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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

INTROIT

Laetare Jerusalem
Mode V

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast. Isaiah 66

HYMN

OLD 124TH

1. Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church
2. So daily dying to the way of self,
3. If dead in you, so in you we arise,

Walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
So daily living to your way of love,
You the first born of all the faithful dead;

Led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
We walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
And as through stony ground the green shoots break,

Moved by your love and toward your presence bent:
Knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
Glorious in spring-time dress of leaf and flower,

Far off yet here—the goal of all desire.
So we are dead and live with you in God.
So in the Father’s glory shall we wake.

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

Vatican XVII

1., 3. Lord, have mercy. 2. Christ, have mercy

COLLECT

READING I

The people of God entered the promised land and there kept the Passover. Joshua 5:9a, 10–12
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

READING II

2 Corinthians 5:17–21

God reconciled himself to us through Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Bower

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL


Your brother was dead and has come back to life.

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, begun, 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. 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

God so Loved the World

God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. John 3

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 pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-till you come a-gain.

GREAT AMEN

Proulx


AGNUS DEI

Vatican XVII

1., 2. mi-se-re-re no-bis. 3. do-na no-bis pa-cem.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Oportet te filli gaudere

My son, you should rejoice; for your brother who was dead has come back to life; he was lost and he has been found. Luke 15
COMMUNION MOTET  

O esca viatorum

O food of men wayfaring, the bread of angels sharing, O manna from on high!
We hunger; Lord, supply us, nor thy delights deny us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

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.

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.

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

1. Amazi ng grace! how sweet the sound, That
2. ’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And
3. When we’ve been there ten thousand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears relieved; How precious did that
shining as the sun, We’ve no less days to

now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
grace appears The hour I first believed!
sing God’s praise Than when we’d first begun.

NEW BRITAIN

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The Cathedral Choir chants the Lamentations of Jeremiah, psalms and sings other works for the Office of Tenebrae on this darkest of nights. The gradual extinction of all lights in the Cathedral symbolizes the temporary triumph of the prince of darkness over the Light of the World, and the loud noise, or strepitus, at the conclusion of the office suggests the earthquake described in the Passion narratives. A single candle left burning is the symbol and promise of Christ’s triumph over death and darkness. Tenebrae concludes with Gregorio Allegri’s famous Miserere.
This Sunday and next Sunday the focus of each Gospel passage is on the infinite mercy of God. No matter how sinful, how terrible, how heartbreaking the actions of the prodigal son and the adulterous woman are, God’s compassion is stronger. Of course, this is merely a glimpse of the ultimate mercy offered to all of us that we will hear on the Sunday after that: Jesus dying on the cross for our salvation.

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

Focusing on Life during Lent

Every year, the 40 Days for Life spring campaign occurs during the Lenten Season, a natural time for Catholics for prayer and penance. You are invited to come out to pray with your fellow parishioners at the Savannah Medical Clinic on 34th Street between Abercorn and Drayton Streets on Tuesdays, from noon to 1:00 PM each week of Lent. You can also join members of the Savannah Deanery Respect Life Ministry on Thursdays between 9:30 and noon. If neither of those days work for you, you can find many other options on the website at 40daysforlife.com/savannah. At the clinic, people are asked to pray quietly with and for those entering the clinic for abortions or abortion counseling. Call Gretchen at (912) 658-3848 for more information.

SVA Head Volleyball Coach Opening

St. Vincent’s Academy is seeking a Head JV Volleyball Coach. This is a paid coaching position. Applicants must have a background in volleyball but not necessarily prior coaching experience. Please contact Dawn Odom 912-290-6151 or dawn.odom@svaga.net.

Blessed Sacrament Musician/Music Director Opening

Blessed Sacrament Church in Savannah is seeking a parish musician/music director. A well-qualified candidate will have experience in providing accompaniment for congregational singing on the piano and the organ. This position includes but is not limited to participation in all weekend liturgies, Holy Day masses, school masses, weddings and funerals, and other liturgies during the year. Weekly choir practice with an adult choir and with a student choir is also included in responsibilities. To apply please send your resume to Fr. Brett Brannen at parish@mbschurch.org.

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 layperson 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.
Upcoming Parish Events You Don’t Want to Miss!

Parish Supper!
Please make plans to attend our Wednesday, April 10th (6:30 PM) Parish Dinner with Italian flare! The church will provide meatballs with sauce, Italian sausage and garlic bread. Bring your favorite Italian dish if you have one. If not, any side dishes and desserts are welcome.

Cathedral Easter Egg Hunt
Please make plans join us on Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 AM for our annual Easter Egg Hunt in Lafayette Square sponsored by the Cathedral Parish and the Knights of Columbus, Council 631. Hot dogs, chips, drinks, and ice cream will be served after the hunt in the Parish Hall. So, have your little ones grab their Easter baskets and HOP on over to Lafayette Square on April 20th.

Social Apostolate Food Drive
Last Weekend to Help Make it a Successful 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 Social Apostolate 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.

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: Registration - $80
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.

Lenten Schedule

Monday, April 8 at 7:00 PM - Penance Service
Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 PM - Chrism Mass
Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00 PM - Tenebrae Concert
Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Friday, April 19 at Noon - Liturgy of the Cross, 3:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, April 20 at 8:30 PM - Easter Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday, April 21 - 8:00, 10:00, and 11:30 AM Masses, 1:00 PM Latin Mass
Mar. 31 - CLASS
Apr  7 - CLASS

Living the Eucharist
TO BELIEVE IS TO TRUST
To believe, credere in Latin, is to trust. It is to give one's heart to something. In the Eucharist on Sundays we profess our faith, saying "I believe." We say this together to affirm that we are believers together. At times my personal faith may be weak. The faith of others supports me. At other times it is my faith that provides the support for those around me. Believing is a community project. The Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms that "faith needs the community of believers" (CCC 1253).