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

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Cathedral Website: www.savannahcathedral.org  Cathedral Music: music@savannahcathedral.org

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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 1:45 pm & 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 Sundays 8:45 am to 9:50 am
R. C. I. A. Tuesdays 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
Director of Music - Dr. Paul Thornock
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

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Rector’s Corner

ADVENT BEGINS

In the Season of Advent we are reminded that we should all “Watch” and “Stay Awake” so that we will be prepared to meet the Lord when he comes again. To that end, we should all try to increase our prayer and our works of charity during these four weeks. The Sacrament of Reconciliation should also be a significant element of our Advent preparation. The Advent Penance Service will take place at the Cathedral on Monday, December 17th, at 7:00 PM. In addition, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on Fridays from 4:00 – 5:00 PM, and on Saturdays from 11:00 AM until 11:50 AM and from 4:15 PM until 5:00 PM. There are many other opportunities for Confession during Advent at the parishes of the Savannah Deanery.

I would also like to call to your attention our annual Christmas Concert in the Cathedral which will take place on Sunday, December 16th at 5:00 PM. The concert features our Cathedral Choir, and the unveiling of the Cathedral Christmas Crèche. There is no charge to attend, but a collection will be taken up to benefit our Cathedral Music Program.

December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary and it falls this year on a Saturday. However, it is a still a Holy Day of Obligation and Mass will be celebrated for the Feast Day at 10:00 AM. Please note that there will not be Mass at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, December 8th. Immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass, we will begin the necessary preparations for the Nativity Scene in the Blessed Mother’s Chapel of the Cathedral.

I hope you have a very peaceful and holy Advent, and a wonderful Christmas!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
7th Grade Vocation Essay Contest

“How have the lives of the Georgia Martyrs inspired you to go on mission to spread the Catholic Faith to others in our Diocese of Savannah - as a priest, religious or lay person?”

Don’t know who the Georgia Martyrs are? Watch bit.ly/MartyrsVideo.

The St. John Vianney Vocations Ministries of Savannah and August and the Southern Cross have announced the topic in question for the 2018 Vocations Essay Contest. This year’s topic for the 300 to 400 word essay will be: “How have the lives of the Georgia Martyrs inspired you to go on mission to spread the Catholic Faith to others in our Diocese of Savannah - as a priest, religious or lay person?”

The essay contest is open to 7th grade students in parish religious education classes and Catholic school religion classes. A total of six prizes will be presented to 7th graders for the best essay in each of the classes. Prizes are as follows: 1st place - $250; 2nd place - $125; 3rd place - $75. In addition, honorable mentions awards will be presented to students who submitted the best essays in their school and/or faith formation program, but did not place.

All essays must be at least 300 words and no more than 400 words. Must include the student’s name, teacher’s name, parish or school, and city. All essays must be submitted by the class teacher.

The DEADLINE is December 14, 2018. Essay packages should be delivered to: Southern Cross, Attn: Vocations Essay Contest, 2170 E. Victory Dr., Savannah, GA 31404
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE
Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645
Bach

INTROIT
To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame. Psalm 25
Mode VIII

HYMN
VENI EMMANUEL

1. O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, And ransom captive Is-ra-el, That mourns in lowly ex-ile here.
2. O come, O Wis-dom from on high, Who or-ders all things might-i-ly; To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
3. O come, O Rod of Jes-se’s stem, From ev’ry foe de-liv-er them That trust your mighty pow’r to save, And give them vic-t’ry o’er the grave.

Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el Shall come to you, O Is-ra-el.

PENITENTIAL ACT
New Plainsong Mass


COLLECT

READING I
Jeremiah 33:14–16
I will raise up for David a just shoot.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Willcock

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; to you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
READING II

1 Thessalonians 3:12–4:2

May the Lord strengthen your hearts at the coming of our Lord Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hurd

GOSPEL


Your redemption is at hand.

HOMILY

CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. (rise)

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, hear our prayer
and let our cry come unto You.
Bless our Diocese of Savannah
with many vocations to the Priesthood,
 Diaconate, and Religious Life.

Give the men and women You call
the light to understand Your gift
and the love to follow always
in the footsteps of Your priestly Son.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

O Thou the Central Orb

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love, Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light
Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine. Henry Ramsden Bramley

Wood
SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
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.

MYSTERIUM FIDEI

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

GREAT AMEN

Amen, Amen, Amen.

AGNUS DEI

1, 2. Have mercy on us. 3. Grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.
Psalm 85
COMMUNION MOTET

Lo, in the Time Appointed
Willan

Lo, in the time appointed the Lord will come,
the mountains and hills will break forth in singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands:
for the Lord shall come into his everlasting kingdom
and upon the throne of David he shall reign forever. Alleluia.

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

1. Come, O long expected Jesus, Born to set your people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Free us from captivity.

2. Israel's strength and consolation, You, the hope of all the earth,
Dear desire of every nation,
Come, and save us by your birth.

STUTTGART

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, December 8
One Mass at 10:00 a.m.

PARTICIPANT RELEASE

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**ANSWER**

*the call –*

*A Discernment Retreat for Men*

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**WHO**

For single, Catholic men ages 18-40

**WHEN**

*Arrive*
Friday, December 28th by noon

*Depart*
Saturday, December 29th after lunch

**WHERE**

Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge
80 Live Oak Trail, Helena, GA 31037
(Off Highway 41 about 40 miles south of Dublin, Georgia)

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**Registration & Information**

diosav.org/vocations

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The Roman Catholic
Diocese of Savannah
Department of Vocations

Fr. Pablo Migone, Vocations Director

2170 East Victory Drive, Savannah, Georgia 31404 :: p / 912.201.4113 :: e / pr migone@diosav.org :: w / diosav.org/vocations
During Advent, we prepare for Christ’s coming in three ways: as an infant who came into this world over two thousand years ago, as our Lord and Savior coming into our hearts right here and now, and as the Son of Man who will come into this world again at the end of time. We do not know when the last of these will occur, so this season is a good opportunity to focus on preparing our hearts for Jesus now, perhaps by looking for his face in those we encounter.

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Cathedral Christmas Bake Sale
The Cathedral Council of Catholic Women will be having a Bake Sale on the Plaza after the 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 AM Masses (or until they sell out) on December 16th. They will have a delectable variety of home-made goodies to tempt you! If you love to bake and would like to donate one or more of your creations to our sale, we would love to add you to our group of bakers! For more information, please contact Gigi at g2lacanilao@yahoo.com.
**Coffee and Donuts This Sunday**

Please join us for Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses this Sunday, December 2nd. All are welcome!

**Parish Supper is Wednesday**

Please make plans to join us for the "Light Up For Christ" and Blessing of the Crèche Parish Supper which will take place this Wednesday, December 5th. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Post 631, they will be cooking ham and macaroni and cheese. The Cathedral will provide the chicken. Parishioners are asked to bring a covered dish (family size). We are often overwhelmed with desserts and have a very limited number of side dishes. Desserts are always welcome, but if you have a favorite side dish to accompany the meat, please consider bringing one.

This is a GREAT way to begin your Christmas Season! The Prayer Service/Sing-a-Long at the 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.

**January Visit from Papal Appointee**

Hospice Savannah’s 11th Annual Lecture Series will feature Monsignor Renzo Pegoraro, physician, author, bioethicist and Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy for Life at The Vatican. He will be joined by ethicist Dr. Kathleen DeLoach Benton, incoming Executive Director for Hospice Savannah, Inc. as they address “The Art of Living and the Art of Dying: Dignity at End of Life.”

Parishioners are invited to attend this community lecture at Savannah Technical College’s Eckburg Auditorium at 9:30 AM on Thursday, January 24, 2019. Seating is limited to 300. For more information contact Beth Logan at 912-629-1043.

**Cathedral Angel Trees**

The CCW is collecting hygiene items, $25 Kroger gift cards, and candy for the Social Apostolate Annual Christmas party. The hygiene packs of toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant and lotion (No large containers) are the most requested items by homeless clients, and the gifts cards to Kroger help buy groceries, gas and pharmacy medications for the working poor families. We hope to provide each person at the Christmas luncheon with a small bag of candy as well. The Dollar Tree has bargain prices on the items for the hygiene packs. All items must be returned to the Cathedral by Dec.16th.

The Christian Service Committee is collecting food for the Social Apostolate. The food will help provide meals and stock the pantry for the homeless population we assist. Please select a food card from the tree and join us in the spirit of giving this Christmas.

**Help Us Set Up Our Crèche Scene?**

We need HELP installing the Crèche scene! The installation will start taking place on December 7th at 12:30, right after the Noon Mass. We need eight able bodied helpers to start staging the materials from our downstairs storage area up into the Cathedral. On December 8th, from 11:00 AM to 5:00, we need twice as many helpers to bring the materials up into the Cathedral. If you can lift 50 pounds and would like to help, please contact John at fizzypryor@gmail.com or Bart at bart1@comcast.net. This installation is a full week long and will be finished in time for our Christmas concert on December 16th. You do not have to help for a full shift - any time you can contribute will be very helpful!

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CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory Nov. 25, 2018: $18,920.25
Offertory Nov. 26, 2017: $20,820.50

VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to Nov. 25, 2018: $5,552.00
Week Prior to Nov. 26, 2017: $3,365.50

Cathedral ornaments are available for purchase for $20 each at the back of the church or online at www.savannahcathedral.org. The 2018 ornaments are selling out quickly!

Gold and Silver Wedding Anniversary Mass
The Most Reverend Gregory Hartmayer, Bishop of Savannah, invites all couples celebrating their Silver or Gold (25th or 50th) Wedding Anniversaries in 2019 to join him in celebrating the Gold & Silver Wedding Jubilee Anniversary Mass in your honor at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist on Sunday, February 10, 2019. Those wishing to attend must register online at www.diosav.org/familylife-marriage-jubilee by December 20, 2018 in order to receive a formal invitation with the detailed information. Questions? Contact the Diocesan Office of Family Life at 912-201-4068.

Children's Religious Ed. Schedule
Dec. 2 - CLASS
Dec. 9 - CLASS  Prayer Assembly; First Eucharist Class