



DIVINE REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Established June 17, 1956

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Parochial Vicar

Deacon Thomas Provost Deacon Jesse Schuman

Deacon Jim Baker Mrs. Beth Martyn, Principal

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Word of God Sunday January 25, 2026

After the time of His prayer and fasting in the desert, Jesus begins to call the Twelve. We must be students of prayer that we can hear the same call given to Peter, James, and John.
(Matthew 4:20)



This Sunday emphasizes the theme of **light overcoming darkness**, reflecting on how God brings hope and guidance even in difficult times. It also marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, inviting others to join in spreading His message. Pope Francis has designated this Sunday as a special day to renew our commitment to discipleship.

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.

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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

CANDLEMAS BLESSING OF CANDLES

The Feast of Candlemas, exactly 40 days after Christmas, commemorates Mary's obedience to the Mosaic law by submitting herself to the Temple for the ritual purification, as commanded in Leviticus.

The Feast of the Purification is called Candlemas for the traditional blessing and distribution of candles on that day. It is customary to bring candles from home to be blessed -- at least 51% beeswax candles that one uses for devotional purposes (candles for the family altar, Advent candles, etc.) -- so they can be lit after dusk on All Saints' Day (1 November), during the Sacrament of Unction, and during storms and times of trouble

Join us as we celebrate the Feast of The Presentation of The Lord with Candlemas! Bring your candle to **Mass at 6pm on Feb. 2nd** for blessing of candles by Fr. Ray.

BLESSING OF THE THROATS

In honor of the feast day of St. Blaise, Fr. Ray will perform the blessing of the throats **Tuesday, February 3rd, following the 6pm Mass**. The blessing dates back to the eight century and celebrates St. Blaise miraculously saving a choking boy. Candles were said to have been used during the miracle and were used while Blaise was in prison. Today, many faithful come for their blessing, invoking the saint's protection against throat illnesses. *St. Blaise Pray For Us!*

FEAST OF ST. JEROME EMILIANI : MASS AND BREAKFAST

Fr. Ray invites you to join him in a special Mass honoring St. Jerome Emiliani, the founder of The Clerks Regular of Somasca, who are dedicated to the care of orphans and the education of the youth. Jerome died in 1537 from a disease he caught while tending the sick. He was canonized in 1767. In 1928, Pius XI named him the patron of orphans and abandoned children.

Join us **Saturday, Feb. 7th beginning with the First Saturday Novena at 9am, followed by Mass at 10am**. Attendees are invited to join us in Caddell Hall for a potluck breakfast following Mass.

"One morning, we were twenty-eight at St. Magdalene Hospital and we were praying. Since we had nothing to eat, Father Jerome told us, "Do not doubt, my sons, the Lord will take care!" And while he was still praying, we heard the doorbell ring. They went to open the door. A person wanted to see Father Jerome. He went to the door and came back with four loaves of bread...he fed all twenty-eight of us with only those four loaves and fresh water because he did not have anything else. And everybody had enough. And the father kept saying we had to eat cheerfully because the Lord would never abandon us." ~Eyewitness testimony

OUR LADY OF LOURDES: ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In honor of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Fr. Ray will offer the Anointing of the Sick on Wednesday, February 11th following the 7am and 9am Masses. This sacrament of healing to those who are seriously ill, elderly, or those facing death, providing spiritual strength, peace, and forgiveness with potential physical healing if it aligns with God's will.

WOMEN'S CLUB BAKE SALE



Our Women's Club will be having a Valentine's Bake Sale after the Masses on February 14th and 15th. Be sure that you stop by and pick up a tasty treat to take home to your family. If you would like to donate your homemade delicious baked goods, please bring them to Church before 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.

Fr. Ray or Fr. John are available for Confession during Adoration. See the monthly interactive calendar on our parish website for the updates and cancellations.

DIVINE REDEEMER YOUTH GROUP



The Youth Group is open to all youth age 13-18yrs. Contact Deacon Jim at [843.509.1581](tel:843.509.1581) or jbakerlex2112@gmail.com for more information.

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.



CHRIST LIFE:

DISCOVER THE MEANING OF YOUR LIFE

Divine Redeemer Church is partnering with St John's in North Charleston for a Lenten Journey of 7 Discovering Christ Sessions beginning Feb 17th. Consider joining this beautiful learning experience as we grow closer to Christ together. Visit our website site, under the Ministries tab for more information.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

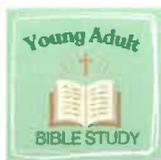
The next PPC meeting is January 27th at 6:45pm in the parish conference room. If you would like to share your ideas for our parish and work alongside our pastor, join us! Please call the church office for more information!



ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES!

***Join us, as we reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings! The group meets at **11am, Friday mornings** 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!



2025 TAX LETTERS

To reduce cost, the church office will not automatically send out tax letters for 2025. Please call the church office at 843.553.0340 or email office@divineredeemerchurch.org if you wish to receive a tax letter. We will be happy to provide it for you. **Online givers can download tax information from the OSV website, under the "My Account" tab.**

AROUND THE DIOCESE/ EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Young Adult Mass

Come join together with other young adults all across Charleston for fellowship and faith on Wednesday, January 28 2026 at Christ Our King Catholic Church in Mt. Pleasant, SC. We will have Mass, Adoration, Confession, and a social after with food and fellowship! We hope you can make it!

6pm Adoration and Confession
7pm Mass with Fr. Libin & Fr. Dyas
8pm Social with food and games

Grow in faith and community as young adults here in Charleston, South Carolina!

Attention All Women!

You are invited to the annual Belonging Catholic Women's Conference. Bring your friends, sisters, moms and daughters! We have an exciting nationally known speaker, Barbara Heil. Convert and Evangelist. We also have over 20 workshops. And our wonderful vendors!! Mass, Music, and Catered Box Lunch all included for one low price. Registration is happening now! Join us! Sat. Feb. 28 8:30-5:00 at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Greenville. For more info or to register: <http://www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/Belonging>



DRCS EAGLES' NOTES

DRCS Educational

Opportunity Announcement

We would like to share an exciting educational opportunity for families considering Divine Redeemer School. Registration has begun, qualifying families may apply for the **Education Scholarship Trust Fund (ESTF)**, a state-funded scholarship of **\$7,600 per student** to support tuition and educational expenses. This opportunity is available to students who: Have a **parent or guardian on active military duty stationed in South Carolina**, Come from households with an **income at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level**, or **Attended a public school last year**. This scholarship can make a Catholic education at Divine Redeemer School more accessible for many families.

RESPECT FOR LIFE

Save the date! Divine Redeemer joins the 40Days for Life campaign! Join us March 22nd and pray to end abortion and for expecting mothers!

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

Rosary 30 minutes before Mass

Saturday, January 24– St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

5:00 pm Vigil- † George & Aline Williams

6:30 pm Spanish Vigil Mass-† Rosa Avila Barrios

Sunday, January 25– Word of God Sunday

8:00 am –Pro Populo

10:30 am – † 1st Death Anniversary of Ayah Abukhomra

1:00pm Spanish Mass- Parishioners of Divine Redeemer

Monday, January 26–St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops

No Mass or Communion Service

Tuesday, January 27– St. Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder

6:00 pm – † Tho Trinh

6:00 pm – † Eleuterio De Ocampo

Wednesday, January 28– St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am- † Michael Wiggins

Thursday, January 29– Weekday

6:00 pm- † John Callison

Friday, January 30– Weekday

7:00 am- † George “Skip” Williams

Saturday, January 31– St. John Bosco, Priest

5:00 pm Vigil- † Dr. Carium Joseph

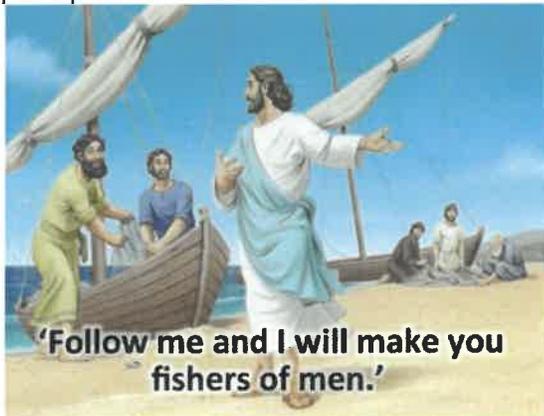
6:30 pm Spanish Vigil Mass-

Sunday, February 1– Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am –Pro Populo

10:30 am – † Thomas Wheaton, Jr.

1:00pm Spanish Mass-



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

Welcome to the following families who registered with our parish during the month of January: Victoria, Acala, Bermudez, Boyer, De la Cruz Cano, Perez, Vifuentes Aguilar, Aguilar Ramirez. We also wish to welcome our newest members of our parish family in faith: Sophia Osorio Perez, Amayanelis, Alondra, Analia Perez Avila, Brihana Menoza Garcia, Gretel Mendoz Garcia, Olivia Autumn Smith, and Sophia Isabel Lara who were baptized during the month of January.



CHURCH MINISTRIES JAN. 31-FEB.1

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:

F.Diaz, O.Velazquez, J.Goedicke, N.Servin, P.Guzman,
G.Perez-Brigada

SATURDAY – 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Lector:	M. Anderson
Ushers:	A. Antol, J. Lowe, D. Meeks, Volunteer Needed
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	M. Ferdinand (Choir Loft)
Altar Servers:	C. & E. Anderson, Volunteers Needed

SUNDAY – 8:00 am Mass

Lector:	A.Lowe
Ushers:	R. Donovan, O.Cabading B.Adjor, T. Wheaton
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	D.Albia (Choir Loft)
Altar Servers:	J. & S. Hagberg, Volunteers Needed

SUNDAY – 10:30 am Mass

Lector:	P.Walker
Ushers:	C.Feeley, P.Kammerer, C.Passarello, H.Nguyen, R. Ocasio
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	J.S.Friedman (Choir Loft)
Altar Servers:	C., T., & B. Stuart, Volunteer Needed

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Thank you for your generosity.

Week of Jan. 17-18,2026

WEEKLY OFFERTORY WITH ENVELOPES AND ALL NON-DESIGNATED CASH	\$6,019.00
WEEKLY OFFERTORY THRU Online Giving	\$3,872.00
HOLY DAY OFFERTORY	\$150.00
* TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERTORY	\$10,041.00 total

Building Fund Donations for the week of
January 17-18, 2026, thru Offertory Envelopes and

Online Giving is **\$563.00.**

Thank you for your donation!

Our next collection will be taken up this weekend for Church in Latin America.

Thank you for your generosity!



PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls and for the consolation of the families and friends of **Amy Goedicke, Wayne Jacobs, Phero Tran Van Binh, Giuse Nguyen Van Chuong, and Eleuterio De Ocampo** who passed away last weekend. May they now rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.



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Thomas Aquinas came from a wealthy Italian ruling family in the 13th century. At age five, he was sent to a Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in hopes that someday he would be abbot. But King Frederick III sent his troops to occupy the monastery as a fortress. Thomas then transferred to the University of Naples, where he came into contact with the Dominicans. Their life of prayer and study fascinated him, and he was determined to join them. His family was shocked that Thomas would join a group of poor friars. His mother sent his brothers after him. They kidnapped and imprisoned him for more than a year at a family castle. Nothing would shake his resolution to enter the

Dominicans. Finally, Thomas's family gave up on discouraging him from becoming a priest, and in 1244, he joined the order.

Thomas studied under Albert the Great. In class, his silence during discussions and his large size earned him the nickname "the dumb ox." Thomas became well known for his writings in philosophy and theology. His most famous work, the *Summa Theologiae*, contains five volumes of thought on all the Christian mysteries. It is said that no one has equaled the depth of understanding and clear reasoning that Thomas showed. His love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament led him to write prayers and hymns that are still used to honor the Eucharist.

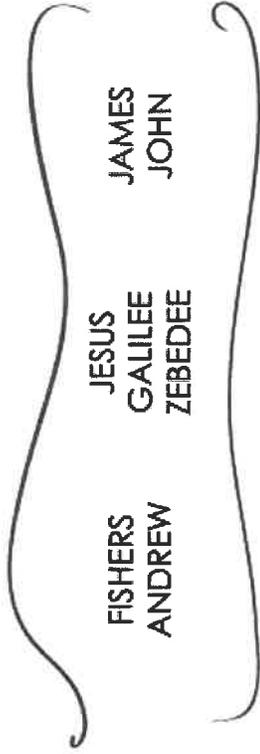
But this brilliant man was very humble. He knew that all his gifts came from God. While celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273, he received a revelation from God. After that, he stopped writing. He said that all he had written was so much straw after what he had seen in the revelation. Thomas died at age 49 on his way to the Council of Lyons, France. Pope Gregory X had asked him to come. Saint Thomas Aquinas is a Doctor of the Church and patron of Catholic schools.



The Sunday Color Pages



Use the word bank to find the words
in the square below!



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Jesus said to them,
"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE

*Marriage
Anniversary
Mass*

SUN

15
FEB

10AM

with Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS

PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST CHURCH
1633 Waverly Rd
Pawleys Island, SC 29585

PLEASE REGISTER

<https://tinyurl.com/2026MarriageMass>

For more info: familylife@charlestdiocese.org

