information, including a brief history of St. Ignatius, its core provides 32 weeks of prayer and meditations to draw participants into a deeper encounter with God. But what truly sets this book apart from other Ignatian retreats in daily life (19th annotation) is how O'Brien weaves throughout the pages his own accounts of living out the exercises in everyday life."

A minimum number of people are required to start the program so tell your friends if you are interested in joining! The program is free and the only required materials are the book and your time dedicated to pray. Participants will be asked to spend at least 30 minutes in prayer every day using the programs guidelines.

Jan Cunningham in the Cathedral rectory is a Notary. Please call in advance to make arrangements if you are in need of a Notary for documents. (No fee.)