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 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, & 11:30 am
Latin Mass 1:00 pm
Weekly: 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
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Prelude

La Nativité

Langlais

Introit

God is in his holy dwelling place; the God who causes us to dwell together, one at heart, in his house; he himself will give power and strength to his people.

Hymn

Greensleeves

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary’s
   lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with songs sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?

2. Why lies he in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king to own him; The King of Kings salutes you, Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.
PENITENTIAL ACT


GLORIA

Cantor/Choir: All:

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.
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

Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Bless-ed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways!
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored. R.
Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home;
your children like olive plants around your table. R.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.
The LORD bless you from Zion:
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. R.
READING II

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

GOSPEL

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

ST. LOUIS

1. O little town of Beth-le-hem,
   How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Mary,
   And gathered all above,
3. How silently, how silently
   The wondrous gift is given!
4. O holy Child of Beth-le-hem!
   Descend to us we pray;

   A-bove thy deep and dreamless sleep
   The silent stars go by;
While
   God imparts to human hearts
   Their watch of wond'ring love.
So
   Cast out our sin and enter in,
   Be born in us today.

Yet in the dark streets shineth
   The everlasting Light;
O morning stars, together
   Proclaim the holy birth!
No ear may hear his coming
   But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christmas angels
   The great glad tidings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years
   Are met in thee to-night.
And praises sing to God the King,
   And peace to all on earth.
Where meek souls will receive him,
   Still the dear Christ enters in.
O come to us, abide with us,
   Our Lord Em-man-u-el!
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

My son, why have you treated us so? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you.
How is it that you were seeking me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?
HYMN

1. Angels, from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o’er all the earth;
   You who sang creation’s story, Now proclaim Messiah’s birth:
   Gather all the nations to him; Every knee shall then bow down.

2. Though an infant now we view him, He shall fill his heav’n-ly throne,
   Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the new-born King.
We continue to celebrate this festive season of Christmas by honoring the Holy Family. Jesus’ mother, Mary, and his foster father, Joseph, each trusted in the Lord when they accepted the unique start to their family. Though their family faced dangers from the start, they remained united in love, which Saint Paul calls the bond of perfection. May our families share these bonds of love, enabling us to face the hardships and sorrows of life.

**Mass Intentions for the week of December 27, 2020**

**SUNDAY**
Pro Populo  
Claire Peterson Barsic (Anni)  
Alberta Chance

**MONDAY**  
Mary Dunn  
Rita Haneline

**TUESDAY**  
Int. of Kitty & Don Ricketts

**WEDNESDAY**  
John Thang Dang

**THURSDAY**  
Fr. Jeremiah McCarthy  
Anna Chuc Nguyen

**FRIDAY**  
John Thang Dang

**SATURDAY**  
Int. of Carlton Dowdy  
Thomas R. Morgan, Jr. (Anni)

**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, Erin Dunning, Chris Fernandez, Lance Gambrell, David Hampton, Ryan Helmes, Matt Hunter, Patricia Jarrell, Kathleen Kalagvano, Susan Spillane Lai, William Leach, Virginia Logan, Jerry Lominack, 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, Beverly Willett, Jan Wilson, and Larson Zekas.
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Sachet $5

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Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

The Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life invites you to pray with us in a special Mass with Bishop Stephen D. Parker.

January 22, 2021
Noon
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