



# DIVINE REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

*Established June 17, 1956*

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The Most Reverend Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS  
Bishop of Charleston

Reverend Father Raynier Q. Dabu, CRS  
Pastor

Reverend Father John Valenzuela, CRS  
Parochial Vicar

Deacon Thomas Provost      Deacon Jesse Schuman

Deacon Jim Baker      Mrs. Beth Martyn, Principal

## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 24, 2025

"Will you help gather people to be a part of the reign of God? Pay to be open if God calls you to serve as priest, deacon, brother or sisters."  
(Isaiah 66:18-21)



"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you."

+ St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

### Church and School Staff:

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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 7:30am to 3:30pm  
1104 Fort Drive Hanahan, SC 29410  
843.553.1521

**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 in North Charleston. Contact Elizabeth at [usmcfan@att.net](mailto:usmcfan@att.net) to learn more.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):** Call Deacon Tom Provost at 843.327.5548, to discuss conversion to the Catholic Faith. Classes begin September 7<sup>th</sup>. Please call for information.

**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 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. Members will be marked "Inactive" after 6 months of inactivity and/or failure to use the envelope system.**

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### REDEDICATION MASS WITH THE BISHOP!

Please join us on Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, for a special rededication Mass with Bishop Jacques, followed by a parish potluck in Caddell Hall, in honor of our newly renovated church. The festivities begin with a ribbon cutting before Mass at 11am! Please remember that this special mass will replace the 10:30am. The Spanish mass has been moved to 2:30pm.



### LABOR DAY

Can you believe the symbolic "end of summer" is upon us? The church office will be closed on Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of the holiday and re-open on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am.

### ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS!

The annual Altar Server lunch, award, and installation is set! Join us on September 27<sup>th</sup>, at 11am in Caddell Hall! Parents are asked to bring a dish to share, the parish will provide the pizza, paper products, and drinks.

### The Prayer Chain at Divine Redeemer STAY CONNECTED WITH FELLOW PARISHIONERS!

Have you ever been disappointed to hear too late of the illness or passing of a fellow parishioner? Have you ever wanted to offer prayers for those struggling or celebrate moments of joy?

If you answered YES!, consider adding your email to the parish prayer group, [DRstandinginthegap@gmail.com](mailto:DRstandinginthegap@gmail.com)! Request prayers for yourself or pray for the requests of others. To join the Prayer Chain, call Nancy Davis at 843.554.6089.



### LOST & FOUND

Please place items found in the church in the labeled basket located in the vestibule. Your stuff misses you too! Please check the basket for lost and misplaced items.



### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45pm, in the church office conference room. If interested in becoming a member, please call the church office for more information.

## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Also known as RCIA, is the process by which both unbaptized adults and those baptized in other Christian denominations learn about the Catholic faith and way of life. If you did not receive all of the Sacraments as a child or if you're curious about the Catholic faith and thought about becoming a Catholic, the RCIA program is just for you! Adults from all faith traditions, or no religious background at all, are welcome to participate in our program. Classes begin on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> and are held in the church office from 9:15am until 10:15am.

You may contact Dcn. Tom Provost at 843.327.5548 for more information.

### BUILD YOUR BUSINESS

To help our many entrepreneurs in our parish, business owners may provide a business card that would be copied once a month and placed as a flyer in the bulletin. The advertising is free for all parishioners. **Only active Divine Redeemer Church parishioner's businesses will be featured.** Please know that neither the Diocese of Charleston, corporation sole and/nor Divine Redeemer Church are responsible for any work, and/or services provided by the businesses listed in the bulletin.

### DIVINE REDEEMER YOUTH GROUP



The Youth Group is open to all youth age 13-18yrs. A mandatory registration meeting is on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in the parish office. Our first youth group meeting is Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in Caddell Hall. Contact Deacon Jim at 843.509.1581 or [jbakerlex2112@gmail.com](mailto:jbakerlex2112@gmail.com) for more information.



### 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.

Fr. Ray or Fr. John are available for Confession during Adoration. See the monthly calendar for the updates and cancellations.



## ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES!

\*\*\*Join us, as we reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings! The group meets at 11am at the Elms Clubhouse in North Charleston. Contact Elizabeth for location questions and details at [usmcfan@att.net](mailto:usmcfan@att.net)

\*\*\*Deacon Tom invites you to dive deeper into your faith using scripture, theology, the saints and more! The class will meet Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in a DRCS classroom. Contact Dcn. Tom at [taprovost@att.net](mailto:taprovost@att.net) for more information.



## Young Adult Bible Study

All young adults, +18 yrs. (college)-35 yrs. old, are invited

to join the NEW Young Adults Bible Study here at Divine Redeemer! The group meets **Thursday evenings at 7pm**, in the parish office conference room. Please enter through the side door marked #2. Scan the QR Code to join the DRC Young Adult GroupMe for event updates and information!



## DRCS EAGLES' NOTES

### "PULL" EASE HELP OUR SCHOOL

DRS collects pull tabs from aluminum drink cans as a service project. The collected tabs are taken to the Ronald McDonald House. You may drop the pull tabs in the offertory basket or you may take them to the school office, between the hours of 8:00am and 3:00pm. Thank you for pulling for our school!



## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### KEEPING COLLEGE STUDENTS CONNECTED

The Newman Connection is an outreach program which provides campus ministry to Catholic college students. Our youth are

encouraged to embrace the life and mission of the Catholic Church. Yet some of our young adults are leaving the Church because they have not personally encountered Christ and His unending love. If you have a high school graduate entering college this next school year, visit the Newman Connection website at [newmanconnection.com](http://newmanconnection.com)

## EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

Charleston Young adults 18-35 (21+ to drink alcohol) are invited to our Theology on Tap at Tommy Condon's in Charleston. Join us at 7:00 p.m., September 10<sup>th</sup>, as we discuss faith, share some fellowship, and order a drink — or food if you like! Invite a coworker, bring a friend, or just show up and meet some new people. This is a great way to learn more about our faith in a relaxing environment.

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Are you looking to rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day? Do you want to rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you all the tools you need or a better, stronger, more loving marriage. Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Nov 14-16, 2025 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC and Aug 29-31, 2025 in WHEATON, MD. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at or .

## RESPECT FOR LIFE

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

We have instructors for Natural Family Planning International, Couple to Couple League, Marquette Method, and Billings (Spanish) upon request. Contact [jflorendo@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:jflorendo@charlestondiocese.org).

**In Person August 28** | 6:00 p.m. — Our Lady of the Lake in Chapin — [courtney.nfp@gmail.com](mailto:courtney.nfp@gmail.com)

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### OPEN WIDE OUR HEARTS

"By our baptism, we are members of Christ's body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God."

- USCCB, "Open Wide Our Hearts"



## MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

*Rosary 30 minutes before Mass*

**Saturday, August 23 – St. Rose of Lima, Virgin;  
BVM**

5:00 pm Vigil - † Elisabeth Vilkus

6:30 pm Spanish Vigil Mass- † Pedro Espinoza-Fuentes

**Sunday, August 24– Twenty-First Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

8:00 am - Pro Populo

10:30 am –Liliana Mora, Birthday

1:00 pm Spanish Mass- † Larissa Osorio-Martinez

**Monday, August 25 – St. Louis, St. Joseph  
Calasanz, Priest**

No Mass or Communion Service

**Tuesday, August 26 – Weekday**

6:00 pm –† Mittie T. Feeley

**Wednesday, August 27– St. Monica**

7:00 am- The Smith Family

9:00 am-

**Thursday, August 28– St. Augustine, Bishop  
and Doctor of the Church**

6:00 pm- Blake Schuman

**Friday, August 29– The Passion of St. John the  
Baptist**

7:00 am-

**Saturday, August 30 – Weekday; BVM**

5:00 pm Vigil - † Kenny Donovan

6:30 pm Spanish Vigil Mass-

**Sunday, August 31– Twenty-Second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

8:00 am - Pro Populo

11:00 am- Carolyn & Charles Passarello, Wedding  
Anniversary

2:30 pm Spanish Mass-

## CHURCH MINISTRIES AUGUST 30-31

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:**

I.Reyes, J.Acero, F.Diaz, J.Goedicke, M.Fultz, M.Garcia,  
G.Rodriguez

### SATURDAY – 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

<b>Lector:</b>	A.Antol
<b>Ushers:</b>	A. Antol, J. Lowe, D. Meeks, Volunteer Needed
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>	Mel. Moore (Choir Loft)
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	D. & Y. Chinchilla, Volunteers Needed

### SUNDAY – 8:00 am Mass

<b>Lector:</b>	G.Dawson
<b>Ushers:</b>	R. Donovan, Pt.Davis, B.Adjor, O.Cabading
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>	Pt.Davis (Choir Loft)
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	N., S., & N. Brooks, Volunteers Needed

### SUNDAY – 10:30 am Mass

<b>Lector:</b>	J.Martin
<b>Ushers:</b>	C.Passarello, P.Kammerer, R.Ocasio, H.Nguyen
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>	M.Rebuck (Choir Loft)
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	G. & B. Lopez Colorado, A. & N. Mejia

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

*Thank you for your generosity.*

### Week of August 16-17, 2025

WEEKLY OFFERTORY WITH ENVELOPES AND ALL NON-DESIGNATED CASH	\$5,525.00
WEEKLY OFFERTORY THRU Online Giving	\$3,670.00
HOLY DAY OFFERTORY	\$994.00
* TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERTORY	\$10,189.00 total

Building Fund Donations for the week of  
August 16-17, 2025 thru Offertory Envelopes and Online

Giving is **\$430.00.**

Thank you for your donation!

### BULLETIN AND VESTIBULE HANDOUTS

If you would like to have flyers or  
announcements added to the bulletin or have  
material placed in the church vestibule, please  
submit the information to the church office for  
approval by Fr. Ray. If materials are placed in  
the vestibule before receiving approval, they will  
be removed. Thank you for your cooperation!

Online Giving

In order to help cut cost,  
please consider Online Giving as an option to make  
a donation to our Parish. Visit  
[www.divinereedeemerchurch.org](http://www.divinereedeemerchurch.org) and look for the  
Online Giving button or simply scan the QR Code  
to learn more. The monthly mailings will be  
stopped for those who regularly contribute online.  
All of the envelope categories are available through  
Online Giving on our website. You may call tech  
support at 1-800-348-2886 and they can assist you  
to resolve any problems you may be having with the  
website. May God bless for your prayerful and  
financial support of our Parish and School.



SCAN QR Code TO DONATE ONLINE!

# THE GOOD NEWS: ADVENTURES IN CHRISTIAN CONVERSION

Have you ever gone on a journey to a place you had never visited before?

Remember the excitement, the fear of the unknown?

But you went on your adventure to this new place and loved it.



Maybe you have been thinking about taking this journey towards conversion into the Catholic Faith, but had that fear of the unknown.

Many people have gone on this adventure before you, and some of those people would love to share their experiences with you.

Some of the challenges they encountered on their path to conversion may be similar to the challenges you are facing.

We would like to invite you to come listen to our stories of conversion during the RCIA introductory meeting.

This introductory meeting will be held on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15 AM in the church office.

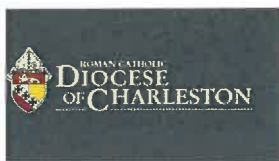
If you have any questions or want more information about the RCIA program at Divine Redeemer, please call:

Deacon Thomas Provost, RCIA Director, at 843.327.5548

Who should look into RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)?

- Anyone not yet baptized.
- Anyone baptized, but not as a Catholic.
- Anyone baptized as a Catholic who did not yet receive First Communion or Confirmation.
- Fully initiated Catholics seeking fuller catechetical knowledge of their Catholic Faith.
- Anyone at all looking to learn more about Christianity.





# YOUNG ADULTS & COLLEGE STUDENTS

Theology on Tap



September 10 , October 15, November 12  
Tommy Condon's Irish Pub | Outdoor Patio |  
7:00-10:00PM | Ages 18-35  
[shillbc93@gmail.com](mailto:shillbc93@gmail.com)



### **WE NEED YOU!!**

Abortions continue to occur weekly in West Ashley. Come learn the peaceful, prayerful method of sidewalk advocacy from Sidewalk Advocates for Life. Help women and men entering the abortion facility to choose life and love for themselves and their baby. We offer a peaceful, prayerful, law-abiding method that is very compassionate and woman oriented. Credited with saving thousands of lives at abortion facilities across the United States and beyond! Our next training in Charleston will be held on Saturday, Sept.13th from 8:30-3:30 at Christ Our King Grace Hall, 1149 Russell Drive, Mt Pleasant. If you would like to learn this method and check out our program, please contact Stasi at 843-345-2769. More information at [sidewalkadvocates.org](http://sidewalkadvocates.org)



Join us for our first

# Charleston Pink & Blue Gala

SEPT **27** 6PM

*Daniel Island Club*

600 Island Park Dr, Charleston, SC 29492

**Discounted Early Bird Tickets on sale starting July 27!**

St. Clare's Home is a maternity home for expectant mothers who choose life and are in need of shelter, safety and security. We are proud to announce the opening of our second location in the Charleston area. Please support the home by joining us for our Pink & Blue Gala. We will have a delicious meal and a live and silent auction.

**Guest Speaker: Sr. Dede Byrne**  
**POSC Superior Washington DC house & Medical Missions.**

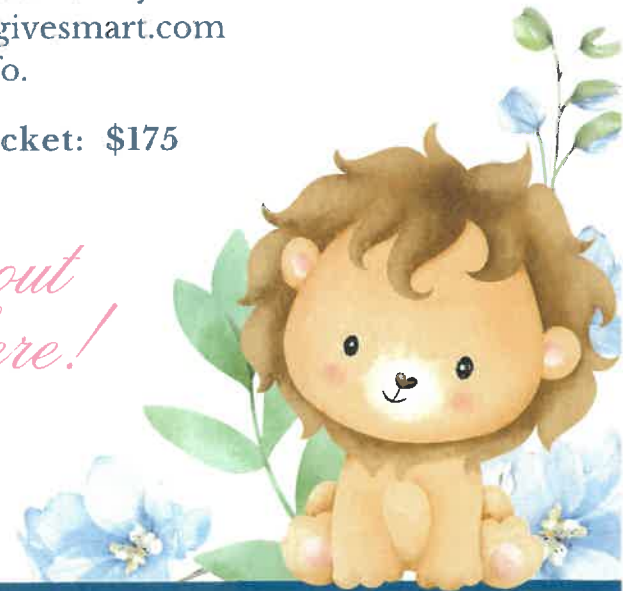
We can't host a successful event without your help! Please consider becoming a sponsor or donating auction items today.

Scan QR code or visit [PBGC2025.givesmart.com](https://PBGC2025.givesmart.com)  
for tickets & more info.

Early Bird: \$150    Regular Ticket: \$175



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Contact Colleen Chmiel for Questions  
[Stclaresvolunteer@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:Stclaresvolunteer@charlestdiocese.org)  
843-259-1108



# C Saint Finbar's Celtic Stomp!

Chesterton Academy of St. Finbar  
welcomes all 7<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> graders to join us for a lively  
evening of traditional Irish folk dancing as we celebrate  
the feast day of our beloved patron!

Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm  
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist Parish Hall  
120 Broad St. Charleston, SC 29401

**Attire: Modest Semi-Formal** (*strictly enforced*)

Girls: covered shoulders, no plunging necklines,  
knee-length or longer dress

Boys: slacks, dress shirt, dress shoes

RSVP using the QR code or at  
[www.stfinbar.org/events/celtic-stomp](http://www.stfinbar.org/events/celtic-stomp)  
Questions? Call Mary Nemeth at 267-664-0904

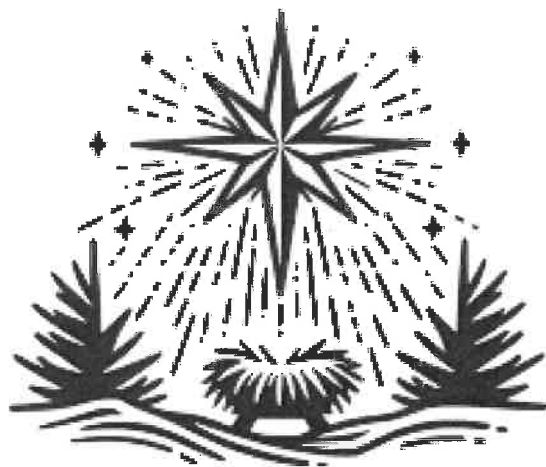


\$5.00 per student

*Light refreshments  
will be served!*



SAVE THE DATE



THE 22<sup>ND</sup> MEPKIN ABBEY CRÈCHE FESTIVAL

NATIVITY IN WOOD  
AND  
WITH WOOD

NOVEMBER 17-22 &  
NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 6, 2025

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REGISTRATION BEGINS OCTOBER 1, 2025  
AT [MEPKINABBHEY.ORG](http://MEPKINABBHEY.ORG)

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TO BE A CRÈCHE VOLUNTEER, CONTACT US AT  
[MEPKINCRECHEVOLUNTEERS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MEPKINCRECHEVOLUNTEERS@GMAIL.COM)