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 & 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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRELUDE

Allegro (I) from Organ Concerto in F
Handel

INTROIT

Vocem iucunditatis annuntiante
Mode III

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia, alleluia. Isaiah 48

HYMN

HYFRYDOL

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav’n to earth come down!
   all your life receive;
   dwell ing, All your faith ful mer cies crown.
   Jesus, source of all com passion, Love un-
   bound ed, love all pure;
   ceas ing, Glory in your pre cious love.

2. Come, al might y to de liv er, Let us never, Nev er more your tem ples leave.
   sud den ly re turn and va tion Per fect ly in you re stored.
   Lord, we would be al ways bless ing, Serve you as your hosts a bove, Till we sing be fore the al-
   might y Lost in won der, love and praise.

3. Fin ish then your new cre a tion, Pure and spot less, gra cious Lord, Let us see your great sal-
   va tion Per fect ly in you re stored.
   Changed from glo ry in to glo ry, Till in heav’n we take our place, Pray, and praise you with out
   va tion, Let your love in us en du re.

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

New Plainsong Mass
Hurd

Ky ri e e le i son. Chi ste e le i son. Ky ri e e le i son.
GLORIA

Cantor/Choir:  
All:

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

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

READING I


When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, “Get up. I myself am also a human being.” Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.” While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?” He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 98
Guimont

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving pow’r, his saving pow’r.

Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done wondrous deeds;  
His right hand has won victory for him,  
his holy arm. R.  
The LORD has made his salvation known:  
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.  
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel. R.  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation by our God.  
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;  
break into song; sing praise. R.
READING II

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Murray, OSB

GOSPEL

Jesus said to his disciples: “As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.”

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.

Luke 1

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Mass for the City
Proulx
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

AMEN

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

I have chosen you from the world, in order that you might go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should last, alleluia. John 15

O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord. Psalm 117
FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

1. Christ is a-live! Let Christians sing.
2. Christ is a-live! His Spirit burns

His cross stands empty to the sky.
Through this and every future age,

Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Till all creation lives and learns

His love in death shall never die.
His joy, his justice, love and praise.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in D major
Bach

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Rector’s Corner

Mother’s Day 2021

On behalf of the Priests and the Cathedral Staff, I would like to extend our best wishes and prayers of thanksgiving for all mothers on this beautiful weekend. In the month of May, when we honor Mary, the Mother of God, it’s wonderful that we pause to honor and thank our mothers for their love, their sacrifice, and their example of faith. I thank all of you who have donated the beautiful roses which adorn the Cathedral this weekend. These flowers have been given in memory of and in honor of our mothers.

Covid 19 Protocols

With the recommendation and permission of Bishop Parkes, we will begin to relax some of our procedures and precautions regarding Covid-19. In two weeks, on Pentecost Sunday, May 22-23, we will take down the ropes which currently block every other pew. We will still follow the Governor’s recommendation of maintaining a distance of three feet between families or individuals in the pews. We will still recommend that masks be worn inside the Cathedral and during Mass. However, it will not be mandatory, especially for those who have been fully vaccinated. Hand sanitizer will still be available at the entrances of the Church. For the distribution of Holy Communion the Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Ministers will wear masks, but not at other times during the Liturgy.

During this month of May, as the Holy Father and Bishop Parkes have requested, let us continue to call upon the Blessed Mother and ask for her prayers for the containment of this plague throughout the world. May God bless you.

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector

Please be aware that Mother’s Day Cookies are being sold at various restaurants and other places in town. The proceeds are being given to Planned Parenthood which supports and funds abortion throughout the world. To say the least, it is a cynical and ironic campaign, to sell cookies for Mother’s Day and use the funds to support the killing of infants in the womb. PLEASE MAKE YOUR OPPOSITION TO THIS PROGRAM KNOWN, should you enter a place in which they are being sold.
In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to remain in his love just as he remains in his Father’s love. Love is a bond between them that lasts forever. For many of us, the first bond we formed was with our mothers. We honor them today, and all who have acted as mother’s in our lives, recognizing that they likely taught us what love was. May that bond teach us now how to remain in Christ’s love.

Mass Intentions for the week of May 9, 2021

SUNDAY
Pro Populo
Intentions of Catherine Ferfoglia
Stuart Meisenzahl (Anni)
Joseph Partyka

MONDAY
Matilda Noronha
Intentions of Tyler Smith

TUESDAY
William J. Kehoe, Jr. (Anni)
Shirley Shearouse Bergen

WEDNESDAY
Intention of Jeff Bashus
Brenda Helmey

THURSDAY
Intentions of Erin Conlan
John Stacy III (MM)

FRIDAY
Catherine Habegger
Intentions of Tyler Smith

SATURDAY
Margaret G. Alifii (Anni)
John Thang Dang

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.

Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in Memory of Jane Harty Abbott
500 Mother’s Day Roses!!

Many, many thanks to the parishioners and visitors supporting the 2021 Mother’s Day Roses project and fundraiser for the Cathedral Basilica Council of Catholic Women. Thanks to our wonderful Flower Ministry for their help to arrange and adorn our beautiful Cathedral for Mother’s Day weekend with 500 roses. We hope you enjoy the arrangements. We are so thankful for your generosity. For as much as we look forward to this project every year; we really embrace the connection and fellowship we have with our Cathedral family. Happy Mother’s Day!

Rosary Rally for the Unborn

Wednesday, May 12th at 8:30 AM at the Savannah Care Center at 105 E. 34th St in Savannah. Questions? Contact Jayne in the Diocese office of Marriage, Family & Respect Life at 912-201-4068 or jstefanic@diosav.org.

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’ 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. Ornaments are $20 each.

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
Offertory May 2, 2021: $28,091.00
Tourist Box May 2, 2021: $8,046.50

Children's Religious Education
May 9 - CLASS
May 16 - CLASS

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.

Just a reminder!
If you haven't yet made your pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please consider doing it this week. We have only reached 70% of our goal! There are envelopes on the tables at the back of the church. Put your donation in the envelope and drop in the offertory basket.