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

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE
Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659
Bach

INTROIT
O people of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart. Isaiah 30
Mode VII

HYMN
WINCHESTER NEW

1. On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry
   announces that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark-en,
   for he brings Glad tid-ings of the King of kings.

2. Then cleansed be ev - ery heart from sin; Make
   straight the way of God with - in, And let each heart pre -
   pare a home Where such a might - y guest may come.

3. For you are our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our
   ref - uge and our great re - ward; With - out your grace we
   waste a - way Like flowers that with - er and de - cay.

4. To heal the sick stretch out your hand, And
   bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; Shine forth, and let your
   light re - store Earth’s own true love - li - ness once more.

PENITENTIAL ACT
New Plainsong Mass
Hurd

COLLECT

READING I
Jerusalem, God will show your splendor.
Baruch 5:1–9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Proulx

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy, we are filled with joy.
READING II

Show yourselves pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

Philippians 1:4–6, 8–11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hurd

GOSPEL

All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Luke 3:1–6

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

Deus tu convertens

Rheinberger

Your will turn toward us, O God, and restore our life again, and your people will rejoice in you.

Show us, Lord, your mercy and grant us your salvation. Psalm 84
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

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God. Baruch 5
COMMUNION MOTET
Ex Sion
Rheinberger

Out of Zion his perfect beauty shines forth. God is coming in broad daylight.
Summon before him the consecrated nation who made a covenant with him by sacrifice. Psalm 49

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

GAUDEAMUS PARITER

1. When the King shall come again All his pow’r revealing,
2. In the desert trees take root Fresh from his creation;

Splendor shall announce his reign, Life and joy and healing;
Plants and flow’rs and sweetest fruit Join the celebration;

Earth no longer in decay, Hope no more frustrated;
Rivers spring up from the earth, Barren lands adorned;

This is God’s redemption day, Longingly awaited.
Valleys, this is your new birth, Mountains, greet the morning!

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The Most Reverend Gregory Hartmayer, OFM Conv., 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 in Savannah, Georgia on Sunday: February 10, 2019. Those wishing to attend must register online at: https://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.
Second Collection this Weekend for Religious Retirement. Please Be Generous!

“The best thing I did in ministry was to teach children the Gospel through plays,” says Sister Clare Vandecoevering, 88. “Oh, they were just delighted!” A member of the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon, she spent more than 50 years in the classroom, sharing her love of Jesus and bringing the Catholic faith to life.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Perhaps there was a Sister Clare in your life. Perhaps a special woman or man religious shared with you love, faith, and a belief in all you could become. Maybe you knew more than one. Today those sisters, brothers, and religious order priests may be elderly, and their religious communities may struggle to meet retirement needs. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious supports necessities—such as medications and nursing care—and helps ensure the next generation of Sister Clares can continue in ministry. Please give generously.

Almost 94 percent of donations directly aid senior religious.

retiredreligious.org

To donate:
National Religious Retirement Office
3211 Fourth Street NE
Washington DC 20017-1194
Make check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.

Or give at your local parish.
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.

Cathedral Potpourri
The Cathedral Potpourri for Christmas project began in June with the idea of preserving the flowers from funerals, weddings, and Church Feast Days for use as potpourri. The quote “God is the master ecologist, and nothing is ever wasted” (Smith, 2018) was the underpinning and foundational basis for this project. This project recruited parishioners to help in providing the marketing perspective and sniff tests. Deacon Smith’s children and grandchildren helped pack the bags, and tie the ribbons during Thanksgiving Holidays, to honor their mother. Cathedral Christmas Potpourri is available for only $10.00 per bag, and has a limited supply. We hope and expect this to be the first of many years of having seasonal Cathedral flower based potpourri.

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
As we enter the second week of Advent, we are invited to reflect on how prepared we are for the Lord’s coming. Are there mountains and other obstacles in our path that block our way to holiness? Are there valleys and deserts that bring us low and leave us weak? We turn to God to receive the grace to overcome our troubles and pitfalls and allow us to ready our hearts for Jesus.

Mass Intentions for the week of December 9, 2018

SUNDAY
Pro Populo
Intentions of Kathy Butler
John F. O’Neill

MONDAY
Raymond F. Mohrman Sr.

TUESDAY
Belle M. Brunson (Anni)

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY
John Stacy (MM)

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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

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**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. 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.

**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.

**Low Country Catholics Advent Events!**

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 Dec. 11th and 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.

We will be celebrating Friendsgiving on Dec. 15th at 4:00 PM (Contact us for the location). Bring your favorite dish/side dish/drink for the potluck dinner, a white elephant gift of no more than $15 and your favorite board game to play.

Follow us on Facebook: Low Country Catholics (Savannah Catholic Young Adults) ask to join our email list: vamsavannah@gmail.com.

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**Cathedral Ornaments**

Cathedral Christmas Ornaments are available for purchase at the back of the church or online for $20.00 each. We are almost sold out of the 2018 ornaments, so please purchase soon!
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory Dec. 2, 2018: $20,706.50
Offertory Dec. 3, 2017: $24,480.00

VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to Dec. 2, 2018: $2,710.00
Week Prior to Dec. 3, 2017: $2,225.00

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

Children’s Religious Ed. Schedule
Dec. 9 - CLASS   Prayer Assembly; First Eucharist Class
Dec. 16 - CLASS   Status Reports

Breakfast with Santa
Next Week!
On 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.