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
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PRELUDE

INTROIT

We have received you mercy, O God, in the midst of your temple; even as your name, so also does your praise extend to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with righteousness. Psalm 47

HYMN

1. God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
2. Your love divine has led us in the past,
3. From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence,
4. Refresh your people on their toilsome way,

Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
In this free land by you our lot is cast;
Your mighty arm our ever sure defense;
Lead us from night to never-ending day;

Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Be our strong ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
Your true religion in our hearts increase,
Fill all our lives with heav’n-born love and grace,

Our grateful songs before your throne arise,
Your word our law, your paths our chosen way,
Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
Until at last, we meet before your face.

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

Mass of Wisdom

Janco
Mass of Wisdom

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Cantor/Choir: Lord Jesus 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 alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

READING I

Thus says the LORD:
Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion,
shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king shall come to you;
a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass,
on a colt, the foal of an ass.

He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim,
and the horse from Jerusalem;
the warrior’s bow shall be banished,
and he shall proclaim peace to the nations.
His dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Zechariah 9:9–10
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

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.

All creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.

READING II

Brothers and sisters: You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you. Consequently, brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

At that time Jesus exclaimed: “I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.”

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”
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

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

SANCTUS

Mass of Wisdom

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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.

2. you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is; blessed is the man who trusts in him. Psalm 34
FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

1. Almighty Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the rest less wave, who bids the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

2. O Trinity of love and power, our people shield in danger's hour; from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect the whereso'er they go; thus ever more shall rise to thee glad praise from space, air, land, and sea.

POSTLUDE

We are grateful to Ms. Erica Gillette and Mrs. Rebecca Flaherty, our guest musicians this morning. Ms. Gillette previously served as our Assistant Cathedral Organist. The guest cantor is Mrs. Rebecca Flaherty, a past member of the Cathedral Choir. We are glad to welcome them back to the Cathedral while our resident musicians enjoy some vacation time.

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Rector’s Corner

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

We live in a great country. Our form of government is uniquely shaped to provide the matrix in which freedom, opportunity, and the human spirit can flourish. It was conceived and brought into being by great and courageous men and women. But our country is not “perfect,” nor were any of those people who brought it to birth. In fact, the great Constitution of the United States of America begins with these words: “We the people of the United States of America, in order to form a more perfect union…” Perhaps it is a reminder that the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness, in common, must always be refined, defended, and perfected.

We live in turbulent times of unrest, much as we experienced in the late 1960’s. We continue to struggle as a people with racism and the injustices that it spawns. Sadly, the effects of slavery in America, which has been called by some “America’s Original Sin,” continue to plague us. While we must dedicate ourselves again and again to forming that more perfect union, we should not give in to the temptation to believe that America is not a great nation. We are a great and generous people, who by the grace of God have accomplished things that no other nation could.

St. John Paul II loved the United States of America and visited us several times during his papacy. He had witnessed firsthand the sacrifice of blood and treasure made by the United States of America to free Europe from fascism. We should take to heart his words, given as a farewell address upon departing the United States in September of 1987:

“America, your deepest identity and truest character as a nation is revealed in the position you take towards the human person. The ultimate test of your greatness lies in the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless ones. The best traditions of your land presume respect for those who cannot defend themselves. If you want equal justice for all, and true freedom and lasting peace, then, America, defend life!

Feeding the poor and welcoming refugees; Reinforcing the social fabric of this nation; Promoting the true advancement of women; Securing the rights of minorities; Pursuing disarmament, while guaranteeing legitimate defense;

Today, therefore, my final prayer is this: that God will bless America, so that she may increasingly become - and truly be - and long remain one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. May God bless America!”

Very Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
Jesus addresses us with comforting words today: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” Let those words wash over us and all the responsibilities we have, all the stresses we’re under, and all the failures that haunt us. “My yoke is easy,” Jesus assures us, “my burden light.” As we gather together on this holiday weekend, let us rejoice in the freedom Jesus offers us from our heavy burdens.

Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in Honor of our Nation’s Freedom

Mass Intentions for the week of July 5, 2020

SUNDAY
Pro Populo
Blake Quattebaum
Poor Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY
John Thang Dang

TUESDAY
Julie Hackett
Wanda Sue Hand

WEDNESDAY
Jack Stacy (MM)

THURSDAY
Wanda Sue Hand
John Stacy Sr. (Anni)

FRIDAY
Intentions of Barbara Paolucci

SATURDAY
Wanda Sue Hand

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

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.

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 PARISH OFFERTORY

Offertory June 28, 2020: $16,768.50
Offertory June 30, 2019: $20,096.50