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 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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INTROIT

Lætare Jerusalem
Mode V

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast. Isaiah 66

HYMN

WONDROUS LOVE

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?
2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
3. And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;

What won-drous love is this, O my soul?
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on;

What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am;
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joy-ful be;

To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul, for my soul;
While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
And through e-ter-ni-ty I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;

To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
And through e-ter-ni-ty, I’ll sing on.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Intr.

Aetá- re * Jerúsa-le- m: et con-vén-tum fá- ci-
COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

READING I

The LORD said to Samuel:
“Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way.
I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,
for I have chosen my king from among his sons.”

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice,
Samuel looked at Eliab and thought,
“Surely the LORD’s anointed is here before him.”
But the LORD said to Samuel:
“Do not judge from his appearance 
or from his lofty stature,
because I have rejected him.
Not as man sees does God see,
because man sees the appearance 
but the LORD looks into the heart.”
In the same way Jesse presented seven sons 
before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse,
“The LORD has not chosen any one of these.”
Then Samuel asked Jesse,
“Are these all the sons you have?”
Jesse replied,
“There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep.”
Samuel said to Jesse, “Send for him;
we will not begin the sacrificial banquet 
until he arrives here.”
Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them.
He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold 
and making a splendid appearance.
The LORD said,
“There—anoint him, for this is the one!”
Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, 
anointed David in the presence of his brothers;
and from that day on, 
the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me in right paths
for his name’s sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage.
You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.
READING II

Brothers and sisters:
You were once darkness,
but now you are light in the Lord.
Live as children of light,
for light produces every kind of goodness
and righteousness and truth.
Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.
Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness;
rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention
the things done by them in secret;
but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,
for everything that becomes visible is light.
Therefore, it says:
“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will give you light.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth.
He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva,
and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him,
“Go wash in the Pool of Siloam”
— which means Sent —.
So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier
as a beggar said,
“Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?”
Some said, “It is, “ but others said,
“No, he just looks like him.”
He said, “I am.”

They brought the one who was once blind
to the Pharisees.
Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes
on a sabbath.
So then the Pharisees also asked him
how he was able to see.
He said to them,
“He put clay on my eyes, and I washed,
and now I can see.”
So some of the Pharisees said,
“This man is not from God,
because he does not keep the sabbath.”
But others said,
“How can a sinful man do such signs?”
And there was a division among them.
So they said to the blind man again,
“What do you have to say about him,
since he opened your eyes?”
He said, “He is a prophet.”
They answered and said to him,
“You were born totally in sin,
and are you trying to teach us?”
Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,
he found him and said,
“Do you believe in the Son of Man?”
He answered and said,
“Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?”
Jesus said to him,
“You have seen him, and
the one speaking with you is he.”
He said,
“I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him.

HOMILY

Most Reverend Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv
Bishop of Savannah
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

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

https://savannahcathedral.org/give/
Cantor, then All:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Choir: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Cantor, then All:
Hosanna in the highest, in the highest.

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

Cantor, then All:
Hosanna in the highest, in the highest.

MYSTERIUM FIDEI

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

GREAT AMEN

Amen, Amen, Amen.

AGNUS DEI

1., 2. misere re nobis. 3. do na nobis pacem.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord anointed my eyes;
I went, I washed, I saw, and I believed in God. John 9
TANTUM ERGO

Therefore so great a Sacrament let us fall down and worship,
And let the old law give way to a new rite,
And let faith stand forward to make good the defects of sense.
To the Father and the Son be praise and joy,
Health, honour and virtue and blessing,
And to him proceeding from both be equal praise. Amen. Thomas Aquinas

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.

FURTHER PRAYER

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. Amaz ing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
Now am I found, was blind, but now I see.
Grace appeared when we’d first begun.

2. ’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
Now am I found, was blind, but now I see.
Grace appeared when we’d first begun.

3. When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
Now am I found, was blind, but now I see.
Grace appeared when we’d first begun.

NEW BRITAIN

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Today we celebrate Laetare Sunday, named for the first word in the opening antiphon: “Rejoice.” Lent can seem burdensome with its emphasis on penitence and sacrifice. But today we look with anticipation to its end in the Easter miracle. Jesus’ resurrection is the light at the end of the tunnel. Let us give thanks for the light he gives to our lives.

Mass Intentions for the week of March 22, 2020

SUNDAY
Pro Populo
Joseph Bedell Bergen (Anni)
Poor Souls in Purgatory
John Thang Dang

MONDAY
Daniel J. Keane (Anni)
Anna Chuc Nguyen

TUESDAY
Christina Aliffi
Intentions of Maureen Sharlow

WEDNESDAY
Marie Monto
Anna Chuc Nguyen

THURSDAY
John Thang Dang
Intentions of Joann Sterritt

FRIDAY
Anna Chuc Nguyen
Intentions of Dorothy Parrish and Family

SATURDAY
Jack Faucette (MM)

Please Pray For:

Join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent after the Noon Mass!
Social Apostolate
March Food Drive
They are Still Helping Those In Need, Despite the Coronavirus!

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!

Cathedral Ornaments
Featuring the Ascension Window, the 2020 ornament, as well as all previous years ornaments, is now available to purchase for $20. Purchase at the back of the church or online at www.savannahcathedral.org.

Potpourri and Sachets for
New fragrance blends of Celtic Forest - a wee bit of the Emerald Isle; and Lavender Mist - a soothing fragrance of a country garden. Sachets - $10 and Potpourri - $15. All proceeds benefit liturgical processional vessels at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. Purchase at the back of the church, online at www.savannahcathedral.org, or by coming by the church office Monday - Friday.

Survey Reminder
Please share your feedback on the Disciple Maker Index! The Survey is LIVE and will be open until this Monday, March 23rd. Go to www.disciplemakerindex.com. Only takes about 10 minutes!
The survey 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.

Part time Administrative Assistant
- Youth Ministry at Pastoral Center
The Diocese of Savannah is recruiting for a part-time administrative assistant to work with the Director of Youth Ministry. Candidates must be a practicing Catholic in full communion with the Church, have strong organizational skills and excellent oral and written communication skills. Proficiency in Spanish language is preferred. Some weekend and/or evening work is required. To make application, send a resume with salary history to jagreen@diosav.org.

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Port Wentworth invites you to come to a Bilingual Rosary “The Seven Sorrows of Mary” Saturday, April 4th at 6:00PM.
2020 Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion, April 4-5
Palm branches are blessed in memory of Christ’s triumphant journey to Jerusalem.
Masses Saturday 5:30 p.m., Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 Latin Mass

Tuesday, April 7
Chrism Mass 7:00 p.m.
The Bishop, surrounded by all the priests who share in his ministry, blesses the holy oils to be used in the diocese throughout the year.

Wednesday, April 8
Music for Tenebrae 7:00 p.m.
The Cathedral Choir chants the Lamentations of Jeremiah, psalms, and sings other works for the Office of Tenebrae on this darkest of nights.

Holy Thursday, April 9
Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00 p.m.
Commemorates Jesus’ Last Supper with the Apostles and includes the ritual washing of feet.

Good Friday, April 10
Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion 12:00 Noon
Solemn Proclamation from the Gospel of John of Jesus’ Condemnation and Death. Includes Individual Veneration of the Cross by the Congregation.
Sacrament of reconciliation 1:30-3:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 11
Easter Vigil 8:30 p.m.
First liturgical celebration of the Easter Resurrection, the Service of Light. Featuring the Blessing of the fire and the rites of initiation.

Easter Sunday, April 12
Celebration of the Easter Resurrection, featuring Renewal of Baptismal Vows
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. Latin Mass
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory Mar. 15, 2020: $18,398.51
Offertory Mar. 17, 2019: $18,108.00

VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to Mar. 15, 2020: $7,970.00
Week Prior to Mar. 17, 2019: $4,982.00

Children's Religious Ed. Schedule
March 22 - CLASS
March 29 - 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 ____________________________________

The Cathedral Choir and the Cathedral Choral Scholars perform:

MUSIC FOR TENEBRAE

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
Wednesday, April 8, 2020 • 7:00 p.m.