



DIVINE REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Established June 17, 1956

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Bishop of Charleston

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Pastor

Reverend Father John Valenzuela, CRS
Parochial Vicar

Deacon Thomas Provost Deacon Jesse Schuman

Deacon Jim Baker Mrs. Beth Martyn, Principal

Gaudete Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025

"What ought we to do?" Let joy and gladness show forth in you. You are called to be the presence of Jesus.
(Luke 3:10-18)



Gaudete Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent in the liturgical calendar, celebrated with joy and marked by the use of rose-colored vestments and candles. It symbolizes a break from the penitential spirit of Advent, reminding believers to rejoice in the nearness of the Lord's coming.

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 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 have begun. 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 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. Members will be marked "Inactive" after 6 months of inactivity and/or failure to use the envelope system or OSV Online Giving.

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

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 rosary, Mass beginning at 6:30pm, and posadas to follow, between December 15-23, to prepare for Our Greatest Gift! A parish Christmas potluck will follow the Mass on December 23rd in Caddell Hall.

CHURCH OFFICE CHRISTMAS

HOLIDAY BREAK



The church office will be closed as of Wednesday, December 24th through Friday, January 2nd, reopening Monday, January 5th at

9:00am. Fr. Ray, Fr. John, Deacon Tom, Deacon Jim, Deacon Jesse, 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 Spanish Mass. On Christmas Day, December 25th, a Mass will be offered at 9:30am in English.

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.

DIAPER DONATIONS NEEDED!!



Please donate all sizes of diapers and wipes to mothers and organizations in need! 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. 3, 2026 at 12pm in Caddell Hall**. Please come out and welcome those who chose life and the organizations that support them!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON THURSDAYS



***There is NO Adoration or Confession on Thursdays for the remainder of December. The schedule will resume after the new year.**

DIVINE REDEEMER YOUTH GROUP



The Youth Group is open to all youth age 13-18yrs. Our next youth group meeting picks up after the New Year. Details coming soon! Contact Deacon Jim at [843.509.1581](tel:843.509.1581) or

jbakerlex2112@gmail.com for more information.

CELEBRATING THE SEASON WITH KOC 6726

The Knights of Columbus Council 6726 will be selling Christmas Trees in the Divine Redeemer School Parking lot. Prices for the 5-6ft trees are \$95 and 7-8ft trees are 105 with Wreaths for \$25. Proceeds from the tree sales will go to Divine Redeemer School and the Wreaths will go to Wreaths Across America. Hours of operation: Saturdays 11am to 7pm, Sundays 1pm to 5pm, M-F 5pm to 8pm.



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 SVPD organization based out of Divine Redeemer Church helps those who live in Hanahan and the North Area.

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! Request prayers for yourself or pray for the requests of others. To join the Prayer Chain, call Nancy Davis at 843.554.6089.





In order to help cut cost, please consider Online Giving as an option to

make a donation to our Parish. Visit 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.



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

***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 for more information.



Young Adult Bible Study

All young adults, +18 yrs. (college), are invited to join the Young Adults Bible Study here at Divine Redeemer! The group meets every **Thursday**

evening 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!



THIS WEEK'S SHORT PRAYER

When we get overwhelmed by life or need help, pray the following. Try to do it at least once a day.

"Send down Your Spirit and renew the face of the earth (from Psalm 104:30)"



DRCS EAGLES' NOTES

DRCS CHRISTMAS BREAK

Christmas break for Divine Redeemer Catholic School begins December 19th with noon dismissal. Students return to class on January 5th.

ANointing OF THE SICK

If you or a family member become homebound or anticipate entering the hospital for major surgery or a prolonged illness, please notify the church office as soon as possible so that the anointing of the sick may be arranged before entering the hospital. The anointing may take place after Mass or in the church office. If at all possible, please do not wait until the situation becomes dire before calling for the Sacrament.



Once the soul has left the body, it is too late. Please know that not all area hospitals provide "Clergy Parking". Fr. Ray does not want to be too late to anoint you or your loved one. Also, remember according to Church Law, the Sacrament is not to be administered multiple times. Once you or your loved one has been anointed for a specific condition, that is all that is required for one's soul.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/ EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

NATIONWIDE MASS TIMES AND LOCATIONS



To help you and your family locate a Catholic Church to attend Mass while vacationing during the Christmas Holidays, please visit www.masstimes.org. May God keep you safe during your travels.

RESPECT FOR LIFE

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion. This retreat offers everyone a place to find peace and closure and strengthen your relationship with God while experiencing God's love, mercy, and forgiveness.

To Register or for Information: Christy 803.554.6088 | Kathy 803.546.6010 or email Grace4Healing@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE...

SCCL Pro-Life Weekend will be January 9-10, 2026, in Columbia at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. This year's featured speaker will be Raymond Arroyo.

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

Rosary 30 minutes before Mass

Saturday, December 13— St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

5:00 pm Vigil- Birthday of Autumn N. Matutina

6:30 pm Spanish Vigil Mass--† *Rafaela Moo-Tec*

Sunday, December 14— Gaudete Sunday

8:00 am --† *Michael Wiggins*

10:30 am - *Pro Populo*

1:00 pm Spanish Mass--† *Josefine Lopez Ademe*

Monday, December 15 – Advent Weekday

(Aguinaldo Novena Begins)

6:30 pm-

Tuesday, December 16– Advent Weekday

6:30 pm – Conversion of Children's Hearts

Wednesday, December 17– Late Advent Weekday

9:00 am-

6:30 pm-† *Anna Sang T. Nguyen*

Thursday, December 18– Late Advent Weekday

6:30 pm-† *Phero Van Thanh*

Friday, December 19– Late Advent Weekday

6:30 pm- *Patrick & Fin Hefferan*

Saturday, December 20– Late Advent Weekday

5:00 pm Vigil- God's Help for Margaret Shannon Lowe

6:30 pm Spanish Vigil Mass--† *Hermelinda Reyes Guadalupe*

Sunday, December 21– Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am – *Pro Populo*

10:30 am -† *Stella Martin*

1:00 pm Spanish Mass--† *Edgar de la Cruz*

CHURCH MINISTRIES DEC. 20-DEC.21

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:

B.Fuentes, M.Garcia, N.Lopez, E.Victoria, S.J.Reese,
J.Servin

SATURDAY – 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Lector:	S.Martin
Ushers:	A. Antol, J. Lowe, D. Meeks, Volunteer Needed
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	M.Ferdinand (Choir Loft)
Altar Servers:	G.Alicandu-Saunders, S.&S.Asperga, Volunteers Needed

SUNDAY – 8:00 am Mass

Lector:	D.Albia
Ushers:	R. Donovan, Pt. Davis B. Adjor, T. Wheaton
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	P.Loeber (Choir Loft)
Altar Servers:	H.Walker, B.Davis, Volunteers Needed

SUNDAY – 10:30 am Mass

Lector:	A.Torres
Ushers:	H. Nguyen, R. Ocasio, C. Feeley
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	J.S.Friedman (Choir Loft)
Altar Servers:	G.&B.Lopez Colorado, A.&N.Mejia

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Thank you for your generosity.

Week of December 6-7, 2025

WEEKLY OFFERTORY WITH ENVELOPES AND ALL NON-DESIGNATED CASH	\$7,710.00
WEEKLY OFFERTORY THRU Online Giving	\$3,692.00
HOLY DAY OFFERTORY	\$764.00
* TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERTORY	\$12,166.00 total

Building Fund Donations for the week of
December 6-7, 2025, thru Offertory Envelopes and

Online Giving is **\$2,292.00.**

Thank you for your donation!



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY TRAVEL PLANS?



When you are away, your parish's debts and expenses continue. Your donations are needed to help us fulfill our financial obligations.

Please have any missed envelopes caught up. May God bless and keep you safe during the Christmas Holiday season.



PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul and for the consolation of the family and friends of **William Buck**, long-time parishioner of Divine Redeemer. May he now rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.

Pregnant Blessed Mother





SUNDAYKIDZ

3rd Sunday of Advent

Y N D N K M D I N G
P E P R O P H E T R
A W W A L K K C F E
I S V X B V A L I A
I G I R L Q P E C T
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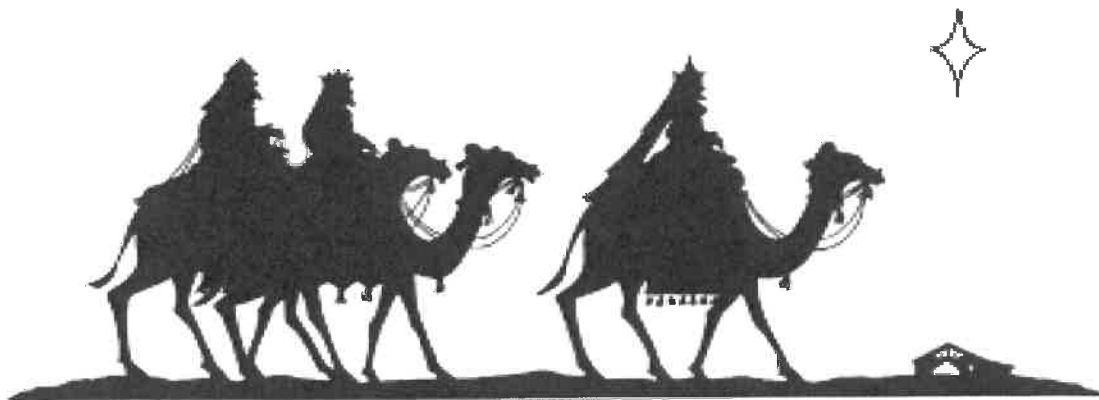
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Raise News Blessed Prophet Greater

Please join Divine Redeemer Women's Club at the annual
Epiphany Baby Shower and Lunch
Jan. 3, 2026 , at 12pm, 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 diapers and wipes to the prolife organization and
mother's in need. 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, including the Low
Country Pregnancy Center, St. Clares Home, and Florence Critton
Home, at the Epiphany Baby Shower.

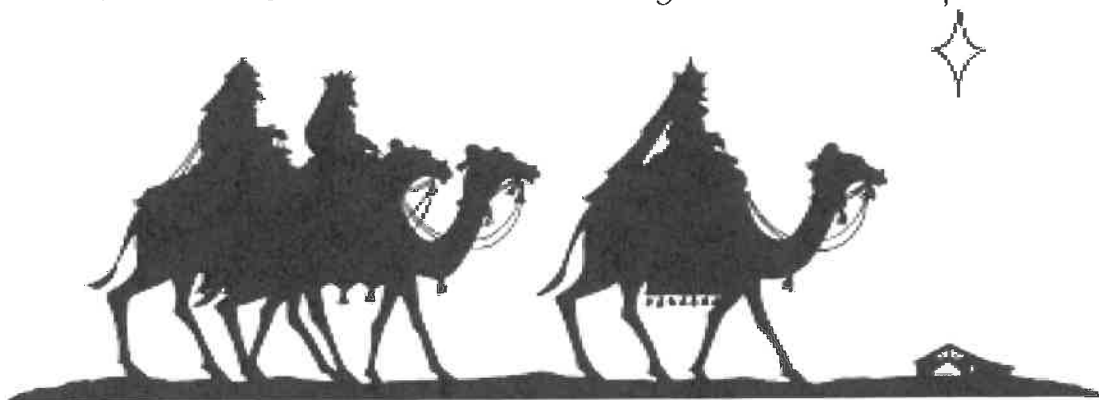


¡Únase al Club de Mujeres del Divino Redentor en el
Almuerzo y Baby Shower Anual de Epifanía!
03 de Enero de 2026, a las 12pm, en la Cafetería!

Los tres Reyes Magos visitaron al niño Jesús, llevando regalos para render homenaje al Rey recién nacido. Sigamos su ejemplo de dar para honrar a las madres, a los bebés y a quienes les ofrecen apoyo!

Por favor, done pañales y toallitas húmedas a la organización provída y a las madres necesitadas. Coloque los artículos donados en la caja situada en el vestíbulo de la iglesia o tráígalos con usted a la celebración.

*Los artículos se entregarán a nuestros invitados de honor, entre los que se encuentran el Low Country Pregnancy Center, St. Clares Home y Florence Critton Home, en el Baby Shower de la Epifanía.



SUPPORT THE Solidarity Fund for the CHURCH IN AFRICA

We live our Catholic faith with a deep understanding of ourselves as pilgrims walking together and helping one another through life. From biblical times to our present day, Catholics have always visited holy sites, shrines, and other places significant in the history and life of the Church. In walking and praying together at these sites, Catholic pilgrims experience unity with Christ, with one another, and with the Church today and throughout history in a deeper way.

During the first week of Lent, in early March 2024, approximately 1,000 Catholics from across the Diocese of Gbarnga in Liberia in west Africa went on a pilgrimage to the site of the people's first encounter with Catholic missionaries in the town of Saclepea, Liberia. By retracing the footsteps of those 19th-century missionaries, these pilgrims connected with their history while also deepening their call to build upon this legacy today.

This special event was made possible by a grant from the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, which helped provide food and accommodations for the pilgrims and liturgical furnishings for Masses and confessions. Throughout Africa, your donations to the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, a program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, help African Catholics continue the work of evangelization and building up the Church that began with those first missionaries.

Please be generous through the offertory collection envelope or your parish's e-offertory platform. To learn more about the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, visit www.usccb.org/africa.



2023 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

PERCENTAGES HAVE BEEN ROUNDED OFF TO THE
NEAREST ONE HUNDREDTH AND SO MAY NOT TOTAL EXACTLY 100%.



Total Grants: 75

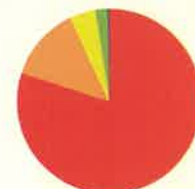
Total Granted: \$2,108,250

PROGRAM AREA	NUMBER OF GRANTS	GRANT AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Construction/Renovation	10	\$412,600	19.57%
Leadership Formation	16	\$380,850	18.06%
Church Capacity Support	14	\$301,300	14.29%
Vocations	4	\$170,000	8.06%
Communications	5	\$169,100	8.02%
Evangelization	7	\$157,000	7.45%
Justice and Peace	6	\$155,300	7.37%
Religious Education and Catholic Schools	4	\$116,000	5.50%
Child Protection	4	\$103,100	4.89%
Clergy/Religious Continuing Education	3	\$94,000	4.46%
Youth Ministry	2	\$49,000	2.32%

*CONSTRUCTION GRANTS PRIMARILY FUND REHABILITATION AND RENOVATION OF EXISTING, DETERIORATED STRUCTURES.

EXPENSES

Grants and Donations	\$2,110,175	73.39%
Program Costs	\$510,169	17.74%
Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	\$158,843	5.52%
Administrative Expenses	\$95,998	3.34%



Total Expenses \$2,875,185



SOLIDARITY FUND FOR THE CHURCH IN AFRICA

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APOYE AL Fondo de Solidaridad PARA LA IGLESIA EN AFRICA

Vivimos nuestra fe católica con un profundo conocimiento de nosotros mismos como peregrinos que caminan unidos y que se ayudan unos a otros a lo largo de la vida. Desde tiempos bíblicos hasta el presente, los católicos siempre han visitado lugares sagrados, santuarios y otros lugares importantes en la historia y en la vida de la Iglesia. Al caminar y orar juntos en estos lugares, los peregrinos católicos han vivido profundamente una unidad con Cristo, entre sí y con la Iglesia, hoy, y a lo largo de la historia.

Durante la primera semana de Cuaresma, a principios del mes de marzo del 2024, aproximadamente 1,000 católicos de la Diócesis de Gbarnga, Liberia, en África Occidental, hicieron un peregrinaje al lugar en donde ocurrió el primer encuentro con misioneros católicos en el pueblo de Saclepea, en Liberia. Estos peregrinos, al recordar el camino que tomaron esos misioneros en el siglo XIX, lograron conectarse con su historia y, al mismo tiempo, profundizaron su llamado para hoy seguir construyendo sobre este legado.

Este singular evento fue posible gracias a una subvención del Fondo de Solidaridad para la Iglesia en África, con la cual se brindó alimentos y hospedaje a los peregrinos, así como todo lo necesario para las liturgias en las Misas y para las confesiones. En todo el continente africano, sus donativos al Fondo de Solidaridad para la Iglesia en África, programa de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos, ayuda a los africanos católicos a continuar con su labor de evangelización y seguir edificando la Iglesia que empezaron esos primeros misioneros.

Por favor, sean generosos a través del sobre de colecta en el ofertorio o en la plataforma electrónica de su parroquia. Para informarse más acerca del Fondo de Solidaridad de la Iglesia en África, visiten www.usccb.org/africa.



DISTRIBUCIÓN DE LAS SUBVENCIONES EN EL 2023

LOS PORCENTAJES SE HAN REDONDEADO AL CÉNTSIMO MÁS CERCANO, POR LO CUAL ES POSIBLE QUE NO SUMEN EXACTAMENTE 100%.

Total de subvenciones: 75

Cantidad otorgada: \$2,108,250

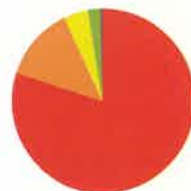
ÁREA DE PROGRAMA	TOTAL DE SUBVENCIONES	CANTIDAD OTORGADA	PORCENTAJE
Construcción /renovación	10	\$412,600	19.57%
Formación de liderazgo	16	\$380,850	18.06%
Apoyo para la capacidad de la Iglesia	14	\$301,300	14.29%
Vocaciones	4	\$170,000	8.06%
Comunicaciones	5	\$169,100	8.02%
Evangelización	7	\$157,000	7.45%
Paz y justicia	6	\$155,300	7.37%
Educación religiosa y escuelas católicas	4	\$116,000	5.50%
Protección del niño	4	\$103,100	4.89%
Educación continua para clero/religiosos	3	\$94,000	4.46%
Pastoral juvenil	2	\$49,000	2.32%

*LOS SUBSIDIOS PARA LA CONSTRUCCIÓN FINANCIAN PRINCIPALMENTE LA REHABILITACIÓN Y RENOVACIÓN DE ESTRUCTURAS EXISTENTES Y DETERIORADAS.

GASTOS

Subvenciones y donaciones	\$2,110,175	73.39%
Costos del programa	\$510,169	17.74%
Gastos de promoción y recaudación de fondos	\$158,843	5.52%
Gastos administrativos	\$95,998	3.34%

Total de gastos \$2,875,185



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