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 am
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 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
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
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRELUDE
Allegro (I) from Concerto in B minor
Walther after Vivaldi

INTROIT
'I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever. Psalm 36

HYMN
LAUDATE DOMINUM

1. Sing praise to the Lord! praise God in the height;
2. Sing praise to the Lord! praise God upon earth,
3. Sing praise to the Lord, all things that give sound;

Re - joice in his word, you an - gels of light;
In tune - ful ac - cord, all you of new birth;
Each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;

O heav - ens, ad - ore him by whom you were made,
Praise him who has brought you his grace from a - bove,
Loud or - gans, his glo - ry tell forth in deep tone,

And wor - ship be - fore him in bright - ness ar - rayed.
Praise him who has taught you to sing of his love.
And trum - pets, the sto - ry of what God has done.

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT
Missa Orbis factor
Vatican Mass XI

1., 3. Lord have mer - cy.
2. Christ have mer - cy.
GLORIA

Cantor/Choir: All:

Glory to God in the highest
We praise you, we bless you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks
Lord God, heavenly king,
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
You take away the sins of the world,
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
With the Holy Spirit and on earth peace to people of good will.
we adore you.
for your great glory.
O God, almighty Father.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
have mercy on us.
receive our prayer.
have mercy on us.
you alone are the Most high Jesus Christ.
in the glory of
God the Father, Amen.

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

READING I

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is near to all who call on him.

Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD and highly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.
The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.
The LORD is just in all his ways
and holy in all his works.
The LORD is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth.

READING II

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two.

I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.
Jesus told his disciples this parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o’clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.’ So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o’clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o’clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They answered, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard.’ When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’ When those who had started about five o’clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day’s burden and the heat.’ He said to one of them in reply, ‘My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

HOMILY

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.
Give the men and women You call the light to understand Your gift
Bless our Diocese of Savannah and the love to follow always
with many vocations to the Priesthood, in the footsteps of Your priestly Son.
Diaconate, and Religious Life.

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

Seek the Lord
Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God,
for he will richly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

SANCTUS

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

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

AGNUS DEI

Missa Orbis factor

1. 2. Have mer - cy on us. 3. Grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Tu mandasti

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes. Psalm 118

COMMUNION MOTET

O salutaris hostia

O saving Victim! opening wide the gate of heaven to man below,
Our foes press hard on every side, thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.
St. Thomas Aquinas

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

IN BABILONE

1. There’s a wide-ness in God’s mer-cy Like the wide-ness of the sea;

2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the meas-ures of our mind,

There’s a kind-ness in God’s jus-tice Which is more than lib-er-ty.

And the heart of the e-ter nal Is most won-der-ful ly kind.

There is plen-ti-ful re-demp-tion In the blood that has been shed;

If our love were but more sim-ple We should take him at his word,

There is joy for all the mem-bers In the sor-rows of the Head.

And our lives would be thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.

POSTLUDE

Allegro (III) from Concerto in B minor

Walther after Vivaldi

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Join Us for the 2020-2021 Season!

Noack & Friends
Sunday, October 18th, 5PM

Sinisa Ciric, Concertmaster, Savannah Philharmonic
Paul Lott, Principal Trumpet, Hilton Head Symphony
Jillian Durant, Voice teacher and Cathedral Soprano

The Cathedral’s director of music, Dr. Paul Thornock, is joined by three of Savannah’s most visible professional musicians in a celebratory concert featuring the restored Noack organ.

Social Distancing guidelines will limit capacity to 200 seats for this concert.

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

The Cathedral Choir and Chamber Orchestra present their annual program of music for Advent and Christmas.

Baroque in the Basilica
Sunday, February 14th, 5PM

Celebrate Valentine’s Day with the sweet music of Bach, Handel, Vivaldi and others performed by the Cathedral Choral Scholars and Chamber Orchestra.

Tenebrae
Cathedral Choir
Wednesday, March 31st, 8PM

The Cathedral Choir sings the Tallis setting of the Lamentations of Jeremiah, penitential psalms, and other works for the Office of Tenebrae on this darkest of nights.

A Sonic Spectacle
Sunday, January 17th, 5PM

The directors of music from Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church, St. John’s Church, Christ Church, and the Cathedral are joined by the Cathedral Brass for an evening of music of heroic proportions!

Become a Friend of Cathedral Music

There’s never been a better time to join.
To make your donation, please visit

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“Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near,” Isaiah counsels us in the first words from today’s first reading. We come together today to seek the Lord in word and sacrament, knowing that he can be found in scripture, in the Eucharist, and in each other. We call to him now, lifting our voices in song and prayer, aware of his closeness as we are gathered two or more in his name.

Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are In Honor of Bishop Elect Stephen Parkes

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### Mass Intentions for the week of September 20, 2020

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Please Pray For: Ed Arbo, Nancy Bachner, Lola Bacon, Mabel Barba, Gerry and Maureen Bartlein, Randy Beckle, Wendy Beiner, Cynthia Blaschke, Steve Blaschke, Doris Boring, Mike Bowers, Bill Boyle, Aaron Shane Conner, Stephen Corcoran, Joan Coules, Donna Cox, Natalie Deriso, 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, Kathleen Kalagvano, Susan Spillane Lai, Lori Lancaster, William Leach, Virginia Logan, Lee Marmarus, Hugh Markowsky, Gayle McGhee, 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.
Life Chain
As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend and protect all live from the moment of conception to natural death. One of the ways we do this is through our annual Life Chain on Respect Life Sunday. Last year, we had ten Life Chains throughout our Diocese on Respect Life Sunday. This year’s Life Chain will be on Sunday, October 4th, 2:30 to 3:30 PM at Daffin Park along Victory Drive. Signs are provided by the Knights of Columbus, Council 631 and the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life for the Diocese of Savannah. Last year over 100 people and seven members of the clergy participated. We hope for an even better turnout this year! All are Welcome! For more information, contact Gretchen at gretch21926@gmail.com. Social distancing and masks are required.

Church Closed Wednesday
The Cathedral Basilica will be closed all day on Wednesday, September 23rd for the Ordination and Installation of Bishop-Elect Stephen D. Parkes, which will be live-streamed at www.savannahcathedral.org at 1:00PM. We will celebrate the 7:30AM Mass, but there will be no Noon Mass.

Children’s Religious Education
Attention Parents! Children’s Religious Education classes begin Sunday, September 27th at 8:45 AM! If you missed registration last weekend, bring your child to the parish center on the first day of class for registration and enrollment. On the first day of school, we will be handing out an information sheet regarding the precautions that will be used before and during class to comply with the CDC requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We will also provide information on homeschooling as a means of providing your child’s religious education. The medical safety and religious foundation of our CRE students are very important to us. God bless us all.

40 Days for Life
40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. Wednesday, September 23 - Sunday, November 1, prayer vigils for peaceful and prayerful witness will take place daily in front of the Savannah Medical Clinic on 34th Street between Drayton and Abercorn Streets. Anyone wishing to participate may want to speak to your local Respect Life Ministry Representative or committee to find out what is already planned for the 40 day event, or just go to www.40daysforlife.com/savannah and sign up on the website calendar for your preferred time and day. You should find others who are scheduled to pray together already listed on the calendar for Savannah. Contact Sheila Fort, 2020 Fall Director for 40 Days at 912-657-7765 or email Sheilafort.fort@gmail.com for more information.
**CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY**

Offertory Sep. 13, 2020: $23,646.51  
Offertory Sept. 15, 2019: $22,719.50

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**Cathedral Basilica Flowers and Evergreens**

Cathedral Flowers and Evergreens offers sachets and potpourri bags created from dried florals and botanicals. “Autumn Harvest” is a rich blend of apples, oranges, and cinnamon in autumn colors. “Lavender Mist” is a calming blend of lavender and floral colors of purple and cream. Perfect as a gift for any occasion. Available for purchase at the docent desk and online at [www.savannahcathedral.org](http://www.savannahcathedral.org).

**Cathedral Basilica Ornaments**

Cathedral Ornaments are available. You can purchase them at the back of the church or online at [www.savannahcathedral.org](http://www.savannahcathedral.org). Last year, we sold out of many before December. With Christmas approaching, get yours early!

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**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 ____________________________