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

Rector - Very Rev. J. Gerard Schreck, JCD
Parochial Vicar - Rev. Andrew Larkin
In Residence - Msgr. William O’Neill, Rector Emeritus
In Residence - Rev. Tom Peyton
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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRELUDE
Adagio from Symphony No. 2

Vierne

INTROIT

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, heaven and earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all. Esther 13

MODE IV

HYMN

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

1. Christ is made our sure foundation, Christ the head and
corner stone;

2. To this temple where we call you, Come, O Lord of
hosts, today;

3. Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor
to the Son, With your wonted loving kindness

4. Binding all the Church in one, Holy Zion’s
Hear your servants as they pray, And your fullest

5. Ever Three and ever One: Unified in
benediction Shed in all its bright array.
pow’r and glory, While unending ages run.

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

Missa Cum iubilo

Vatican Mass IX

1., 3. Lord have mercy. 2. Christ have mercy.
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

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song
concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on
a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and
planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watch-
tower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for
the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes.
Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard: What more was
there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why,
when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth
wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to
do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to
grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes,
I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but
overgrown with thorns and briers; I will command the
clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the
LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of
Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment,
but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

A vine from Egypt you transplanted;
you drove away the nations and planted it.
It put forth its foliage to the Sea,
its shoots as far as the River.
Why have you broken down its walls,
so that every passer-by plucks its fruit,
The boar from the forest lays it waste,
and the beasts of the field feed upon it?

Once again, O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.
Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.
O LORD, God of hosts, restore us;
if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved.
READING II

Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

GOSPEL

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: “Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, “This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.’ They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?” They answered him, “He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times.” Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.”

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.

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR
Rejoice in the Lord Alway
Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is at hand.
Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication,
let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Philippians 4

SANCTUS
Community Mass

MYSTERIUM FIDEI
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-
claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

GREAT AMEN
A-men, a-men, a-men.
AGNUS DEI

Missa Cum iubilo

1. Have mercy on us. 2. Grant us your peace.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

In salutari tuo

My soul aspires after your salvation; I hope in your word; when will you judge those who persecute me? The wicked are persecuting me; come to my assistance, O Lord my God. Psalm 118

COMMUNION MOTET

Ave Maria

Handl

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

1. God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God, we name you sovereign Lord!
2. True apostles, faithful prophets, Saints who set their world ablaze, Mighty King whom angels worship, Father, by your church adored:

NETTLETON

While your church on earth confesses One majestic Trinity; Singing “Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts, and God alone!”

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in D

Buxtehude

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 5:00 P.M.

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Sinisa Ciric
Concertmaster, Savannah Philharmonic

Paul Lott
Principal Trumpet, Hilton Head Symphony

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September 24, 2020

My Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Diocese of Savannah,

I would like to thank you for your thoughts and prayers this week upon my Ordination and Installation as the Fifteenth Bishop of Savannah. As I settle into my new responsibilities I write to you today to provide you with an update on how we as a Diocese are moving forward in the midst of the pandemic.

While the number of new COVID-19 cases in Georgia has declined by more than 50% since the beginning of August – from a seven-day moving average of 3,551 on August 1 to 1,724 on September 20 – we remain cautious and concerned for the health of everyone. Therefore, I am extending the Dispensation from the Obligation to Attend Sunday Mass through the end of the liturgical year, the Solemnity of Christ the King which is celebrated on November 22, 2020.

I would like to thank our parishes for their extra efforts to ensure the safety of our faithful while also providing daily activities during these past months. Since reopening at the beginning of June, we have had no COVID-19 outbreaks traced specifically to any of our parishes. I commend our Pastors for their leadership in providing healthy places to worship and I urge everyone to remain vigilant as we continue this journey together. I would also like to thank those who have returned to in-person worship for following the guidelines and protocols put into place by your Pastor. In my short time here I am impressed with the beautiful care that I have witness in loving God and neighbor.

I ask you to join with me in continuing to pray for all of those who have been stricken by this pandemic, and for the caregivers, public health officials, and civic leaders persevering in service to the common good. We pray for those who long to return to Mass and to the Sacraments but are unable due to age or health issues. May their longing be rewarded by Almighty God with an outpouring of grace and hope. For those who are able, I encourage you to return to Mass when you are ready and comfortable. Your parish family needs you and misses you.

To those who are reluctant or unable to come to Mass or parish events, I ask you to continue to nurture your faith! Watching a live-streamed Mass is only part of the equation. Perhaps you could also deepen your relationship with our Blessed Mother by praying a daily rosary or visiting your parish church to pray privately during the day when few are present. Would you consider participating in a formative program or Bible studies at www.formed.org and www.ascensionpress.com? Even if we stay home, our spiritual lives and our relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church must be tended to.

As we have since the beginning of the pandemic, we ask our Mother Mary to watch over and intercede for us so that we may be healthy in soul and body. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us! Please know that I make a commit to lift you, your loved ones and your intentions in my prayers daily. I appreciate your prayers for me and for all in the Diocese of Savannah. May we meet each day in our prayers and Rejoice in the Lord always!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes, D.D.
Bishop of Savannah
Today’s readings speak of harvesting grapes in a vineyard. God calls us to work in the vineyard, each doing our part to ensure a good harvest. We gather together each week in the Lord’s name and receive Christ in the word and the Eucharist. In today’s Gospel, Jesus promises the kingdom of God to those who produce its fruit. We pray that we may be nourished in word and sacrament so that we may go forth to produce fruit for the kingdom.

Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are In Honor of Gary and Jackie Ogden’s 40th Wedding Anniversary

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 this 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.

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.

In October of 2018, Judge Amy Coney Barrett was invited by the Notre Dame Club of Savannah to give a talk in Boland Hall at the Catholic Pastoral Center. This photo shows Judge Barrett with Bishop Boland on that occasion.

Respect Life Poster Contest!

Calling all children in 5th to 8th grades! Design a poster and win some cash! **This year’s theme is “Live the Gospel of Life.”** Design a poster that reflects how you “Live the Gospel of Life” by helping others.

Prizes will be awarded in two categories: Grades 5/6 and Grades 7/8. Winning entries will be displayed in the Southern Cross newspaper and on the Southern Cross website and/or the Diocese of Savannah website. For complete details and entry form, please visit www.diosav.org/rlposter. Entries due by October 8th. Homeschoolers encouraged to participate!

Sponsored by the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life.
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory Sept. 27, 2020: $17,412.00
Offertory Sept. 29, 2019: $22,195.50

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!

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 ________________________