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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PRELUDE

La Nativité

Langlais

INTROIT

God is in his holy dwelling place; the God who causes us to dwell together, one at heart, in his house; he himself will give power and strength to his people.

HYMN

Greensleeves

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthem's sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?

2. Why lies he in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading. This is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king to own him; The King of Kings salutes. Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.
PENITENTIAL ACT

New Plainsong Mass


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

Those who fear the Lord honor their parents.

Sirach 3:2–7, 12–14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.
READING II

Family life in the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL

Take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt.

Matthew 2:13–15, 19–23

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

1. O little town of Beth-le-hem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma-ry, And gathered all a-bove,
3. How si-lent-ly, how si-lent-ly The won-drous gift is giv’n!
4. O ho-ly Child of Beth-le-hem! De-scend to us we pray;

A-bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si-lent stars go by;
While mor-tals sleep, the an-gels keep Their watch of won’dring love.
So God im-parts to hu-man hearts The bless-ings of his heav’n.
Cast out our sin and en-ter in, Be born in us to-day.

Yet in the dark streets shin-eth The ev-er-last-ing Light;
O morn-ing stars, to-geth-er Pro-claim the ho-ly birth!
No ear may hear his com-ing, But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ-mas an-gels The great glad ti-dings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to-night.
And prais-es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
Where meek souls will re-eive him, still The dear Christ en-ters in.
O come to us, a-bide with us, Our Lord Em-man-u-el!

ST. LOUIS

SANCTUS

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san-na in the high-est.
MYSTERIUM FIDEI

We pro-claim your death, O Lord, and pro-fess your
Res- ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

GREAT AMEN


AGNUS DEI

1. Have mer-cy on us. 2. Grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

My son, why ave you treated us so? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you.
How is it that you were seeking me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

1. An-gels, from the realms of glo-ry, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Though an in-fant now we view him, He shall fill his heav'n-ly throne,

You who sang cre-a-tion's sto-ry, Now pro-claim Mes-si-ah's birth:
Ga-ther all the na-tions to him; Ev-ery knee shall then bow down.

Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, Wor-ship Christ, the new-born King.

PARTICIPANT RELEASE

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The images and stories of the Holy Family of Nazareth provide an even deeper insight into the mystery of the Incarnation. Not only was the Son of God born in flesh and blood, He was raised and nurtured in that most basic of human institutions, the family. With Mary his mother and Joseph his foster father, he experienced the love and tenderness of parents, and began to practice the virtues which would shape his character. “The apple doesn’t fall far from the tree,” we are used to saying. Surely Jesus was the Son of the Most High God, but he was also the son of Mary and Joseph and would have learned from them what it means to live a human life of faith and trust in God.

On this Feast we remember and pray for all of our families, and we give thanks to God for the love that we have found there. We are also very much aware that in 21st century America, and the world, families today come in different shapes, single parent families and blended families, and face a whole assortment of challenges. We pray for all families, that they may be bound together by love, respect, patience, forgiveness, and kindness.

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, January 1st, is the Sollemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Following upon the great Ecumenical Councils of Chalcedon and Ephesus, which wrestled with the proper understanding of the person and natures of Christ, Mary was given the title “Theotokos” or The God-bearer. Thus Mary is proclaimed not only the Mother of Jesus, but also the Mother of God. It is good for us to begin a new year by celebrating and honoring Mary who brought the Savior into the world.

There will be two Masses celebrated at the Cathedral for this Holy Day of Obligation. On December 31st, New Year’s Eve, Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 PM. On New Year’s Day, January 1st, Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM.

On behalf of Bishop Hartmayer, Bishop Boland, Monsignor O’Neill and Father Peyton, I wish you a blessed and happy new year!

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck,
Rector
One might think that the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is too remote, too special, too holy to be an effective model for our families. But just like our families, they enjoyed times of great joy but also suffered through terrible hardships. The delight of a newborn baby was accompanied by the fear that led them to flee to a foreign land. Today let us pray that the faith and love shown by the Holy Family may sustain us through both our joys and our struggles.
Gold & Silver Wedding Anniversary Mass


Job Openings at the Catholic Diocese

The Diocese of Savannah has the following full-time, benefit eligible positions open:

**Events/Facilities Manager** – Operations/HR

**Stewardship Events Coordinator** – Stewardship and Development

**Staff Writer** – Southern Cross – Communications

**Educational Support Coordinator** – Catholic Education

For more information about these jobs and to apply, go to [www.diosav.org/humanresources/jobopportunities](http://www.diosav.org/humanresources/jobopportunities).

Coffee and Donuts Next Weekend

Please join us for coffee and donuts next Sunday, January 5th, after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses. All are welcome!!

Bishop Barron’s 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](http://https://cathedralsavannah.flocknote.com). Email [threenovacks@gmail.com](mailto:threenovacks@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Cathedral Ornaments for Sale

Cathedral Ornaments are available to purchase for $20 each. The years 2019, 2018, 2017, 2013, 2012 and 2008 have sold out. Purchase at the back of the church or online at [www.savannahcathedral.org](http://www.savannahcathedral.org).

Adoration and Nursery

Adoration Chapel will be closed December 23 - January 5th because many of our adorers will be traveling. Nursery will remain open for the 10:00 AM Mass throughout the Christmas season.
Friends of Cathedral Music Present

CHANTICLEER

IN CONCERT  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020  •  5:00 P.M.

Skip the lines, skip the crowds, and skip the hustle and bustle this Christmas season by giving your family and friends the gift of CHANTICLEER in concert at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist.

Called "the world's reigning male chorus" by the New Yorker, Chanticleer's blend of twelve male voices and their original interpretations of vocal literature is not to be missed.

All ticket purchasers will receive a 20% discount on music purchased from Chanticleer's website.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!  
HTTPS://CHANTICLEER-IN-SAVANNAH.EVENTBRITE.COM  
All tickets subject to availability
Children’s Religious Ed. Schedule

Dec. 29 - NO CLASS - New Year’s Holiday
Jan. 5 - CLASS

Cathedral Potpourri and Sachet

Still need a last minute Christmas gift? Cathedral Flowers Potpourri Bags and Sachet products for sale in Christmas fragrances of Bayberry and Peaceful Winter Walk. Sachet Packets are $10.00. Potpourri Bags are $15.00. Purchase at Cathedral or online at www.savannahcathedral.org.

NEW PARISHIONERS & ADDRESS CHANGES

Anyone wishing to become a parishioner of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist can complete the following, cut out and drop it in the offertory collection basket. A census form will be mailed to you, which must be completed and mailed back. You can also let us know if your address has changed.

To register online go to www.savannahcathedral.org.

(Circle One) New Parishioner / Change of Address

Name ________________________________

Address ________________________________

Telephone Number ________________________________