Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist
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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
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Housekeeper/Food Services - Ms. Alma Young
Docents - Mrs. Peggy Baker
Mrs. Gloria Keane

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE
Savior of the Nations, Come  
Bruhns

INTROIT
Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.  
Isaiah 45  
Mode I

HYMN

1. The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light triumphant breaks,  
eastern hills And life to joy awakes.  
2. Not, as of old, a little child,  
To suffer and to die,  
like the sun That lights the morning sky.
3. The King shall come when morning dawns  
And earth’s dark night is past;  
of that morrow Whose day shall ever last.
4. And let the endless bliss begin,  
By weary saints foretold,  
over wrong, And truth shall be exalted.

ST. STEPHEN

HYMN

New Plainsong Mass  
Hurd
COLLECT

READING I

From you shall come forth the ruler of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Guimont

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

READING II

Behold, I come to do your will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hurd

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

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
Lo, how a Rose e’er Blooming
Lo, how a rose e’er blooming, from tender stem hath sprung.
Of Jesse’s lineage coming, as men of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel. Isaiah 7

COMMUNION MOTET

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL.

HYMN

VENI EMMANUEL

1. O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, And ran-som
captive Is-ra-el, That mourns in low-ly
ex-ile here, Un-til the Son of God ap-pear.
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el Shall come to you, O Is-ra-el.

2. O come, O Wis-dom from on high, Who or-ders
cap- tive Is-ra-el, That mourns in low-ly
knowl-edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.

3. O come, O Rod of Jes-se’s stem, From ev’ry
cap-tive Is-ra-el, That mourns in low-ly
pow’r to save, And give them vic-t’ry o’er the grave.

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Rector’s Corner

The Bishop, Priests, Deacon and Staff of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist wish you and your loved ones a very merry and blessed Christmas!

COME Emmanuel
Isaiah 9:6
Christ is Born
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 Homeless Today!
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!!!

Cathedral Adoration Chapel
The more time you spend in Adoration discovering that God loves you and wants to spend time with you, the more you begin to want to spend more time with Him. Everyone begins to appreciate the quiet time alone with Jesus and looks forward to their scheduled hour.
A new year is coming. What a great time to initiate your special relationship with the person who loves you more than anyone else ever can! God is there for you three days a week right here in the Cathedral! You are welcome to become an Adorer! Call Gretchen at 912-658-3848.

Cathedral Potpourri
Get your bag of Christmas or Vanilla Scented Potpourri now before we are out! Made with flowers used on the Cathedral Altars during the Liturgical Year.

Purchase at the Docent Desk
Monday - Saturday.
Cost: $10.00
As we enter the homestretch of this season of preparation, we hear of Mary’s visit to her cousin Elizabeth. Their visit is filled with joy, expressed wonderfully by Elizabeth’s baby (John the Baptist) leaping in her womb at the sound of Mary’s voice. May these last days before Christmas fill us with joy as we prepare to welcome Christ into our hearts once again.

Mass Intentions for the week of December 23, 2018

SUNDAY
- Pro Populo
- Mary Lukas (Anni)
- John F. O’Neill
- Dr. Frank Rizza

MONDAY
- Barbara Hunt
- Frank Mitchell (Anni)
- Jack Sheppard

TUESDAY
- Raul S. Buelvas III
- Stella Bartlinski Letcher (Anni)
- Sgt. Jonathan K. Peney

WEDNESDAY
- Antonio W. Aliffi, Sr.
- Usurla K. Keller (Anni)

THURSDAY
- Alberta Chance (Anni)
- John Czarnota

FRIDAY
- Intentions of Kathleen Collins
- Jose De Freitas Lindo and Jefferson Davis Linhares

SATURDAY
- Bob Welcher

Cathedral Christmas Closings

Rectory Office
The Rectory office will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. It will reopen Thursday, December 27th.

Adoration and Nursery
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. Reminder: Nursery is available during 10:00 Mass for Newborns to 4 years old. Located in Parish Center.

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

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 to schedule your son or daughter to serve during the Christmas season.

Participating Catholic Tuition
Cathedral parishioners who have children in Catholic Schools and who wish to receive the parish participating tuition rate must be endorsed by Fr. Schreck. A participating parishioner is a parishioner who attends Mass on weekends and Holy Days of Obligation, participates in the activities of the parish, contributes to the offertory collection in a recognizable way by using envelopes or checks as a means of verification of attendance. Contributions must be made by the end of the year to receive the parish participating tuition rate for next year.

Cathedral Christmas Schedule

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

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 PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory Dec. 16, 2018: N/A
Offertory Dec. 17, 2017: $20,313.00

VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to Dec. 16, 2018: N/A
Week Prior to Dec. 17, 2017: $2,778.00

Due to the early printing of this bulletin, the figures for this week’s offertory and tourist box are not available.

Children's Religious Ed. Schedule
Dec. 23 - NO CLASS - Christmas Break
Dec. 30 - NO CLASS - New Year Holiday

Cathedral Ornaments
Cathedral Ornaments are available for purchase at the back of the church or by visiting our website at www.savannahcathedral.org (click on gifts) for $20.00 each. Unfortunately, we have sold out of this years 2018 ornaments, as well as the 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, and 2014.