



# DIVINE REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

*Established June 17, 1956*

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Parochial Vicar

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Deacon Jim Baker      Mrs. Beth Martyn, Principal

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 17, 2025

"Jesus wants to set our faith on fire, so we can share His love with zeal."  
(Luke 12)



"Such is the power of great minds, such the light of truly believing souls,  
that Christians put unhesitating **faith** in what is not seen with the bodily  
eye; they fix their desires on what is beyond sight."  
+ St. Leo the Great, pope

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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.

### ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS!

The annual Altar Server Pizza Party 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.



### SAFETY FIRST!

Fr. Ray asks while driving through the church and school parking lot that you:

- Follow the correct traffic pattern flow when entering or exiting the grounds.
- Always adhere to the posted 5MP speed limit.
- Triple check before backing up, even after the weekend masses. Some of us are moving a little slower these days while others are still darting about.

Thank you for helping to keep our church and school families safe.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our next meeting is scheduled for 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.

### CCD 2025-2026

Classes begin on August 17<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for teachers for the upcoming school year. Please prayerfully consider passing the faith onto our parish children. It is important to teach our children to follow Christ or else the world will teach them not to. But we need you to fulfil this calling! Please call the church office for more information!

### ATTENTION PARENTS OF HOMESCHOOLERS

If anyone is homeschooling a child that should receive either the sacrament of First Holy Communion or Confirmation for this school year, please contact the church office as soon as possible.



### 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.

### PLEASE KNOW...

Caddell Hall is used as the cafeteria for the school. Once our new school year begins this month, groups will not have access to Caddell Hall during the week days. This includes the use of the hall for receptions after a funeral mass. Groups scheduled to meet in the evenings after 6:00pm will have access to the hall but only if approved by Fr. Ray through the church office. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## SCAM ALERT

Some members of our parish have received SCAM emails and texts appearing to be from Fr. Ray. These emails/texts are not from our priest. If you receive a suspicious email or text, please do not reply to it. Delete it immediately. Rest assured, no member of our clergy or staff will ever send an email requesting money or gift cards.



## 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 will meet **Thursday evenings at 7pm**, in the parish office conference room. Scan the QR Code to join the DRC Young Adult GroupMe for event updates and information!



## DRCS EAGLES' NOTES SCHOOL IS NOW IN SESSION!

School is in full swing! The School Office hours are Monday thru Friday from 7:30am until 3:30pm. Please keep our school in your prayers as a new school year begins.

## 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.

## EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

### 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 .

### C.A.D.R.E. CATECHIST DAY

Catechists in the Charleston area are invited for a morning of training and networking. Theme: "Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope." (1 Pet 3:15) Facilitator: Elena Ziegler, Diocese of Charleston Board of Catechetical Advisers. Registration fee of \$20 includes morning hospitality. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/CADRECatDay2025> Questions: Email [cathy@charlestdioecese.org](mailto:cathy@charlestdioecese.org) or call 843.261.0504

## 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@charlestdioecese.org](mailto:jflorendo@charlestdioecese.org).

Online **August 21** | 6:30 p.m.  
[janellenapro@gmail.com](mailto:janellenapro@gmail.com)

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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## MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

*Rosary 30 minutes before Mass*

### Saturday, August 16 – St. Stephen of Hungary; BVM

5:00 pm Vigil - † George "Skip" Williams

6:30 pm Spanish Vigil Mass- † Angela Ulloa

### Sunday, August 17– Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am - *Pro Populo*

10:30 am – † Martin & Heddy Litwin

1:00 pm Spanish Mass- Analia Avila-Perez

### Monday, August 18 – Weekday

No Mass or Communion Service

### Tuesday, August 19 – St. John Eudes, Priest

6:00 pm –Tom & Kathy Wright, Wedding

Anniversary

### Wednesday, August 20– St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am- † Anna Sang Thi Nguyen

9:00 am-

### Thursday, August 21– St. Pius X, Pope

6:00 pm- † George "Skip" Williams

### Friday, August 22– The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am-

### 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



In order to help cut cost, please consider Online Giving as an option to make a donation to our Parish. Visit [www.divineredeemerchurch.org](http://www.divineredeemerchurch.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!

## CHURCH MINISTRIES AUGUST 23-24

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:

A.Torres, M.Gutierrez, A.Torres-Escobar, T.Jarez,  
A.Arrazate, S.Asperga

### SATURDAY – 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Lector:	Mer.Moore
Ushers:	A. Antol, J. Lowe, D. Meeks, Volunteer Needed
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	L.Bennett (Choir Loft)
Altar Servers:	G.Alicandu-Sanders, Volunteers Needed

### SUNDAY – 8:00 am Mass

Lector:	S.Sabback
Ushers:	R. Donovan, Pt.Davis, B.Adjor, O.Cabading
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Pt.Davis (Choir Loft)
Altar Servers:	P.Adjor, H.Walker, Volunteers Needed

### SUNDAY – 10:30 am Mass

Lector:	M.Rebuck
Ushers:	C.Passarello, P.Kammerer, R.Ocasio, H.Nguyen
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	J.S.Friedman (Choir Loft)
Altar Servers:	M.Vo, S.&S. Asperga, Volunteer Needed

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

*Thank you for your generosity.*

### Week of August 9-10, 2025

WEEKLY OFFERTORY WITH ENVELOPES AND ALL NON-DESIGNATED CASH	\$5,324.00
WEEKLY OFFERTORY THRU Online Giving	\$2,471.00
HOLY DAY OFFERTORY	\$25.00
* TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERTORY	\$7,820.00 total

Building Fund Donations for the week of  
August 9-10, 2025 thru Offertory Envelopes and Online

Giving is **\$4,544.00.**

Thank you for your donation!

**Due to your generosity, a donation of \$234.60 was sent to the diocesan collection for Disaster Assistance.** The next Diocesan collection, **The Catholic University of America**, will be taken up the weekend of Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. We will send 3% of our Sunday Offertory to the diocese for this purpose in lieu of taking up a second collection. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

# WHAT IS CURSILLO?

**WHAT IS CURSILLO?** The Cursillo (pronounced: Cur-see-yo) de Cristiandad ( Little course in Christianity) is an instrument of renewal which originated in Spain under the direction of Bishop Juan Hervás. It is a highly structured, well thought out method of renewing the faith of individuals and through the individuals, the parishes from which they come and the environment in which they live and work. This renewal is accomplished in cooperation with and under the guidance of the hierarchy and the clergy who themselves participate in the movement.

The movement came to this country in the late 1950s. Since then it has spread to well over half of the dioceses in the world. There are many hundreds of thousands of Cursillistas {persons who have attended a Cursillo) in the United States alone. The movement has also taken root in every continent. The Cursillo has received the blessing of pope Paul VI and the American Hierarchy of Bishops.

## HOW DOES CURSILLO ACCOMPLISH ITS AIMS?

During the three days of a particular Cursillo, priests, brothers and laymen {or nuns and laywomen) live together - study together-communicate with one another to gain a deep, permanent, living awareness of their Faith and of the responsibility that such a deep awareness involves. The Cursillo itself is centered around 15 talk (5 each day) - five given by a priest and ten given by laymen who are part of the "team" composed of men or women who have attended a Cursillo and have had special leadership training in the theology and method of the Cursillo.

After each talk, the men or women discuss the main points of the talk in small groups. The atmosphere in a Cursillo proceeds from the natural means used (talks, discussion, group participation, etc) in combination with the graces sought from the Holy Spirit

## WHO SHOULD MAKE A CURSILLO?

The Cursillo is designed for those Christians who, having been informed of the methods and aims of the Cursillo Movement, believe that the Cursillo can strengthen them in their Faith and bring them closer to Christ in their apostolate. In short, the person who makes a Cursillo should recognize that being a Christian involves responsibility for the apostolic endeavor and should therefore have both the human foundation and moral reserve to accept this responsibility. Men and women over 21 may make a Cursillo. You may make a Cursillo only once in your life, but you are expected to 'build' upon it for the rest of your life. The Cursillo is not a retreat - nor a substitute for a retreat. It does however compliment a retreat. Those who have made a Cursillo usually want to make an annual retreat, and they are encouraged to do so in order to renew their Cursillo resolutions.

## PERSONAL RELEVANCE

Any person wishing spiritual growth who is emotionally and spiritually healthy, will be deeply impressed and pleased with the Cursillo weekend. But there are more lasting values in the Cursillo than just the three day "super weekend".

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

The second, longer lasting joy that the Cursillo offers is the incentive for continuous spiritual growth. This method is a systematic long-range program that offers a sensible, "proven method" for revitalizing the lives of Christians. It is done by what is called a "group reunion" and ultreya". (to be explained shortly)

## HOW DOES IT OPERATE?

The Cursillo mentality thinks it is easier and better for us to grow together rather than trying to grow alone. Usually Cursillo comes to a parish when the pastor and a group of parishioners attend the Cursillo weekend. Afterwards they continue to meet for spiritual formation. The members of the parish are linked together in a spiritually satisfying program that helps them support one another in their attempt to remain Christ-centered. The work of the parish renewal is thereby divided among many people. Apostolic enthusiasm is sustained because the parishioners are linked together in friendship founded on Christ.

## WHAT IS THE THREE DAY WEEKEND ALL ABOUT?

The weekend begins on a Thursday evening and ends on Sunday evening. Fifteen talks are given, ten by laymen and five by priests.

The three days activities are interspersed with laughter, recreation, songs, discussion, prayer and assorted moments of reflection and silence. There is nothing dull about a Cursillo weekend. It is full of work enjoyed in the name of Jesus Christ. It is a joyous workshop in the fundamentals of our beautiful Catholic faith where everyone learns by experiencing a living community.

## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE CURSILLO WEEKEND

The most important contribution that the Cursillo Movement makes to the individual is the follow-up program. This is necessary to give application and method to what is presented on the weekend. It provides the pieces to make the three days of living Christianity, not just a weekend experience, but a lifetime one.

## GROUP REUNION

A group reunion is an informal weekly gathering of three to six friends who share their enthusiastic faith in Jesus Christ. Each person shares his life the areas of prayer, study and action. By

spending about 30 minutes each week in this fashion, we lend support to one another and we sustain apostolic enthusiasm for the most central person in our life - Jesus Christ.

## UTTREYA: PRONOUNCED UL-TRAY-AH

Ultreya is a much larger gathering than the group reunion. This is the gathering of all who have made a Cursillo, from the parish or town. This weekly hour and half meeting to share one's life in Christ builds the Christian community on a wider basis.

## LASTLY

When correctly applied and overseen, the method of Cursillo has very positive results in the spiritual revitalization the parishioners. The influence of Christ on the individual is then transferred to his family, school, place of business, social circle etc. The goal of the Cursillo Movement is to make Christ the Prime Influence in society.

## INTERESTED?

Talk to a friend that has made a Cursillo or ask your church office to help locate a Cursillo community near you. For information on South Carolina Cursillo, check us out at:

<https://charlestdiocese.org/cursillo>

National Cursillo at <https://www.cursillo.org>

## Upcoming Weekends

### FALL 2025 (English)

- Men (#82) Aug. 21-24
- Women (#82) Oct. 23-26

## FINES DE SEMANA DE CURSILLO 2025 (español)

- Hombres (#2) 11-14 de septiembre
- Mujeres (#2) 25-28 de septiembre

**Got some questions or interested? Contact Krista Leopold for more information**

**at [krista\\_leopold@yahoo.com](mailto:krista_leopold@yahoo.com)**

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*Zach, Father of cancer patient, Eliza Cate*

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