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

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 12 Noon & 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, & 11:30 am
Latin Mass 1:00 pm
Weekdays: Mon thru Fri: 7:30 am & 12 Noon
Holy Days: 7:30 am, 12 Noon, 6:00 pm
Nursery: Open For 10:00 AM Mass

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
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In Residence - Rev. Tom Peyton
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE
Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

INTROIT
To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame. Psalm 25

HYMN
VENI EMMANUEL

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lowly exile here.
2. O come, O Wisdom from on high, Who orders all things mightily.
3. O come, O Rod of Jesse’s stem, From every foe deliver them That trust your mighty knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.

PENITENTIAL ACT
New Plainsong Mass

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)
READING I

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80
Guimont

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power, and come to save us. 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. May your help be with the man of your right hand, with 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.

READING II

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreplaceable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hurd

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
GOSPEL

Mark 13:33–37

Jesus said to his disciples: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

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; 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.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed his blood, that we might saved be.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, Who was, and is, and is to come, sing Holy, Holy Lord.

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below For Christ is coming, is coming soon.
SANCTUS

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

MYSTERIUM FIDEI

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your
Resurrection until you come again.

GREAT AMEN

Amen, Amen, Amen.

AGNUS DEI

1, 2. Have mercy on us. 3. Grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase. Psalm 84
COMMUNION MOTET

Lo, in the Time Appointed

Lo, in the time appointed the Lord will come,
the mountains and hills will break forth in singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands:
for the Lord shall come into his everlasting kingdom
and upon the throne of David he shall reign forever.
Alleluia.

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

1. Come, O long expected Jesus, Born to set your
   people free; From our fears and sins release us;
Freely, and save us by your birth.

2. Israel’s strength and consolation, You, the hope of
   all the earth, Dear desire of every nation,

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCESSION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday, December 8
Masses at 7:30 a.m., Noon, & 6:00 p.m.

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BISHOP FRANCIS X. GARTLAND AWARD
2020 RECIPIENTS FROM THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA

On Saturday, December 5, 2020, Bishop Parkes will recognize the recipients of the Gartland Award from throughout the Diocese of Savannah for the year 2020. This award is named for the first Bishop of the Diocese of Savannah, Francis X. Gartland, and is awarded to parishioners who have offered extraordinary service to their parishes, to their deaneries, and to the whole Diocese. This year I am happy to announce that the award is being given to Mrs. Deborah Wade and to Mr. Bart Traywick.

Deborah Wade has been a member of the Cathedral Parish for almost 30 years. She and her husband Bill Wade have served on the Parish Pastoral Council, and the Parish Life Committee and the Christian Service Committee. Just a few months ago, Bill died suddenly. May he rest in peace! Deborah and Bill have been instrumental in organizing the annual food drives, which collect food to be distributed through the Social Apostolate of Savannah. Deborah has served on the Board of the Social Apostolate for many years. Deborah is generous with her time and does not seek any recognition for her efforts. She is most deserving of this award.

Bart Traywick grew up in west Chatham County in Port Wentworth. He was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and he attended Cathedral Day School from 1st through 8th grade. He is married to his wife Sandra and they have five children. In 2012 Bart and Sandra joined the Cathedral Parish. Bart and Sandra have been very active ever since. Bart has served as President of the Parish Pastoral Council and as the Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. He and Sandra both served as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Bart has also put in many hours organizing and working with volunteers on the annual Christmas Crèche in the Cathedral. Bart is always ready to help, and never seeks recognition for his efforts. He too is most deserving of this award.

May God Bless you.

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Once again we begin the season of Advent, this time of preparation for Christ’s coming into the world on Christmas morning. But this is not the only arrival of Christ for which we can prepare. He comes into our hearts at any time in any way. He comes to us in the Eucharist. We hope to be welcomed into his arms when we leave this world. Finally, he will come again at the end of time. As we gather in his name today, let us contemplate how we can prepare to receive Christ even when we least expect him.

Mass Intentions for the week of November 29, 2020

SUNDAY
- Pro Populo
- John Thang Dang
- Joseph C. Schreck (Anni)
- Poor Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY
- Louise Ganem

TUESDAY
- John Thang Dang
- Dan Mobley

WEDNESDAY
- Anna Chuc Nguyen
- Richard Wratten

THURSDAY
- Louise Ganem
- Fr. Jeremiah McCarthy

FRIDAY
- Edwin Bryan Connerat (Anni)
- George Day

SATURDAY
- Anna Chuc Nguyen
- Sam Tootle

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, Brian Murphy, Cindy Doolan Murphy, Josephine Nasworthy, Jenna Nobles, USMC Derek Perez, Jeffrey Powell, Tina Sanders, Tyler Smith, Family of Andy Weiss, Jan Wilson, and Larson Zekas.
Want to be part of Installing our World famous Crèche scene?

We need help installing our Crèche scene. The installation will start on December 9th and last seven to ten days! The install must be completed before the Christmas Concert on December 20th. We will begin installation right after the morning mass on the 9th, about 9:00 AM. We need 8 to 10 able bodied helpers to do the initial installation of the platform – this is heavy work (40 pounds) and will probably take at least 2 days. After the platform is installed the work does not involve heavy lifting! If you can help please email John at fizzypryor@gmail.com or Bart at bart1@comcast.net telling us your availability. Any time you can contribute is appreciated. You need not be at the Cathedral every day!

Advent Angel Giving Tree

During this season of Advent, the Cathedral Council of Catholic Women and the Christian Services Committee will partner on the Advent Angel Giving Trees. The Christian Services Committee will be asking for donations of food to provide a healthy Christmas dinner for the clients of our Social Apostolate. In partnership with this effort, the Cathedral Council of Catholic Women (CCCW) will be asking for donations of gift cards as an additional benefit for the same clients. These are great ways to give and benefit less fortunate families in our community. Please visit the Angel trees in the back of the church and return your donations to either the baskets under the food tree or the box by the gift card tree. We will take all donations through Sunday, December 20. Thank You for your generous donations to this worthwhile cause.

Gold and Silver Wedding Jubilee Anniversary Mass

All couples celebrating their Silver or Gold (25th or 50th) Wedding Anniversary in 2021 are invited to join

The Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes, Bishop of Savannah, for a special Mass on Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist.

Those wishing to attend should contact their parish office or register online at https://www.diosav.org/gold-and-silver by December 21, 2020 in order to receive the formal invitation with detailed information. Please call the Diocesan Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life at 912.201.4068 with questions.
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All potpourri and sachet are created from dried Cathedral florals Blended with fragrant oils and botanicals.
Children’s Religious Education Schedule

Nov 29  NO CLASS - Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 6  CLASS

Cathedral Basilica Ornaments
Cathedral Ornaments are available. You can purchase them at the back of the church or online at www.savannahcathedral.org. Sales have been twice as much lately with Christmas approaching, so get yours now!

GIVE SOMETHING, however small, TO THE ONE IN NEED. FOR IT IS NOT SMALL TO ONE WHO HAS NOTHING NEITHER IS IT SMALL TO GOD, IF WE HAVE GIVEN WHAT WE COULD.

—St. Gregory Nazianzen