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: 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

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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

PRELUDE

Adagio from Symphony, Op. 5
Barié

INTROIT

Viri Galilæi
Mode VII

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia. Acts 1

HYMN

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1. A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
   Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

2. The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand.
   Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

3. To whom the shining angels cry, “Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”
   Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Christ, by a road before untrod. And with his faithful followers see Their Lord ascend
   “This is the Savior!” Thus they say, “This is his glory
   The throne of God. In majesty, glorious triumphant day!”
   Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

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

All:

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.
you alone are the Most high Jesus Christ.
in the glory of
God the Father, Amen.

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

READING I

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

Acts 1:1–11
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 47

Proulx

All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness, For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth. R. God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise.

READING II

Ephesians 4:1–13

Brothers and sisters, I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore, it says: He ascended on high and took prisoners captive; he gave gifts to men. What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended into the lower regions of the earth? The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature to manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Murray, OSB

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 16:15–20

Jesus said to his disciples: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.
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

Cælos ascendit hodie

Stanford

Today into the heavens has ascended Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Alleluia!
He sits at the Father’s right hand, and rules heaven and earth, Alleluia!
Now have been fulfilled all of Father David’s songs, now God is with God, Alleluia!
He sits upon the royal throne of God, in this his greatest triumph, Alleluia!
Let us bless the Lord: let the Holy Trinity be praised,
let us give thanks to the Lord, Alleluia! Amen.
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.

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. 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

These signs will accompany those who believe: they will cast out demons, and when they lay their hands upon the sick, these will recover, alleluia. Mark 16

COMMUNION MOTET

Christ, ascending on high, led captivity captive:
He gave gifts to men. Alleluia. Ephesians 4

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
2. There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!

To his throne above the skies; Alleluia!
Lift your heads, external gates; Alleluia!

Christ, a while to mortals given, Alleluia!
He has conquered death and sin; Alleluia!

Re-as-cends his native heaven. Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Prelude in D major
Bach

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Rector’s Corner

The following children received the sacrament of Confirmation on May 4th, conveyed by Bishop Parkes at the Cathedral Basilica and were adequately prepared for the sacrament by their parents, catechists and parish community.

Julia Ball, John Brenton, Abigail Crafton, Elizabeth Crafton, James Donald Crafton, Bradley Ireland, Elizabeth Grace Johnson, Brigid Jones, Mary Grace Morris, Anna Shelton, Cleo Shelton.

The following children in the Cathedral Basilica’s religious education program received their first communion on May 1st and first reconciliation during this school year.

George Brenton, Emmeline Denhard, Stella Fitzgerald, Bradley Ireland, Creighton Jue, Rives Jue, Barry Koncul, Mia Manfred, Sadie Moore, Caldwell O’Neal, Sofia Perez, Nicolas Pickard, Adam Potter, Adison Potter, Ava Potter, Riley Potter, Jude Potter, Morris Potter, Matthys Rawlinson, Leona Richmond, Mario Rojas-Perez, Raymond Schaeffer, Lauren Schoettle, Anna Shelton, Cleo Shelton, Katy Stover.
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Today we celebrate a special day in the history of the Church. On the day Jesus ascended to heaven to remain with his Father, he commanded his disciples to carry on his ministry, proclaiming the good news to the whole world. Now we are that whole world. Now we are those disciples. May Christ, whom we encounter as we gather together and receive in the Eucharist on this holy day, strengthen our resolve to spread the good news in our world today.

Mass Intentions for the week of May 16, 2021

SUNDAY  Pro Populo
        Jerry Repetski (Anni)
        George Roth
        Intentions of Tyler Smith

MONDAY  Tudy Aliffi (Anni)
        Marie Lyons Crider

TUESDAY  Victor Aliffi (Anni)
          Roger Black (Anni)

WEDNESDAY  Barbara Haneline (Anni)
            John Thang Dang

THURSDAY  Liston Kitchens
          Intentions of Tyler Smith

FRIDAY  Robert Goodwin
        David Lawrence Rolph

SATURDAY  Intentions of Randy Beck
           Ida Chisholm

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, Eddie Mizelle, Brian Murphy, Cindy Doolan, Josephine Nasworthy, Mary Peavey, USMC Derek Perez, Margie Pinkney, Mary Pinkney, Jeffrey Powell, Tina Sanders, Nicholas Scott, James Shea, Tyler Smith, Beverly Willett, Patty Williams, Jan Wilson, and Larson Zekas.

“Spera in Deo”
Vocation Summer Camps 2021
Registration is Open and Space is very limited.

Call to Holiness Camp for Girls
Sunday, June 27 to Wednesday, June 30.
Drop off: 3:00 PM  Pick up: 11:00 AM

Vocatio Dei Camp for Boys
Wednesday, June 30 to Saturday, July 3
Drop off: 3:00 PM  Pick up: 11:00 AM

Registration Information
All Rising 7th - 12th Grade Teens Invited.  $70
per child, each additional child from the same
family $50.  Register at www.diosav.org/
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S·I·N·G
The Cathedral Choir is listening for
new voices!

Auditions for the 21-22 choral season
are underway. The Cathedral Choir
rehearses on Wednesday evenings and
sings for the 10:00 a.m. Sunday mass
September through June.

To schedule an audition, contact
Dr. Paul Thornock by email at
music@savannahcathedral.org.
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY

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Tourist Box May 9, 2021: $7,707.00

Children's Religious Education

May 16 - CLASS
May 23 - Last Day Celebration - Families Invited - Report for Parents

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