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
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Mrs. Gloria Keane

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

INTROIT

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days. Psalm 90

HYMN

1. Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church
2. So daily dying to the way of self,
3. If dead in you, so in you we arise,

Walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
So daily living to your way of love,
You the first-born of all the faithful dead;

Led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
We walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
And as through stony ground the green shoots break,

Moved by your love and toward your presence bent;
Knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
Glorious in spring-time dress of leaf and flower,

Far off yet here—the goal of all desire.
So we are dead and live with you in God.
So in the Father’s glory shall we wake.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Vatican XVII

1. Lord, have mercy. 2. Christ, have mercy

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)
READING I

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.” God added: “This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25
Guimont

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior. R.
Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old.

In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD. R.
Good and upright is the LORD, thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way. R.

READING II

1 Peter 3:18–22

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Bower

Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1–11

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”
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

Out of the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication. Psalm 130
SANCTUS

*Cantor, then All:*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Choir: 

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

*Cantor, then All:*

Hosanna in the highest, in the highest.

Choir: 

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*Cantor, then All:*

Hosanna in the highest, 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. misere re nobis. 3. dona nobis pacem.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Scapulis suis*  
Mode III

He will overshadow you with his pinions, and you will find refuge under his wings.  
His faithfulness will encompass you with a shield. Psalm 90

COMMUNION MOTET

*Civitas sancti tui*  
Byrd

Be not angry, O Lord, and remember our iniquity no more. Behold, we are all your people.  
Your holy city has become a wilderness. Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem has been made desolate.
FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

ERHALT UNS HERR

1. Again we keep this solemn fast,
   A gift of faith from ages past,
   This Lent which Christ, all ages’ Lord and Guide,
   To faith and hope and charity.

2. The law and prophets from old
   In figured ways this Lent foretold,
   Which binds us lovingly
   In these last days has sanctified.

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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SIC DEVS DILEXIT MVNDVM
FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD
DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH
SOMETHING NEW FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

On Ash Wednesday we entered into the Holy Season of fasting, prayer, penance and charity which we call Lent. If you have not already done so, you should give serious thought to what you will do to increase your prayer, experience penance, and give to the poor during this time. This year there are a couple of additions which you may find helpful for your Lenten journey.

1. Throughout the Savannah Deanery, the Wednesday evenings of Lent have been designated Reconciliation Wednesdays. This will be in addition to the regular times for Confession. Many of the parishes in the Deanery will be having extra time for Confessions and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Priests of the Savannah Deanery have decided to do this so as to add extra emphasis to the importance of receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Season of Lent. Beginning February 24th, the schedule is as follows:

   The Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist – 4:00-5:00 PM
   Resurrection of Our Lord – 5:00 – 6:00 PM
   Sacred Heart – 4:30 – 5:30 PM
   St. Anne, Richmond Hill – 6:00-6:45 PM
   St. Benedict the Moor – 5:00-6:00 PM
   St. Boniface, Springfield – 5:30-6:30 PM
   St. James – 6:00 – 7:00 PM
   St. Michael’s, Tybee Island – 4:30 – 5:30 PM

2. On the Sundays of Lent, beginning Sunday, February 21st, at 5:30 PM, the Cathedral will have sung Vespers. The service will consist of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, and the psalms and prayers for Sunday evening prayer. The service should last approximately thirty minutes. It will be beautiful and all are invited to attend and participate.

I hope you will take advantage of these special opportunities to enrich your Lenten experience.

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
Forty days from now we will find ourselves at the foot of the cross. How can we prepare ourselves for this? Jesus’ words at the beginning of his ministry are apt: “Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Let us ask ourselves how we have sinned. Let us feel remorse for those times we have fallen short. Let us resolve to turn back to God and live out the gospel in our day-to-day lives. Let us find ourselves able to approach the cross forty days from today with profound gratitude for what our Lord has done for us.

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, Beverly Verley, Family of Andy Weiss, Beverly Willett, Jan Wilson, and Larson Zekas.
Social Apostolate
March Food Drive

The need for assistance has never been greater at this time with so many are struggling to provide food for their family. How can we help or make a difference?

We can work with The Social Apostolate right here in Savannah. This mission brings hope and provides support in many ways to the working poor and the homeless here in our community. It is through the grace of God that we are here and it is in that grace we are given opportunities to serve those in need. March is the month for the Cathedral to “stock the pantry” at the Social Apostolate, and with our help we can continue this mission together as one family.

Please place the needed item list that you will find in the bulletin in a familiar location to help remind you throughout the month of March about the food drive. Thank you!

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-retreat

Family Lenten Mission Series

featuring Gina Bauer, Catholic Speaker

Tuesday, MARCH 2, 6:15 to 7:30 PM at St. James Catholic Church) 
(Includes an all-family activity!)

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!

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Even amid the forced slowdownd of a pandemic, distractions abound: Netflix bingeing, online shopping, even positive pursuits like home organizing and personal fitness. I confess I indulge in all of these (except for home organizing). Lent challenges me to let go of the unnecessary distractions and dare to make friends with solitude, which can be a daunting proposition because it means keeping company with my own thoughts. Jesus, our human and divine Savior, faced the desert and was tempted by Satan. But he also emerged from the desert, and announced himself and the Gospel to the people of Galilee. He goes on to accept his death on a cross for the sake of our salvation, the fulfillment of the covenant between God and his people. As we enter Lent, as we enter our desert, we pray for the fortitude to forego temptation, opening our hearts to God’s will for us, and ready to proclaim it to the world.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

What are you doing for Lent this year? I ask our kids that every Ash Wednesday around the dinner table, and one or more of us often scramble for a plan. “Umm ... candy! I’ll give up candy except Snickers.” “No Netflix!” Or we take the “do good” route: “I’ll pray more.” “I’ll help with chores.” “I’ll volunteer or donate to charity.” All good things. Whatever the plan,” however, today’s Gospel challenges me to be quiet and listen. While a plan gives us accountability and can lead to growth, sometimes less truly can be more. This year, I’d like to spend less time planning and more time listening for God’s voice in the silence, which I find personally challenging. For others, the desert may look quite different. However we decide to approach Lent, let us pray that these 40 days bring us closer to God and our lives more in line with his will for us.

PRAY

“One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.” The verse before today’s Gospel caught my attention. What can I pare away from my daily life to make room for the word of God? For those of us whose minds tend to wander when praying silently, perhaps listening to the daily readings can be a good way to start or end the day.
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory Feb. 14, 2021: $35,323.50
Offertory Feb. 16, 2020: $28,237.23

Children's Religious Education Schedule
Feb 21 - CLASS
Feb 28 - CLASS - Prayer Assembly, 5th and 6th Graders

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

Annual Catholic Appeal
Just a reminder! The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal began last month. If you haven't yet made your pledge, please consider doing it this week. This year the theme is “Steadfast in Faith”. Our parish goal is $121,734.00. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year; education of our children and seminary students, evangelization and Christian initiation, ongoing formation for our clergy, and more. We are blessed with much; let us be a blessing to others.