Cathedral Basilica of Saint John the Baptist

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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  
In Residence - Msgr. William O’Neill, Rector Emeritus  
In Residence - Rev. Tom Peyton  
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SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PRELUDE

How Brightly Beams the Morning Star

Buxtehude

INTROIT

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Ecce advenit
Mode II

HYMN

1. The first Now-ell, the an-gel did say, Was to
2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shining
3. And by the light of that same star Three

cer-tain poor shep-herds in fields as they lay; In fields where
wise men came from coun-try far; To seek for a
the earth it gave great light, And so it con-tin-ued both
king was their in-tent, And to fol-low the star where-

was so deep, day and night. ever it went. Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell. Born is the King of Is-ra-el.

FIRST NOWELL

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT


New Plainsong Mass

Hurd
GLORIA

Cantor/Choir:

All:

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.

READING I

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O God, give your judgment to the king, to the king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgment. R.

In his days justice shall flourish and peace 'til the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. R.

The kings of Tarshish and the seacoasts shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, and all nations shall serve him. R.
For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. R.

READING II

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Proulx

Lord, ev'ry na-tion on earth will a-dore you.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

MATTHEW 2:1–12

GOSPEL

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.” Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star’s appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage.” After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

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

Howells

Here is the little door, lift up the latch, oh lift! We need not wander more but enter with our gift;
Our gift of finest gold, Gold that was never bought nor sold;
Myrrh to be strewn about his bed; Incense in clouds about his head;
All for the Child who stirs not in his sleep. But holy slumber holds with ass and sheep.

Frances Chesterton

SANCTUS

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Ho-san- na in the high-est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san-na in the high-est.

MYSTERIUM FIDEI

Hurd

We pro-claim your death, O Lord, and profess your
Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

GREAT AMEN

Hurd


AGNUS DEI

Hurd

1., 2. Have mer-cy on us. 3. Grant us peace.
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

COMMUNION MOTET

The wise men came from the East to adore the Lord in Bethlehem.
Opening their treasures, they offered him three precious gifts:
gold for the great King, frankincense for the true God,
and myrrh for his burial, alleluia.

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

1. As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;
2. Christ Redeemer, with us stay, Help us live your holy way;
3. In the heav'nly city bright None shall need creation's light;

As with joy they hailed its light,
And when earthly things are past,
You, its light, its joy, its crown,

Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright; So, most gra-cious
Bring our ran-somed souls at last Where they need no
You, its sun which goes not down; There for ev-er

Lord, may we star to guide, Where no clouds your splen-dor see.
may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

POSTLUDE

In thee is Gladness, BWV 615

Bach

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2021 Ornament

The 2021 ornament features the Cathedral’s only original window of St. Cecilia & St. Agnes.

On the back is depicted the umbrellino, a basilica symbol and the dates of the Cathedral’s original dedication and that of being designated a basilica.

A descriptive insert is included.

$20 each
Available at the Desk
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On this solemnity of the Epiphany the Church proclaims that Jesus, born of Mary, is the Messiah promised to Israel, and even more, the Savior and King of all the nations. In this day and time when religious faith is pushed to the margins, considered an anachronism, it is all the more urgent that the Church proclaim to the whole world that Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life, the answer to the hunger and longing of every nation.

This Solemnity, and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which we celebrate on next Sunday, brings to a close our Christmas Season. During these days we have celebrated beautifully the mystery of the Incarnation. I want to thank everyone who played a part in our beautiful Liturgies. Our Choir played and sang magnificently! Our Christmas Crèche, designed and displayed by Mr. Orlando Cuadra, with the help of many volunteers, was particularly moving. The flowers and decorations inside and outside the Church were outstanding. With all of the complications created by the pandemic, I want to recognize our great team of Ushers and Docents who have helped accommodate all who wanted to attend the Christmas Masses and visit the Cathedral. Thank you all!

On behalf of Bishop Parkes, Bishop Emeritus Boland, the Priests, Deacon, and staff of the Cathedral, I wish you a very happy and blessed New Year.

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
Living in an age well before the internet or social media, the magi from the East relied upon a single star as a sign that a king had been born. The heavens revealed to these learned foreigners that a matter of great import had occurred in Judea. Today we celebrate the revelation of the birth of our Lord to the outside world, to us. The light over the little town of Bethlehem has revealed the light of the world to the ends of the earth.

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, Mary Peavey, USMC Derek Perez, Jeffrey Powell, Tina Sanders, Tyler Smith, Family of Andy Weiss, Beverly Willett, Jan Wilson, and Larson Zekas.
When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” - Mt 2:1-2
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY

Christmas Dec. 25, 2020: $22,987.00
Christmas Dec. 25, 2019: $26,164.00

Offertory Dec. 27, 2020: $33,401.79
Offertory Dec. 29, 2019: $55,233.00

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 ___________________________________
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Telephone Number _________________________

You may go to www.savannahcathedral.org to fill out a census form online.

Children's Religious Education Schedule

Jan 3 - CLASS
Jan 10 - CLASS