**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**

**Hours:** Mon. - Fri. 9:00 to 5:00  •  **Phone:** (912)233-4709  •  **Fax:** (912)233-8229  •  **E-mail:** office@savannahcathedral.org

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

INTROIT

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days. Psalm 90

HYMN

1. Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church
2. So daily dying to the way of self,
3. If dead in you, so in you we arise,

Walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
So daily living to your way of love,
You the first-born of all the faithful dead;

Led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
We walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
And as through stony ground the green shoots break,

Moved by your love and toward your presence bent:
Knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
Glorious in spring-time dress of leaf and flower,

Far off yet here—the goal of all desire.
So we are dead and live with you in God.
So in the Father’s glory shall we wake.

PENITENTIAL ACT

1., 3. Lord, have mercy. 2. Christ, have mercy

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

READING I

The creation of our first parents, and sin.

Genesis 2:7–9; 3:1–7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Craig

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
Where sin increased, there grace increased all the more.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL

Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights and was tempted.

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

Woe is me, that I am a stranger so long, and that I dwell in the tents of Kedar. My soul hath too long dwelt in a strange place. O that I had wings like a dove, then would I fly away and be at rest. Psalm 120
SANCTUS

Corpus Christi Mass

Cantor, then All:

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts.

Choir: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Cantor, then All:

Ho-san-na in the high-est, in the high-est.

Choir: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Cantor, then All:

Ho-san-na in the high-est, in the high-est.

MYSTERIUM FIDEI

Proulx

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-till you come a-gain.

GREAT AMEN

Proulx


AGNUS DEI

Vatican XVII

1., 2. mi-se-re-re no-bis. 3. do-na no-bis pa-cem.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Scapulis suis

Mode III

He will overshadow you with his pinions, and you will find refuge under his wings.

His faithfulness will encompass you with a shield. Psalm 90

COMMUNION MOTET

O sacram convivium

Moore

O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received; the memorial of his passion is renewed;
the soul is filled with grace; and a pledge of future glory is given to us.
*Please remain kneeling*

**LIVING THE EUCHARIST PRAYER**

Loving God, you called us each by name and gave your Son to redeem us.
In your faithfulness, you sent the Holy Spirit to complete the mission of Jesus among us.
Open our hearts to Jesus.
Give us the courage to speak his name to those who are close to us and the generosity to share his love with those who are far away.

We pray that every person throughout the world be invited to know and love Jesus as Savior and Redeemer.
May they come to know his all-surpassing love.
May that love transform every element of our society.
We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

**FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

**HYMN**

1. Again we keep this solemn fast,
   A gift of faith from ages past,
   This Lent which binds us lovingly.
   To faith and hope and charity.

2. The law and prophets from of old,
   In figured ways this Lent foretold,
   Which Christ, all ages’ Lord and Guide,
   In these last days has sanctified.

3. More sparing, therefore, let us make
   The words we speak, the food we take,
   Our sleep, our laughter, every sense;
   Learn peace through holy penance.

**ERHALT UNS HERR**

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MARCH 22, 2020

The Diocese of Savannah is setting aside this weekend as

SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY

in order to give focused time to address the harmfulness of pornography and other online threats to marriages, family life and culture; and to give resources to create a Safe Haven in the home.

After Mass, each household will be given Covenant Eyes’ book

Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture.

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Jayne Stefanic | 912-201-4068 | jstefanic@diosav.org
Benedictine Military School &
St. Vincent’s Academy Present

How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying

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

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

www.savannahboxoffice.com . 912.525.5050
Rector’s Corner

Ash Wednesday and the Beginning of Lent

On Wednesday, February 26th, we entered into the Season of Lent. We heard the words of the Prophet Joel, who said:

*Even now, says the Lord,*
*Return to me with your whole heart,*
*With fasting, and weeping, and mourning;*
*Rend your hearts, not your garments,*
*And return to the Lord, your God.*
*For gracious and merciful is he,*
*Slow to anger, rich in kindness,*
*And relenting in punishment.*

What strategy will you adopt in order to “rend your heart, not your garments”? The Church suggests that we 1) increase our prayer; 2) deny ourselves pleasure, by abstinence and fasting; 3) perform works of mercy and charity.

The Fridays of the Season of Lent are days of abstinence from eating meat. Anyone who is fourteen years of age is obliged to abstain from eating meat on Fridays. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence, which means that we eat only one full meal that day (and two smaller meals) and abstain from meat. All adults up to the age of sixty are obliged to fast and abstain. Fasting on these days, however, is still recommended for children and seniors.

To be reconciled with God, and with the Church, and with one another, is a very important part of our Lenten penance. We humble ourselves and put away our pride by admitting our sins and weaknesses. That’s our part of the process. But it is so important that we allow God the opportunity to do His part, and speak to us words of forgiveness and peace. Because God is “slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment.”

Each Friday, from 4:00 to 5:00, and each Saturday, from 11:00 to 11:50, and from 4:15 to 5:00, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at the Cathedral. On Saturdays, we will have two Priests available for each hour of confessions. On Good Friday, from 1:30-3:00, we will have at least 4 Priests present to hear confessions. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities for confession before Easter Sunday.

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
Every year on the first Sunday of Lent, the focus is on temptation. Adam and Eve are tempted by the serpent in the garden of Eden. Jesus is tempted in the desert by the devil. Though the temptations in our life may not be as dramatic as those in Genesis or the Gospels, they may be just as powerful. As we celebrate today’s liturgy, let us pray to God for strength to resist temptation and for mercy when we fall.

Please join us for Coffee and Donuts in the Parish Hall this weekend after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses.

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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. 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.

The needed items are: Canned tuna, salmon or ham, pasta, pasta sauce, breakfast foods, peanut butter and jellies, and any canned fruit or vegetables (Please check expiration dates).

Please place the needed items in the baskets at the church entry. Thank you from the Christian Service Committee and the Social Apostolate!

New 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.

Apply Now - Prayer & Action Leader Team
Prayer and Action is looking for holy, energetic, college-age young adults to assist a team of 6 leading this Summer's high school mission program in Savannah, GA. It will be a 4 week commitment from May 31st - June 26. A weekly stipend is included. To find out more, please go to https://diosav.org/oyyam-prayerandaction. Apply under the "leader" tab. For questions, or more information, please contact Leigh Ebberwein at ebberwein@aol.com.

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

Disciple Maker Index Survey
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 until 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.

Stations of the Cross Every Friday after Noon Mass during Lent
March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent

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

Name: ______________________________

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Email: _____________________________

Phone: _____________________________

CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory Feb. 23, 2020: $22,580.60
Offertory Feb. 24, 2019: $20,233.08

VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to Feb. 23, 2020: $6,533.00
Week Prior to Feb. 24, 2019: $5,564.50

Children's Religious Ed. Schedule

March 1 - CLASS

March 8 - CLASS - Daylight Savings Time Begins