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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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 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
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE

Three Advent Chorales from Orgelbüchlein

Bach

INTROIT

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near. Do not be anxious over anything; but in all manner of prayer, let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4

HYMN

1. Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,
   Once for our salvation slain;
   “Cast away the works of darkness,
   Swell the triumph of his reign.

2. Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding,
   High on thine eternal throne;
   Savior, take the power and glory;
   Claim the kingdom for thine own:

3. Yea, a men! let all adore thee,
   Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.
   Alleluia! Christ appears in morning skies.
   Alleluia! Christ returns to reign.

HELMSLEY

New Plainsong Mass

Hurd

COLLECT

READING I
The Lord will rejoice over you with gladness. Zephaniah 3:14–18a

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

CRY out with joy and glad-ness: for a-mong you is the great and Holy One of Is-ra-el.

Guimont

READING II
The Lord is near. Philippians 4:4–7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Hurd

GOSPEL
What should we do? Luke 3:10–18

HOMILY

CREED
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

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.

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)

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. 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 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.

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.

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.

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR
Bogoroditse Devo
Rejoice, virgin mother of God, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb,
for you have borne the Savior of our souls.

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.

Rachmaninoff
Hurd
Hurd
AGNUS DEI

1., 2. Have mer - cy on us. 3. Grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us. Isaiah 35

COMMUNION MOTET

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree
The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

1. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah, The world in si - lence waits the day
2. O come, De - sired of na - tions, Whom priest and proph - et long fore-told,

When hope shall sing its tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a-way.
Will break the cap - tive fet - ters, Re - deem the long - lost fold.

Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dispel the night and
show your face, And bid us hail the dawn of grace. O

come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah, The world in si - lence waits the day When
hope shall sing its tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a-way.

POSTLUDE

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

Bach

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Rector’s Corner

Friends of Cathedral Music Present

Christmas at the Cathedral

Featuring the Cathedral Choir and Brass
And the unveiling of the World-famous Cathedral Crèche

Sunday, December 16
5:00 p.m.

Free and Open to the Public
Savannahcathedral.org

Please join us for this festive musical event! Works by Praetorius, Britten, Rachmaninoff, Rutter, and Handel’s Hallelujah!
Directed by Dr. Paul Thornock and accompanied by Dr. Craig Cramer, professor of organ at the University of Notre Dame.
ANSWER – the call –
A Discernment Retreat for Men

– 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 491 about 40 miles
south of Dublin, Georgia)

Registration & Information
diosav.org/vocations
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) this Sunday. They will have a delectable variety of home-made goodies to tempt you!

Breakfast with Santa

This Sunday, December 16th, the K of C Council 631 will hold its annual “Breakfast with Santa” following the 10:00 AM Mass. The event will be held in the Cathedral Parish Hall giving the parish children and their families an opportunity to have breakfast and their picture taken with Santa. For additional information contact: Jerry at 912-656-0917.

Prayer and Action Winter 2018

The Diocese of Savannah will be hosting Prayer and Action on December 27-29. Prayer and Action offers a mission experience close to home and provides 12 service hours. It is open to all high school teens and will be hosted at Saint Peter the Apostle in Savannah. For more information and to register, visit the Diocese web site at: diosav.org/oyyam-prayerandaction.

Teens Can Help the Homeless!

RESCHEDULED DATE - CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS - The Savannah Deanery Youth will be helping with the Children of Forsyth Christmas Carnival on December 23. We are expecting 125 children who are homeless or experiencing extreme hardship, and their parents. We will be serving lunch and having carnival games. All volunteers are asked to be at the tennis court end of Forsyth Park at 12:30. We will provide a late lunch for our teens after the program is over. Parents can pick up at 3:00. Thank you for sharing your gifts and your time. Merry Christmas!!!
**Mass Intentions for the week of December 16, 2018**

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**Please Pray For:** Penelope Alberts, Ed Arbo, Randy Beckle, Nancy Bachner, Doris Boring, Mike Bowers, Bill Boyle, Michael Cavanagh, Joan Coules, Gerald Cyr, Patrick Duffy, Eileen and Bill Dunlop, Mary Dunn, Erin Dunning, Chris Fernandez, Lance Gambrell, Catherine Joy Henning, Craig Heston, Andy Hodgson, Willie & Marguerite Horton, Matt Hunter, Patricia Jarrell, Suzanne Kearney, Virginia Logan, Rose Marcantonio, Lee Marmar, Hugh Markowsky, Fr. Jeremiah McCarthy, Charles Minally, Gayle McGhee, Marcia Morgan, Brian Murphy, Cindy Doolan Murphy, Josephine Nasworthy, Joy Povec, Jeffrey Powell, Msgr. Peter Riani, Jerrie Ridgeway, Joel Rivera, Loy Sanders, Tina Sanders, Greg Smith, Stephanie Venuto, Greg Waldour, Bob Weiterman, Jan Wilson and Larson Zekas.

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. We should all try to increase our prayer and our works of charity. The Sacrament of Reconciliation should also be a significant element of our Advent preparation. The Cathedral Advent Penance Service is this Monday, December 17th at 7:00 PM.

Christmas in only nine days away now. Children - and the young at heart - can feel the excitement building. Gifts will soon be under the tree. We have been preparing for Christ’s coming for two weeks. Retailers and radio stations have been preparing for Christmas for over a month. The nearness of the holy day is palpable and so today - Gaudete Sunday - we rejoice. We rejoice in God’s gift to us, not to be found under a tree, but in a manger and in our hearts.
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 gift 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. Please return all items to the Cathedral this Sunday.

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.

Low Country Catholics Advent Event!

Join other young adults in the deanery for an Advent study. We will be using "Rejoice: Advent Meditations with Mary" from Ascension Press. We will meet 18th at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral Parish Center across the street from the Cathedral. Feel free to bring a beverage or snack to share. Follow us on Facebook: Low Country Catholics (Savannah Catholic Young Adults) Join our email list: yamsavannah@gmail.com for other upcoming events.

Cathedral Christmas Closings

Adoration Chapel will be closed for two weeks at Christmas (Dec. 24 - Jan. 6), because many of our adorers will be traveling. Nursery will be closed on Sunday, December 30th.

Cathedral Ornaments

Cathedral Ornaments are available for purchase at the back of the church or online for $20.00 each. Unfortunately, we have sold out of this year’s 2018 ornaments, as well as the 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, and 2014.

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 Holiday Schedule

Advent Penance Service
Monday, December 17 at 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve Masses
Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM
Midnight Mass 12:00 AM
(Doors Open at 11:00 PM, Music Concert Begins at 11:15 PM)

Christmas Day Masses
8:00 and 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM (Latin Mass)

New Year’s Day Mass
10:00 AM
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory Dec. 9, 2018: $16,193.50
Offertory Dec. 10, 2017: $21,350.00

VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to Dec. 9, 2018: $4,200.00
Week Prior to Dec. 10, 2017: $1,873.00

BAA PROGRESS REPORT 2018
Total Given: $134,939
Parish Goal: $114,395
Thank you for your generosity!

Attention Altar Server Parents
Please contact Amy Sottile at 912-484-0744 or at sottiles@hotmail.com or e-mail Deacon Dewain at dessav@aol.com in order to schedule your son or daughter to serve during the Christmas season.

RCIA Classes will not meet during Christmas. Classes will resume January 8, 2019.

Children's Religious Ed. Schedule
Dec. 16 - CLASS Status Reports
Dec. 23 - NO CLASS - Christmas Break