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
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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRELUDE

Partita on Jesu meine Freude

Walther

INTROIT

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me. Psalm 17

HYMN

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1. All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice
2. O rushing wind and breezes soft, O clouds that ride
3. O flowing waters, pure and clear, Make music for
and with us sing: Alleluia! Alleluia!
the winds aloft: O praise him! Alleluia!
your Lord to hear. O praise him! Alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam And silver moon
O rising morn, in praise rejoice, O lights of eve-
O fire so masterful and bright, Providing us
with softer gleam: O praise him, O praise him.
ning, find a voice. O praise him, O praise him.
with warmth and light, O praise him, O praise him.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GREETING
PENITENTIAL ACT


GLORIA

A New Mass for Congregations

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

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 alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

READING I

Praise no one before he speaks.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.
READING II

God gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Vulpius

GOSPEL

From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.

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; he 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.
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Amen, amen, amen.

1, 2. You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
3. You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High. Psalm 12

COMMUNION MOTET

O salutaris

O saving victim who opens the gate of heaven,
hostile wars press on us; give strength, bring aid.
To the Lord, three in one, be everlasting glory,
for life without end he gives us in his Kingdom. Thomas Aquinas

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

1. O God beyond all prais ing,
   We worship you today
   And sing the love amaz ing
   That songs can-not re-pay;
   For we can-only wonder
   At every gift you send,
   At blessings without number
   And mercies without end:
   We lift our hearts before you
   And make a joyful duty
   We honor and adore you.
2. Then hear, O gracious Savior,
   Accept the love we bring,
   That we who know your favor
   May serve you as our king;
   And whether our tomorrows
   Be filled with good or ill,
   We'll triumph through our sorrows
   And rise to bless you still:
   To marvel at your beauty
   Our sacrifice of praise.

POSTLUDE

Final from Symphony No. 2

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Join us for Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses this Sunday!

Office of Family Life: 912-201-4068
Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries: 912-201-4057

STAR WARS
A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

with Anthony Digmann

Sunday: March 31, 2019
7:30 pm

Catholic Pastoral Center
2170 East Victory Drive, Savannah

This popular talk combines the overwhelming success of Star Wars with Catholic theology and practice in a fun and insightful presentation. It includes an exploration of faith, hope, love, temptation, evil, virtue, self-sacrifice and more! Join us!
Ash Wednesday and the Beginning of Lent

On Wednesday, March 6th, we enter into the Season of Lent. We will hear the words of the Prophet Joel, who says:

*Even now, says the Lord,*
*Return to me with your whole heart,*
*With fasting, and weeping, and mourning;*
*Rend your hearts, not your garments,*
*And return to the Lord, your God.*
*For gracious and merciful is he,*
*Slow to anger, rich in kindness,*
*And relenting in punishment.*

What strategy will you adopt in order to “rend your heart, not your garments”? The Church suggests that we 1) increase our prayer; 2) deny ourselves pleasure, by abstinence and fasting; 3) perform works of mercy and charity.

The Fridays of the Season of Lent are days of abstinence from eating meat. Anyone who is fourteen years of age is obliged to abstain from eating meat on Fridays. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence, which means that we eat only one full meal that day (and two smaller meals) and abstain from meat. All adults up to the age of sixty are obliged to fast and abstain. Fasting on these days, however, is still recommended for children and seniors.

This year we continue the Diocesan renewal program begun last year entitled *Living the Eucharist.* If you are wondering what you can do to increase your prayer and spiritual reading during Lent, this program is a perfect opportunity. On Ash Wednesday, everyone who comes to Mass will receive a copy of the small book, *Exodus to Easter,* which contains daily prayers and reflections for Lent.

To be reconciled with God, and with the Church, and with one another, is a very important part of our Lenten penance. We humble ourselves and put away our pride by admitting our sins and weaknesses. That’s our part of the process. But it is so important that we allow God the opportunity to do His part, and speak to us words of forgiveness and peace. Because God is “slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment.”

Each Friday, from 4:00 to 5:00, and each Saturday, from 11:00 to 11:50, and from 4:15 to 5:00, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at the Cathedral. On Monday evening, April 8th, at 7:00 PM, we will have our Lenten Penance Service and there will be the opportunity for individual confession. We will have several Priests on hand to assist us. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Easter Sunday.

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
Lent is just around the corner, so today is a good day to think about our character as we approach this holy season. Am I prone to judge others, more likely to recognize other’s faults rather than my own? Jesus points out that when we overlook our own faults, not only are we ourselves left deficient, but our judgmental outlook distorts our view of others.

Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in Memory of Eileen O’Brien Silvie

Holy Hour for Vocations

The St. John Vianney Vocations Ministry of Savannah will be celebrating a special Holy Hour this Sunday, March 3rd, 4:00 to 5:00 PM at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Fr. Pablo Migone will be the presider. Theme is National Catholic Sisters Week.

Rwandan Genocide Survivor to Visit Savannah

Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga has been a Catholic priest of Rwanda for 35 years. During the 1994 Rwandan genocide he lost more than 80 family members and more than 45,000 parishioners. He will tell his dramatic story of healing and reconciliation through his documentary and his experience: “Forgiveness Makes You Free” on Thursday, March 7th at 7:00 PM at Catholic Pastoral Center.

Experience Fr. Ubald’s extraordinary charism of healing as he celebrates a special Mass of Healing on Friday, March 8th at 6:00 PM at the Blessed Sacrament Church. The events are free of charge and no reservations are necessary. For more information, Contact Maggie Blanc at 912-201-4126.

Social Apostolate Food Drive

“The Mission of the Social Apostolate of Savannah is to care for and empower the poor, homeless, disabled and ‘at risk’ people in the Savannah area in witness to the biblical values of charity and justice.”

Our commitment as a parish has been unwavering and with unprecedented generosity as we continue to support the Social Apostolate. The Cathedral contributes approximately one third of all the food donated! The SA is currently experiencing a critical need of canned meats, fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, dry pasta and pasta sauce. Please place the needed items in the baskets in the entryway of the church. This is an opportunity for almsgiving during Lent!

40 Days for Life

March 6 - April 14

Help Save Lives in Savannah!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 750,000 volunteers!

With God’s help, here are the proven results in 23 coordinated campaigns:

- **15,256 babies** saved from abortion
- **186 abortion workers** converted
- **99 abortion centers** closed

Here’s how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- **Vigil location:** Outside Savannah Medical Clinic at 120 E 34th Street, Savannah.
- **Vigil hours:** 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Daily
- **Local contact:** Gretchen at rees2192@bellsouth.net

Get involved and sign up for prayer times and events by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below! Our Kickoff will be March 5th at 5:30 PM at 120 E. 34th Street. For more info, go to [40daysforlife.com/savannah](http://40daysforlife.com/savannah).

Attention Fordham and Marymount Alumni.

Enjoy fellowship, events and fun with your fellow Rams by joining The Fordham Alumni Chapter of the Lowcountry and Savannah. Meet new friends and reconnect with old ones. Please email your name, email, phone and address to the Chapter email at Fordhaminthelowcountry@gmail.com, call Peter Paolucci at 912-231-1868 or visit our Facebook page at fordhamalumnichapterofthelowcountry to join.
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory Feb. 24, 2019: $20,233.08
Offertory Feb. 25, 2018: $21,365.50

VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to Feb. 24, 2019: $5,564.50
Week Prior to Feb. 25, 2018: $3,322.00

Children’s Religious Ed. Schedule
Mar 3 - CLASS
Mar 17 - Prayer Assembly; 7th & 8th Grades

Cathedral ornaments are available for purchase at the back of the church or online at www.savannahcathedral.org. $20 each.

Living the Eucharist
Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, embolden me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Let me never be separated from you.
From the evil enemy defend me.
At the hour of my death,
call me and bid me come to you,
That with your saints I may praise you forever and ever. Amen.