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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PREFACE
Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661
Bach

INTROIT
Gaudete in Domino
Mode I
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near. Do not be anxious over anything; but in all manner of prayer, let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4

HYMN
Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,
Hark! a thronging voice is sounding:
Yea, a men! let all adore thee,
Once for our salvation slain;
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
High on thine eternal throne;
Thousand, thousand saints attending
"Cast away the works of darkness,
Savior, take the power and glory;
Swell the triumph of his train:
O ye children of the day;
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alle
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alle
Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.
Alleluia! Christ appears in morning skies.
Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

HELMSLEY

PENITENTIAL ACT
New Plainsong Mass
Hurd

COLLECT

READING I 

God himself will come to save us. Isaiah 35:1–6a, 10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM  

Hughes

<music notation>

O Lord, come and save us.

READING II

Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. James 5:7–10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hurd

<music notation>

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

GOSPEL

Are you the one who is to come or should we look for another? Matthew 11:2–11

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

Virga Jesse

The rod of Jesse hath blossomed: a Virgin hath brought forth God and man:
God hath restored peace, reconciling in Himself the lowest with the highest.
Alleluia.

SANCTUS

New Plainsong Mass

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

Dicite: Pusillanimes
Mode II

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us. Isaiah 35

COMMUNION MOTET

Anonymous

Rejoice in the Lord alway
Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice.
Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is at hand.
Be careful for nothing; but in all prayer and supplication,
let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

VENEZ DIVIN MESSIE

1. O come, Divine Messiah, The world in silence waits the day
2. O come, Desired of nations, Whom priest and prophet long foretold,

When hope shall sing its triumph, And sadness fly away.
Will break the captive fetters, Redeem the long-lost fold.

Dear Savior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dispel the night and show your face, And bid us hail the dawn of grace.

O come, Divine Messiah, The world in silence waits the day When hope shall sing its triumph, And sadness fly away.

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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

SOME FINANCIAL INFORMATION
AND
SOME MAINTENANCE IN THE NEW YEAR

In the fall of 2019, I was so pleased to be able to announce that the Cathedral was now debt free! We were able to pay off the last of the money owed for the Steeple repair of 2013. All of that was possible, thanks to the generous giving of our Cathedral parishioners and the contributions made by the 300,000 annual visitors to the Cathedral.

We have recently concluded our third “increased offertory appeal” and I would like to share the results with you. We currently have 967 registered households or members. Of those registered, 705 contribute to the Cathedral Offertory. From that group we received 243 responses (or 34%) in our appeal. The increase in giving promised from those 243 responses is $190,202. From those who have not been contributing thus far, we had a response rate of approximately 2%. The increase in giving promised by that group is $19,032. We also heard from 9 newly registered members who promised $23,980. So altogether the increase promised is $233,214!

We have also just concluded our annual appeal for the Cathedral Preservation Society. To date, the contributions made by our parishioners, by Catholics from other parishes in the Diocese of Savannah, and from local organizations and businesses, amount to a little over $140,000! All of that money will be deposited into the Cathedral Heritage Endowment Fund, which is currently valued at $3,407,915.

As soon as the Christmas season concludes in January, there will be some scaffolding going up in the rear of the Cathedral for the choir loft. We will be doing two things: there is plaster repair that must be done around and beneath the Rose Window and on both sides of the loft (because of previous water damage); also, the Pipe Organ will undergo some much needed repair and cleaning. The organ is now over 30 years old. The many delicate mechanisms within it have deteriorated. The pipes themselves need to be cleaned, and we hope to make a few additions to the organ which will add warmth and depth to the sound. The costs for all these repairs will likely be in excess of $500,000. Thanks to your generous giving, we believe that we will be able to meet these costs without borrowing money. We hope to conclude all of this work by Holy Week in April.

Our plans are still underway to renovate and return the downstairs Chapel to its original purpose as a Parish Hall, for receptions and gatherings. It is going to be exciting!

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
“Rejoice with joyful song,” we hear in the first reading, reminding us of the object of this season of preparation. We prepare for the coming of the Son of God, into the world, into our hearts, and at the end of time. Let us try to put aside all the busyness and craziness of the season and concentrate on preparing our hearts for the divine presence in us and among us.

Mass Intentions for the week of December 15, 2019

SUNDAY
- Pro Populo
- Poor Souls in Purgatory
- Anna Chuc Nguyen

MONDAY
- Salvador Aliotta (Anni)
- Anna Chuc Nguyen

TUESDAY
- Intentions of Josie Nasworthy
- Anna Chuc Nguyen

WEDNESDAY
- Frances Jacobs
- Anna Chuc Nguyen

THURSDAY
- Patricia Carwile
- Phillip Hunt

FRIDAY
- Brian Gallagher (Anni)
- Richard Paynter (Anni)

SATURDAY
- Allan Laird (Anni)
- Anna Chuc Nguyen
- Rebecca Ann Townsend

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 and Christmas 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 faster than we anticipated with the holidays approaching, so purchase soon! The 2019 ornaments are sold out! More will be ordered next year. However, all previous years are still available. Purchase at the back of the church or online at www.savannahcathedral.org.

Cathedral Bake Sale this Sunday
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) this Sunday, December 15th. There will be a delectable variety of homemade goodies to temp you.

Call all High School Teens
The Savannah Deanery Youth will be helping with the Children of Forsyth Christmas Carnival this Sunday, December 15. We are expecting 125 children who are homeless or experiencing extreme hardship, and their parents. We will be serving lunch and having carnival games. All volunteers are asked to be at the tennis court end of Forsyth Park at 12:30 PM. We will provide a late lunch for our teens after the program is over. Parents can pick up at 3:00 PM. Thank you for sharing your gifts and your time. Merry Christmas!

Gold & Silver Wedding Anniversary Mass
The Most Reverend Gregory Hartmayer, OFM Conv., Bishop of Savannah invites all couples celebrating their Silver or Gold (25th or 50th) Wedding Anniversaries in 2020 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 23, 2020 at 11:30 AM. Those wishing to attend should register online at www.diosav.org/gold-and-silver by December 21, 2019 in order to receive a formal invitation with the detailed information. Questions? Contact the Diocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life, 912-201-4068.
Bishop Barron’s Newest Study Program

THE MASS

Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and you’ll be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

The Mass will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life.

Date, Time and Location: Begins January 6th, 2020. Classes are in the Parish Hall Library on Monday Nights 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The dates of classes are: January 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, February 3rd, 10th and 17th.

Cost/Registration: The program and workbook required are free for all participants once you register for the Cathedral’s Engage program. To register for the Engage Program, which will give you access to all of Word on Fire’s digital programming including the Mass, TEXT the words ENGAGEME to 84576 or register online at https://cathedralsavannah.flocknote.com.

Email threenovacks@gmail.com if you have any questions.
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory Dec. 8, 2019: $20,043.70
Offertory Dec. 9, 2018: $16,193.50

VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to Dec. 8, 2019: $3,812.00
Week Prior to Dec. 9, 2018: $4,200.00

Children's Religious Ed. Schedule
Dec. 15 - CLASS - Status Reports
Dec. 22 - NO CLASS - Christmas Break

Cathedral Holiday Schedule

Advent Penance Service
Monday, December 16 at 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve Masses
Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM
(Doors Open at 4:30 PM
Musical Prelude Begins at 5:00 PM)
Mass During the Night at 10:00 PM
(Doors Open at 9:00 PM,
Musical Prelude Begins at 9:15 PM)

Christmas Day Masses
8:00 and 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM (Latin Mass)