

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Tuesday 6:00 pm
Wednesday – Friday 9:00 am
Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 am

Confessions

Saturday 5:15 to 5:45 pm
and by appointment

Parish Office Hours

Monday — Thursday

9:00 am — 3:00 pm

Friday

9:00 am — 2:00 pm

Beverly Buford Secretary
bbuford@charlestdiocese.org
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Charlton Singleton
Music Director
Fred McKay Principal
The Charleston Catholic School

December 24, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Advent



Diocese of Charleston
+Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS.
Bishop of Charleston
Administrator
Very Rev. Raymond J. Carlo, VF
Deacons
John Breeden & Markus Damwerth

Save the date!
Diocese of Charleston
EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

April 6, 2024

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center
Columbia South Carolina



December 23-December 31, 2023

Saturday, December 23 – Vigil Mass @ 6 pm
Sunday, December 24 – Masses at 8 am & 10 am
Sunday, December 24 – Caroling 9:30 pm
Sunday, December 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE 10 pm
Monday, December 25 – Christmas Mass 9 am
Monday, December 25 – Friday December 29 OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, December 26 – Mass 6 pm
Wednesday – Friday Mass at 9 am
Friday, December 29 – Wedding Rehearsal 5 pm
Saturday, December 30 – Wedding 3 pm
Saturday, December 30 – Vigil Mass @ 6 pm
Sunday, December 31 – Masses at 8 am & 10 am

December 23, 2023-December 24, 2023

Saturday (6 PM) 12/23
Sunday (8 AM) 12/24
Sunday (10 AM) 12/24 Miriam N. Fleming †

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parents of children (2nd grade-7th grade) who need to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist and Parents of teens (8th grade - 12th grade) who need to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation (Reconciliation and First Communion as needed) are encouraged to register for classes beginning this fall by calling/emailing Deacon John at [702-465-0163](tel:702-465-0163) or jbreeden@charlestdiocese.org

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES (NOVEMBER)

	Envelopes & Loose	2nd Collections
WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	3,558.25	20.00
ON LINE COLLECTIONS	1,597.00	00.00
MONTHLY COLLECTIONS TO DATE	26,381.37	1,320.75
MONTHLY BUDGETED AMOUNT	28,833.34	2,500.00
OVERAGE /SHORTFALL	-2,451.7	-1,179.25

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2023

YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL 15,813.00
ANNUAL BUDGET AMOUNT 37,469.00

The CASC budget amount is based on the calendar year, January 1st-December 31st.
The year to date actual contributions are provided by the Diocesan Office of Stewardship & Mission Advancement.

THE READINGS FOR TODAY MAY BE FOUND IN THE BLUE BOOK ON PAGE 277 AND IN THE PAPERBACK BOOK Pg. 45

If you are interested in learning more about the Knights of Peter Claver and Jr. Knights for the boys and the Lady's of Guadalupe and Junior Daughters for the girls. Please contact Brother Aaron Richardson @ aaronrichardsonjr@gmail.com or Grand Lady Eleanor Nelson at nclark1981@aol.com

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Bring God into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience Jan. 26-28, 2024, in North Myrtle Beach. Visit: SCMarriageMatters.org or contact: applications@scmarriagematters.org or (803)810-9602

DIOCESE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

On April 6, 2024, the diocese Will host the first Diocesan Eucharistic Congress at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. The diocese invites all the faithful of the diocese to attend this monumental, bilingual event. Look for details of the event, speakers, sponsorships and ticket information. Visit the Diocesan Eucharistic Revival webpage at: www.charlestdiocese.org/Eucharistic-revival

Saint Vincent de Paul Peninsula

Due the generosity of our parishioners, the St. Vincent de Paul Peninsula Conference was able to help the following families during the month of November. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to our ministry this month. Without your support, we would not be able to help the number of families who call our help line. Please keep our ministry in your prayers.

Housing	\$4,239.63	10 families
Electricity	11,368.27	18 families
Water	542.00	2 families
Food Delivery		10 families
	16,450.42	40 families

Maureen Corless, Treasurer.
(843) 991-8285

THE SICK: John Deas, Bernard Hamilton, Jane Wright, Maurice Chapman, Ralph Hurley, Benjamin Pickering, Fran Taylor, Ronald Goodwin, Marc Hunter, Cherry Seabrook, Delores Jackson, Yvonne Gice, Deannie Pickering, Baby Archie, Mason Green, Louise Stewart, Rhunetta Brown, Rich Lomuscio, Reginald Harris, Arnette Grant, Michele Miller, Lateisha Kinsey, Dean Morris, Arriana Movahedi, Yvette Barlow, Donna Kinsey, Barbara Donovan, Kathy Higgins, Kimberly Gaillard, Zoe Gaillard, Norman Malloy, Dorothy Rose, Sylvia Chapman, Sylvia Gantt, Barbara Mikell, Diane Carroll, Judy Alexander, Victoria Milagros Corona, Leander Henderson, Irma Greene, Julius Bryant, Carol Fabián, Amelia Taylor, Amparo Diaz, Simon Tete, Anthony Hazel, Queen Toney, Pastor Barbara Gilliard and all those at home or in nursing homes.

St. Patrick Catholic Church Liturgical Ministries Schedule

December 23, 24 & 25, 2023

December 30 & 31 2023 January 1 2024

23 December —Saturday Vigil

6:00 PM

ALT	Shawn Carter	Maggie Hazel
EUCH-TL	Barbara Birds	
EUCH	Patricia Mack	
LEC	Kelli Burke (1)	Mabel Elliot-Moultrie (2)
USH	Chris Ross	Melvin Swinton
USH-COL	Aaron Richardson	Alvin Simmons

24 December — Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM

ALT	Jeremy Mazyck	Benjamin Tolley
	Joseph Tolley	
EUCH-TL	Rovena Owens	
EUCH	Katie Breeden	Yvonne Orr
LEC	Josi Strong (1)	Richard Pastva (2)
USH	Lynn Phillips	Sandra Robertson
USH-COL	Mark Conrad	John Gantt, Jr.

10:00 AM

ALT	Lilly Brown	Nevina Guerrero
	Jami Ingram	
EUCH-TL	Beverly Buford	
EUCH	Daisey Ferrette	Marcus Frasier
	Annabell Seabrook	
LEC	Allison Stoney (1)	Donna Friedman (2)
USH	Julius Fielding	George McBean
USH-COL	Jauron Ingram	Vincent Mazyck

24 December —The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Vigil

9:30 PM — CAROLING

10:00 PM

ALT	Shawn Carter	Emily Pastva
	Richard Pastva	Aaron Richardson
EUCH-TL	Katie Breeden	
EUCH	Angela Burke	Barbara Birds
LEC	Joy Demarest (1)	Kristin Ingram (2)
USH	Barbara Birds	Rocco Pasquarello
USH-COL	Julius Fielding	George McBean

25 December —The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Day

9:00 AM

ALT	Shawn Carter	
EUCH-TL	Veronica McDaniel	
EUCH	Patricia Mack	
LEC	Annabell Seabrook(1)	Christine Castañeda (2)
USH	Lynn Phillips	Sandra Robertson
USH-COL	Clive D'Vaz	Vincent Mazyck

30 December —Saturday Vigil

6:00 PM

ALT	Maggie Hazel	Jeremy Mazyck
EUCH-TL	Norma Davis	
EUCH	Joan Mack	
LEC	Eleanor Nelson (1)	Denva Simpson (2)
USH	Barbara Birds	Aaron Richardson
USH-COL	Chris Ross	Alvin Simmons

31 December — The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 AM

ALT	Benjamin Tolley	Joseph Tolley
EUCH-TL	Yvonne Orr	
EUCH	Rovena Owens	
LEC	Bernice Nesmith (1)	Genita Thompson (2)
USH	Mark Conrad	Marybeth Conrad
USH-COL	John Gantt, Jr.	Sandra Robertson

10:00 AM

ALT	Olu Akinbote	Nevina Guerrero
	Jordyn Ingram	
EUCH-TL	Daisey Ferrette	
EUCH	Katie Breeden	Marcus Frasier
	Veronica McDaniel	Florence Simmons
LEC	Angela Burke (1)	Veronica McDaniel (2)
USH	Raymond Polite	George McBean
USH-COL	Jauron Ingram	Rocco Pasquarello

31 December —Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Vigil Mass)

6:00 PM

ALT	Shawn Carter	Emily Pastva
EUCH-TL	Allison Stoney	
EUCH	Angela Burke	Norma Davis
LEC	Kelli Burke (1)	Eddie Smith (2)
USH	Julius Fielding	Alvin Simmons
USH-COL	Barbara Birds	Aaron Richardson

1 January —Mary, The Holy Mother of God

9:00 AM

ALT	Shawn Carter	Maggie Hazel
EUCH-TL	Rovena Owens	
EUCH	Marcus Frasier	Patricia Mack
LEC	Christine Castañeda (1)	Joan Mack (2)
USH	Clive D'Vaz	Lynn Phillips
USH-COL	John Gantt, Jr.	George McBean

STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER

Reclaiming Our Black Catholic Liturgy

2024 Archbishop Lyke Conference

June 18-22, 2024

Embassy Suites by Hilton
Grapevine DFW Airport North

2401 Bass Pro Drive
Grapevine, TX 76051

To obtain direct information and updates,
please go to the website and join our mailing list.

www.lykeconference.com

May it be done to me according to your word. (Luke 1:38)



Mary's words to the angel can seem easy and somewhat romantic to us. But to her they were anything but. They represented a seismic shift in her life. When she spoke these words, she was agreeing to take up a mysterious new life filled with a host of unknowns. No longer would she be a humble housewife and mother in the model of so many of the women she had known.



Instead, she would become the Mother of God, and nothing would ever be the same. She would have only one child whom she would prepare to become Israel's Messiah and the Savior of the world. What's more, she would go through life bearing the misunderstanding and judgments of friends and family members.

Imagine how frightening this could have been for Mary. She had no example to follow because nothing like this had ever happened before! She couldn't ask her mother or an aunt to show her how to walk this path. Her rabbi might offer some guidance, but the idea that God even had a Son would have been foreign to him.

But as unique as Mary's situation was, it is also very familiar. Who among us hasn't felt at times as if we were walking a path that no one else has walked? Who hasn't felt at times as if we were all alone, with no one to guide us? We may not have responded as sinlessly as Mary did, but just the fact that she has gone before us can bring us great comfort.

Mary knows what it's like to have her life turned upside down. She knows what it's like to walk a lonely road and to be misunderstood. But even on Christmas Eve, as she faced the prospect of giving birth in a stable, she continued to trust in God's care. Now assumed into heaven, she offers us her compassion, support, and intercession, especially when we feel lost and alone. She never tires of teaching us and caring for us.

"Holy Mary, Mother of God, help me to walk the path of trust as I await the coming of your son."



PEACE, HOPE & JOY

OUR HEARTS ARE ON FIRE TODAY WITH LOVE OF YOU, O LORD. AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF JESUS, WE PRAY FOR THE STRENGTH AND COURAGE TO SHARE THE LOVE THAT WE FEEL TODAY, TOMORROW AND EACH DAY, WITH THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST, HELPING TO BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE ON EARTH. AMEN.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Welcome to all new families/individuals. Please register on-line as soon as possible at www.stpatrickcharleston.org and click on New-comers. Registration is needed for planning purposes.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Active members of St. Patrick are identified by their generosity of time, talent, and treasure. Stewardship is determined by:

1. Being formally registered and active in the parish for at least **3 months**.
2. Faithful attendance to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation;
3. Regular support of the parish using the envelope system;
4. Involvement in at least one ministry or organization in the parish is preferred.

These criteria are used to verify parishioner status for: sponsors certificates, enrollment in parochial schools, participation in Sacramental, educational, social and pastoral ministries; activities and enrichment programs and use of facilities services. No activity shown for one month will move a person to inactive status.

BAPTISM

1. Contact the office
2. Bring the photocopy of the child's birth certificate.
3. Parents must attend the class on the Sacrament of Baptism.
4. Godparents must bring a letter from the parish to which they belong and certificate of having attended the baptism course.
5. The pastor or one of the deacons will contact you to confirm the date of the sacrament.

MARRIAGES

The couple must contact in person the pastor at least **one year** prior to the desired date of the wedding.

To initiate marriage, please contact our **Wedding Manager, Nicole DeNeane** at stpatricksweddings134@gmail.com