HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH



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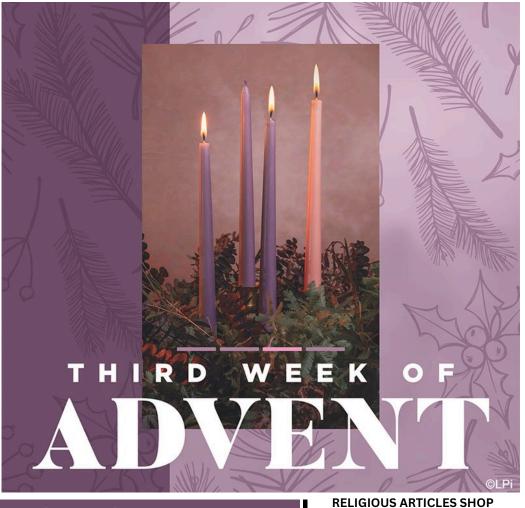
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PARISH INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS Monday - Thursday

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Friday

8:30 am - Noon

Closed on federal holidays and holy days of obligation

MASS SCHEDULE Monday - Saturday

8:00 am

Wednesday

7:00 pm en espanol

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm

Sunday*

8:00 am & 11:15 am 1:00 pm en espanol

* Memorial Day - Labor Day

an additional Sunday Mass is celebrated at 9:30 am

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every first Saturday at the 8:00 am Mass

Close to Death **Emergencies**

843-785-2895, ext. 225 to reach the on-call priest

CONFESSION Monday - Friday

after the 8:00 am

Daily Mass

Saturday

3:30 - 4:30 pm

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

After the 8:00 am Mass

FIRST SATURDAY **DEVOTION**

7:30 am Rosary

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Monday - Friday

7:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday

7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday

Closed

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET & BENEDICTION Wednesday

3:00 pm

SACRAMENT INQUIRIES Baptism, First Communion & Confirmation

education@holyfamilyhhi.org

Marriage

If you are seeking to be married at Holy Family, please contact Deacon Bill at deacon@holyfamilyhhi.org

Monday - Thursday

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Friday

8:30 am - Noon

Saturday

4:30 pm - 5:15 pm

Sunday

Open after Mass

RECURRING MINISTRY MEETINGS Ladies Guild

10:00 am | Parish Hall 3rd Wednesday of the month (September - April)

Knights of Columbus

7:30 pm | Parish Hall 3rd Wednesday of the month

Prayer Shawl Ministry

10:30 am

3rd Thursday of the month (September - May)

Rosary Making

Holiday hiatus, will reconvene in January December 14, 2025

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Saturday, 12/13: St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 | Matthew 17:9a, 10-13 8:00 am: Betty Green + Frank Freitag

5:00 pm: Joseph Rosciszewski + Mary Ann Pogoda & Children

Sunday, 12/14: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 | James 5:7-10 | Matthew 11:2-11 8:00 am: Michael Scalpato + Knights of Columbus

11:15 am: Pro Populo

1:00 pm en espanol: Pro Populo

Monday, 12/15

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a | Matthew 21:23-27

8:00 am: Justin Karl + Knights of Columbus

7:30 pm en espanol: Pro Populo

Tuesday, 12/16

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 | Matthew 21:28-32

8:00 am: Jim & Maureen Synk + Ron & Cheri Dellinger

Wednesday, 12/17

Genesis 49:2, 8-10 | Matthew 1:1-17

8:00 am: Michael Scalpato + Knights of Columbus

Thursday, 12/18

Jeremiah 23:5-8 | Matthew 1:18-25

8:00 am: Margaret Letteer + Tony Molinaro

Friday, 12/19

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a | Luke 1:5-25

8:00 am: Justin Karl + Knights of Columbus

Saturday, 12/20

Isaiah 7:10-14 | Luke 1:26-38

8:00 am: John Albertini + Florence Portoghese

5:00 pm: Charles Hough + Karen Hough

Sunday, 12/21: 4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-14 | Romans 1:1-7 | Matthew 1:18-24

8:00 am: Michael Scalpato + Knights of Columbus

11:15 am: Pro Populo

1:00 pm en espanol: Pro Populo



THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

December 14, 2025 Third Sunday of Advent Matthew 11:2-11



When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort ... for this? As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?" (Matthew 11:7). He's not just describing the crowd's mis-aimed pursuit. He's naming our tendency to chase after what's flashy but flimsy. What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can't satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds? John the Baptist wasn't a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real. This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting - that which points to Christ?

– Father John Muir

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STEWARDSHIP

Your financial support funds all ministries and daily operations at Holy Family. Your contributions enable us to maintain a safe, spiritual, and inspiring environment. If you wish, you may register for online giving by scanning the QR code with your smartphone's camera, or you may place your gift in the offering basket each week. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity!



Due to the holiday printing schedule, weekly financials are not available.



7:30 am | Church

Ladies Guild Rosary Monday 10:00 am | Church

Pro-Life Rosary
Wednesday
4:45 pm | Adoration Chapel

Patriotic Rosary Wednesday 3:30 pm | Adoration Chapel

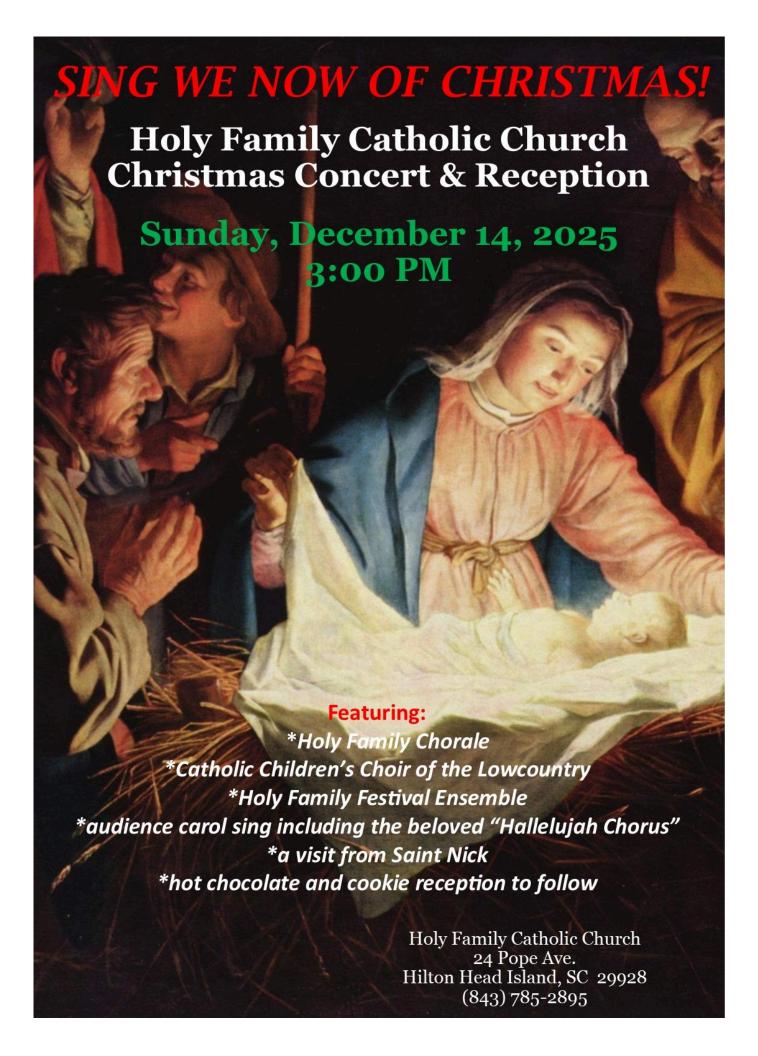
Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary
Saturday
8:30 am | Adoration Chapel

Online Monday - Fr

Monday - Friday
Join Rick Kane on YouTube
as he prays the daily
Rosary along with original
scripture-based
reflections on each mystery



Scan with your smartphone's





WHAT IS GAUDETE SUNDAY? AND WHY IS THE CHURCH ADORNED IN PINK TODAY?

Today is the third Sunday of Advent, which is also known as Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" is a Latin word and means, "rejoice" - and today we rejoice in hope of the coming Savior. Throughout Advent, we prepare in quiet reflection and penance, but today is a day of celebration for what will be happening in the coming weeks.

In the church, you may have noticed that the altar linens are pink, the music hymns are

especially joyful, Fr. Christopher's vestments are pink, and the third pink candle of the Advent wreath was lit. In addition, pink flowers returned to the altar today. All symbols intended to emphasize the joyful anticipation and a renewed excitement of an individual's Advent practices.

We celebrate this same practice on the fourth Sunday of Lent with "Laetare Sunday," which is a day of rejoicing in anticipation of the risen Lord.



MONTHLY ACTIVITY

December | Evangelize

Use Church seasonal symbols to invite someone to parish events, such as Our Lady of Guadalupe, las Posadas, Nativity plays or other parish festivities.



PROCLAIM THE FAITH

charlestondiocese.org/via-fidelis



Join us this Advent at HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

Monday, December 8th 8:00 am Mass 7:30 pm Mass en español

Infancy Narratives Bible Study

Wednesday, December 10th 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

Wednesday, December 4-12th

6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Shrine in the event of inclement weather, novena will be prayed in the church

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday, December 11th 6:00 pm Rosary ¹ 7:00 pm Mass 8:00 - 10:00 pm Celebration

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 14th 3:00 pm

Advent Penance Service

Wednesday, December 17th 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Posadas

MASS TIMES

Christmas Vigil

Wednesday, December 24th 4:00 pm | 6:30 pm

Christmas Day*

Thursday, December 25th 9:00 am | 11:00 am | 1:00 pm en espanol

> Friday, December 26th No Mass

Feast of the Holy Family

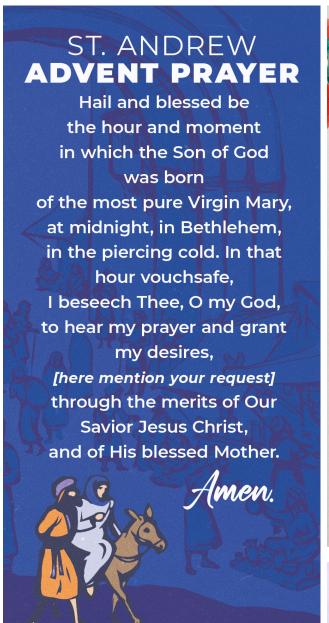
Sunday, December 28th 5:00 pm Saturday vigil 8:00 am | 11:15 am | 1:00 pm en espanol

Solemnity of Mary Vigil*

Wednesday, December 31st 8:00 am Daily Mass 6:00 pm | 7:30 pm en espanol

Solemnity of Mary* Thursday, January 1st

* Holy Day of Obligation





Honor a loved one this Christmas by sponsoring a beautiful poinsettia to adorn Holy Family. Each plant serves as a living tribute, bringing beauty to our church and remembrance to our hearts.

Donations may be made in memory of or in honor of family and friends.

Poinsettia Donor Form

Please list my voluntary donation as follows:

In Honor of
and/or
In Memory of
Please return your completed form & payment to the

Your donation is tax-deductible.

Parish Office by December 15, 2025.

You may also complete the online form and make your donation by visiting www.holyfamilyhhi.org











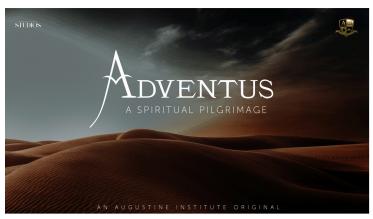


SPEND TIME WITH JESUS THIS ADVENT

The Adoration Chapel is located to the left of the main entrance of the church. Door auto-locks and locks. Please *push* door open and do not turn the knob. Thank you!

Hours: Mon-Fri 7:00 am-6:00 pm Sat 7:00 am-4:00 pm Sun

Closed





Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit formed.org/signup to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!





Carmen Mercado





CONNECT WITH US!

























at 843-785-2895, ext. 222

PrayerREQUESTS

The Prayer Chain Ministry is an email group that prays for the intentions of Holy Family parishioners. Submit a prayer request by emailing info@holyfamilyhhi.org or by calling the Parish Office.

Listing will remain in the bulletin for 1 month.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

For those that have recently died, especially:
William Oberheim

William Oberheim Tomas Rivera

For the sick in our community, especially:

Margaret Donnelly
John Fitzpatrick
Angel Gerena
Ed Gruchacz
Nancy Mahoney
Jodie Marinello
Mary Mendoni
Fr. Ronald Farrell
Brendan Reilley



ALTAR FLOWERS

Fresh altar flower arrangements may be donated:

- to honor a friend or family member
- to remember a loved one
- to celebrate an anniversary or for any reason you wish.

To donate and dedicate altar flowers, please contact info@holyfamilyhhi.org



3rd Sunday of ADVENT December 13 & 14, 2025

Prelude

"Savior of the Nations, Come" NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND J. Walther, 1524/Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

"Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland" NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND J. Walther, 1524/J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

"Meditation on VENI EMMANUEL" Plainsong Model, Processionale 15th c. Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)

Communion Mediation

"Every Valley" Isaiah 40:4-5/Patti Drennan sung by the Holy Family Choirs at 8:00 & 11:15

Organ Postlude

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates *TRURO*, Musica Sacra, ca. 1778 setting by Jerry Westenkuehler (b. 1966)

4th Sunday of ADVENT December 20 & 21, 2025

Prelude

"Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure" Cöthen, ca. 1733/ Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

"Meditation on 'Gabriel's Message'" Basque Carol/setting by David Lasky (b. 1957)

"Prelude on *BESANÇON*": "People Look East" French Carol/setting by David Lasky (b. 1957)

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Plainsong Model, Processionale 15th c. setting by Eric Carlson (b. 1953)

Communion Mediation

"Magnificat"

Luke 1:46-55/James Chepponis (b. 1956) sung by the Holy Family Choirs at 8:00 & 11:15

Organ Postlude

"Comfort, Comfort, Now My People" *GENEVAN 42*/Genevan Psalter, 1551 setting by Jerry Wentenkuehler (b. 1966)





It's not too late to join the Holy Family Adult CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Only 2 rehearsals: Tuesdays, December 16, & 23 5:30 PM

email Dr. Pam: music@holyfamilyhhi.org

Dr. Kane is always happy to explore the ORGAN with her young friends Francis & Victor from Ohio & Orion from HHI!



AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

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EARTH JESUS SWADDLING CLOTHES

See the schedule below from Hilton Head Island Fire Rescue, for your chance to see Santa on the fire truck spreading holiday cheer!



HARBOURTOWN NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION

Harbour Town in Sea Pines will once again be hosting a New Year's Eve celebration! Enjoy food, entertainment and live music as they count down to the new year. There will be two ball drops: 7:00 pm and midnight.

HILTON HEAD'S ANNUAL POLAR PLUNGE Hilton Head's Annual Polar Plunge will take place

on Thursday, January 1st at 10:30 am at Coligny Beach. It is a fun event to participate in - or to watch! The event is free, but donations will be accepted for local charity, Charli's Critters. Start

the year off with Mass at 8:00 am, then grab a coffee and stroll to Coligny for the festivities!



Wednesday, December 24th - Friday, January 2nd: Closed

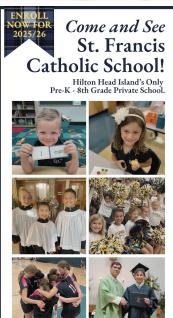
The Parish Office will reopen on Monday, January 5th at 8:30 am

If a loved one is experiencing a sacramental emergency, and in need of Anointing of the Sick, please call 843.785.2895 and follow the phone prompts





Are you receiving our email newsletter, "Holy Family Happenings!"? If not, please contact info@holyfamilyhhi.org to be added to our distribution list so you can be up-to-date on important parish news!



Request a tour and learn about our 28-year legacy rooted in Catholic faith, integrity, and scholarship. Admission is open to students of all faiths. We offer the most competitive tuition rates in Beaufort and Jasper Counties.



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desk@holyfamilyhhi.org

www.holyfamilyhhi.org





Jesús Eucaristía



Visita a Jesús



LUNES - VIERNES

7:00AM - 6:00PM **SABADO**

7:00AM - 4:00PM

DOMINGOS

2:00PM - 6:00PM

Preguntas o para anotarse | (843) 785-2895; ext. 223

SANTA MISA EN ESPAÑOL:

Domingos 1pm Miercoles 7pm



Sacramentos

Bautismos para menores de 7 años *Acta de nacimiento del niño

*Formulario para bautizo (en oficina)
*Formulario para padrinos
Platica

Pre-bautismal

9 de diciembre (en St Francis by the Sea)
Por favor llamar a la oficina para
registrarse

Emergencias Sacramentales

Llame al (843)785-2895; ext. 225 Unción de los Enfermos Llame al (843)785-2895, ext. 223 ... si en su hogar hay una persona enfermeda que no puede asistir a Misa por su condición de salud.

Emergencias Financieras

Si usted vive en Hilton Head, no dude en contactar a la oficina para analizar cómo podemos ayudarle. (843) 785-2895; ext 222



| FORMACIÓN | ESCUELA DE LA FÉ 2026

Clases para Curso 1 seran el 12, 26 de enero & 9, 23 de febrero en el Salon Parroquial Comunicate con Gloria Benitez (843)816-9051

Curso 1 |

Introducción a las Sagradas **Escrituras** & Catecismo de la Iglesia Catolica





Llama a la oficina; ext.223



Ora con María y recibe a la Virgen hogar! Llama a la oficina



MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

¿Dónde está nuestra esperanza en este tercer domingo de Adviento? ¿En qué se basa nuestra alegría? Este domingo es llamado el domingo de la alegría, porque ya estamos acercándonos a la Navidad. En latín se conoce como Gaudete, que significa "alegría" o "regocíjense". El verdadero gozo consiste en el nacimiento del Salvador, siendo este nacimiento la causa profunda de nuestra alegría. A veces perdemos mucho tiempo en las tiendas, comprando regalos, sin siquiera darnos cuenta de que el tiempo pasa y se va sin provecho alguno para nuestra alma. Miremos al cielo, de donde nos llega la esperanza y la gracia. Ahí es donde está Dios.

El Evangelio nos narra que Juan estaba en la cárcel y quería saber si era verdad lo que había escuchado sobre Jesús. La respuesta para Juan fue la siguiente: "Vayan y cuéntenle a Juan lo que ustedes están viendo y oyendo: los ciegos ven, los cojos andan, los leprosos quedan limpios, los sordos oyen, los muertos resucitan, y una Buena Nueva llega a los pobres" (Mateo 11:5). Con esta respuesta, Juan quedó lleno de esperanza, seguro de que el Reino de Dios ya estaba presente.

Juan predicaba la conversión, un cambio de mentalidad radical, válido tanto entonces como ahora. Para nosotros, la venida del Salvador es un hecho seguro y

esperanzador. Sin embargo, solo los pobres de espíritu logran visualizarlo en el horizonte de la Navidad. Aguardemos con paciencia los regalos de la gracia de Dios: la paz y el amor entre nosotros, que tanto

necesitamos. ¡Ven, Señor Jesús!

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Posadas 15-23 de diciembre 6:45pm

Regalos del árbol de ángelitos 15 de diciembre 6:45pm Confesiones de Adviento 17 de diciembre 5:30pm-6:30pm

Mañanitas al Niño Dios 25 diciembre

Misa de Navidad 25 diciembre 1pm en español Misa
Maria, Madre de
Dios
31 diciembre
7:30pm
*obligación





