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

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INTROIT

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength. Psalm 42

HYMN

1. Kind maker of the world, O hear the fervent prayer, with many a tear poured forth by all the penitent who keep this holy fast of Lent!
2. Grant us the discipline that springs from abstinence in outward things, with inward fasting, so that we in heart and soul may dwell with thee.
3. Grant, O thou blessed Trinity, grant, O unchangeable Unity; that this our fast of forty days may work our profit and thy praise!

PENITENTIAL ACT

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

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

READING I

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 31:31–34
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; 
in the greatness of your compassion 
wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt 
and of my sin cleanse me. R.
A clean heart create for me, O God, 
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

Cast me not out from your presence, 
and your Holy Spirit take not from me. R.
Give me back the joy of your salvation, 
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
I will teach transgressors your ways, 
and sinners shall return to you. R.

READING II

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

“I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour?’ But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

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

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
Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.

SANCTUS

Corpus Christi Mass

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shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers;
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.

Corpus Christi Mass

Proulx

Cantor, then All:

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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

If a man would serve me, let him follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too. John 12

COMMUNION MOTET

Hide not Thou thy Face

Farrant

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure; for we confess our sins unto thee and hide not our unrighteousness.

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

1. Jerusalem, my happy home, When
2. Your saints are crowned with glory great; They
shall I come to thee? When shall my sorrows see God face to face; They triumph still, they have an end? Your joys when shall I see? still rejoice: In that most holy place.

LAND OF REST
Choral Scholars perform:

MUSIC FOR Tenebrae

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
Wednesday, March 31, 2021 • 8:00 p.m.

Friends of Music does not ticket Tenebrae since it is a religious service.
Seating and ushering are the same as they are for Masses.

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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EASTER Masses AND COVID REGULATIONS

Last year at this time we were preparing to celebrate Holy Week and Easter with the doors of the Cathedral Basilica locked. It was very strange, and sad, to participate in those Sacred Liturgies with only the Bishop and the Cathedral Priests. But thanks be to God, after twelve months, we are approaching Holy Week and Easter with much greater optimism. The doors of the Cathedral Basilica will indeed be open, and many of the faithful will be able participate in person.

Many of us have been vaccinated, and more with each passing week. However, it is still important and necessary for us to take the basic precautions to ensure that we can be together in the Cathedral Basilica safely. We will still ask that you wear a mask in Church, that you use the hand sanitizer as you enter, and that you observe the social distancing protocol. We will not be able to accommodate more than 350 people for any of our Holy Week or Easter Sunday Liturgies. I apologize in advance if you arrive at Church and are not able to be seated. The Liturgies for the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday) will be livestreamed. If you are hesitant to attend because of the possible number of participants, or if you arrive and can’t get in, I urge you to watch the Mass online.

Bishop Parkes will be celebrating the Mass of the Chrism on Tuesday, March 30th, at 11:00 AM. However, that Mass will not be open to the public. All of the Priests of the Diocese will be present, to renew their Priestly Commitment and to receive the blessed oils for use in their parishes. The Mass will be livestreamed on the website.

Let us continue to pray for the containment of the coronavirus, and for a return to normalcy for our lives, and our life in the Church. May God bless you!

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
During Lent, our Lord calls us to make a conversion of the heart. Our parents, teachers, or mentors can show us the way, but then it is up to us to commit to Christ’s mission. As we approach the days in which we remember Jesus’ suffering and death, we ask ourselves if we are willing to resolve to die to sin and to live faithfully, selflessly, and courageously in the Lord.

Mass Intentions for the week of March 21, 2021

SUNDAY
Pro Populo
Johnnie Ganem Sr. (Anni)
Poor Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY
Joseph Bodell Bergen (Anni)
Walt Kessell

TUESDAY
Daniel J. Keane (Anni)
Matthew Robert Walden

WEDNESDAY
Christina Aliffi (Anni)
Mary D’Costa
Helen DeVerare Tarver

THURSDAY
Anne Bracey Holland
Anna Chuc Nguyen

FRIDAY
Joseph Bolton
Ron Parrish

SATURDAY
John Thang Dang
Anna Chuc Nguyen

Please Pray For:

Join us for Stations of the Cross Every Friday During Lent after the Noon Mass.
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.

We can help the Social Apostolate right here in Savannah. They bring hope and provides support in many ways to the working poor and the homeless here in our community. March is the month for the Cathedral to “stock the pantry” at the Social Apostolate. 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!

Diaper Drive for Savannah Care Center

This is a great way to satisfy our Lenten call to almsgiving! All sized diapers and pull-ups are immediately needed. Please donate diapers this week! Diaper drive is March 20 - 24th. It will end with a rosary Prayer Service at Savannah Care Center on March 25th at 9:30 AM. All are welcome to attend. Drop off new diapers and pull-ups in marked boxes in Cathedral vestibule.

Annual Catholic Appeal

Just a reminder! If you haven’t yet made your pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please consider doing it this week. We are half way to our goal of $121,736! As good stewards, each of us has a responsibility to share our great gifts that come from God. Envelopes are on the tables at the back of the church. Thank you!

Cathedral Potpourri and Sachets

Celebrate with our “Celtic Forest” blend of dried florals and forest treasures created by Cathedral Flowers. Decorated bags of potpourri and sachets are available now at the Cathedral Docent desk and available for office pick via email order caflowers19@gmail.com

Cathedral Ornaments are also available for purchase at the docent desk or online at www.savannahcathedral.org. These ornaments depict different stained glass windows throughout the church. These ornaments make great gifts and remembrances for Easter in Savannah. All ornaments are $20 each.

Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday, March 30th
Chaplain Mass 11:00 AM
This Mass is not open to the public, but will be livestreamed at www.savannahcathedral.org.

Wednesday, March 31
Music for Tenebrae 8:00 PM

Holy Thursday, April 1
Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00 PM
Commemorates Jesus’ Last Supper with the Apostles and includes the ritual washing of feet.

Good Friday, April 2
Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion 12:00 Noon
Solemn Proclamation from the Gospel of John of Jesus’ Condemnation and Death. Includes individual Veneration of the Cross by the Congregation. Sacrament of Reconciliation at 1:30 to 3:00 PM. Stations of the Cross at 3:00.

Holy Saturday, April 3
Easter Vigil 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday, April 4
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM
1:00 PM Latin Mass
March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34 | Heb 5:7-9 | Jn 12:20-33

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

Recent news warned of a shortage of seeds this spring, as home gardeners carry on a hobby borne of the coronavirus pandemic. Even those of us not exactly known for our green thumbs jumped in, seeing home gardens as a way not only to stock our pantries, but to sow hope during a time of isolation and, for too many, mourning. In today’s readings, we are reminded of an even larger hope – one that transcends optimism and feeling, and is centered in the theological virtue of Hope. God holds us close even on the most challenging of days. We see this in Jeremiah’s prophecy of a new covenant, where all shall know God and our sins will be washed away. And today’s Gospel reminds us that Jesus, like the grain of wheat, dies so that we may have new life. As we plant our seeds this spring, we will undoubtedly remember the people and things we have lost. Yet, as shoots break through with the warmth of spring, we can be reminded of Jesus, the source of all hope, and his promise that “I will draw everyone to myself.”

GO EVANGELIZE PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As we approach Holy Week, the Gospel prepares us by reminding us that Jesus, like a grain of wheat, must die so that we may have new life: “Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.” I don’t think that John is telling us to wallow in sadness or live joyless lives. Instead, perhaps he is encouraging us to “lose” those things that are not life-giving and instead focus on what draws us closer to Jesus – such as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Perhaps as we continue our Lenten journey, we can identify the obstacles that get between us and Jesus, or that divide our families and communities. By letting those go, we free ourselves to be more like Christ, and to share the Good News of God’s great love for us with others.

ACTION
Buy a packet of seeds (if you can find one). Plant seeds in memory of loved ones who may have died this past year, or in remembrance of any type of loss you or your loved ones may have suffered. Offer prayers of thanksgiving for Jesus, the source of our hope.
NEW PARISHIONERS
Anyone wishing to become a parishioner of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, should complete the following, cut out and drop it in the offertory collection basket. A census form will be mailed to you, which must be completed and mailed back. You may also join online at www.savannahcathedral.org. Thank you.

Name ____________________________
Address __________________________
___________________________________
Telephone Number ________________
Email Address _____________________

CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory Mar. 14, 2021: $15,340.41
Offertory Mar. 15, 2020: $18,398.00

Children's Religious Education Schedule
Mar 21 - CLASS - Prayer Assembly; 7th & 8th Graders and Meet with confirmation Parents
Mar 28 - CLASS