Cathedral Basilica of Saint John the Baptist

222 East Harris Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401 - Located at Abercorn and East Harris Streets
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
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.

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
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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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Prelude

Prayer of Christ Ascending to the Father
Messiaen

Introit

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia. Acts 1

Viri Galilaei
Mode VII

Hymin

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1. A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns through-out
2. The holy ap- os tol ic band Up on the Mount
3. To whom the shin ing an gels cry, “Why stand and gaze

the world shall ring; Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia!
of Ol ives stand. Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia!
up on the sky?” Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia!

Christ, by a road be fore un trod. As c ends un to
And with his faith ful fol-l’wers see Their Lord as cend
“This is the Sav-ior!” Thus they say, “This is his glo-

the throne of God. Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia!
in maj es ty. Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia!
rious tri umph day!” Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia!

Al le lu ia, Al le lu ia, Al le lu ia!
Al le lu ia, Al le lu ia, Al le lu ia!
Al le lu ia, Al le lu ia, Al le lu ia!
GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

Missa Orbis factor  Vatican Mass XI

GLORIA

A New Mass for Congregations  Andrews

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.
READING I

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 47
Proulx

All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness,
For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth.
God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.

Sing praise to God, sing praise;
sing praise to our king, sing praise.
For king of all the earth is God;
sing hymns of praise.
God reigns over the nations,
God sits upon his holy throne.

READING II

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Murray, OSB

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

HOMILY

Deacon Nathaniel Swan

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
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OFFERTORY

O Clap Your Hands

O clap your hands, all ye people;
shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
For the Lord most high is terrible.
He is a great King over all the earth.
God is gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God; sing praises.
Sing praises to our King; sing praises.
For God is the King of all the earth.
Sing ye praises with understanding.
God reigneth over the heathen.
God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.
Sing praises unto our King. Sing praises. Psalm 47

SANCTUS

Mass for the City

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Ho, san, na, ho, san, na in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho, san, na, ho, san, na, ho, san, na 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

A - men, a - men, a - men.

AGNUS DEI

Missa Orbis factor

1. Have mercy on us. 2. Grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All power has been given to me in heaven and on earth, alleluia;
go therefore and teach all nations,baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Sonand of the Holy Spirit, alleluia, alleluia. Matthew 28

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.

Of you, threefold and one God, we ask:Come to visit us as we worship you;lead us on your paths to where we want to go:to the light in which you dwell.

St. Thomas Aquinas

Villette

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL
HYMN

1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
2. There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!

To his throne above the skies; Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates; Alleluia!

Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
He has conquered death and sin; Alleluia!

Reascends his native heaven. Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C minor, BWV 546

Bach

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Dear friends,

The Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist will reopen for public Masses beginning Memorial Day, May 25, 2020. We will be following guidelines issued by the Diocese of Savannah and the USCCB to ensure that we do so in a manner that is safe and responsible. I want you to know that your safety and health are of paramount importance to me. But, I also know that many of us are very, very anxious to return to Mass and to the reception of the Eucharist. With that in mind, here are some of the directives by which we will operate as we reopen for Masses:

1. The Dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be in effect until the 28\textsuperscript{th} of June. It may be extended beyond that date.
2. Anyone who is sick, anyone who has a cough, should not come to Church at this time.
3. Anyone who would be considered at high risk (i.e. those who are older, or those who have underlying health conditions) should not come to Church at this time.
4. Hand Sanitizer will be placed at each of the entrances to the Church.
5. Face coverings or masks should be worn, if at all possible.
6. Social distancing will be observed. Every other pew will be roped off and unusable. In the pews, a distance of approximately six feet should be maintained between persons. Families or Couples do not need to do so.
7. The attendance at each Mass will be limited to approximately 200 persons. When the ushers have determined that all usable space has been taken, no further people will be allowed in Church. We ask for your patience and your cooperation.
8. Communion from the Cup will not be allowed.
9. We encourage all to receive Holy Communion in your hand. However, Communion on the tongue will not be refused.
10. Please remain in your pew until an usher invites your pew to go forward for Communion. Do not form a line in the aisle. Be sure to keep six feet between you and the person in front of you.
11. At the end of Mass, the ushers will again alert each pew when it is your turn to leave the Church.
12. Bulletins must be taken home with you. Do not leave them in the pew. They cannot be used again at the next Mass.
13. After each Mass, the pews will be wiped down with Clorox wipes.

I believe that all of these regulations will serve us well. Undoubtedly we will adjust as we go forward and perhaps add a few more as needed. I am just so happy that we will getting back to Church. I have missed seeing all of you, and especially celebrating Mass with you.

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Today we recall Christ’s ascension to his Father in heaven. Before he left, he promised his disciples that he would be with them always. Indeed, the Lord is with us when we gather in his name, as we listen to the word of God, and as the bread and wine are consecrated. Let us celebrate the assurance that Christ is with us always, now and until the end of time.

Mass Intentions for the week of May 24, 2020

**SUNDAY**
- Pro Populo
- Pat Callies
- Martha Diane Smith

**MONDAY**
- Marie Lyons Crider (Anni)
- Rose Mary Collins (Anni)

**TUESDAY**
- John Thang Dang

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**
- Dewain Smith, Sr.

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**


This Memorial Day weekend we remember all those who gave their lives in wars and other hostilities. These are our sons and daughters, our brothers and sisters, our fathers and mothers whose lives were tragically cut short in violent conflict. May our prayers today connect us with those who are no longer with us.
Cathedral Basilica Schedule for Week of May 24 - May 31

Monday, May 24, Memorial Day - Mass at 10:00 AM. Church will closed for touring for the remainder of the day.

Tuesday, May 26 - Mass at 7:30 AM and 12:00 Noon. Church will be open for touring 1:00 to 4:30 PM.

Wednesday, May 27 - Mass at 7:30 AM. St. Vincent’s Graduation Photos so Church will be closed for touring for the remainder of the day.

Thursday, May 28 - Mass at 7:30 AM and 12:00 Noon. Church will be open for touring.

Friday, May 29 - Mass at 7:30 AM and 12:00 Noon. Confessions from 4:00 to 4:45 PM. Church will be open for touring.

Saturday, May 30 - Mass for Diaconal Ordinations at 10:00 AM. Church will be closed for ordination. No confessions at 11:00 AM and no Mass at 12:00 Noon. Confessions from 4:14 to 5:00 PM. Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM.

Sunday, May 31, Pentecost - Mass at 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 AM. Latin Mass at 1:00 PM. Mass for Confirmation at 6:00 PM. (The Confirmation Mass is only for candidates and their immediate families. Church will not be open for touring on Sunday).