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 Saturdays: 11:00 am to 11:45 am & 4:15 pm to 5:00 pm
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 - Ms. 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

Domine, in tua misericordia
Mode V

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me. Psalm 12

Hymn

Lauda anima

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To his feet your tribute bring;
   Evermore his praises sing: Alleluia!
   Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favor To his people in distress;
   Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
   Slow to chide, and swift to bless: Alleluia!
   Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

3. Angels, help us to adore him; You behold him face to face;
   Praise him still the same as ever,
   Dwellers all in time and space: Alleluia!
   Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Greeting
**PENITENTIAL ACT**


**GLORIA**

Congregational Mass

Cantor/Choir: *All:*

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 glory in you, we give you thanks for your great glory.  
Lord God, heavenly king, O God, almighty Father.  
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.

**COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)**

**READING I**

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Leviticus 19:1–2, 17–18

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 103 Haas

The Lord is kind and merciful.

**READING II**

All things belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God. I Corinthians 3:16–23

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Hurd
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

O salutaris hostia

Villette

O saving victim
who opens the gate of heaven,
hostile wars press on us:
give strength, bring aid.
To the Lord, three in one,
be everlasting glory,
for life without end
he gives us in his Kingdom. St. Thomas Aquinas
SANCTUS

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

Praise the Lord, all nations; praise him, all peoples.
Certain is his love and mercy for us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Psalm 117
HYMN

1. O God beyond all praise, We worship you today
2. Then hear, O gracious Savior, Accept the love we bring,

And sing the love amazing That songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder At every gift you send,

And whether our tomorrows Be filled with good or ill,
At blessings without number And mercies without end:

We'll triumph through our sorrows And rise to bless you still:
We lift our hearts before you And wait upon your word,

To marvel at your beauty And glory in your ways,
We honor and adore you, Our great and mighty Lord.

We make a joyful duty Our sacrifice of praise.
The Disciple Maker Index Survey is Opens this Week! Please Read and Help!

It’s official! The Disciple Maker Index Survey opens this week and we need your help!

Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible.
· Go to www.disciplemakerindex.com
· There are also opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass and you can obtain a paper copy by contacting Deacon Smith at 912-233-2709 x 301.

The survey will only be available from Monday, February 24 to Monday, March 23 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish’s efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Schreck and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Thank you for helping with this important project!
GOLDEN AND SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF MARRIAGE

On this Sunday, we are delighted to welcome to the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, married couples from throughout the Diocese who are celebrating their Golden or Silver Jubilee of marriage. Married in 1970 or in 1995, these husbands and wives have faithfully lived the Sacrament of Matrimony, providing for the Church and for the world an example of divine love. By their faithfulness, by their sacrifice, and by their forgiveness of each other, they are living signs of the love that Jesus Christ has for all of us, His Church.

From our own Cathedral parish, we congratulate Marshall and Glenda Ferris, Calvin and Leslee Holtzclaw, David and Carolyn Larson, Joseph and Marie Rozman, and Nicholas and Kathleen Sorvillo, who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2020; and Roddy and Amy Hatch, John and Pam Kullman, William and Christine Weed, and Thomas and Allison White, who are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary in 2020. May God continue to bless you with many more happy years together as husband and wife! We also offer our congratulations and prayers to all of those anniversary couples who are joining the Bishop for Mass today in our beautiful Cathedral.

“We praise you, O God, we bless you, Creator of all things, who in the beginning made man and woman that they might form a communion of life and love. Look with kindness upon these couples today, and as you have sustained their communion amid joys and struggles, renew their Marriage covenant each day, increase their charity, and strengthen them in the bond of peace, so that together with the circle of their children who surround them, they may forever enjoy your blessing. through Christ our Lord.”

J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
Jesus challenges us to turn the other cheek and to love our enemies. These are not our instincts. It is not easy. We get angry, we are upset, we want to do or say something to express that pain and rage. As we approach the season of Lent, let the example of our Lord inspire us to respond to hurt and conflict with mercy and forgiveness.

**Vocations Holy Hour**
The St. John Vianney Vocations Ministry of Savannah will sponsor a Holy Hour at 4:00 PM next Sunday, March 8th at Corpus Christi Church, 1745 Benton Blvd, Pooler, GA. Led by Fr. Tom Murphy

**Mass Intentions for the week of February 23, 2019**

**SUNDAY**
- Pro Populo
- Intentions of Bishop J. Kevin Boland
- Doris Dixon (Anni)
- John D. Kane (Anni)

**MONDAY**
- Jim McGoldrick
- Anna Chuc Nguyen

**TUESDAY**
- Antonio W. Aliffi
- Mary Park

**WEDNESDAY**
- Barbara Comacho
- Anna Chuc Nguyen

**THURSDAY**
- Margaret Murphy Green (Anni)
- Joseph J. Gard

**FRIDAY**
- Jack Faucette (MM)
- Anna Chuc Nguyen

**SATURDAY**
- Anna Chuc Nguyen

Social Apostolate
March Food Drive

How can I make a difference? How can I help those in need? Simply stated it takes one act of kindness to light a small flame to change the hearts of so many. It has and continues to be the mission of the Social Apostolate to operate a food pantry to bring nourishment and serve as a gentle reminder that those suffering are not alone. This mission brings hope and provides support in many ways to the working poor and the homeless here in our community. It is through the grace of God that we are here and it is in that grace we are given opportunities to serve those in need. March is the month for the Cathedral to “stock the pantry” at the Social Apostolate and with our help we can continue this mission together as one family.

Please place the needed item list that you will find in the bulletin in a familiar location to help remind you throughout the month of March for the food drive. Thank you!

Potpourri and Sachets

The Cathedral is selling sachets and potpourri, hand-crafted from dried flowers of the Cathedral. New fragrance blends of Celtic Forest - a wee bit of the Emerald Isle; and Lavender Mist - a soothing fragrance of a country garden. 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. These make great gifts to commemorate that special mass or wedding. Purchase at the back of the church or online at www.savannahcathedral.org.

Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday, February 26th, is Ash Wednesday. Masses on Ash Wednesday are 7:30 AM, 12:00 Noon and 6:00 PM. Ash Wednesday is day of fast and abstinence, which means that we eat only one full meal that day (and two smaller meals) and abstain from meat.

As we enter into the Season of Lent, Fridays are days of abstinence from eating meat. Anyone who is fourteen years of age or older is obliged to abstain from eating meat on Fridays.

Each Friday, from 4:00 to 5:00 PM, and each Saturday, from 11:00 to 11:50 AM, and from 4:15 to 5:00 PM, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at the Cathedral.

Also, Stations of the Cross will be recited immediately after the Noon Mass each Friday during Lent.

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

The St. Patrick's 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.

Please join us for Coffee and Donuts in the Parish Hall next weekend after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses.
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory Feb. 16, 2020: $28,237.23
Offertory Feb. 17, 2019: $21,395.15

VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to Feb. 16, 2020: $6,914.50
Week Prior to Feb. 17, 2019: $4,574.00

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. 23 - CLASS - Prayer Assembly; 5th and 6th Graders
March 1 - CLASS