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

Press

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
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Director of Religious Education - Mrs. Janee Przybyl
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

INTR.

O-pulus Si- on, * ec-ce Dó-minus vêni-et

PRELUDE

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659
Bach

INTROIT

O people of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart. Isaiah 30

Mode VII

HYMN

WINCHESTER NEW

1. On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry Anchor.
2. Then cleansed be every heart from sin; Make
3. For you are our salvation, Lord, Our
4. To heal the sick stretch out your hand, And

nuncies that the Lord is nigh; Awake and hearken,
straight the way of God within, And let each heart pre-
refuge and our great reward; Without your grace we
bld the fallen sinner stand; Shine forth, and let your

for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings.
pare a home Where such a mighty guest may come.
exclude a way Like flowers that wither and decay.
light restore Earth’s own true likeness once more.

PENITENTIAL ACT

New Plainsong Mass

Hard

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

READING I

He shall judge the poor with justice.

Isaiah 11:1–10
RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 72
Guimont
Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

READING II
Romans 15:4-9
Christ saves everyone.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Hurd
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL
Matthew 3:1-12
Repent, for your salvation 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.
PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR  Deus tu convertens  

You will turn toward us, O God, and restore our life again, 
and your people will rejoice in you. 
Show us, Lord, your mercy and grant us your salvation. Psalm 84

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

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

GREAT AMEN

Amen, Amen, Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, 
and behold the joy which comes to you from God. Baruch 5

Rheinberger  

Hurd

Hurd

Hurd

Jerusalem surge

Mode II
COMMUNION MOTET

Ex Sion

Out of Zion his perfect beauty shines forth.
God is coming in broad daylight.
Summon before him the consecrated nation
who made a covenant with him by sacrifice. Psalm 49

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

1. Savior of the nations, come; Show the glory of the Son!
2. Not by human flesh and blood, By the Spirit of our God

Marvel now, O heaven and earth, That our Lord chose such a birth.
Was the word of God made flesh Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

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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
“Repent,” John the Baptist cried out, “the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” He told the people of Judea that to prove their sincerity, they should produce good fruit. We should heed his call. To prepare ourselves for Jesus’ coming, we can begin with an examination of conscience. Let us see when and how we have failed to produce good fruit and commit to bearing good fruit in the future.

### Mass Intentions for the week of December 8, 2019

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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.

Second Collection this Weekend for Retired Religious
Why we Ask for Your Donations!
In 1988, Catholic bishops of the United States launched the Retirement Fund for Religious to address the significant lack of retirement funding for Catholic sisters, brothers, and priests in religious orders. For most of their lives, elder religious worked for little to no pay. There were no 401(k) plans or pensions. Religious communities are financially responsible for the support and care of all members. Income, earnings, and expenses are managed separately from the parish and diocesan structures of the Catholic Church. The funding shortage is compounded by rising healthcare costs and decreased income. And, as more religious reach retirement age and leave compensated ministry, income will further decline while care needs increase.

How Your Donation Helps!
Each year, hundreds of US religious communities receive financial assistance made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. Communities can use this funding for immediate retirement expenses or invest for future needs. In addition to direct financial assistance, proceeds from the annual appeal underwrite educational programming, services, and resources that enable religious communities to evaluate and prepare for long-term retirement needs. Support from the Retirement Fund for Religious helps religious communities care for senior members while continuing important ministries to the People of God.
Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. This year, December 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.

Call all High School Teens

The Savannah Deanery Youth will be helping with the Children of Forsyth Christmas Carnival on 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!

Save the Date

Saturday, December 14th

SDeCCW Christmas Luncheon

The Savannah Deanery Council of Catholic Women is hosting our Annual Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 14th from 11:00 to 2:00 PM at St Francis Cabrini Parish Hall. All Catholic women are invited to attend; (you do not have to be active in the CCW.) This is a catered lunch; the cost is $20.00 per person, $10.00 for high school and college students. **For more information and to reserve tickets, please get in touch with Alizon. Call or send text message to 205-789-8280. Last date to RSVP is Monday, December 10.**

Cathedral 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) next Sunday, December 15th. There will be a delectable variety of homemade goodies to tempt 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! Contact Gigi Lacanilao at g2lacanilao@yahoo.com for more information.

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](http://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.
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory Dec. 1, 2019: $22,446.70
Offertory Dec. 2, 2018: $20,706.50

VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to Dec. 1, 2019: $4,793.50
Week Prior to Dec. 2, 2018: $2,710.00

Children's Religious Ed. Schedule
Dec. 9 - CLASS - Prayer Assembly; First Eucharist Class
Dec. 16 - CLASS - Status Reports

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)