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 & 12Noon
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
Permanent Deacon  Rev. Dr. Dewain E. Smith
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Housekeeper/Food Services  Ms. Alma Young
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Mrs. Gloria Keane

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRELUDE
Passacaglia in D minor
Buxtehude

INTROIT
Esto mihi in Deum
Mode VI

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name. Psalm 30

HYMN
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1. All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice
and with us sing: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

2. O rushing wind and breezes soft, O clouds that ride
the winds aloft: O praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!

3. O flowing waters, pure and clear, Make music for
your Lord to hear. O praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!

O burning sun with golden beam And silver moon
O rising morn, in praise rejoice, O lights of eve-
O fire so masterful and bright, Providing us

with softer gleam: O praise him, O praise him.
with warmth and light, O praise him, O praise him.

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!
GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

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

GLORIA

A New Mass for Congregations

Cantor/Choir: 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.

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)
READING I

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head. “The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean!’ As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 32
LeBlanc

I turn to you, O Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Blessed is he whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered.
Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt, in whose spirit there is no guile. R.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I covered not.
I said, “I confess my faults to the LORD,” and you took away the guilt of my sin. R.
Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart. R.

READING II

Brothers and sisters, Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Vulpian

Ale-lu-ia, ale-lu-ia, ale-lu-ia

GOSPEL

Mark 1:40–45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, “I do will it. Be made clean.” The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, “See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them.” The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.
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

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.

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

Glorious and Powerful God,
We understand thy dwelling is on high
Above the starry sky.
Thou dwellest not in stone temples made with hand;
But in the flesh hearts of the sons of men to dwell is thy delight,
Near hand, though out of sight.
Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.

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

Mysterium Fidei

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Amen

Amen, amen, amen.

Agnus Dei

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

Communion Antiphon

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved. Psalm 77

Communion Motet

Alleluia

Thompson
FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

1. O God beyond all praise, We worship you today And sing the love amazing That songs cannot repay; For we can only wonder At every gift you send, We'll triumph through our sorrows And rise to bless you still:

2. Then hear, O gracious Savior, Accept the love we bring, That we who know your favor May serve you as our king; And whether our tomorrows Be filled with good or ill, We lift our hearts before you And wait upon your word, We honor and adore you, Our great and mighty Lord.

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in G minor

Baroque in the Basilica is
SOLD OUT!

If you do not have tickets, please join us at 5:00 p.m. today by clicking on the Livestream link on the Cathedral’s web site:

www.savannahcathedral.org

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Rector's Corner

Ash Wednesday and the Beginning of Lent

On Wednesday, February 17th, we will enter into the Season of Lent. We will hear the words of the Prophet Joel, who says: “Even now, says the Lord, Return to me with your whole heart. With fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, And return to the Lord, your God. For gracious and merciful is he, Slow to anger, rich in kindness, And relenting in punishment.”

Masses at the Cathedral will be at 7:30AM, 12:00 Noon, and 6:00PM. Ashes will be distributed at each of these Masses. Because of Covid restrictions we will not be able to allow more than 300 persons per Mass. Ash Wednesday is a day when many, many people come to Church. I apologize in advance if you are not able to get into Church for Mass. Please remember that Ash Wednesday IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. It is a good and worthy thing to begin Lent by being signed with ashes, but it is not obligatory.

The Fridays of the Season of Lent are days of abstinence from eating meat. Anyone who is fourteen years of age is obliged to abstain from eating meat on Fridays. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence, which means that we eat only one full meal that day (and two smaller meals) and abstain from meat. All adults up to the age of sixty are obliged to fast and abstain. Fasting on these days, however, is still recommended for children and seniors.

To be reconciled with God, and with the Church, and with one another, is a very important part of our Lenten penance. We humble ourselves and put away our pride by admitting our sins and weaknesses. That’s our part of the process. But it is so important that we allow God the opportunity to do His part, and speak to us words of forgiveness and peace. Because God is “slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment.”

On the Wednesdays of Lent, Confessions will be heard from 4:00 -5:00 PM: On Friday, from 4:00 to 5:00; and each Saturday, from 11:00 to 11:50, and from 4:15 to 5:00. On Saturdays, we will have two Priests available for each hour of confessions. On Good Friday, from 1:30-3:00, we will have at least four Priests present to hear confessions. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities for confession before Easter Sunday.

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
We gather together today, as we do each Sunday, as the body of Christ. Jesus called us to love God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves. This Valentine’s Day, we commit ourselves to nurturing that love for God and love for our neighbor. Let the Body and Blood of Christ we receive in the Eucharist bring us the strength and courage to truly become the body of Christ in the world today.

February 14th is World Marriage Day. Invest in your marriage by participating in an at-home retreat sponsored by the USCCB at diosav.org/family-life/home.

Mass Intentions for the week of February 14, 2021

SUNDAY
Pro Populo
Int. of Paul & Judy Masterson
Adrienne D. Sanders (Anni)
Sr. Judy Walsh, RSM
Poor Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY
John Thang Dang
Int. of Paul & Judy Masterson

TUESDAY
Int. of Paul & Judy Masterson
Frances G. Wilson (Anni)

WEDNESDAY
Int. of Paul & Judy Masterson
Anna Chuc Nguyen

THURSDAY
Int. of Paul & Judy Masterson
Fr. Jeremiah McCarthy

FRIDAY
Antonio W. (Tony) Aliffi (Anni)
Rita Haneline
Int. of Paul & Judy Masterson

SATURDAY
Int. of Paul & Judy Masterson
Sam D. Tootle

Please Pray For: Ed Arbo, Nancy Bachner, Lola Bacon, Mabel Barba, Gerry and Maureen Bartlein, Jeff Bashus, Randy Beckle, Wendy Beiner, Cynthia Blaschke, Steve Blaschke, Doris Boring, Mike Bowers, Bill Boyle, Aaron Shane Conner, 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, Shannon Lancaster, William Leach, Virginia Logan, Jerry Lominack, Lee Marmarus, Hugh Markowsky, Gayle McGhee, Brian Murphy, Cindy Doolan Murphy, Josephine Nasworthy, Mary Peavey, USMC Derek Perez, Jeffrey Powell, Tina Sanders, Tyler Smith, Family of Andy Weiss, Beverly Willett, Jan Wilson, and Larson Zekas.
Love First

Family Lenten Mission Series
featuring Gina Bauer, Catholic Speaker
(Includes an all-family activity!)

3 Dates and Locations to Choose From:
Macon - Sunday, FEB 28
Augusta - Monday, MARCH 1
Savannah - Tuesday, MARCH 2
(Savannah Location is 6:15 to 7:30 PM at St. James Catholic Church)

Admission is free
Registration required

Register at: https://diosav.org/family-life/flms
Questions? Contact the Office of Marriage, Family & Respect Life at jstefanic@diosav.org.
Bring a Mask - COVID safety protocols will be followed!

Lenten Silent Retreat
Lent is a time for reflection and the best way to engage in reflection is in silence. Experience a day of silence and guide your heart and mind towards Christ this Lent. For all college students or college-aged young adults.
Saturday February 20, 2021, 8:30AM – 7:00PM
Wesley Gardens Retreat Center, Savannah
Cost is $5, includes breakfast, lunch, and dinner
For more information and to register visit www.savannahccm.wordpress.com/sccm-events

Christ is Risen Retreat!
All college students and college-aged young adults are invited to attend our annual intercollegiate retreat where students come together to pray and worship. $15 off registration fee now through February 26. Price will increase after February 26.
April 9-11th at Camp Grace Roberta, GA. To Sign up and for more information visit: http://diosav.org/campus-ministry/intercollegiate-

Vespers & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Join us for a 30-minute service of hymns, psalms, scripture readings and prayers in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.
Every Sunday in Lent
5:30 pm

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CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY

Offertory Feb. 7, 2021: $25,614.65
Offertory Feb. 9, 2020: $23,580.20

Celebrate St. Valentine’s Day with Cathedral Potpourri and Sachets

THANK YOU for your support of the Cathedral Flowers and Evergreens project!

We trust you enjoyed our potpourri and sachets during the holidays to enhance your home and as special gifts. Our latest creations have been enhanced with taffeta and dupioni ribbon!

The "winterberry" blend of florals and forest treasures are richly fragranced and just beautiful with a sage, green taffeta ribbon. "Lavender Mist" - Violet, dupioni ribbon graces a bouquet of florals, pods and calming lavender.

Shop online at savannahcathedral.org for convenient shipping or office pick-up. Email orders to caflowers.19@gmail.com. For a limited time, these gifts will be decorated for St. Valentine’s Day and available only at the cathedral docent desk.

Children's Religious Education Schedule

Feb 14 - CLASS - Prayer Assembly; 3rd and 4th graders.
Feb 21 - CLASS

Cathedral ornaments ($20 each) are available for purchase at the docent desk at back of church or online at www.savannahcathedral.org