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 Wednesdays and 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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INTROIT

Tibi dixit cor meum
Mode III

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face,
O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me. Psalm 26

HYMN

SWABIA

1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Your
2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Your
3. Fulfiller of the past! Prom-

glory fills the night; Your face and garments,
beauty to behold, Where Moses and E-
rise of things to be! We hail your body

like the sun, Shine with un-borrowed light.
li-jah stand, Your messengers of old.
glorified, And our redemption see.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Vatican XVII

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

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)
READING I

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am!” he replied. Then God said: “Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you.” When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD’s messenger called to him from heaven, “Abraham, Abraham!” “Here I am!” he answered. “Do not lay your hand on the boy,” said the messenger. “Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son.” As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the LORD’s messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 116

Guimont

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said, “I am greatly afflicted.” Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. R. O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds. To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD. R. My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people, In the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. R.

READING II

Romans 8:31b–34

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God’s chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Bower

Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je-sus Christ.
Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

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

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, with loving-kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer.

O nata lux
Lauridsen
SANCTUS

Cantor, then All:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Choir: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Cantor, then All:
Ho-san-na in the high-est, in the high-est.

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

Cantor, then All:
Ho-san-na in the high-est, in the high-est.

MYSTERIUM FIDEI

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

AMEN


AGNUS DEI

1., 2. mi-se-re-re no-bis. 3. do-na no-bis pa-cem.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Tell no one about the vision you have seen until
the Son of Man has risen from the dead. Matthew 17

COMMUNION MOTET

Do not be sorrowful or regretful; be calm, as God has ordained,
and thus my will shall be content. Paul Flemming, 17th century
1. Lord, who throughout these forty days, For
   us did fast and pray, Teach us to over-
   come our sins, And you to fight, In your most ho-

2. As you with Satan did contend, And
   did the victory win, O give us strength in
   close by you to conquer sin.

3. As you did hunger and did thirst, So
   teach us, gracious Lord, To die to self, and

   so to live by your most holy word.

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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“Listen to him.” In today’s Gospel, we hear God’s voice from the heavens directing Peter, James, and John, Jesus’ closest disciples, to listen to Jesus. We can use this reminder as well. Are we listening to him? How is Jesus speaking to us today as we pray, as we hear God’s word, as we celebrate this liturgy in memory of what he has done for us? Let us listen to him.

Mass Intentions for the week of February 28, 2021

**SUNDAY**
Pro Populo
Timothy McCarthy, Sr. (Anni)
Margaret O’Neill (Anni)
Poor Souls in Purgatory

**MONDAY**
Anna Chuc Nguyen
Stanley Shawn Stolarcyk

**TUESDAY**
John Thang Dang
Bridget McCarthy (Anni)

**WEDNESDAY**
Timothy McCarthy, Jr. (Anni)
Georgia Spellman (Anni)

**THURSDAY**
John Thang Dang
Jennifer McCarthy (Anni)

**FRIDAY**
Dorothy Repetski (Anni)
Joanne Stubblefield

**SATURDAY**
Frederick J. Case, Jr.
Anna Chuc Nguyen

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, Jackie Heller, 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.

Join us for Stations of the Cross Every Friday During Lent after the Noon Mass.
Dear Friends in Christ,

The liturgical seasons of the year can have profound effects upon our spiritual life. In a special way, during the season of Lent, we are invited to go into the desert (which is very different and far away from the landscape of South Georgia) to shed distractions and seek the Presence of God. The barren environment, dry air and quiet of the desert landscape allow one to go inward into the stillness of the soul to see what is stirring in our relationship with God. We are also asked to go outside of ourselves and realize the many needs of those around us. Thus, the concentration during Lent on prayer, fasting and almsgiving are exercises to help us grow in our knowledge, love and service to God and others.

For this season of Lent, I invite you, the faithful of the Diocese of Savannah, to Look for the Sacred. For just a moment, think about what this means to you…to look beyond what we see with our eyes, to focus more clearly in the midst of these challenging times and to find holiness. You may be asking: ‘How?’ Below are a few suggestions to help you to look for and find the SACRED.

**Sacred Silence:** I invite you to make time each day to spend in quiet with the Lord. Start with three minutes in silence and add a minute each week. It may be awkward at first but you will be amazed at what you hear in the stillness. Remember that God is always present to us but we are not always present to Him. Silence will open up a conversation with God that you may not be expecting.

**Sacred Scripture:** How familiar are you with the Bible? Each day randomly open the Bible and read a few verses. Reflect on those verses as it will indicate how God is speaking directly to you. How can you apply God’s Word to your daily life?

**Sacred Space:** Do you have a place in your home which provides a comfortable spot to sit and have a conversation with God? Maybe it is the spot (inside or outside) where you most like to sit and read, talk on the phone or have a conversation with a friend or family member. Setting aside an inviting spot where you can become more aware of your spiritual life helps in creating a consistency in praying and connecting with God. Of course, you are always invited to stop by one of our churches (please check the local schedule for open hours) to visit and spend some quiet and reflective time with the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.
Sacredness of Life: Every human life is made in the image and likeness of God. Have you recently thanked God for the gift of your own life? Do you express gratitude, reverence and respect for the lives of your loved ones and friends? Are you a voice for those in our world whose voice is not heard because people are not listening? Especially for the most vulnerable and innocent of our society? How do we care for those who we see each day? How do we care for those who we do not see and are often forgotten?

Sacred Heart: I invite you to reflect upon the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ. Do you have a picture of the Sacred Heart in your home? The heart is our lifeline not just in a physical way but also emotionally and spiritually. The Heart of Jesus Christ can inspire us to love beyond measure.

I could provide more examples of ways to Look for the Sacred but I want you to personally reflect on finding holiness in the everyday. In the midst of our secular world, in the midst of these difficult times…where will you find God’s Presence this Lent and beyond?

Please know that I will pray for you in a special way this Lenten Season. May we meet each day in our prayers as we journey together and Look for the Sacred.

In Christ,

Most Rev. Stephen D. Parkes, DD
Bishop of Savannah
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.

The needed items are:
Tuna, Salmon, Canned Ham, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Breakfast foods, Hearty Canned Soups, Peanut Butter, Jams/Jellies and Canned Vegetables and Fruit.

Food donations can be left in the baskets at the Church entry. Please check expiration dates and no industrial sizes. Thank you from the Christian Service Committee and the Social Apostolate!

Holy Hour for Vocations
Sunday, March 7th at 3:00 PM, St. John Vianney Vocations Ministry of Savannah celebrates a special Holy Hour at Resurrection of Our Lord Church at 112 Fell St. Deacon Hosea Bennett will preside. Join in person or via Zoom - no password needed. Just click and join! [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88008350820](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88008350820)
For more info: Sr. Donna Jo Loeper, SSJ at (912) 484-7860 (call or text)

National Catholic Sisters Week, March 8-14

Please join the Vocations Ministry to ask the Lord of the Harvest to send us many good and holy priests, deacons, and religious to serve the people of God and the life of

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. **April 9-11th at Camp Grace Roberta, GA.** To Sign up and for more information visit: [http://diosav.org/campus-ministry/intercollegiate-retreat](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
St. James Catholic Church
(Includes an all-family activity!)

**Admission is Free**
**Registration Required**

Register at: [https://diosav.org/family-life/flms](https://diosav.org/family-life/flms)
Questions? Contact the Office of Marriage, Family & Respect Life at [jstefanic@diosav.org](mailto:jstefanic@diosav.org). Bring a Mask, COVID safety protocols will be followed!
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory Feb. 21, 2021: $25,224.65
Offertory Feb. 23, 2020: $22,580.60

Children's Religious Education Schedule
Feb 28 - CLASS - Prayer Assembly, 5th and 6th Graders
Mar 7 - CLASS

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.