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
Maintenance - Mr. Jimmy Joseph Sheehan III
Housekeeper/Food Services- Ms. Alma Young
Docents - Mrs. Peggy Baker
Mrs. Gloria Keane

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Prelude

La Nativité

Langlais

Introit

God is in his holy dwelling place; the God who causes us to dwell together, one at heart, in his house; he himself will give power and strength to his people.

Hymn

Greensleeves

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary’s lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with
2. Why lies he in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king to own him; The King of Kings salutes

an-thems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?
sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
va-tion brings, Let loving hearts en-throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Greeting

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.
PENITENTIAL ACT

New Plainsong Mass

Hurd

GLORIA

A New Mass for Congregations

Andrews

Glor-y to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good
will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we
glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God,
heav’n-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.

Cantor/Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the
sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus...Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A- men.

READING I

Those who fear the Lord honor their parents.

Sirach 3:2–7, 12–14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Gelineau

O bless-ed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.
READING II

Colossians 3:12–21

Family life in the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hurd

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13–15, 19–23

Take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt.

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

1. O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above,
3. How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is given!
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us we pray;

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;
While mortal's sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heav'n.
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.

Yet in the dark streets shineth The everlasting Light;
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
No ear may hear his coming, But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
Where meek souls will receive him, still The dear Christ enters in.
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

SANCTUS

New Plainsong Mass

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
MYSTERIUM FIDEI

Hurd

We pro-clain your death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res- ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

GREAT AMEN

Hurd


AGNUS DEI

Hurd

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

My son, why ave you treated us so? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you. How is it that you were seeking me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

REGENT SQUARE

1. An-gels, from the realms of glo-ry, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Though an in-fant now we view him, He shall fill his heav'n-ly throne,

You who sang cre-a-tion's sto-ry, Now pro-claim Mes-si-ah's birth:
Ga-ther all the na-tions to him; Ev-ery knee shall then bow down.

Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, Wor-ship Christ, the new-born King.

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Rector’s Corner

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The images and stories of the Holy Family of Nazareth provide an even deeper insight into the mystery of the Incarnation. Not only was the Son of God born in flesh and blood, He was raised and nurtured in that most basic of human institutions, the family. With Mary his mother and Joseph his foster father, he experienced the love and tenderness of parents, and began to practice the virtues which would shape his character. “The apple doesn’t fall far from the tree,” we are used to saying. Surely Jesus was the Son of the Most High God, but he was also the son of Mary and Joseph and would have learned from them what it means to live a human life of faith and trust in God.

On this Feast we remember and pray for all of our families, and we give thanks to God for the love that we have found there. We are also very much aware that in 21st century America, and the world, families today come in many different shapes and appearances, and face a whole assortment of challenges. We pray for all families, that they may be bound together by love, respect, patience, forgiveness, and kindness.

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday, January 1st, is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Following upon the great Ecumenical Councils of Chalcedon and Ephesus, which wrestled with the proper understanding of the person and natures of Christ, Mary was given the title “Theotokos” or The God-bearer. Thus Mary is proclaimed not only the Mother of Jesus, but also the Mother of God. It is good for us to begin a new year by celebrating and honoring Mary who brought the Savior into the world.

There will be two Masses celebrated at the Cathedral for this Holy Day of Obligation. On December 31st, New Year’s Eve, Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 PM. On New Year’s Day, January 1st, Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM.

On behalf of Bishop Hartmayer, Bishop Boland, Monsignor O’Neill, Father Peyton and Father Migone, I wish you a blessed and happy new year!

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck,
Rector
On the Sunday after Christmas we celebrate Jesus’ human family. Appropriate to the season, we usually visualize the Holy Family as they appear in the typical nativity scene: the baby Jesus lying in a manger, surrounded by his doting parents. Joseph, Mary, and Jesus lived together for many years, through Jesus’ infancy, childhood, adolescence, and maybe even into his adulthood. As we celebrate the Holy Family, let us think of the families we have been a part of, both as children and as adults.

Mass Intentions for the week of December 30, 2018

**SUNDAY**
- Pro Populo
- Poor Souls in Purgatory

**MONDAY**
- Fabian and Annie Anderwald

**TUESDAY**
- Michael Jasura, Sr. (Anni)

**WEDNESDAY**
- Joe Campbell (MM)
- Thomas R. Morgan (Anni)

**THURSDAY**
- Ellen Dunn
- Intentions of Carlton Dowdy

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**
- Michael Green (Anni)

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.

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.

Adoration and Nursery

Adoration Chapel will remain closed through January 6th because many of our adorers will be traveling. Nursery will be closed this 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.
What is it?
It’s an opportunity to visit with Catholic Sisters in their residences and hear their stories. You will meet sisters from six different religious orders who minister in Savannah. There will be time for discussions about religious life, prayer and food. We will meet in the parking lot at the Catholic Pastoral Center and spend the afternoon and evening traveling to four residences.

START:
Catholic Diocese of Savannah - Pastoral Center - Saturday January 26, 2019 at 12:30

Who is invited?
Single women between the ages of 16 – 35.

First stop – Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
St. James the Less Convent
~refreshments~

Second stop – Our Lady of Confidence Carmelite Monastery
~refreshments~

Third stop – Sisters of Mercy & Sisters of St. Joseph
Convent of the Sisters of Mercy
~refreshments~

Fourth stop – Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament
Missionary Franciscans of the Immaculate Conception
~refreshments~

FINISH:
Catholic Diocese of Savannah - Pastoral Center

Convent Crawl Registration Contact:
Sr. Donna Jo Loeper, SSJ, e-mail at donnaloeper@comcast.net or call 912-484-7860.

Registration forms must be returned no later than January 21.

Convent Crawl Transportation is provided. There is a limit of 15 participants.

MEET THE SISTERS - HEAR THEIR STORIES - SEE WHERE THEY LIVE!
Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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