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. 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

INTROIT

Esto mihi in Deum
Mode VI

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name. Psalm 30

HYMN

LAUDATE DOMINUM

1. Sing praise to the Lord! praise God in the height;
2. Sing praise to the Lord! praise God upon earth,
3. Sing praise to the Lord, all things that give sound;

Rejoice in his word, you angels of light;
In tuneful accord, all you of new birth;
Each jubilant chord reecho a round;

O heavens, adore him by whom you were made,
Praise him who has brought you his grace from above,
Loud organs, his glory tell forth in deep tone,

And worship before him in brightness arrayed.
Praise him who has taught you to sing of his love.
And trumpets, the story of what God has done.

GREETING
PENITENTIAL ACT

New Plainsong Mass


GLORIA

Congregational Mass

Cantor/Choir:

All:

Glory to God in the highest
We praise you, we bless you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks
Lord God, heavenly king,
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
you take away the sins of the world,
you take away the sins of the world,
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
With the Holy Spirit

and on earth peace to people of good will.
we adore you.
for your great glory.
O God, almighty Father.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
have mercy on us.
receive our prayer.
have mercy on us.
you alone are the Most high Jesus Christ.
in the glory of
God the Father,

ColLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

READING I

Sirach 15:15–20

No one does he command to act unjustly.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 119

Guimont

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord.

READING II

1 Corinthians 2:6–10

God predestined wisdom before the ages for our glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hurd

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
GOSPEL

Matthew 5:17–37

So it was said to your ancestors; but I say this to you.

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; 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

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise. In simple trust like theirs who heard
Beside the Syrian sea the gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word rise up and follow Thee.
Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess the beauty of Thy peace.
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

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved. Psalm 77
COMMUNION MOTET

Panis angelicus

The bread of the angels becomes the bread of mortals; 
the bread of heaven puts an end to prefigurations. 
O wondrous thing! 
the poor, the slave and the humble feed on their Lord.

HYMN

AURELIA

1. O Christ the great founda - tion 
   On which your peo - ple stand

2. Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, 
   One church in all the earth,

To preach your true sal - va - tion 
In ev - 'ry age and land:

We bear our Lord’s im - pres - sion, 
The sign of sec - ond birth;

Pour out your ho - ly Spir - it 
To make us strong and pure,

One ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered 
In love be - yond our own,

To keep the faith un - bro - ken 
As long as worlds en - dure.

By grace we were in - vit - ed, 
By grace we make you known.
Benedictine Military School &
St. Vincent’s Academy Present

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying

music & lyrics by Frank Loesser

book by Abe Burrows, Jack Weinstock & Willie Gilbert

March 6th & 7th @ 7PM & March 8th @ 3PM

based on the original book by Shepherd Mead

Ticket Cost: $10/student & $20/adult
Trustees Theater, 216 E Broughton Street

www.savannahboxoffice.com . 912.525.5050
Rector’s Corner

AN IMPORTANT AND INTERESTING SURVEY

Our Cathedral Parish is being invited to participate in a Diocesan-wide survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute. We need your help! Do you have 10 or 15 minutes to complete the survey online? The survey is designed to help us gather important information about our Cathedral Parish and our various ministries and programs. We need your feedback to help us shape parish programs which will help our parishioners in their journey of discipleship.

The survey can be accessed at www/disciplemakerindex.com and will be active beginning February 24, 2020. The survey will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to offer feedback on our parish’s efforts to help you in your journey of faith. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

If you do not use a computer, there will be opportunities to complete the survey by a paper copy by contacting the parish at 912-233-4709.

I thank you for cooperating with this important project. It could really help us, and I hope you can find the time to participate.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
Over the next two weeks we will hear an extended passage from Matthew’s Gospel in which Jesus reinterprets the law for his disciples. He challenges his disciples to take it one step further, to do more than just follow the letter of the law. On this Presidents’ Day Weekend, when we honor those people whom we have trusted to guide our country, let us consider how we can trust Jesus to guide us in our daily life.

Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in Memory of Sean Christopher Haire

Precautions at Mass

Because it is the flu season, and just to be cautious about the spread of germs, I have decided to suspend temporarily our practice of receiving the Precious Blood of Christ from the common cup for the near future. We will likely resume that practice during Holy Week and in the Easter Season. We have received no alarms from the USCCB nor the Diocese, but I believe that we should be prudent in the prevention of the spread of diseases (like normal influenza or the coronavirus). I also recommend that we refrain from handshakes at the Sign of Peace. A simple nod, or smile, and the words “peace be with you” will be sufficient. I thank you for your cooperation, and your concern for prevention of the flu.

Father J. Gerard Schreck

Potpourri and Sachets

The Cathedral has begun selling sachets and potpourri, hand-crafted from dried flowers of the Cathedral. Available in fragrance blends of Lavender Mist and Romantic Rose. Sachets are $10 and Potpourri are $15. All proceeds benefit restoration projects at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. Purchase at the back of the church or at www.savannahcathedral.org.

New 2020 Cathedral Ornament

Featuring the Ascension Window, the 2020 ornament is now available to purchase for $20. All previous years ornaments that were on backorder, are now available for purchase. These make great gifts for loved ones - as a remembrance of a special mass or wedding. Purchase at the back of the church or online at www.savannahcathedral.org.

Would Your Child Like to Be in the St. Patrick's Day Parade?

The St. Patrick' Day Parade Committee is currently seeking all children ages 7 to 18 to participate in the Flags of Ireland Unit for the 2020 St. Patrick's Day Parade and other activities. Space is limited so please contact Matt Brown (below) if you are interested in reserving your spot. There will be a meeting for any children that would like to participate on Saturday, February 29th, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Parade Committee Office at Liberty and Bull Streets. To reserve your spot or if you have any questions, please contact Matt Brown at (912) 687-1137 or mattstatesboro@yahoo.com.

Annual Catholic Appeal

Last month, we began the Annual Catholic Appeal. This year’s theme is “Sowing the Seeds.” Your sacrificial gift and prayers will help make this year’s appeal a success. Our parish target is $114,778, and we can do this if, after thoughtful consideration and prayer, everyone participates according to our ability. Thank you to all of you who have already given to the ACA! Your contribution is greatly appreciated. For those of you who have not made a contribution, but would like to do so, there are envelopes on the tables in the back of the church to put your contribution in. You can simply drop the envelope in the offertory basket. Our support of diocesan agencies and ministries is one way that we respond to God for all we have received.
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory Feb. 9, 2020: $23,580.20
Offertory Feb. 10, 2019: $24,860.00

VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to Feb. 9, 2020: $4,956.50
Week Prior to Feb. 10, 2019: $3,626.00

We are Updating our Parish Database!
Fill out and drop in offertory basket
(Please print legibly)

Name: ______________________________
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Email: ______________________________

Phone: ______________________________

Children's Religious Ed. Schedule
Feb. 16 - CLASS
Feb. 23 - CLASS - Prayer Assembly; 5th and 6th Graders