Cathedral Basilica 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 & 12Noon
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 to 11:45 am and 4:15 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.

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
In Residence  - Msgr. William O'Neill, Rector Emeritus
In Residence  - Rev. Tom Peyton
Permanent Deacon  - Rev. Dr. Dewain E. Smith
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Housekeeper/Food Services  - Ms. Alma Young
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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRELUDE

Adagio from Symphonie, Op. 5

Barié

INTROIT

Sitientes, venite ad aquas

Mode II

All you who are thirsty, come to the waters, says the Lord, and you who have no money, come, drink in gladness. Isaiah 55

HYMN

HYFRYDOL

1. Love divine, all loves exceeding. Joy of
2. Come, almighty to deliver. Let us
3. Finish then your new creation. Pure and

heaven to earth come down! Fix in us your humble
all your life receive; Suddenly return and
spotless, gracious Lord, Let us see your great sal-

dwelling, All your faithful mercies crown.
never, Never more your temples leave.

Jesus, source of all compassion, Love un-

Lord, we would be always blessing, Serve you

Changed from glory into glory, Till in

boundless, love all pure; Visit us with your sal-

as your hosts above, Pray, and praise you without

heaven we take our place, Till we sing before the al-

ceasing, Let your love in us endure.

mighty Lost in wonder, love and praise.
PENITENTIAL ACT

Deacon, then all:


Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.

GLORIA

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we ad-ore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.

Cantor/Choir: Lord Jesu 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 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

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare.

Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

READING II

Brothers and sisters: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, “This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.” But they said to him, “Five loaves and two fish are all we have here.” Then he said, “Bring them here to me,” and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

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

O quam suavis est

Byrd

_O how sweet is thy spirit, Lord,_
_thou who, in order to demonstrate thy sweetness to thy children,_
_sent down from heaven the sweetest bread unsurpassed,_
_filling the hungry with good things,_
Sending away empty the disdainful rich. Wisdom 12, 16_
SANCTUS

Mass of Wisdom

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

Panem de caelo
Mode V

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.  Wisdom 16

COMMUNION MOTET

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. William Cowper

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISAL

HYMN

ST. COLUMBA

1. The King of love my shepherd is,
2. Where streams of living water flow
Whose goodness fails me never;
My ransomed soul he's leading,
I nothing lack if I am his,
And where the verdant pastures grow
And he is mine for ever.
With food celestial feeding.

POSTLUDE

All Glory be to God

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Projects Near Completion and Just Beginning

There is quite a bit of work taking place at the Cathedral Basilica, despite the many interruptions caused by COVID-19. In January of this year, we began a major renovation of the Pipe Organ which is almost thirty-five years old. The work has gone very well, but has been delayed by the difficulty in getting supplies from Canada, Portugal and even places in the US. At present, the work is approximately 85% complete. We are waiting for the last supplies coming from Portugal. The organ is of course quite usable, and Dr. Thornock tells me that the quality of the sound and the working of the organ are significantly better.

We are just beginning the conversion for the Chapel in the Cathedral undercroft into a Parish Hall and Reception space. We have engaged Sottile and Associates as our architectural firm. Christian Sottile is a well-known architect in Savannah and a Cathedral parishioner. We have also entered into an agreement with West Construction to carry out the renovations. Matthew Shivera is also a parishioner.

The agreement is a Design-Build contract, and the first stage calls for the demolition of the current flooring and ceiling of the space, beginning in August. The plan calls for a Parish Hall and Reception Space which will complement the beauty of the Cathedral. It will provide a space that can accommodate over 600 guests. There will be new restroom facilities, a catering kitchen, storage room, and meeting room. The current Adoration Chapel will also be doubled in size and enhanced.

We have taken all of the pews and placed them in storage, off site. The memorial plaques on the pews have been saved. We will soon publish a list of those plaques. If a family member would like to keep a memorial plaque, he or she may do so. However, we would like to use the plaques to make a larger memorial so that the eighty year history of Our Lady’s Chapel will be kept alive. The statuary, stations of the cross, and other religious items will be used in the renovated space. The work, I am told, will take a little over a year to complete. It should be exciting!

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck, Rector
Thousands of people, many of them sick and all of them hungry, walked for miles from towns throughout Galilee just to see and hear Jesus. How fortunate we are that Jesus is with us here whenever we gather in his name. He nourishes us at this table, strengthening our weaknesses and fortifying us for our own journeys. Let us pray today that we may all eat and be satisfied at this Eucharist.

Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in Memory of Ron Israel.

Mass Intentions for the week of August 2, 2020

**SUNDAY**
- Pro Populo
- Cliff Angers
- Eileen Moriarty
- Poor Souls in Purgatory

**MONDAY**
- John Thang Dang
- Wanda Hand

**TUESDAY**
- Cliff Angers
- Wanda Hand

**WEDNESDAY**
- Wanda Hand
- Athene South

**THURSDAY**
- Octavio A. Aliffi
- Wanda Hand

**FRIDAY**
- Clifford Angers
- **William Joseph Price (Anni)**

**SATURDAY**
- Wanda Hand
- Jack Stacy (MM)

**Please Pray For:**
- Ed Arbo, Nancy Bachner, Lola Bacon, Mabel Barba, Gerry and Maureen Barlein, Randy Beckle, Wendy Beiner, Cynthia Blaschke, Steve Blaschke, Doris Boring, Mike Bowers, Bill Boyle, Aaron Shane Conner, Stephen Corcoran, Joan Coules, Donna Cox, Joan Devlin, Carlton Dowdy, Patrick Duffy, Eileen and Bill Dunlop, Mary Dunn, Erin Dunning, Chris Fernandez, Lance Gambrell, David Hampton, Ryan Helmes, Matt Hunter, Patricia Jarrell, James Krembs, Susan Spillane Lai, William Leach, Virginia Logan, Lee Marmarus, Hugh Markowsky, Fr. Jeremiah McCarthy, Gayle McGhee, Eddie Mizelle, Dan Mobley, Brian Murphy, Cindy Doolan Murphy, Josephine Nasworthy, Jenna Nobles, USMC Derek Perez, Joy Povec, Jeffrey Powell, Tina Sanders, Tyler Smith, Jan Wilson, and Larson Zekas.
August 2, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time


GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Our neighborhood store is old-school: The baggers carry out our groceries. Often, I gladly accept, but if I think I can handle, say, two gallons of milk, two paper bags with canned goods and an extra carton of eggs, I’ll mutter, “No thanks” and struggle my way to the car. I think we Catholics, especially the American variety, are a little like that. We like our baggage, and we often choose to carry it alone, even when every muscle is straining with the effort. We’re quick to offer to pray for others, but hesitant to ask others to pray for us. We may stumble through the most recent translation of the creed, but we took to the “I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof” language right away. We tended to stay at least six feet away from others at Mass before social distancing became a thing. That’s why I love the way today’s readings show us the many ways God loves us, in his abundant generosity. He always provides, and we don’t need to carry our burdens alone.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When entertaining, I often worry I won’t have enough food to go around. Several years ago, I had a large party and loaded up on ribs and chicken. I was sure I was fully prepared, so imagine my horror when five or six of my friends approached the buffet table to find only a couple of chicken wings and a rib left.* So I get why the Apostles told Jesus they didn’t think five loaves and two fish would cut it!

Today’s Gospel challenges us to trust in God’s abundant generosity, and to share the burdens we face. How might that look in our daily lives? And what can we do better? In practical terms, it could mean that we ask for God’s help in providing hospitality to others when they need it, and look for the many places in which God’s provisions for us are visible. Or, as the twelve disciples handed out food to 5,000 men, plus women and children, we might pray for the grace to offer help to another in the face of a daunting task. The possibilities are endless. How will we meet this Gospel’s challenge?

*As to the chicken and ribs, the joke was on me: I discovered them the next morning in the oven!

PRAY Lord, Jesus Christ, I give you my entire self now and forever. Fill me with your Holy Spirit. Teach me to know the Father and to trust his abundant generosity. Strengthen me each day in listening to and following your will. Amen
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory July 26, 2020: $19,428.50
Offertory July 28, 2019: $26,832.00

New Parishioners and Address Changes
Anyone wishing to become a parishioner of the Cathedral Basilica can complete the following, cut out and drop it in the offertory collection basket. A census form will be mailed to you to be completed and mailed back. You can also let us know if your address has changed.

New Parishioner / Change of Address
Name ______________________________________
Address ____________________________________
___________________________________________
Telephone Number __________________________

Cathedral Basilica Processional Cross Fundraiser
In preparation for the basilica inauguration, Cathedral Flowers and Evergreens Summer Special offers sachets and potpourris at reduced price to promote funding for a new processional cross. Available in “Lavender Mist” and “Celtic Forest” fragrances: sachets ($5.00) and potpourris ($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.