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
INTROIT

Tibi dixit cor meum
Mode III

HYMN

SWABIA

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

Vatican XVII

COLLECT

READING I

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Genesis 15:5–12, 17–18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Willcock

READING II

Philippians 3:17–4:1

Christ will change your lowly body to conform with his glorified body.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Bower

GOSPEL


While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, hear our prayer and let our cry come unto You. 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.

Bless our Diocese of Savannah with many vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life.

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

O nata lux

Tallis

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, with loving-kindness deign to receive supplicant praise and prayer.
SANCTUS

Corpus Christi Mass

Cantor, then All:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Choir: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Cantor, then All:

Hosanna in the highest, in the highest.

Choir: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Cantor, then All:

Hosanna in the highest, in the highest.

MYSTERIUM FIDEI

Proulx

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

GREAT AMEN

Proulx

Amen, Amen, Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Vatican XVII

1., 2. misere re nobis. 3. dona nobis pacem.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Visionem quam vidistis

Mode I

Tell no one about the vision you have seen until
the Son of Man has risen from the dead. Matthew 17

COMMUNION MOTET

O for a Closer Walk with God

Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!
LIVING THE EUCHARIST PRAYER
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.

*Please remain kneeling*

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.

*Please be seated.*

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

Ancient of ever-lasting days, And God of love;
I shall, on eagle wings up-borne, To heav’n ascend:
To him uplift your voice, At whose supreme command
I shall behold his face, I shall his power adore,
From earth we rise, and seek the joys At his right hand.
And sing the wonders of his grace For ever more.

LEONI

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Happy St. Patrick’s Day!

On Saturday morning, at 8:00 AM, the Mass for the Memorial of St. Patrick was celebrated at the Cathedral. It was followed by the 195th St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Savannah. Mr. Jerry Counihan has been chosen to lead the parade as its Grand Marshall. Congratulations to Jerry and his family. Fr. Jeremiah J. McCarthy, recently returned to Savannah, once again provided the commentary for the Mass which was broadcast for the 25th year by WTOC.

As a boy growing up in Savannah, I can remember the tremendous excitement in the city as the day of the Parade approached. In the week before, the Cadets from Benedictine would come to Cathedral Day School, and the other Catholic schools in the city, to practice marching with the elementary school students. We all marched in the parade. I can remember how special we all felt to be allowed to walk down the middle of the Savannah streets for the parade. We all wore our school uniforms and something green. I can remember walking past the Cathedral and seeing Bishop McDonough and Monsignor McNamara standing on the reviewing stand. We were all so proud.

It is, and has always been, a day to be proud of one’s Irish ancestry, but also to be proud to be a Catholic. The Irish immigrants to Savannah, including the clergy and religious, brought with them not just a little bit of Ireland, but the beauty and goodness of the Catholic faith as well. Our faith is that pearl of great price. On this St. Patrick’s Day, let us thank God again for those who have walked the streets of Savannah on parade for the past 195 years, who have sacrificed so much to hand on the Catholic faith to us. We should indeed be proud on this day, and every day, to be a Catholic.

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector

Photo by Mary Clark Rechtiene
In Luke’s account of the Transfiguration, which we hear in today’s Gospel, a voice from the heavens calls out, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.” At that, Peter, John, and James fall silent, enabling them to listen to the Lord. Let us take this opportunity during our Lenten journey to listen to Jesus and reflect on what he is saying to us.

Join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent immediately following the Noon Mass.

Mass Intentions for the week of March 17, 2019

**SUNDAY**
- Pro Populo
- Johnnie Ganem Sr. (Anni)
- Sr. Mary E. Moore (Anni)
- Bridget O’Neill (Anni)
- John F. O’Neill

**MONDAY**
- Intentions of Anne Antol
- Pasquale Lamanna

**TUESDAY**
- Katherine Ricketts

**WEDNESDAY**
- Linda Sanches

**THURSDAY**
- Chris Fernandez

**FRIDAY**
- Joseph Bodell Bergen (Anni)
- Gloria Mary Tabak (Anni)

**SATURDAY**
- Catherine Heston (Anni)
- Daniel J. Keane (Anni)

**Please Pray For:** Penelope Alberts, Ed Arbo, Randy Beckle, Nancy Bachner, Mabel Barba, Doris Boring, Mike Bowers, Bill Boyle, Bourke Cannon, Michael Cavanagh, Joan Coules, Donna Cox, Patrick Duffy, Eileen and Bill Dunlop, Mary Dunn, Erin Dunning, Chris Fernandez, Lance Gambrell, David Hampton, Craig Harney, Catherine Joy Henning, Andy Hodgson, Willie & Marguerite Horton, Matt Hunter, Patricia Jarrell, Suzanne Kearney, Virginia Logan, Rose Marcantonio, Lee Marmarus, 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, Joel Rivera, Loy Sanders, Tina Sanders, Egan Sheppard, Greg Smith, Fr. Andrew Strutzieri, Stephanie Venuto, Greg Waldour, Bob Weiterman, Jan Wilson, and Larson Zekas.
Low Country Catholics

Upcoming Events

Join the Low Country Catholics, Savannah's Young Adult Group for its upcoming Lenten Theology on Tap series on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM starting March 5th. We will meet at Moon River Brewing Company on W. Bay Street in Savannah (except on April 2nd) to hear from a number of different speakers on various topics including the dignity of work, discipleship and more. We will end the series by attending the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral. See the schedule below for more information. For the most up-to-date information, follow us on Facebook: Low Country Catholics (Savannah Catholic Young Adults). We hope you can attend!

Schedule
3/19 - Marybeth Hicks
3/26 - Mike Acquilano
4/2 - Sr. Paula Cockerham, RSM (at Savannah Coffee Roasters)
4/9 - Fr. Daniel Firmin
4/16 Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

Want to serve your community in a fun way? Young adults are invited to join the Low Country Catholics at America's Second Harvest Food Bank on Saturday, March 23rd at 7:45 AM to participate in their "Brown Bag for the Elderly" program. We will assist food bank staff in packing grocery bags for senior citizens who must make the difficult decision about whether to pay for food, medication or their bills. Afterward, we'll have brunch at a local restaurant. For the most up-to-date information, follow us on Facebook: Low Country Catholics (Savannah Catholic Young Adults). We hope to see you there!

Cathedral Ministries

Have you ever thought about being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion performs a great service to the Church by distributing Holy Communion to God’s people on those occasions where there are an insufficient number of priests and deacons to distribute Holy Communion to the people present at the mass.

Pastors select a lay person in good standing with the Church who will be trained by a priest or an individual or team he chooses to organize the training of Extraordinary Ministers. The lay person must be certified by the Bishop for a specific time period, generally three years, and have completed a criminal background check, a Code of Conduct form and Virtus Training. When they receive their certification, they can begin functioning as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion until their certification expires.

Those individuals selected are to be persons whose good qualities of Christian life, faith, and morals recommend them and show a good example to the rest of the faithful. After becoming an Extraordinary Minister he/she must recuse himself from distribution of Holy Communion if there is reason that would prevent him from receiving Holy Communion - grave sin, failure to attend Sunday mass, or a choice not to maintain communion with the teachings and life of the Church.

Preparing to serve as an Extraordinary Minister before mass requires he/she is prepared to receive communion and be in a state of grace, having fasted before mass according to the norms of the Church.

If interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at the Cathedral, contact Bill at bill_sterritt@msn.com.
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!

Bishop’s Annual Appeal

Thank you to those who have made their BAA pledge. Next week is Commitment Weekend. In you have not yet made your pledge, we will have envelopes at Mass next weekend. As of March 7, 2019, we have received $63,849.00. Our parish goal is $120,100. We can reach this goal if everyone participates. Any amount you can contribute will help!

Star Wars: A Catholic Perspective

Anthony Digmann combines the overwhelming success of Star Wars with Catholic theology and practice in a fun and insightful presentation. Sunday, March 31st at 7:30 PM at Catholic Pastoral Center, 2170 East Victory Drive, Savannah.

Save the Date!

Our next parish covered dish supper will be Wednesday, April 10, 2019. Please make plans to join us! This will be the last parish supper until next fall! If you are new to the Cathedral, this is a wonderful chance to meet some of your fellow parishioners.

Thy Kingdom Come:
Intercollegiate Retreat

A Retreat for college-aged Young Adults with biblical Catholic teaching, doctrine, tradition and sacraments. Participants will be able to take practical steps for having a conversation with Jesus, go deeper, find direction, hear His voice. Come explore the many lakes and trails of Camp Grace and enjoy activities such as archery, canoeing, fishing, and rock wall climbing. Enter into prayer through personal reflection, praise and worship, mass, adoration and confession. Enjoy fun, fellowship, dancing and a bonfire with young adults from all over Georgia.

WHERE: Camp Grace, 2559 Walkers Chapel Rd, Roberta, GA 31078

WHEN: April 5th -7th (Friday 5:00 PM - Sun 2:00 PM) You can arrive late or leave early if you need to.

COST: Early Registration - $70 (Feb 25th-March 17th) Regular Registration - $80 (March 18th - April 5th).

No one will be turned away due to finances. Scholarships are available on basis of need. Sign Up at www.diosav.org/campusministry-retreat

Contact Abbie Byron-Goslin for questions at campusministry@diosav.org or call 912-201-4056
Calling All High School Juniors

Want a chance to win big?

$750 - 1st Prize      $500 - 2nd Prize      $250 - 3rd Prize

Write your response to the following question:

“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?”

Vocation Essay rules and guidelines

Learn about the Georgia Martyrs—Watch bit.ly/MartyrsVideo

Essay length should be approximately 750 words.

Essays should be typed, double-spaced, in 12 pt. Times Roman or similar font.

Submissions in script fonts or other than black ink will not be considered for judging.

Be sure to include contact information – so we can award the prize!

Name, School, Telephone Number

April 6 is the Deadline for the receipt of essays.

Mail Essays to:
Attn. Vocation Contest
Southern Cross
2170 East Victory Drive
Savannah, GA 31404

Or email to: jmarsala@diosav.org  Subject line - Vocation Contest

Open to all Catholic Students in 11th Grade attending any school — public, parochial, or private. Winning essays will be published in the Southern Cross.

Sponsored by the Augusta Vocations and Savannah Vocations groups and the Southern Cross.

2019 Cathedral Ornament

The window of The Holy Trinity 2019 ornament is located to the right of the Sacred Heart/Blessed Sacrament Altar on the north side Altar. All ornaments are available for sale at $20 each, and may be purchased at the back of the church or at our website: www.savannahcathedral.org.
Just as the disciples on the road to Emmaus knew the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread, so does our celebration of the Eucharist crown the experience of hearing the Word at Mass. As we are touched and changed by the Word of God, the Eucharist itself becomes the confirmation of all that has taken place. Full participation in the Eucharist is our goal in this life as we are nourished on our pilgrimage to eternal life. We hasten on to the sharing of that meal with joy, as we realize Jesus is with us at the table. He is alive. He is here.