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
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
Satursdays: 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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE
Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659
Bach

INTROIT
O people of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart. Isaiah 30

HYMN
WINCHESTER NEW

1. On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry Announces that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hearken,
2. Then cleansed be every heart from sin; Make straight the way of God within, And let each heart pre -
3. For you are our salvation, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward; With - out your grace we bid the fall - en sinner stand; Shine forth, and let your
4. To heal the sick stretch out your hand, And for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings.

PENITENTIAL ACT
New Plainsong Mass
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COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)
READING I
Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 85
Carroll

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land. Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss.

Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven. The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.

READING II
Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hurd

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.
The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”*

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

**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**

**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**

Deus tu convertens

*You will turn toward us, O God, and restore our life again, and your people will rejoice in you.*

*Show us, Lord, your mercy and grant us your salvation.* Psalm 84
SANCTUS

New Plainsong Mass

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.

MYSERYUM FIDEI

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

AMEN

Amen, Amen, Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God. Baruch 5

Hurd

Ierusalem surge

Mode II
COMMUNION MOTET

Ex Sion

Out of Zion his perfect beauty shines forth.
God is coming in broad daylight.
Summon before him the consecrated nation
who made a covenant with him by sacrifice. Psalm 49

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

1. Savior of the nations, come; Show the glory of the Son!
2. Not by human flesh and blood, By the Spirit of our God

Marvel now, O heaven and earth, That our Lord chose such a birth.
Was the word of God made flesh Wom-an's off-spring, pure and fresh.

NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

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Rector’s Corner

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY
December 8, 2020

Tuesday, December 8, is a Holy Day of Obligation, on which we remember God’s special favor to the Blessed Virgin Mary, by protecting her from the stain and distortion of original sin. As she herself said: “The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His Name...He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation.” Masses at the Cathedral will be celebrated at 7:30, 12 noon and 6:00PM.

ADVENT AND THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is an essential element of the Season of Advent. I encourage you to take advantage of our regular hours for Confession. Confessions are heard on Friday afternoon from 4:00 – 5:00, and on Saturdays from 11:00 – 11:50 and from 4:15 – 5:00. It seems that “Penance Services” have become less preferred over the years. So, this year, we will not have an Advent Penance Service, but we will have two Priests on hand for Confession on Saturdays, at both times.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

In order to take into consideration all of the necessary restrictions due to Covid-19, our Christmas Schedule of Masses will be slightly expanded. Masses on Christmas Eve will be at 5:30, 7:30 and 10:00. On Christmas Day Masses will be celebrated at 8:00, 10:00, and the Latin Mass at 11:30. We will maintain the procedures for social distancing! We will not be able to accommodate more than 300 people at any one Mass. While I do not wish to turn anyone away, please keep in mind that we will not be able to go over the limit. Please be sure to arrive in advance, and if you are not able to be admitted do not blame the Ushers! Be angry at the virus, not at them. The 10:00 PM Mass will be livestreamed.

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
Twice today we hear Isaiah’s directive: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” How are we preparing for the Lord to make inroads into our lives, into our hearts? What obstacles has our self-centeredness placed in the way and how can we remove them? For what do we need forgiveness and what repentance can we make? As we prepare to receive the Lord today in the Eucharist, let us also prepare to truly receive him in our hearts.

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, 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, Beverly Willett, Jan Wilson, and Larson Zekas.

Mass Intentions for the week of December 6, 2020

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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

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.

DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS

Recently, Bishop Parkes sent out a clarification and a renewal of the Dispensation from attending Mass. He wrote: “Beginning with the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020, the dispensation from Sunday Mass attendance is granted only for the following:

Those who belong to vulnerable populations due to age or health.
Caregivers and those who live with those in vulnerable populations.
Those who are sick or have symptoms.
Those who suffer from extreme uneasiness or anxiety from being in any public places in this time of pandemic.

You can read the full text of the Bishop’s letter www.savannahcathedral.org.
This year, St. Vincent’s Academy will be hosting our 49th Annual Christmas Candlelight Concert in a new way! The event will not be open to the public this year. However, the concert will be streamed on our Facebook page on Sunday, December 6th at 7:00pm. In addition, it will be posted to YouTube after the event and will air on WTOC close to Christmas. The date is to be announced on their station. We hope you join us for another magical year!

Please join our facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/sval845, our YouTube page, StVincentAcademy, and tune in to WTOC. This year’s concert will be dedicated to Craig Harney!
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory Nov. 29, 2020: $17,242.00
Offertory Dec. 1, 2019: $22,446.00

Children's Religious Education Schedule
Dec 6 CLASS
Dec 13 CLASS - Prayer Assembly; First Eucharist Class - Status Reports

Cathedral Basilica Potpourri
Celebrate the Christmas season with fragrant gifts from Cathedral Flowers and Evergreens. “Bayberry Christmas” and “Lavender Mist” potpourri and sachets are decorated and available for sale now. Purchase at the Cathedral Docent Desk at the back of the church 9 to 5 daily, or email caflowers.919@gmail.com for office pick-up instead of delivery. You may also order online at www.savannahcathedral.org for convenient shipping option.

Cathedral Basilica Ornaments
Cathedral Ornaments are available. You can purchase them at the back of the church or online at www.savannahcathedral.org.