



DIVINE REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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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

Second Sunday of Lent March 1, 2026

"Rise, and do not be afraid." So many experience fear or trepidation when called to the priesthood and/or religious life. God strengthens those who are called if they but respond with a generous heart.
(Matthew 5:38-48)



"The Eucharist is a never-ending sacrifice. It is the Sacrament of love, the supreme love, the act of love."
+ St. Katharine Drexel

Divine Redeemer Catholic Church Vision/Mission Statement

Guided by the Holy Spirit, Divine Redeemer Church envisions that by 2030 we will be a community steadfast in proclaiming the Gospel, deeply formed in catechesis, fully engaged in the celebration of the Sacraments and liturgies, growing in our service to the people of God with a profound sense of mission as disciples of Christ the Redeemer.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Saturday 3:30 – 4:30pm in the Church, during Adoration on FRIDAYS during Lent at 6:00pm, and by appointment only during church office hours.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA): 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

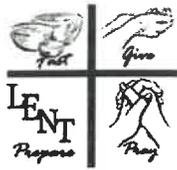
Active members of our parish are identified by their generosity of time, talent and treasure. Stewardship at is determined by:

- 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.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

FAST AND ABSTINENCE



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. The Church encourages us to observe the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

LENTEN SCHEDULE



On Fridays during Lent, Mass on Fridays are at 5pm (Moved from 7am), Stations of the Cross will be at 5:30pm.

Eucharistic Adoration will begin at 6:00pm, followed by Via Crucis at 7:00pm. Fr. Ray will be available to hear confessions from 6:00pm to 7:00pm during Adoration.

**With the exception of March 20th - Mass is at 7am, Adoration and Confessions will be Thursday, March 19th at 6:30pm. Stations of the Cross are Friday, March 20th at 6:30pm and Via Crucis is at 7:30pm. Knights of Columbus Fish Fry in Caddell Hall on March 20th from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Please continue to regularly check our calendar at www.divineredeemerchurch.org!

FR. RAY AND FR. JOHN ARE WALKING WITH YOU THIS LENT!

Fr. Ray and/or Fr. John are available for you to schedule confession during your Lenten journey!

***March 4th, 18th, & 20th from 9am-12pm.

***March 6th, 10th, 12th, 24th, & 26th from 2pm-4:30pm.

*Please call the church office to confirm times. Additional times maybe available.



Please remember Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 8th. Don't forget to "Spring Forward"!

Keep in Touch with Divine Redeemer!

Did you miss the important weather updates? Keep in touch with us for Mass times, weather cancellations, ministry updates, & more delivered to your phone or inbox! Join DRCC Flock Note! Text DRC29410 to 84576 or sign up online by visiting our parish website, www.divineredeemerchurch.org

CCD SACRAMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

Divine Redeemer Church requires a two-year program for sacramental preparation for children receiving their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Year One and Two FHC will be grades 1st and 2nd. Confirmation Year One and Two will be grades 7th and 8th. Families are to be registered active contributing members of the parish are registered with the parish by the end of April 2026 to register their children for either the English CCD Program or the Spanish CCD Program. **The program is for families who are registered with the parish by the end of April 2026 and regularly participating in the envelope system.**

DIVINE REDEEMER YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group is open to all youth age 13-18yrs. Contact Deacon Jim at 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.



LAST CALL!!! 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 have begun, but it's not too late to join! Consider participating in this beautiful learning experience as we grow closer to Christ together. Visit our website site, under the Ministries tab 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.

WHEN IN DOUBT, GIVE US A SHOUT...

The use of the offertory envelopes is the only way to verify weekly Mass attendance and that **you are a registered and active member of our parish**. This will help to avoid any possible misunderstandings when planning baptisms, marriages, or when you have a special request of the parish. Please call the church office if you are not currently receiving your monthly offertory envelopes. We'll be happy to look into it for you!

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.

"Lord help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that You and I together can't handle. Amen."



DRCS EAGLES' NOTES WALL OF ENVELOPES FUNDRAISER!

Please consider supporting our school by participating in the Wall of Envelopes Fundraiser! You may drop your donation in the offertory basket or bring it by the school office. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

HOME AND SCHOOL FOOD SALE FUNDRAISER!

HAS Food Sale is coming soon!! Please purchase delicious homemade treats from our school parents the weekend of March 14th and 15th. Thank you for supporting Catholic education!

AROUND THE DIOCESE/ EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FISH FRYS



The Knights Annual Fish Frys are coming up! Knights of Columbus Council 6726 will be at St John's February 20 and 27th and at **Divine Redeemer March 13th and 20th, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm** on all dates. We will serve Fried Fish, Fries, our famous Hushpuppies, coleslaw, and bottled water. The Women's Clubs will provide tasty desserts.

Take Out or Dine in will be \$15/person with profits shared between the Knights and the Women's Clubs.

For more info please TEXT Alan Chambers at 843-513-7394

HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

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 the North Area.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Everyone, Irish or not, is invited to join the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Knights of Columbus and the South Carolina Irish Historical Society in celebrating a family-friendly St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday, March 17th. Festivities begin at 8:00 am with Mass at St. Patrick's Church, 134 St. Philip Street. The Parade begins at 10:00 am at King & Radliffe Streets proceeding down King Street and ending at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.

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!

A MOST PRECIOUS GIFT...

"Man's life comes from God; it is His gift, His image and imprint, a sharing in His breath of life. God therefore is the sole Lord of this life: man cannot do with it as he wills."

– St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

Rosary 30 minutes before Mass

Saturday, February 28– Lenten Weekday

5:00 pm Vigil- † Karen Fulcher

-† Anthony Cayetano

6:30 pm Spanish Vigil Mass-

Sunday, March 1– Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am – Pro Populo

10:30 am – † Amy Goedicke

1:00pm Spanish Mass- † Gladys Jimenez

Monday, March 2–Lenten Weekday

No Mass or Communion Service

Tuesday, March 3– St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

6:00 pm – † Abraham Francisco

Wednesday, March 4– St. Casimir

7:00 am- † Phero Vo Van Thanh

9:00 am- † 9th B-Day blessings Carlos Valenzuela

Thursday, March 5– Lenten Weekday

6:00 pm- † Roy Anthony Ross

Friday, March 6– Lenten Weekday

***Abstinence**

5:00 pm- † Phero Vo Van Thanh

Saturday, March 7– Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

9:00 am - † Nora Barrosa

5:00 pm Vigil- The Smith Family

6:30 pm Spanish Vigil Mass-

Sunday, March 8– Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 am – † Macario Ampo

10:30 am – Pro Populo

1:00pm Spanish Mass-



PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul and for the consolation of the family and friends of **Ms. Gladys Jimenez**, aunt of long-time parishioner and staff member of Divine Redeemer Church, who passed. May she now rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon her. Amen.



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.



CHURCH MINISTRIES MARCH 7-MARCH 8

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:

J.Acero, J.Servin, F.Altuzar, M.Garcia, K.Escobar Perez, E.Perez Avila, N.Martinez

SATURDAY – 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

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

SUNDAY – 8:00 am Mass

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

SUNDAY – 10:30 am Mass

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

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Thank you for your generosity.

Week of Feb.14-Feb.15,2026

WEEKLY OFFERTORY WITH ENVELOPES AND ALL NON-DESIGNATED CASH	\$4,976.00
WEEKLY OFFERTORY THRU Online Giving	\$2,960.00
HOLY DAY OFFERTORY	\$25.00
* TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERTORY	\$7,961.00 total

Building Fund Donations for the week of **Feb. 14-Feb.15, 2026**, thru Offertory Envelopes and Online Giving is **\$352.00**.

Thank you for your donation!

Due to your generosity, \$53.85 was sent to the Diocese for **Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**, and for **Black and Indian Missions**, \$300.99 was sent. Thank you for your generosity!!

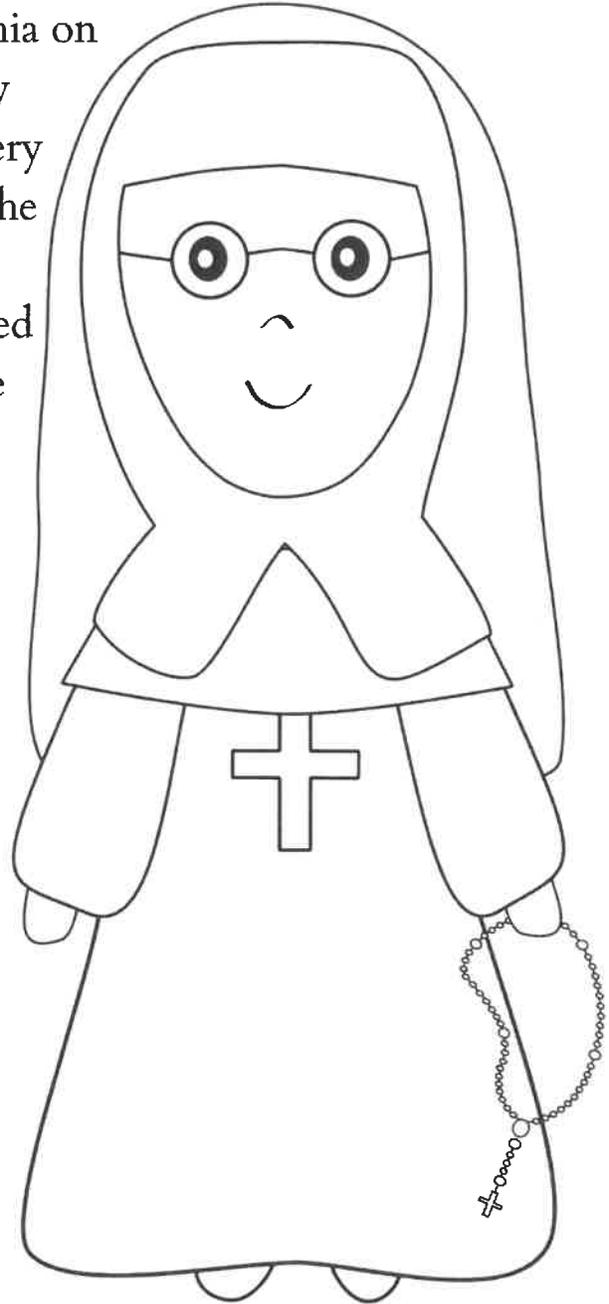
St. Katharine Drexel

Who was St. Katharine Drexel?

Katharine was born in Philadelphia on November 16, 1858, to a wealthy family. The Drexel family was very devout in their faith, practicing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. In 1884, Katharine traveled to the Western states and saw the poor situation of the Native Americans. She desperately wanted to help them. She joined the Sisters of Mercy and gave all her inheritance to establish schools and missions for Native and African Americans. She died in 1955 at age 96, and was canonized in 2000.

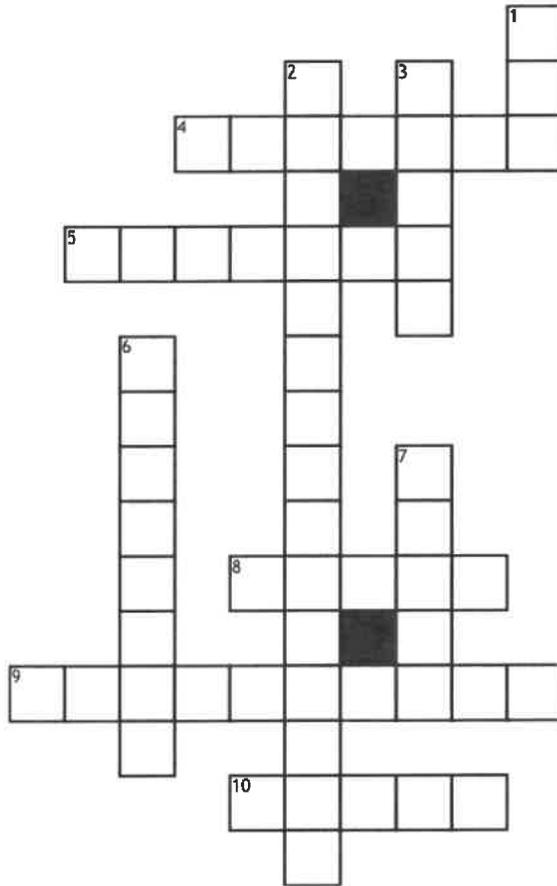
Feast Day: March 3

Patron Saint: philanthropists,
racial justice



Name: _____ Date: _____

2nd Sunday in Lent



Across

4. He offered his only son as a sacrifice to God.
5. "If God is for us, who can be _____ us?"
8. God always keeps his promises, if we _____ in him.
9. The disciples were _____.
10. _____ also appeared to the disciples atop the mountain.

Down

1. Abraham replaced his son Isaac with this animal as a sacrifice to God.
2. When Jesus revealed himself to the disciples
3. Jesus' clothes became this color during the transfiguration.
6. Jesus led Peter, James and John up a high _____.
7. Jesus tells the disciples to keep what they saw a secret until the "Son of Man had _____ from the dead"



Date: April 1, 2026

Time: Event 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Breakdown 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Charleston Area Convention Center

The MUSC Center for Healthy Aging Senior Expo is the perfect opportunity for Seniors and their Caregivers to navigate the complex world of Senior Care in Charleston and for your organization to share the benefits of your products and services with hundreds of seniors.

Now in our 6th year, our over 800 attendees have come from all over the tri-county area and beyond. Charleston Seniors and their caregivers have explored our tips for healthy aging and found many resources available to them such as special Library services at the College of Charleston, volunteer opportunities with Let's Walk, and many more!

Attendees get help navigating the many choices of facilities: Assisted Living, Independent Living, Hospice, Home Care. Health Insurance, Medicare, hearing, and mobility assistance questions are addressed.

Advice on financial planning, wills and trusts, and veterans benefits can also be found.

Many local providers including MUSC physicians, researchers will be on-site to offer complimentary health screenings, including fall risk assessments, blood pressure, and glucose.

The MUSC Healthy Aging Expo will also feature live, interactive demonstrations throughout the day like chair yoga, Qigong, dancing and cooking. MUSC PT and OT students will be available throughout the day to help attendees maximize their visit!

Admission and parking are free and there will be parking lot shuttles.

DRCS NEWSLETTER

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NEWS

WELCOME TO DRCS!

Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is now open! Secure your spot before we reach capacity and explore financial aid options, including DRS Financial Aid, ESTF, and First Steps. Scan the QR code for more information.



PLAYGROUND & TRAILER UPDATES



Exciting improvements are underway at our school! Our playground is being upgraded to support safe play, physical development, and joyful connection – key elements of a well-rounded Catholic education. At the same time, classroom trailers are being refurbished to ensure every learning space reflects the excellence and care that define our school.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2026

Catholic Schools Week was a tremendous success, filled with faith-filled activities, classroom celebrations, and community engagement. It was a joyful reminder of the strength of Catholic education in Charleston and the blessing of being part of this mission.

OUR STUDENTS

ENRICHMENT CLUBS

Through our partnership with the Charleston International Music School, 40 students are actively developing their skills in piano, guitar, and violin, while 12 additional students are thriving in the Drama Club through our collaboration with Drama Kids International. Together, these programs enrich our students' academic, artistic, and personal development.



ACADEMIC GROWTH

Our students demonstrated strong academic growth this year. In Reading, nearly half of our students are performing above grade level. In Math, the number of students performing at advanced levels increased significantly. We are proud of their hard work and continued progress! – (based on MAP results).

DRS EAGLES!

Our first basketball season of 2026 brought enthusiasm, teamwork, and school spirit to our community! Students demonstrated discipline, perseverance, and sportsmanship both on and off the court.

ARCHERY TEAM

Our season has come to an end, and our students truly enjoyed and grew through this sport. One student is advancing to the regional level – we'll be cheering him on!

DRS CHOIR

Our students represented the school beautifully at the St. Catherine Art Expo, showcasing both musical talent and joyful faith. Their performance reflected the confidence and preparation nurtured within our community.

ESSAY WINNERS!

Our Middle School students participated in the Fleet Reserve Association's annual essay contest, themed "America at 250 Years: What Does It Mean to Me?" We are proud to share that three of our students were recognized as winners.

AMAZING VICTORIES!

- 179 students enrolled (91% retention; 63% increase from 2021)
- Stabilized budget and funded capital improvements
- Renovated lower courtyard with flexible play equipment
- Replaced 5 HVAC units and addressed campus maintenance
- Established teacher salary scale and improved retention
- Expanded technology and updated classroom resources, furniture, and library
- Launched STEM Lab for all students
- Expanded tutoring, intervention, and ELL support
- Implemented campus-wide security upgrades.



We raised an incredible \$23,722.04 through our fundraisers – thank you for making it possible!

DON'T MISS THIS!

● ENROLLMENT SEASON IS OPEN!

● MARCH 14 & 15
HSA Food Sale

● APRIL 17
DRS Fun Run

● MAY 8
DRS Art Gala

NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL- MRS. MARTYN

These milestones reflect more than achievements – they reflect a thriving Catholic community committed to faith, academic excellence, and student formation.

We are grateful for the continued support of our families, parishioners, faculty, and volunteers. Together, we continue building a strong future rooted in faith and purpose.

