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 - Mrs. Alma Young
Docents - Mrs. Peggy Baker
Mrs. Gloria Keane

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 to 5:00    Phone: (912)233-4709  Fax: (912)233-8229    E-mail: office@savannahcathedral.org
Cathedral Website: www.savannahcathedral.org    Cathedral Music: music@savannahcathedral.org
PRELUDE

INTROIT

O Come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God. Psalm 94

HYMN

LOBE DEN HERREN

GREETING
PENITENTIAL ACT


GLORIA

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.
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

Isaiah 58:7–10

Your light shall break forth like the dawn.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 112

Guimont

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

READING II

1 Corinthians 2:1–5

I have announced to you the mystery of Christ crucified.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hurd

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PRAYER

O God, Open our eyes and ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit.
May the seed of Your Word scattered among us fall on fertile soil.
May they take root in our hearts and lives and produce an abundant harvest of good words and deeds.
Fortify us for hard times that we may endure.
Deliver us from distraction from worldly desires and all that would lure us and choke us with false promises.
Till us.
Turn us.
Enrich us with every blessing of your Spirit, that we may be good soil, forever faithful and fruitful for You.

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

O for a Closer Walk with God

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.
So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Stanford
SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
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

I will go to the altar of God, to the God who gives joy to my youth. Psalm 42
HYMN

1. God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God, we name you sovereign Lord!
2. True apostles, faithful prophets, Saints who set their world ablaze,
    Mighty King whom angels worship, Father, by your church adored:
    All creation shows your glory, Heav’n and earth draw near your throne,
    Jes - tic Tri - ni - ty: Fa - ther, Son, and Holy ho - ly,

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The Diocese of Savannah is committed to providing safe environments and fostering continuous improvement in every organization that sponsors activities and/or provides services to children and youth.

Through a series of workshops, educational materials, classroom instruction and background checks, the Diocese is:

- Increasing awareness of potentially harmful situations through the VIRTUS training workshops.
- Empowering adults and children to act before abuse occurs through the Child Lures Prevention for Catholic School and Religious Education students and in Youth Ministry with an Inter-generational Program for families.
- Evaluating background checks for relevance to the employee’s or volunteer’s position.
- Implementing a Pastoral Code of Conduct which outlines acceptable and unacceptable behaviors for all clergy, employees and volunteers.
- Providing continuing education through the VIRTUS Web site (www.VIRTUS.org).

**REPORTING ABUSE**

To report that a child is being harmed or at risk of being harmed contact your county Department of Family and Children Services or Sheriff’s Department.

To report an allegation about someone in Church ministry within the Diocese of Savannah follow these three steps:

1. Notify the appropriate supervisor.
2. Call the appropriate civil authorities.
3. Call our diocesan Victim’s Assistance Hotline 888-357-5330.

**The CHARTER for the PROTECTION of CHILDREN and YOUNG PEOPLE**

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People is a landmark document drafted and passed unanimously by the bishops of the United States at their June meeting in Dallas in 2002. The document is a response to the sexual abuse crisis in the church and is their “Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal.”

**There are four focus areas:**

- To promote healing and reconciliation with victim survivors of sexual abuse.
- To guarantee an effective response to allegations of sexual abuse of minors.
- To ensure the accountability of our procedures.
- To protect the faithful in the future.

In order to protect the faithful in the future, Article 12 of the Charter states: “Dioceses/eparchies will establish ‘Safe Environment’ programs.

They will cooperate with parents, civil authorities, educators, and community organizations to provide education and training for children, youth, parents, ministers, educators, and others about ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children.

Dioceses/eparchies will make clear to clergy and all members of the community the standards of conduct for clergy and other persons in positions of trust with regard to sexual abuse.”

This guideline, which mandates that all dioceses create a safe environment for children and young people who pray, study and worship in our schools and churches, is the basis for our diocesan safe environment programs.

To read the Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, go to www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection.
Rector’s Corner

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
Commitment Weekend

Today we bring to a conclusion the Annual Catholic Appeal 2020. This critically important appeal provides funding for so many ministries which support parishes throughout the Diocese of Savannah. We may not see it immediately, but the ACA funds the education of future Priests, Catholic Campus Ministry for the students attending colleges and universities in South Georgia, and Catholic Charities throughout the Diocese, just to name a few.

Our Cathedral Parish has been asked to contribute $114,000 toward the total Diocesan Goal of $2,600,000. I want to thank all of you who have already made your pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal. This weekend I am encouraging all of you who have not yet made your pledge or your contribution to do so at Mass today.

I want to thank Mr. Bart Traywick, a graduate of Cathedral Day School and a longtime member of the Cathedral Parish for being willing to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the ACA. Bart and his wife Sandra are generous parishioners of the Cathedral who volunteer many hours behind the scenes for the good of our parish and of the Diocese of Savannah. I encourage you to join them in making a gift to the ACA. Whatever you are able to give will be received most gratefully by your fellow Catholics throughout South Georgia.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
During these days in the middle of winter, when nights are long and sunshine can be scarce, we realize the value of the sun. It brightens our day and our mood. It gives life, warmth, and light. The light of Christ can do the same. With the light of Christ, we can bring light to the darkness in our world: injustice, violence, conflict, fear, poverty, and countless other shadows. Let us resolve to let the light of Christ shine forth wherever we go and whatever we do.


Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in Memory of Pat, Elizabeth and Ronnie Walsh
Free U.S. Citizenship Classes

Free U.S. Citizenship Classes in Garden City, 9:30 - 11:00 AM every Wednesday, February 5th to April 22nd. **You can still register even though the class has begun!** This is a 12 Week Course. Classes are in English. Offered by the Good Samaritan Clinic, 4704 Augusta Road, Garden City, GA 31408 To register call (912) 201-4058 or E-mail: catholiccharities@diosav.org. Space is limited, you must register.

Celebrate St. Valentine’s Day with Potpourri and Sachets

Celebrate St. Valentines Day with gifts of 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 Valentine's gifts for loved one - as a remembrance of a special mass.** Purchase at the back of the church or online at www.savannahcathedral.org.

Participating Catholic Tuition

Cathedral parishioners who have children in Catholic Schools and who wish to receive the parish participating tuition rate must be endorsed by Fr. Schreck. A participating parishioner is a parishioner who attends Mass on weekends and Holy Days of Obligation, participates in the activities of the parish, and contributes to the offertory collection in a recognizable way by using envelopes or checks as a means of verification of attendance.

We need your Help!

The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute. More Information coming soon.

Do You Want to Grow in Your Catholic Faith? Be a Part of Living the Eucharist.

**Sign-Up Sunday for Living the Eucharist is this Weekend of February 1st and 2nd!** For the six weeks of Lent, we invite you to join a small group, a teen group, and/or participate with your family. After Mass, the Sign-Up Sunday forms are available at the table in the vestibule. For more information, contact Tom Haase, our Living the Eucharist Coordinator haaset1@me.com or go to our website www.savannahcathedral.org and scroll down to the Living the Eucharist link. Please join us!

Blessed Mother Flowers

If you would like to have flowers placed on the Blessed Mother Altar in memory of or in honor of someone, you may do so by calling the Rectory Office at 912-233-4709. We request a $50 donation.

Family Counseling

Sr. Pat Brown is a Sister of St. Mary of Namur. She retired from Catholic Charities of South Georgia and is a licensed clinical social worker. She was director of Family Life and Hispanic Ministry in the Diocese of Savannah for many years. She is available for pastoral family and individual counseling at the Cathedral by appointment. Counseling is available in English, Spanish and French. Send requests to Sr. Pat at pat-brownssmn@gmail.com or by phone to 912-658-3619.
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory Feb. 2, 2020: $33,693.73
Offertory Feb. 3, 2019: $21,828.17

VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to Feb. 2, 2020: $4,384.00
Week Prior to Feb. 3, 2019: $3,672.00

Children's Religious Ed. Schedule
Feb. 9 - CLASS
Feb. 16 - CLASS

NEW PARISHIONERS
Anyone wishing to become a parishioner of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, should 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 may also join online at www.savannahcathedral.org.
Thank you.

Name ____________________________
Address __________________________
Telephone Number ________________
Email Address ____________________