



DIVINE REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Deacon Jim Baker

Deacon Doug Erickson

Mrs. Beth Martyn, Principal

The Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday December 15, 2024

"What ought we to do?" the crowds ask John, and he sends them to fulfill their calling. Doing the ordinary extraordinarily well is a step toward welcoming Jesus.
(Luke 3:10-18)



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Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm
Closed Wednesdays and Holidays

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil- English 5pm and Spanish 6:30pm
Sunday- English 8am and 10:30am. Spanish 1:00pm
Tuesday & Thursday- 6pm
Wednesday & Friday- 7am
First Saturday- 9am

School Office Hours

Monday-Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm
1104 Fort Drive Hanahan
843.553.1521

Whoever wants to love God must search for Him among the poor.
- Bl. Angelo Paoli

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Saturday 3:30 – 4:30pm in the Church, during Adoration on Thursdays at 6:30pm, and by appointment only during church office hours.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Friday mornings at 11am at the clubhouse at The Elms community. Contact Elizabeth at usmcfan@att.net to learn more.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Call Deacon Jim, 843.509.1581 or Tom Provost at 843.327.5548, to discuss conversion to the Catholic Faith. Class has begun for the 2024-2025 year. Please call for next year's classes.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Contact the church office for Marriage Preparation, Baptism, and Tribunal Cases. Please know that you must be a registered, attending and contributing parishioner of the parish before any arrangements are made.

Parish Membership

Active members of our parish are identified by their generosity of time, talent and treasure. Stewardship at is determined by:

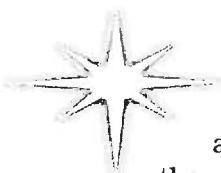
- 1.) Being registered for at least 3 months (required of everyone who is at least 18 years of age) and the weekly participation in worship, unless ill or homebound.
- 2.) An identifiable financial support of the Parish. Please use the parish envelope system or OSV Online Giving. If you do not have the means to make a financial contribution, please place an empty envelope in the offertory basket so your attendance at the weekend Mass can be counted.
- 3.) Involvement in at least a ministry, a program, an activity or an organization in the parish.

These criteria listed above are used to appraise or verify parishioner status for sponsorship, parochial schools, participation in sacramental, educational, pastoral and social ministries, activities and enrichment programs, and use of facilities and services.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Aguinaldo Novena Mass

Aguinaldo is a Christmas gift, as in the Gift of the Christ Child to all Man Kind. Please join us each evening beginning at 6pm with posadas and rosary, with Mass beginning at 7pm, between December 15-23, to prepare for Our Greatest Gift!



CHURCH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BREAK

The church office will be closed as of Monday, December 23rd through Thursday, January 2nd, reopening Friday, January 3rd at 9:00am. Fr. Ray, Deacon Doug, Deacon Jim, and the parish office staff would like to wish you and your family the peace and love of the Christ Child this Christmas Season.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

On Tuesday, December 24th, The Christmas Eve Mass Times will be 4:00pm English Vigil Mass and 6:00pm Bilingual Vigil Mass. On Christmas Day, December 25th, a Mass will be offered at 9:30am English Mass.

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS TIMES

The Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass (which is a Holy Day of Obligation) will be offered on Tuesday, December 31st, 6:00pm English Vigil Mass and 7:30pm Spanish Vigil Mass. On Wednesday, January 1st, Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am English Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON THURSDAYS

English Adoration will be at 6:30pm the first, third, and fifth weeks; Spanish Adoration will be at 6:30pm the second and fourth weeks.

There will be no Adoration or Confession on December 26th.

ANNUAL EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

Please join the Divine Redeemer Church Women's Club at the parish's annual Epiphany celebration honoring pro-life organizations in our area on **Jan. 4, 2025 at 1pm in Caddell Hall**. Please come out and welcome those who chose life and the organizations that support them!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Please place your donation in the envelope that's provided in your set and drop it in the collection **no later than Sunday, December 15th**.

Don't forget to indicate how you would like your donation listed in the bulletin, i.e., in memory of, in thanksgiving for, in honor of, etc.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY and limit the number of your request to five. If you chose to make your donation online, remember to type how you would like your donation listed under "Notes".

LET THE RENOVATIONS BEGIN!



Divine Redeemer Catholic Church is getting a makeover and we need **YOUR** support to make it happen! Over the next several months, donations

will be accepted to help cover the costs associated with such a large undertaking. The offertory collections during the Aguinaldo Masses, beginning December 15th, will go to the renovation of our church! Please be generous with your giving and remember...

Your Donation is an Act of Love!

DRC YOUTH GROUP



The Youth Group is open to all youth age 13-18yrs. Meetings will resume in January, in Caddell Hall. Contact Deacon Jim at

843.509.1581 or jbakrlex2112@gmail.com for more information.

CELEBRATING THE SEASON WITH KOC 6726

The KOC Council 6726 wants to thank all who purchased a fried turkey and/or Xmas tree from the Knights. We sold 84 turkeys and 100 Xmas trees. The funds will go towards the Hope Foundation Charity. We wish our church family a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.



FRIDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY



Join us, as we reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings! Contact Elizabeth for location and details at usmcfan@att.net

AROUND THE DIOCESE

HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED...

It's getting hotter and the electric bill keeps getting higher! If you or someone you know is in need of food or assistance with utilities please have them contact the St. Vincent de Paul Society at 843.727.1820. The SVDP organization based out of Divine Redeemer Church helps those who live in Hanahan and the North Area.

CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. FINBAR

The Chesterton Academy of St. Finbar, a classical Catholic high school, is set to open in Charleston in the Fall of 2025. The organization is hosting ongoing Parent Information Nights. The upcoming events are Jan. 10, Jan. 27, Feb. 21, all from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist Parish Hall.

CASF is part of the Chesterton Schools Network based in Minneapolis, Minnesota. An apostolate of the Society of Gilbert Keith Chesterton, the network aims to inspire and encourage parent-led Catholic schools across the nation. The classical curriculum combines a broad liberal arts education with a strong emphasis on the cultivation of Christian virtues and an appreciation of beauty.

Visit stfinbar.org for more information and additional events.



DRS EAGLES' NOTES

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BREAK

DRS will be closed Friday after 11:30am dismissal, December 20th through Monday, January 6th. School resumes Monday, January 6th with a 2pm dismissal.

COME HEAR THE ANGELS SING!!!

The annual Christmas Pageant will be held in the church on Wednesday, December 18th at 5:30pm. All are welcome to attend. Please be patient with our children as they exit their program before the start of the Aguinaldo events. Thank you in advance for your support of our children and school!

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

CATECHETICAL WEBINAR EVANGELIZING CATECHESIS

Catechetical Webinars offered through the Office of Catechesis & Christian Initiation are open to everyone and free of charge. Certificates of Attendance will be emailed to all attendees for credit towards catechetical certification from the Diocese of Charleston. Please email cathy@charlestondiocese.org to be added to the distribution list for the invitation link or call 843-261-0504.

WANT A TRUSTWORTHY MOVIE REVIEW?



Need a little expert advice helping you to decide which of the upcoming holiday blockbuster movies are family friendly? For no-nonsense movie reviews and resources, visit the Pauline Books and Media website at media.pauline.org

HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Do you know of someone who is a home-bound senior and is in need of a nutritious meal? The senior-in-need (age 60 and older) is asked to call 843.554.2275. An assessment will be completed, and if eligible, a five day supply of frozen meals will be delivered to their door. The Trident Area Agency on Aging serves the tri-county area and is not affiliated with the Catholic Church.

RESPECT FOR LIFE

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Birtheright of Charleston is seeking volunteers who are committed to the spirit of nurturing life. Birtheright offers free life affirming attention to any woman who is distressed by a pregnancy. No experience is necessary, and training is provided! Call 843-556-4403 or email birtherightofcharleston@gmail.com for more information.

SAVE THE DATE...

SCCL Pro-Life Weekend will be January 10-11, 2025 in Columbia at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

Rosary 30 minutes before Mass

**Saturday, December 14— St. John of the Cross,
Priest and Doctor of the Church**

5:00 pm Vigil- The Williams Family

6:30 pm Spanish Vigil

**Sunday, December 15—Third Sunday of Advent-
Gaudete Sunday**

8:00 am— In Thanksgiving of Blessings for the Ador
Family

10:30 am - *Pro Populo*

1:00 pm Spanish Mass- † *Josefina Lopez-Adame*

Monday, December 16— Advent Weekday

No Mass or Communion Service

Tuesday, December 17— Late Advent Weekday

6:00 pm- The Walling Family

**Wednesday, December 18— Late Advent
Weekday**

7:00am - † *Barry Wauhup*

9:00am- † *Harry and Mary Shutt*

Thursday, December 19— Late Advent Weekday

6:00pm- † *Alline H. Williams*

Friday, December 20— Late Advent Weekday

7:00 am - † *George C. Williams*

**Saturday, December 21— St. Peter Canisius,
Priest and Doctor of the Church**

5:00 pm Vigil- † *Stella Martin*

6:30 pm Spanish Vigil

Sunday, December 22—Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am- *Pro Populo*

10:30 am - † *Stella Martin*

1:00 pm Spanish Mass- Gisela Elizabeth Cartagena

CHURCH MINISTRIES DEC. 21-DEC. 22

If you are not able to serve, please remember to call a substitute.

SATURDAY – Special Arrangements for Church Cleaning.

Contact Sacristan, Jim Martin, at 843.572.0943

if church is locked.

Martha Society Ministry:

G.Rodriguez, S.Gonzalez, S.Asperga, N. Ramirez Gonzalez

SATURDAY – 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Lector:	S.Martin
Ushers:	A. Antol, D. Meeks, J.Lowe, Volunteer Needed
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	J.Schuman (Choir Loft)
Altar Servers:	H. Walker, A.Guadalupe Volunteers Needed
SUNDAY – 8:00 am Mass	
Lector:	D.Albia
Ushers:	D.Butler, T.Wheaton, O.Cabading Pt.Davis
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	T.Provost (Choir Loft)
Altar Servers:	B. Davis, P. Ador, Volunteer Needed
SUNDAY – 10:30 am Mass	
Lector:	J.Martin
Ushers:	C.Passarello, P.Stuart, P.Kammerer, C.Feeley
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	J.S..Friedman (Choir Loft)
Altar Servers:	S. & S. Asperga, M.& M. Friedman

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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Week of Nov. 30-Dec. 1	
WEEKLY OFFERTORY WITH ENVELOPES AND ALL NON-DESIGNATED CASH	\$2,780.00
WEEKLY OFFERTORY THRU Online Giving	\$2,565.00
HOLY DAY OFFERTORY	\$65.00
* TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERTORY	\$5,345.00 total
Week of Dec. 7-8	
WEEKLY OFFERTORY WITH ENVELOPES AND ALL NON-DESIGNATED CASH	\$6,339.00
WEEKLY OFFERTORY THRU Online Giving	\$3,322.00
HOLY DAY OFFERTORY	\$99.00
* TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERTORY	\$9,760.00 total

Building Fund Donations for the week of
December 7-8 thru

Offertory Envelopes and Online Giving is

\$3,357.00.

Thank you for your donation



PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the
soul and for the consolation of the family
and friends of **Ms. Shane Catherine Reese Morey**,
daughter of long time parishioners Michael and Sarah Jo
Reese, who died Friday, December 6th. May she now
rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon her.
Amen.

**Due to your generosity, a donation of \$160.35
was sent to Retirement Fund for Religious.**

**Due to your generosity, a donation of \$292.80
was sent to The Church in Africa.**

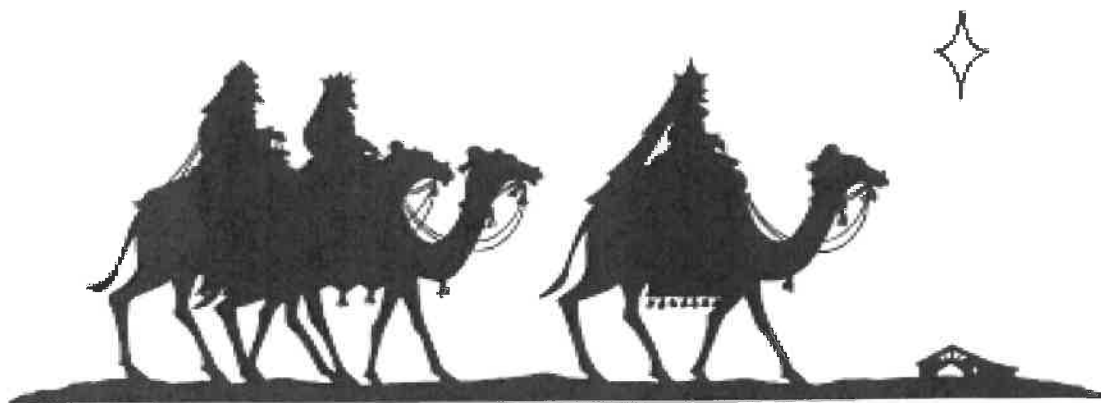
Building Fund Donations for the week of
November 31-Dec.1 thru
Offertory Envelopes and Online Giving is **\$3,260.00.**
Thank you for your donation

Please join Divine Redeemer Women's Club at the annual
Epiphany Celebration
Jan. 4, 2025, at 1pm, in Caddell Hall!

The 3 Magi visited the baby Jesus, bearing gifts to pay
homage to the newborn King. Let us follow their example of
giving to honor mothers, babies, and those who offer them
support!

Please donate new and/or gently used baby items, diapers and
wipes, gift cards, parent necessities (such as alarm clocks, bath
towels, toiletries), or twin comforters, are examples of needed
items. Place donated items in the box located in the church
vestibule or bring them with you to the celebration!

*The items will be given to our honored guests, the Low Country
Pregnancy Center, Florence Crittenton Home, and Birthright of
Charleston at the Epiphany Dinner.

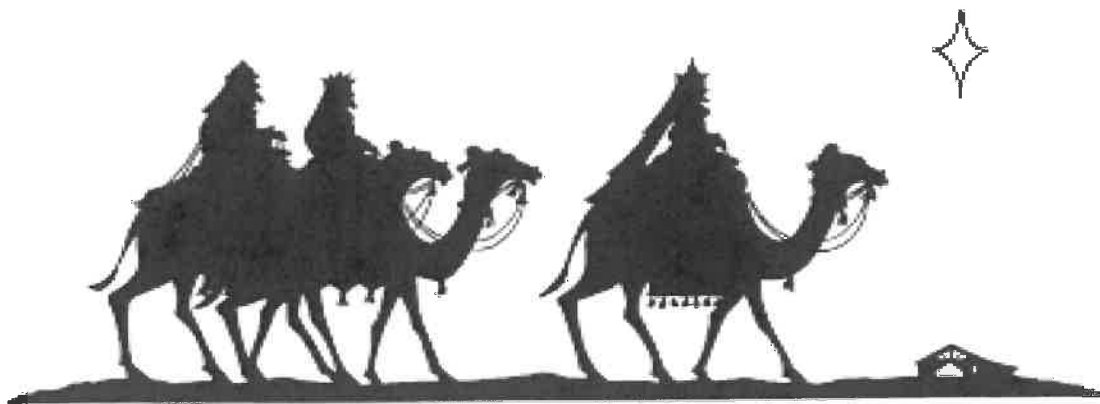


Los invitamos a Celebrar la Cena Anual de Reyes del
Women's Club
¡El día 4 de enero de 2025 al terminar la Misa de 1:00 pm en la
cafetería!

Los 3 Magos visitaron al niño Jesús llevando regalos para
rendir homenaje al Rey recién nacido. Sigamos su ejemplo y
honremos las madres, los bebés y aquellos que les ofrecen su
apoyo.

Por favor donemos elementos nuevos o ligeramente usados para
bebés, pañales y pañitos, tarjetas de regalo, elementos para los
padres (como reloj de alarma, toallas, cosas de aseo) juegos de
cama, etc. Coloque las donaciones en la caja en el vestíbulo de
la iglesia o tráígalos el día de la comida.

*Las donaciones se le darán a nuestras invitadas del Low Country
Pregnancy Center, Florence Crittenton Home, y Birthright of
Charleston el día de la Cena





La novena de nueve días simboliza los nueve meses del embarazo de María con Jesús

¿Por qué son tan importantes Las Posadas y los Aguinaldos?

Si no está familiarizado con Las Posadas, esta tradición fue traída a México desde España por los misioneros católicos en el siglo XVI. Conmemora el viaje que hicieron María y José mientras buscaban refugio en Belén antes del nacimiento del niño Jesús. Por eso la fiesta se llama Las Posadas, porque la palabra “posada” significa “alojamiento” o “morada” en español, así que Las Posadas significa “el alojamiento”.

En la historia de la Natividad, llaman a las puertas de todas las posadas de la ciudad, en busca de un refugio, antes de encontrar finalmente un lugar donde alojarse. Las nueve noches de Las Posadas simbolizan los nueve meses de embarazo de María.

Únete a nosotros y forma parte de este hermoso viaje con José y María. Sí, es una época del año muy ajetreada, pero ¿qué hay más importante que el camino hacia Jesús? Tal vez no puedas venir todas las noches, ven tan a menudo como puedas, la puerta está abierta..... La Celebración de Posadas y Aguinaldos de Nuestra Iglesia Divino Redentor será una versión modificada.



Horario del 15 al 23 de diciembre

6:00PM-6:30PM Musica

6:30PM-7:00PM Rosario

7:00 PM Santa Misa

Cada Dia Diferentes Ministerios en nuestra Parroquia lideraran el Rosario, Leeran Lecturas, Traeran Regalos.

((Vea la parte de atrás de este periódico para el horario diario)))

15 de diciembre

Chocolate caliente, galletas, refrescos después de la misa (Afuera de la Iglesia, si el tiempo lo permite o en la cafeteria)

23 de diciembre

TODOS están invitados a la Cena de Navidad después de la Misa. Tendremos una gran piñata para los niños. Los festejados de esta Celebración serán todos nuestros Nuevos Miembros del Divino Redentor que se han unido a nuestra congregación en 2024.

Datos curiosos sobre las Posadas para niños

Las Posadas son una fiesta navideña que se celebra en las comunidades hispanas de México en Estados Unidos. Comienza el 16 de diciembre y dura nueve noches. El último día tiene lugar la Nochebuena. Las Posadas para niños son muy divertidas. Cada noche, una procesión de niños, músicos y adultos van de puerta en puerta, cantando villancicos y leyendo pasajes de la Biblia. En cada casa, preguntan si hay sitio para que se queden. Los niños son rechazados hasta que llegan a la última casa. La última casa les permite la entrada. Aquí hay una piñata llena de juguetes y caramelos. La última noche de las fiestas es el 24 de diciembre, y concluye con la Misa de Navidad a medianoche.

Regalo de Aguinaldo. Esta novena de misas de Aguinaldo es una intensa preparación espiritual sacrificial para el Nacimiento de nuestro Señor, Jesucristo, que es el «mayor regalo» del Padre para nuestra salvación. Con estos 9 días de misas, nos ayuda a preparar al gestor de nuestros corazones para que podamos sentir realmente que Emmanuel está con nosotros en nuestro camino. Tu sacrificio durante 9 días es también tu unirte a María y José para custodiar a Jesús hasta que nazca en una Posada. ¡Que Dios bendiga tu sacrificio!



Nine Day Novena Symbolize the Nine months of Mary's Pregnancy with Jesus

Why is Las Posadas and Aguinaldo so important?

If you're not familiar with Las Posadas, the tradition was brought to Mexico from Spain by Catholic Missionaries in the 1500s. It commemorates the journey Mary and Joseph made while searching for shelter in Bethlehem before baby Jesus' birth. It's for this reason that the festival is called Las Posadas because the word "posada" means "inn" or "dwelling" in Spanish, so Las Posadas means "the inns."

In the Nativity story, they knock on the doors of all the inns in the town, searching for shelter, before finally finding somewhere to stay. The nine nights of the Las Posadas celebrations symbolize the nine months of Mary's pregnancy with her son, Jesus.

Please join us and be part of this beautiful journey with Joseph and Mary. Yes, it is a busy time of the year, but what's more important than the road to Jesus? Maybe you can't make it each night, come as often as you can, the door is open.....



Our Divine Redeemer Church Celebration of Posadas and Aguinaldo will be a more modify version.

December 15th through December 23rd Schedule

6:00PM-6:30PM Music

6:30PM-7:00PM Rosary

7:00 PM Holy Mass

Each Day Different Ministries in our Parish will leader Rosary, Read Reading, Bring Up Gifts.

((See the back of this paper for the daily schedule)))

December 15th

Cocoa, Cookies, Refreshments after Mass (Mary Garden weather permitting or Caddell Hall)

December 23rd

ALL are invited to the Christmas Celebration Pot Luck Dinner after Mass!!! We will have a big Pinata for the Children. This Celebration honoree's will be all our New Divine Redeemer Members who have joined our congregation in 2024

Fun Facts about Posadas for kids?

Las Posadas is a Christmas festival celebrated in Mexico Hispanic communities in the United States. It begins on December 16th and lasts for nine nights. The final day takes place on Christmas Eve. Las Posadas for kids is great fun. Every night, a procession of children, musicians, and adults go door to door, singing carols and reading passages from the Bible. At each house, they ask if there is room for them to stay. The children are turned away until they arrive at the last house. The final home allows them entry. Here there is a piñata filled with toys & candy. The last night of the festivities is Dec 24th, concludes with Christmas Mass at midnight.

Aguinaldo "Gift". This Aguinaldo novena mass is an intense sacrificial spiritual preparation for the Birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ who this the "greatest gift" of the Father for our salvation. With these 9 days of masses, it helps us to prepare the manager of our hearts that we may really feel the Emmanuel is with us in our journey. Your sacrifice for 9 days is also your being one with Mary and Joseph in safeguarding Jesus until he was born in an Inn, Manager, Stable. May God Bless your Sacrifice!