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: Temporarily Closed

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
Parochial Vicar - Fr. Andrew Larkin
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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRELUDE

Lento (II) from Sonata No. 6  
Bach

INTROIT

Omnes gentes plaudite  
Mode VI

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord is high and awesome; a great king over all the earth. Psalm 46

HYMN

DUKE STREET

1. Take up your cross, the Savior said,  
2. Take up your cross, let not its weight  
3. Take up your cross, then in its strength,  
4. Take up your cross, and follow Christ,

If you would my disciple be;  
If you would my disciple be;
Fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
Fill your weak spirit with alarm;
And calmly every danger brave;  
And calmly every danger brave;
Nor think ’till death to lay it down;  
Nor think ’till death to lay it down;
Take up your cross with willing heart,  
Take up your cross with willing heart,
His strength shall bear your spirit up,  
His strength shall bear your spirit up,
It guides you to a better home  
It guides you to a better home
For only those who bear the cross  
For only those who bear the cross
And humbly follow after me.  
And humbly follow after me.
And brace your heart and nerve your arm.  
And brace your heart and nerve your arm.
And leads to victory over the grave.  
And leads to victory over the grave.
May hope to wear the glorious crown.  
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Mass of Wisdom  
Janco

Deacon, then all:

Kyri-e, eleison.  
Kyri-e, eleison.

Christ-e, eleison.  
Christ-e, eleison.

Kyri-e, eleison.  
Kyri-e, eleison.
GLORIA

Mass of Wisdom

Janco

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

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

READING I

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, “I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there.” Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight.

Later Elisha asked, “Can something be done for her?” His servant Gehazi answered, “Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years.” Elisha said, “Call her.” When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, “This time next year you will be fondling a baby son.”

2 Kings 4:8–11, 14–16a
RESPONSOIRAL PSALM

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.
Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss.
For you, O Lord, are the glory of their strength; by your favor it is that our might is exalted; for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

READING II

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.
If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God.
Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

GOSPEL

Jesus said to his apostles: “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man’s reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple — amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”

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
There is a Balm in Gilead

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole
There is a balm in Gilead to save a sin-sick soul.
If you cannot sing with angels
If you cannot preach like Paul
Oh, you can tell the love of Jesus
You can say He died for us all.
SANCTUS

Mass of Wisdom

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna 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


AGNUS DEI  Cantor: Lamb of God,

1, 2. you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

3. you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ, rising from the dead, dies no more, alleluia;
dead shall no longer have any dominion over him, alleluia. Romans 6

COMMUNION MOTET

O Lord, Give thy Holy Spirit

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, and lighten our understanding,
that we may dwell in the fear of thy name, all the days of our life,
that we may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
3. O enter then his gates with praise;

Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Without our aid he did us make;
Approach with joy his courts unto;

Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
We are his folk, he does us feed,
Praise, laud, and bless his Name always,

Come we before him, and rejoice.
And for his sheep he does us take.
For it is seemly so to do.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

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Rector’s Corner

PROGRESS

The Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist has been open now for public Masses since Pentecost Sunday on the 31st of May. Since that time the most people we have had for Mass at any one time has been 225 people. We are using only every other pew and keeping a distance of six feet between people in the pews. Those who come to Mass are strongly encouraged to wear a mask, and hand sanitizer is available for use at each entrance/exit of the Church. After each Mass the pews are wiped down with Clorox wipes.

The Diocesan Administrator, Fr. Dan Firmin, and the College of Consultors have recently extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass until the end of July. Any person who is nervous about gathering in a larger crowd of people should know that you are not committing a sin by staying home. Those who are elderly or who have significant health problems are wise to stay home. I hope that you will continue to watch the Sunday Mass and say your prayers with the community each week at 10:00 AM. You can go to Savannahcathedral.org and click on the link for Livestream to receive the Sunday Mass.

While that is a good option for some, it is not meant to be a long term solution. We do need to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood in the Eucharist. We cannot do without it. I would encourage those of you who are younger and physically healthy to make a return to Church and to the reception of the Eucharist. This virus will eventually subside and it is so important that we all be ready to return to normal parish life and attendance at Sunday Mass. In the meantime, may God bless you and protect you and your family from illness!

Very Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
Each week we are welcomed by our fellow sojourners as we gather together to celebrate the Eucharist. Today we hear of a woman and her husband who offer hospitality to the prophet Elisha whenever he comes to their city, going so far as furnishing him with a place to stay. Let us furnish a place in our hearts for our Lord to stay so that we may gain strength and nourishment on our journey to the kingdom.

The Rectory office will be closed Friday, July 3rd for Fourth of July weekend.
Dear Friends:

Your generous and ongoing support enables Friends of Cathedral Music to fulfill its mission of bringing the finest in liturgical music to our parish, the Catholic community, and the greater community of Savannah. We are deeply grateful for your continued generosity.

2020 has been one of the most challenging times of all our lives and we continue to live in a time of uncertainty.

Our 2020-2021 season will provide the comfort of hope, joy, and beauty as only music can do.

Wishing you well,
Paul Thornock, Director of Music

Our Schedule (So Far)

Noack & Friends: Opening Concert of the Restored Cathedral Basilica Organ
Sunday, October 18th 5PM

Christmas at the Cathedral
Cathedral Choir and Chamber Orchestra
Sunday, December 20th 5PM

Three Choir Festival
The choirs of Wesley Monumental United Methodist and St. John’s Churches join the Cathedral Choir and Brass
Sunday, January 17th 5PM

Visiting Artists:
Announcement Coming Soon!
Sunday, February 14th 5PM

Tenebrae
Cathedral Choir
Wednesday, March 31st 8PM

What’s in Store for Next Season?

• Planning our concert schedule this year has been a challenge: we’re nearly there!
• We’re in talks with two internationally renowned choruses for our Visiting Artists concert and will make an announcement shortly.
• Specific advance seat selection for Christmas at the Cathedral donor tickets on Eventbrite.
• Christmas at the Cathedral will feature check-in agents with scanners and a large ushering crew.
• Online giving through the Cathedral Basilica’s website.
• We will launch our annual fund drive as soon as our schedule is complete.
• We hope you’ll consider joining us for a great season.
CATHEDRAL BASILICA PROCESSIONAL CROSS FUNDRAISER

In preparation for the basilica inauguration, Cathedral Flowers and Evergreens now offers sachets and potpourri at a reduced price to promote funding for a new processional cross. Available in “Lavender Mist” and “Celtic Forest” fragrances: sachets ($5.00) and potpourri ($10.00) are available at the docent’s desk and online at www.savannahcathedral.org.

CATHEDRAL BASILICA ORNAMENTS

Cathedral Ornaments are available, including the new 2020. You can purchase all items at the back of the church or online at www.savannahcathedral.org.

There will be Mass on July 4th at 10:00 AM. The Cathedral will close after Mass for the remainder of the day. We will have reconciliation 4:15 - 5:00 and Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM. Have a safe and happy Fourth of July!