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.
Anointing of the Sick By request for those who are seriously ill.

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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Director of Music - Dr. Paul Thomock
Director of Religious Education - Mrs. Janee Przybyl
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Housekeeper/Food Services - Ms. Alma Young
Docents - Mrs. Peggy Baker, Mrs. Gloria Keane

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PRELUDE

INTROIT

Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia, alleluia. Psalm 97

HYMN

GAUDEAMUS PARITER

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

GLORIA

Cantor/Choir:

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

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; before him shall bend all who go down into the dust. R. And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the Lord that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown. R.

Psalm 22
Reagan
READING II

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

Jesus said to his disciples: “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

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

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Luke 1

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts...

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna...

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna...

Mass for the City

Proulx
MYSTERIUM FIDEI

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

AMEN

AGNUS DEI Cantor: Lamb of God, Notre Dame Mass Isele

1. you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

3. you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON & MOTET I am the True Vine Pärt

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.
Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away:
and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.
Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.
Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.
I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.
If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.
If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.
As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.
If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.
These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.
Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

John 15
FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

MIT FREUDEN ZART

1. Re-joice, an-gel-ic choirs, re-joice! Re-
   joice now, all cre-a-tion! Let trum-pets loud-
   ly raise their voice

2. O earth, ex-ult in ra-di-ance bright, Il-
   lu-mined by Christ’s splen-dor! Your dark-ness now is
   put to flight; To hail the Lord’s sal-
   va-tion; Let

all Christ’s ho-ly peo-ple sing

The tri-umph of their glad, O Church! Sing out your songs! Your tem-

gles fill with

might-y king In fes-tal ce-le-bration!

shout-ing throngs To hail the glo-rious vic-

tor!

POSTLUDE

Notes on today's music

Each week, the texts of the hymns and choral music reflect some facet of the readings and prayers of that Sunday’s Mass. This week is no different. For the last few years, it has been our custom for the Cathedral Choir to sing Marian texts during the months of October and May. At today’s 10:00 and 11:30 Masses, the choir will sing Herbert Howells’s setting of the Magnificat. Howells (1892–1983) wrote several settings of the Magnificat for great churches in England, Canada, and the United States. The Collegium Regale setting we hear today was his first and was composed during the final years of World War II.

Arvo Pärt (b. 1935) is one of the world’s most-performed living composers. His style, known as tintinnabuli, uses the voices of the singers to behave like bells. One might think of it as musical pointillism. His setting of I am the True Vine, drawn from today’s Gospel, is inspired by the vine metaphor. The composer uses a medieval technique known as hocket where he divides the words between voice parts, creating an image of serpentine vine shoots as the voices alternately enter and recede.
Rector’s Corner

PROGRESS REPORT

Work has begun on the renovation of the Chapel below the Cathedral. West Construction is onsite and taking care of a bit more demolition that has to be done. The project should take about 12 months to complete. If we are lucky we may be able to have Regina Coeli Hall ready to go for Easter of 2022.

Our fundraising efforts continue. So far, we have been able to raise in pledges and donations a little over $700,000 toward our goal of $1,000,000. I thank all who have generously given to this campaign. If you have not yet made a donation or a pledge, I encourage you to do so now. Pledges can be made over a two year period if you wish. We have asked our parishioners to consider a gift of $1000. Many others have already given and pledged more than that, and we are appreciative of their support.

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) continues. As of last Thursday our parishioners have given $83,667 toward our goal of $121,736 (68%). That money has been donated by only 22% of our parishioners. It is important for us, as parishioners of the Cathedral Basilica, to support this important campaign and to offer our assistance to Bishop Parkes. If you have not yet made your contribution to the ACA, please do that this week!

As always, I am grateful to you for your generosity and steadfast support. These are exciting times for the Cathedral Parish, and I know that we will be very proud of the work that we are accomplishing. Thank you and God bless you.

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
Jesus tells us in today’s Gospel that he remains in us and if we remain in him we will bear much fruit. Gathered together today we are a visible sign of a community who remains in the Lord. May the sustenance we receive here from Word and Eucharist nourish us so that we may bear much fruit in the world.

Mass Intentions for the week of May 2, 2021

SUNDAY
Pro Populo
Jeffrey Keith Jernigan
John Moquino
Intentions of Tyler Smith

MONDAY
John Thang Dang
Michael Paolucci (Anni)

TUESDAY
Chris Massaglia
Matthew R. Wallden

WEDNESDAY
Intentions of Jeff Bashus
Intentions of Tyler Smith

THURSDAY
Jane Hardy Abbott (Anni)
Marianne Centis
Karen Sue Eitel

FRIDAY
John Thang Dang
Grace Mosely (Anni)

SATURDAY
Intentions of Tyler Smith
Jack Stacy (MM)

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, Lane Carter, 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, Evelyn Ganem, David Hampton, Jackie Heller, Ryan Helmes, Matt Hunter, Patricia Jarrell, Kathleen Kalagvano, Susan Spillane Lai, Shannon Lancaster, William Leach, Virginia Logan, Lee Marmarus, Hugh Markowsky, Gayle McGhee, Brian Murphy, Cindy Doolan, Josephine Nasworthy, Mary Peavey, USMC Derek Perez, Margie Pinkney, Mary Pinkney, Jeffrey Powell, Tina Sanders, Tyler Smith, Beverly Willett, Patty Williams, Jan Wilson, and Larson Zekas.
Pastoral Center Job Opening

COMPUTER TECHNICIAN
The Catholic Diocese of Savannah has an opening for a full-time Information Technology Technician. This position reports to the Director of Information Technology and is responsible for providing support for local and remote workers in Savannah, GA. Specifically, this position supports mobile devices used by staff at the Catholic Pastoral Center, works with VMWare, Windows Server 2019, Microsoft Office 365 Cloud as well as Mitel Voice/Phone systems.

This position will be trained as a back-up for the director, able to assume additional responsibilities as skill and training is developed. Candidates must be able to troubleshoot and problem solve, have a strong sense of customer service and be able to offer technical support and training to staff members at a variety of skill levels.

Candidates should have a minimum of two years of advanced education, a BS in Information Technology is preferred, and 3 years’ experience. Work experience in a non-profit environment is highly desirable.

A Catholic in good standing is preferred, but not required, the Catholic Diocese of Savannah offers an extensive benefit package that includes paid sick and vacation time; medical, dental, life and LTD insurance and a 401-K retirement plan.

To make application send a resume with three references to: jagreen@diosav.org.

Blessed Mother Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar for Sunday Masses, perhaps in memory of someone or for a special occasion like an anniversary, you may do so for a $50 donation. The flowers will remain on the altar through the week. There will also be an announcement in the bulletin if you wish. Please come by the church office to make the request and donation.

Mother’s Day Roses

Honor your mother on Mother’s Day next Sunday with a rose! The Council of Catholic Women will fill the Cathedral with 500 roses dedicated to Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers and any woman having a positive impact on your life. Roses will be sold for $5.00 each. The CCW will be available on the Plaza this weekend after each mass to take your order. This is your last chance to order roses! Money raised will be used to fund CCW and Cathedral projects throughout the year.

Catholic Veterans Memorial Crosses

The Catholic War Veterans of Savannah place Memorial Crosses in the Catholic Cemetery (1720 Wheaton Street) on May 26th. The Crosses remain in place through Memorial Day. Mass will be celebrated on May 27th at 6:00 PM at the Cemetery. To honor a deceased veteran, contact Bart Picasso at 912-856-3512 or bart.picasso@comcast.net.

Cathedral Flowers

“Sea Breeze” is the newest scent! Potpourri of clean, cotton scented florals and botanicals in colors of the beach. Available at the Cathedral docent desk. For special orders with office pickup, email caflowers.19@gmail.com or shop online at www.savannahcathedral.org for convenient shipping for Mother’s Day.

Cathedral Ornaments

Cathedral Ornaments depict different stained glass windows throughout the church. They are available for purchase at the docent desk or online at www.savannahcathedral.org. They make great gifts and remembrances for spring-time in Savannah. All ornaments are $20 each.
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory Apr. 25, 2021: $23,469.31
Tourist Box Apr. 25, 2021: $8,180.00

Children's Religious Education
May 2 - CLASS
(No class for First Communicants)
May 9 - CLASS

Just a reminder!
If you haven't yet made your pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please consider doing it this week. There are envelopes on the tables at the back of the church. Put your donation in the envelope and drop in the offertory basket.

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 _________________________________
________________________________________
Telephone Number _________________________

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