

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES SHOP

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 21, 2025

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Saturday, 12/20

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

8:00 am: John Albertini +

5:00 pm: Charles Hough +

Florence Portoghesi

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

Monday, 12/22

1 Samuel 1:24-28 | Luke 1:46-56

8:00 am: The Mazur

Anne Nykiel

& Nykiel Families +

7:30 pm en espanol: Pro Populo

Tuesday, 12/23: St. John of Kanty, Priest

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 | Luke 1:57-66

8:00 am: Meba & Pop Pop Koval +

The Estabon's

Wednesday, 12/24: Christmas Eve

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 | Luke 1:67-79

8:00 am: Edward Francovich +

Dick Frankovich

Christmas Vigil Mass

Isaiah 62:1-5 | Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 | Matthew 1:1-25

4:00 pm: Pro Populo

6:30 pm: Lisa Fitzgerald +

Thursday, 12/25

Isaiah 52:7-10 | Hebrews 1:1-6 | John 1:1-18

9:00 am: Pro Populo

11:00 am: Michael R. Scarpato +

Holy Family Staff

1:00 pm en espanol: Pro Populo

Friday, 12/26: St. Stephen, First Martyr

NO MASS

Saturday, 12/27: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

1 John 1:1-4 | John 20:1a and 2-8

8:00 am: Anthony Virrazi +

Joanne Moyer

Sally Ann Marmemo +

Mary Strauch

5:00 pm: Ken Nykiel +

Anne Nykiel

Sunday, 12/28: Feast of the Holy Family

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 | Colossians 3:12-21 | Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

8:00 am: Holy Family Parishioners +

11:15 am: Pro Populo

1:00 pm en espanol: Pro Populo

CHRISTMAS MASS REMINDER

As we prepare to celebrate the joy of Christmas together, we kindly ask everyone to:

- Arrive early to allow time for seating.
- Create space in the pews so all may join comfortably.
- Practice patience and kindness as we welcome many visitors and parishioners.

Your thoughtfulness helps make our Christmas liturgy a warm and grace-filled experience for all.



THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Matthew 1:18-24

*Trust
& Act*

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly 10 years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" (Matthew 1:20). When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.

— 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!*



WEEKLY NEED: \$19,821.11

	Basket	Online	TOTAL	DIFFERENCE
11/30/2025	\$10,970.00	\$3,259.15	\$14,229.15	(\$5,591.96)

SECOND COLLECTION

Reserve Fund	St. Vincent de Paul Society
\$1,755.00	\$2,157.00



Daily Rosary

Monday - Saturday

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 - 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 camera to join!

CHRISTMAS *Season* 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
8:00 am

** Holy Day of Obligation*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

Feast Day of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 28th, is the Feast Day of the Holy Family and we will be consecrating our parish to the Holy Family by saying a prayer together led by the Knights of Columbus at the end of all Masses that weekend.

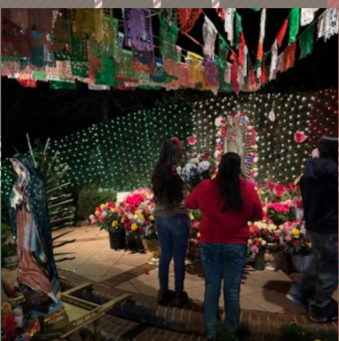
In preparation for the Feast Day, the Knights of Columbus will be placing brochures with a prayer card inside at the ends of the pews on the weekend of December 20-21. Please take a brochure and prayer card home with you and read it. It gives guidance for preparation during the week leading up to the Feast Day.

Additional prayer cards will be placed in the pews on the Feast Day weekend of December 27-28 so you may join in the prayer.



There has been a lot of celebrating lately at Holy Family! First up was the annual Ladies Guild Luncheon on December 10th at the Black Marlin Bayside Grill. For more information on how to join the Ladies Guild, click on the "Parish Ministries" tab at holyfamilyhhi.org.

Holy Family's annual celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe took place on December 11th. The evening began with a procession to Our Lady's shrine, followed by prayer, Mass and celebration with food and entertainment. It was a wonderful night!



≡Welcome≡

TO OUR NEWLY REGISTERED FAMILIES AT HOLY FAMILY!

Todd & Tammi Axelrod
Joseph & Lynn Barrows
Chuck & Regina Harty
John MacNicholl
Carmen Mercado



JOIN OUR PARISH!



CONNECT WITH US!



- SACRAMENTS -



MANY BLESSINGS TO THOSE THAT RECENTLY
CELEBRATED SACRAMENTS AT HOLY FAMILY:

BAPTISM
Abril del Angel Aviles
Iker del Angel Aviles
Allison Berra
Rafael Berra
December 20, 2025



Rosary Makers

They will resume their weekly
meetings in January.
Keep an eye out for updates!

Men's Sunday Scripture Bible Study

Meet with other men to delve into
the scriptures for the upcoming
Sunday readings.

When: Thursdays after 8:00 am Mass
Where: Parish Hall

Interested in joining? Please contact Rick Kane at
rtkane563@gmail.com to register
and receive the weekly notes

**Will resume on
Thursday,
January 8, 2026**

Food Pantry

Please bring your donations to the baskets in the church narthex, or to the SVDP office Monday-Friday, before noon.

We appreciate your generosity!

Questions?
Please call the SDVP office
at 843-785-2895, ext. 222

We are in need of the following items:

- bags of oranges
- bags of apples
- canned pineapple & black beans
- jarred pasta sauce
- tomato soup
- Gift cards to purchase fresh produce

Prayer REQUESTS

The Prayer Chain Ministry is an email group that prays for the intentions of Holy Family parishioners. Submit a prayer request by emailing info@holyfamillyhhi.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:
Sulma Garcia Roblero
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@holyfamillyhhi.org

Music Ministry Notes

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)

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 27 & 28, 2025

Prelude

Two settings of
"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"
Richard Willis (1819-1900)
1st setting by David Cherwien (b. 1957)
2nd setting by John Barr (1938-2024)

"Polish Lullaby Carol"
Polish carol
setting by Edwin Arthur Kraft (1883-1962)

Communion Mediation

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Polish Carol
harmonization by A.E. Rusbridge (1917-1969)
sung by the Holy Family Choirs at 8:00 & 11:15

Organ Postlude

"Fantasia on *ADESTE FIDELES*"
Text: John Francis Wade (1711-1786)
Tune: John Reading (1645-1692)
setting by Geoffrey Shaw (1879-1943)

Members of Holy Family's own Catholic Children's Choir of the Lowcountry were the featured singers on "God Bless America" at the Savannah Ghost Pirates game on December 5th and they ROCKED THE HOUSE!



AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

Christmas Parish Office Hours

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



Wishing you many blessings this Christmas!
Holy Family Parish Staff

NEW Year's EVE

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!

Join Fr. Christopher on a Pilgrimage to:



Prepare for a trip of a lifetime!

September 18-26, 2026

Fr. Christopher and Holy Family Parish invite
you on a pilgrimage to Ireland, where our
Catholic faith is woven into the fabric of Irish
history, culture, and the stunning landscapes.
This journey is designed for pilgrims seeking a
meaningful connection with their faith in a
land steeped in religious tradition.

Double Occupancy:
\$5,950

Single Occupancy:
+ \$1,375

payment discounts available

For a detailed itinerary and to register, please visit:
www.holyfamilyhhi.org



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.



ADVENT WEEK 4

WHERE IN MY LIFE IS GOD
INVITING ME TO SHOW LOVE MORE
GENEROUSLY — ESPECIALLY TO
THOSE I FIND HARDEST TO LOVE?

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!

ENROLL
NOW FOR
2025/26

Come and See St. Francis Catholic School!

Hilton Head Island's Only
Pre-K - 8th Grade Private School.



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.





4º Domingo DE ADVIENTO

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 enferma 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

Horarios de Oficina esta Navidad

CERRADO

Miercoles, 24 de Diciembre -

Viernes, 2 de Enero

La oficina reabrirá

Lunes, 5 de Enero 8:30am

Si un ser querido se encuentra en una situación de emergencia sacramental y necesita la **Unción de los Enfermos**, por favor llame al 843.785.2895 y siga las instrucciones telefónicas.



Holy Family EN CONCIERTO

**\$20
TICKET
CUPO LIMITADO**



IVAN MOLINA & ABBA PADRE BAND

MUSICA • PREDICA • ADORACION • HORA SANTA

DOMINGO 4 DE ENERO 2026. 4:00PM

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

24 Pope Ave. Hilton Head, SC 29928

CONCIERTO PARA EL CONCLUIR EL AÑO DE LA ESPERANZA
Y DAR BIENVENIDA AL NUEVO AÑO DE GRACIA 2026

MAS INFORMACION: (843) 785-2895

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

En este último domingo de Adviento, Emmanuel, Dios con nosotros, está por nacer. Esta es la Buena Noticia que debe alegrarnos: comprender que el nacimiento de Jesús es la garantía de que Dios cumple su promesa con la llegada de su Hijo al mundo. El Evangelio nos da la oportunidad de contemplar el paso de la historia de la salvación en la humanidad. Dios se mezcla entre nosotros, se une a nuestros triunfos y fracasos. Ya no hay nada que temer: Jesús llega para iluminar nuestras tinieblas. "La virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo, y le pondrán por nombre Emmanuel, que significa: Dios con nosotros" (Mateo 1:23).

También la liturgia de hoy nos permite admirar a José, esposo de la Virgen, y tomar ejemplo de su valor, de su capacidad para guardar silencio y de su forma de actuar ante ella. José tomó la difícil decisión, en medio de la situación que vivía, de no difamar a María y repudiarla en secreto. Protegerla a ella y al niño fue su prioridad. "Tú eres el que pondrás el nombre al hijo que ella dará a luz. Y lo llamarás Jesús, porque él salvará a su pueblo de sus pecados" (Mateo 1:21). Gracias a esa prudencia y justo silencio de José, Jesús pudo nacer de María.

¿Cómo es mi prudencia ante los acontecimientos que atravieso en mi vida? ¿Sé guardar secretos para no destruir la vida de los demás? ¿He guardado espacios de silencio en este Adviento que me ayuden a mi crecimiento espiritual?

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| FORMACIÓN |
ESCUELA DE LA FE 2026

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



Curso 1 |
Introducción a las **Sagradas**
Escrituras &
Catecismo de la Iglesia
Católica

POSADAS

NAVIDEÑAS

15 - 23 de diciembre

6:45PM

Salon Parroquial

Posada y

KARAOKE

a Jesús

DOMINGO, 21 DE DICIEMBRE

DESPUES DE MISA DE 1PM

SALON PARROQUIAL

Contacte a **Daisy Lopez** para que su canto este listo en el Playlist
(843) 384-0071

Mañanitas al Niño Dios

25 de diciembre, 2025

7am

Solemnidad de Santa María
Madre de Dios

31 de diciembre, 2025

6pm Ingles
7:30pm en Español

1 de enero, 2026

8am Ingles

✦ misa de precepto/obligación