Cathedral Basilica of Saint John the Baptist

222 East Harris Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401 - Located at Abercorn and East Harris Streets
Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes — Bishop of Savannah
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 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

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRELUDE
Chorale, Variations and Fugue from Sonata No. 6

Mendelssohn

INTROIT
Laetetur cor quærentium
Mode II

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. Psalm 104

HYMN
Lauda ANIMA

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To his feet your
tribute bring; Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
in distress; Praise him still the same as ever,
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down before him,

Ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
Slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
Dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ever - lasting King.
Al - le - lu - ia! Glorious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT
Missa Cum iubilo
Vatican Mass IX

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

Cantor/Choir:  

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

Thus says the LORD: “You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans. “If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor’s cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I love you, O LORD, my strength, O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer. My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold! Praised be the LORD, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies. The LORD lives and blessed be my rock! Exalted be God my savior. You who gave great victories to your king and showed kindness to your anointed.

READING II

Brothers and sisters: You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.
GOSPEL

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

MATTHEW 22:34–40

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

Jubilate Collegium Regale

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise;
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth from generation to generation. Psalm 99

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heav’n and
earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blest 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 pro-
claim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

GREAT AMEN

Amen, amen, amen.

AGNUS DEI

Missa Cum iubilo

1. 2. Have mercy on us. 3. Grant us your peace.
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Laetabimur in salutari tuo
Mode II

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God. Psalm 19

COMMUNION MOTET

Magnificat Collegium Regale
Howells

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN
EBENEZER

1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At thy speaking it was done; For created light we thank thee,
it was done; For created light we thank thee,

2. God the Father, Light Creator, To thee laud and honor be; To thee, Light of light be gotten,

While thine ordered seasons run: Alleluia! Praise be sung eternally: Holy Spirit,

Al-le-lu-ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! with out end!

Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the Holy Trinity!

POSTLUDE

Allegro molto from Sonata No. 6
Mendelssohn

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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.

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.

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.

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!

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Today we hear the LORD remind the Israelites of their past, where they’d come from and what they overcame. We come here today as we are now, but we must recall who we were in the past, what we have accomplished and what we have overcome. We can empathize with our neighbor, for the joys, difficulties, and worries she is experiencing today are comparable to what we have ourselves experienced. Let us thank God for the grace that brought us here today and the continued grace to see ourselves in our neighbor.

Mass Intentions for the week of October 25, 2020

SUNDAY
Pro Populo
Francis G. Poole
Poor Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY
John Thang Dang
Bobbe Granger

TUESDAY
Louise Ganem
Bill Wade

WEDNESDAY
Michael Jasura, Jr. (Anni)

THURSDAY
Anna Chuc Nguyen

FRIDAY
Anna Chuc Nguyen
Jesse Vergaro

SATURDAY
Bill Wade

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, Natalie Deriso, Joan Devlin, Carlton Dowdy, Patrick Duffy, Eileen and Bill Dunlop, Mary Dunn, Erin Dunning, Chris Fernandez, Lance Gambrell, Infant John Giorgio Sullivan, 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.

Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are In Memory of Diane Smith
Protecting Our Youth
Diocesan policy requires all diocesan adult employees and volunteers attend VIRTUS (safe environment) awareness training, undergo a background check, and read and sign the diocesan code of conduct for working with minors prior to volunteering in their ministry. It may sound like a lot to do, but it is all available online through the Diocese of Savannah Website.

Step 1: Go to www.diosav.org
Step 2: Click the “How do I…” drop menu
Step 3: Select Register for VIRTUS Training

You will then be able to register for virtual VIRTUS Training, undergo a background check and sign the Code of Conduct all at once. This is the easiest it has ever been! So if you are considering volunteering here at the Cathedral, now is a great time to get these requirements done.

Join the Council of Catholic Women
Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist Council of Catholic Women is inviting all women of the church to our next meeting. It is being held this Tuesday October 27th in the parish hall at 6:30 PM. We will be social distancing and masks will be worn. The CCCW is a service organization of the church which supports our clergy and projects that help our community. Because of covid our projects and activities will be limited this year. If you have questions please email Virginia Broderick at vabroderick@comcast.net.

Children’s Religious Education Schedule
Oct 25 - CLASS - Empowering God’s Children (Lesson 4)
Nov 1 - CLASS - Daylight Saving Time Ends

GROW AS A DISCIPLE
PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE
In today’s Gospel, Jesus has just silenced one group of religious leaders, the Sadducees (which seems to be quite a feat, if we look at their behavior in the Scripture!) and is now speaking to another group of religious leaders, the Pharisees. Jesus says that the greatest commandment in all the law is actually two: love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul; and love your neighbor as yourself. These two groups of religious leaders like to test him a lot, and while I might want to tell people like them to take a hike, Jesus never does. He always speaks the truth to them, in love, even if he is frustrated with their behavior.

GO EVANGELIZE
PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT
Sometimes it’s hard to see how three particular readings fit together on a Sunday, but I was struck by how well these do. The first reading, listing ways that we should not behave, can easily be summed up as: love your neighbor as yourself. We all are, or have been, some form of what the Lord mentions: an outsider (alien), vulnerable (widow/orphan), in financial need (loan recipient), or requiring some other assistance (needing a cloak). How do we want others to treat us in those times? Then we should behave the same. It seems like the Thessalonians understood this, for Paul praises them for being a model for other believers. They have a reputation for being truly loving; of turning to God from idols, and serving him. We can be discouraged by our human failings, as all of us living in lockdown/quarantine these recent months know. It may not take much to set us off. But this is where God’s grace can help us to speak truth in love, and be a model for those around us.

• How can I love God with my whole heart? After spending time in prayer, write down how you see God in your family and friends. And then go tell them!
• How can I love God with my whole mind? Use “online time” to engage with a faith-related website such as Bishop Barron’s wordonfire.org, or follow Pope Francis on Twitter.
• How can I love God with my soul? Pray the litany of humility.
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory Oct. 18, 2020: $21,084.00
Offertory Oct. 20, 2019: $23,002.00

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 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.

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