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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE

Wacht auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

Bach

INTROIT

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me, and let none who hope in you be put to shame. Psalm 25

Mode VIII

HYMN

VENI EMMANUEL

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lowly exile here.
2. O come, O Wisdom from on high, Who orders all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
3. O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem, From every foe deliver them That trust your mighty pow'r to save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Re-joice! Re-joice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.

PENITENTIAL ACT

New Plainsong Mass


COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

READER I

The Lord will gather all nations into the eternal peace of the Kingdom of God.

Isaiah 2:1–5
RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 121
Willcock

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord;

READING II
Romans 13:11-14

Our salvation is nearer.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Hurd

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL
Matthew 24:37-44

Your redemption is at hand.

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.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

O Thou the Central Orb

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the Most High, eternal Light of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, gliding our darksome heaven with rays divine. Henry Hammond Bramley

SANCTUS

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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

Hurd

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

GREAT AMEN

Hurd

Amen, Amen, Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Hurd

1., 2. Have mercy on us. 3. Grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Dominus dabit Mode I

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase. Psalm 84
COMMUNION MOTET

E'en so, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins
Who loved us all and shed his blood
That we might saved be
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord
The Lord, Almighty God
Who was, and is, and is to come
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below
For Christ is coming, is coming soon.

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

STUTTGART

1. Come, O long expected Jesus, Born to set your people free;
2. Israel's strength and consolation, You, the hope of all the earth,
    Dear desire of every nation,
    Free us from captivity.
    Come, and save us by your birth.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, December 9
Masses at 7:30 a.m. & Noon

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Christmas at the Cathedral

Join the Cathedral choir and the Cathedral Brass in singing the great music of the season. This festive program of music for Advent and Christmas will include the works of Bruckner, Tavener, Willcocks, and Praetorius.

Sunday, December 15, 2019 • 5:00 p.m.

Free and Open to the Public
Savannahcathedral.org
Rector's Corner

ADVENT BEGINS

Next Sunday we enter the beautiful Season of Advent. In Advent we are reminded that we should all “Watch” and “Stay Awake” so that we will be prepared to meet the Lord when he comes again. Our Patron, Saint John the Baptist, will call us to “Prepare the Way of the Lord.” To that end, we should all try to increase our prayer and our works of charity during these four weeks. The Sacrament of Reconciliation should also be a significant element of our Advent preparation. The Advent Penance Service will take place at the Cathedral on Monday, December 16th, at 7:00PM. In addition, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on Fridays from 4:00 – 5:00 PM, and on Saturdays from 11:00 AM until 11:50 AM and from 4:15 PM until 5:00 PM. There are many other opportunities for Confession during Advent at the parishes of the Savannah Deanery.

December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. This year the 8th is the Second Sunday of Advent. Because of that the Bishops of the United States have transferred the Feast to Monday, December 9th. However, it will not be a day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 7:30 AM and 12:00 noon.

I would also like to call to your attention our annual Christmas Concert in the Cathedral which will take place on Sunday, December 15th at 5:00 PM. The concert features our Cathedral Choir, and the unveiling of the Cathedral Christmas Crèche. There is no charge to attend, but a collection will be taken up to benefit our Cathedral Music Program.

This year, there will be a significant change in our Christmas Mass Schedule. On Christmas Eve, we will again have a Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM. The Mass during the night will be celebrated at 10:00 PM, instead of Midnight. As the Holy Father and Pope Benedict before him have done at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome, we will try this change of time for this year and see how it goes. So remember, there will be no Mass at Midnight; the Mass will be at 10:00PM. On Christmas Day, Masses will be celebrated at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and the Latin Mass at 11:30 AM.

I hope you have a very peaceful and holy Advent, and a wonderful Christmas!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
As we turn our calendars to December, we begin the season of preparation for Jesus’ coming into the world and into our lives. However, Advent is not only a time in which we wait for the Lord to come to us; we are reminded today that our lives should be a journey as well, a journey to God. Even as we prepare for the Lord’s coming at Christmas, let us also continue walking our own path to the Lord.

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Give in Thanksgiving
Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week’s second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.
Coffee and Donuts
Please join us for coffee and donuts this Sunday, December 1st, after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses. All are welcome!!

Light Up for Christ/Parish Covered Dish Supper This Wednesday!
Please make plans to join us for the Blessing of the Crèche followed by the Parish Supper on Wednesday, December 4th. The event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 631, and the Cathedral Parish. Turkey and dressing will be provided. Parishioners are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert (family size). We will also be accepting canned goods for the Social Apostolate to help stock their pantry. This is a GREAT way to begin your Christmas Season! The Prayer Service/Sing-a-Long at the Crèche will begin at 6:00 PM outside the front window of the Cathedral Parish Hall building facing Abercorn Street followed by the Parish Supper beginning at 6:30 PM.

Want to be part of installing our World Famous Crèche scene?
We are preparing for the Crèche scene installation and we need HELP! The installation will start this Friday December 6th after the morning mass, 8:30 and go for most of the day and all day Saturday. The installation will take the entire week up until our Christmas concert on the 15th. We are pressed for time due to the Holy Day Mass on Monday the 9th. We need about 8 to 10 able bodied helpers for December 6th and 7th to start staging materials from our downstairs storage area up into the Cathedral. If you can lift 50 pounds and would like to help please email John Pryor at fizzypryor@gmail.com or Bart Traywick at bartt1@comcast.net We will need 5 to 10 people during the week of December 9th to assist with the movement and placement of the objects in the Crèche. Anytime you can contribute will be welcome.

Advent Angel Giving Trees
During this season of Advent the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) and the Christian Services Committee will partner on the Advent Angel Giving trees. The Christian Services Committee will be asking for donations of food to provide a healthy Christmas dinner for the clients of our Social Apostolate. In partnership with this effort the CCW will be asking for donations of a Grocery Store gift card as an additional benefit for the same clients. Also, the CCW will be asking for donations of new or gently used children’s books to benefit the Hodge Memorial Daycare Center. These are great ways to give and benefit families and children in our community. Come visit the Angel trees in the back of the church; donations will be collected through Sunday, December 22.

Cathedral Potpourri and Sachet
Available now, Cathedral Flowers Potpourri Bags and Sachet products for sale in Lavender and Rose fragrances. Beginning this Sunday, December 1st (just in time for Christmas) we will offer fragrances of Bayberry and Peaceful Winter Walk. Sachet Packets are $10.00. Potpourri Bags are $15.00. Purchase at Cathedral or at www.savannahcathedral.org.

Cathedral Ornaments For Sale
Cathedral Ornaments are available to purchase for $20 each. They have been selling quickly with the holidays approaching, so purchase soon! We ran out of the 2019 ornaments earlier in the year, but another shipment has arrived. However, no more will be ordered until next year. Purchase at the back of the church or at www.savannahcathedral.org.
Have You Ever Been To Ireland?

Come and Learn the Details of this Special Program with Tour Guide and Director Dr. Cormac O’Duffy

Venue: Cathedral Parish Hall

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30 PM

2020 gives a wonderful opportunity to visit Ireland while we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Diocese of Charleston and learn the amazing Irish History and background of Bishop John England, first Bishop of the Diocese. Join Father Greg Wilson and fellow members of the Diocese for this trip of a lifetime.

Look forward to seeing all of you there!
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory Nov. 24, 2019: N/A
Offertory Nov. 25, 2018: $18,920.25

VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to Nov. 24, 2019: N/A
Week Prior to Nov. 25, 2018: $5,552.00

Due to early printing of this week’s bulletin, donations for this week are not available.

Children’s Religious Ed. Schedule
Dec. 2 - NO CLASS - Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 9 - CLASS - Prayer Assembly; First Eucharist Class

Bake Sale
The Cathedral Council of Catholic Women will be having a Bake Sale on the Plaza after the 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM masses (or until they sell out) on the 15th of December. There will have a delectable variety of home-made goodies to temp you!

If you like 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! Please contact Gigi at g2lacanilao@yahoo.com.