



DIVINE REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Established June 17, 1956

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Bishop of Charleston

Reverend Father Raynier Q. Dabu, CRS
Pastor

Deacon Thomas Provost Deacon Jesse Schuman

Deacon Jim Baker Mrs. Beth Martyn, Principal

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, August 23, 2026**

"Who do you say that I am?" We confess with Peter that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.
(Matthew 16:13-20)



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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

"Where Peter is, there is the Church. And where the Church is, no death is there, but life eternal."
+ St. Ambrose

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 Thursdays at 6:30pm, and by appointment only during church office hours. Please see the parish calendar for the most up to date information.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA): Deacon Thomas Provost and Deacon Jesse Schuman welcome you to discuss conversion to the Catholic Faith or continue the call of your baptismal promises. Classes begin September 13, 2026. Call the church office 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 parishioners are recognized by their stewardship of **time, talent, and treasure**. Active status includes:

- **Parish Registration & Mass Attendance:** Being registered in the parish for at least **3 months** (all adults 18 and older should register individually) and faithfully participating in Sunday Mass, unless prevented by illness or other serious circumstances.
- **Financial Stewardship:** Providing identifiable financial support through parish envelopes or **OSV Online Giving**. If you are unable to contribute financially, please place your parish envelope in the offertory basket so your Mass attendance can be recorded.
- **Participation in Parish Life:** Participating in at least one parish ministry, program, organization, or activity.

These criteria are used to verify active parishioner status for sponsorships, parishioner tuition, sacramental preparation, ministries, and the use of parish facilities. Parishioners with no recorded participation for six consecutive months may be designated as inactive. If your circumstances change, please contact the church office so we may assist you and keep your parish records current.

NEWS YOU CAN USE



LABOR DAY

Can you believe the symbolic “end of summer” is upon us? The church office will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of the holiday and re-open on Tuesday, September 8th at 9:00 am.

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS!



The Altar Server Appreciation Pizza Party is scheduled for September 12th at 11am! This is a great way to begin introducing being part of a ministry to our children! Add it to your calendars now before it fills up!

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!



Divine Redeemer Catholic Church is now on Facebook!



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.



THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Also known as OCIA, 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 OCIA 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 13th and are held in the church office from 9:15am until 10:15am. Contact the church office 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.

TREASURES OF OUR FAITH

The Tabernacle: A Place of Christ's Presence

The **tabernacle** is the sacred place in our church where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved. Because Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist—**Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity**—the tabernacle is a place of profound reverence and prayer.

At Divine Redeemer, our tabernacle features **two angels surrounding the inscription, “Jesus, I adore You devoutly.”** The angels remind us of the heavenly worship that surrounds Christ, while the inscription expresses the prayerful response of every Catholic who comes before Him in the Eucharist: **adoration**.

The **sanctuary lamp**, which burns near the tabernacle, reminds us of Christ's presence. This is why Catholics **genuflect toward the tabernacle** when entering or leaving the church when the Blessed Sacrament is reserved there. Our genuflection is an act of faith and reverence, acknowledging that we are in the presence of our Lord.

Tabernacles may also feature other beautiful symbols of our Catholic faith, including **the Chi-Rho (☩), a cross, a chalice and Host, wheat and grapes, the Lamb of God, rays of light, or angels in adoration**. These symbols point us toward the mystery of Christ and His Real Presence in the Eucharist.

The tabernacle is more than a beautiful part of our church. It is a reminder that **Jesus remains with us**, inviting us to come before Him in prayer, thanksgiving, and adoration. The next time you enter our church, take a moment to look toward the tabernacle and pray: **“Jesus, I adore You devoutly.”**

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.



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.



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.

Support Our Youth Group



Your support helps our Youth Group grow in faith and provides opportunities for our young people to build a stronger relationship with Christ and His Church.

Donations are gratefully accepted and will help support youth activities, events, and ministry needs. Thank you for investing in the faith of our young people!



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.

THIS WEEK'S SHORT PRAYER

Lord, I thank You for the kindness You have shown me and for the strength You build up within me. I sing Your praise and glory. Thank you. Amen.

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

INVEST IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Invest in Your Marriage: Day-Long Retreat (September 26): Enjoy a relaxing day together at "A Better Marriage" couple's retreat on Saturday, September 26 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at St. Finbar Hall in Charleston. Led by certified Gottman Leaders Keith and Tami Kiser, this day features interactive workshops to refresh your relationship. Lunch is provided. Space is limited; register early at tinyurl.com/BetterMarriageSept26 or contact familylife@charlestdiocese.org

RESPECT FOR LIFE

DO YOU WANT TO SHARE YOUR TIME?

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." — Matthew 25:40

Birthright of Charleston is seeking compassionate volunteers to share Christ's love by serving mothers, babies, and families in need. Volunteer opportunities are varied, and training is provided. By giving just **2-3 hours each week**, you can offer hope, encouragement, and practical support to women facing difficult pregnancies. Your gift of time can make an eternal difference in the lives of those we serve. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining our volunteer ministry. Send an email to birthrightofcharleston@gmail.com to request a volunteer registration form or call **843-556-4403** for more information!

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

Rosary 30 minutes before Mass

Saturday, August 22– The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 pm Vigil –  Wayne Jacobs

6:30 pm Spanish Vigil Mass- Hermelinda Reyes
Guadalupe

Sunday, August 23 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am- *Pro Populo*

10:30 am -  Mittie Feeley

1:00 pm Spanish Mass-

Monday, August 24 – St. Bartholomew, Apostle

No Mass or Communion Service

Tuesday, August 25 – St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

6:00 pm – Philip Rogata

Wednesday, August 26– Weekday

7:00 am-  Giuse Chuong

9:00 am-  Lillian Eiring

Thursday, August 27– St. Monica

6:00 pm- The Smith Family

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

7:00 am- The Healing of Ms. Kiem Le

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

5:00 pm Vigil -  Regina C. Garrett

6:30 pm Spanish Vigil Mass-

Sunday, August 30– Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am - *Pro Populo*

10:30 am –Joseph Nevin Matutina, Birthday

1:00 pm Spanish Mass-



PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul and for the consolation of the family and friends of **Sophia Asperga**, beloved daughter of Ronald and Shirley Asperga, sister to Sammy. Sophia passed away on August 13, 2026. May she now rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon her. Amen.



PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul and for the consolation of the family and friends of **James O'Connor**. Mr. O'Connor passed away on August 11, 2026 May he now rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.



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.

CHURCH MINISTRIES AUGUST 29-30

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:

S.Maldonado, A.Cruz, R.Rivera Mora, S.Gonzalez,
C.Escobar Garcia, J.Servin

SATURDAY – 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Lector:	M.Moore
Ushers:	A. Antol, D. Meeks, M.Fielden, T.MacBain
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	C.Kary (Choir Loft)
Altar Servers:	C. & E. Anderson, Volunteers Needed

SUNDAY – 8:00 am Mass

Lector:	S.Sabback
Ushers:	R. Donovan, T.Wheaton B.Adjor, O.Cabading
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Pt.Davis (Choir Loft)
Altar Servers:	N., S., & N. Brooks Volunteers Needed

SUNDAY – 10:30 am Mass

Lector:	A.T.Cruz
Ushers:	C.Passarello, P.Kammerer, R.Ocasio, C.Feeley
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	H.Nguyen (Choir Loft)
Altar Servers:	M.Vo, M.Rangel Volunteer Needed

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Thank you for your generosity.

Week of August 15-16, 2026

WEEKLY OFFERTORY WITH ENVELOPES AND ALL NON-DESIGNATED CASH	\$5,876.00
WEEKLY OFFERTORY THRU Online Giving	\$2,985.21
HOLY DAY OFFERTORY	\$1,343.00
* TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERTORY	\$10,204.21 total

Building Fund Donations for the week of August 15-16, 2026 thru Offertory Envelopes and Online

Giving is **\$2,252.00.**

Thank you for your donation!

Due to your generosity, a donation of \$254.53 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. 13th. 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.

"You Are Peter."

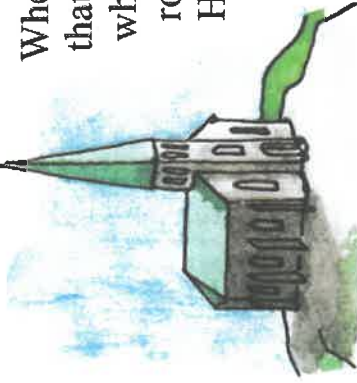
Today in the Gospel reading, Jesus asked His disciples who people thought that He was. Everybody seemed to think He was someone special, but none of them knew who He really was.

When Jesus asked the disciples themselves who they thought He was, Simon said that He was "the Christ, the Son of the living God!" Simon only knew this because God had put it into his mind.

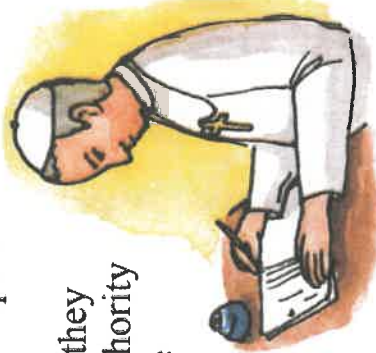


WHO DO
YOU SAY
THAT
I AM?

When Simon had said this, Jesus said that his name would now be Peter, which means rock, and that on this rock He would build His Church. He made Simon Peter the first pope. He also said that the gates of Hell would not prevail against the Church. Jesus was assuring us that He would always protect the Church from error.



Now whenever the pope, or the bishops who are agreeing with the pope, proclaim something about God, we know that they are right. Jesus gave the teaching authority to Peter, and he passed it down to the bishops through all the centuries until now. Isn't that amazing?



Answers to Crossword: ACROSS: 5. Neitherworld 7. on 9. be 10. give 11. rock 13. head 14. in 17. flesh 19. Jesus 21. set (or put) 22. name 23. have 24. son DOWNS: 1. Peter 2. Church 3. are 4. prevail 6. do 8. not 10. God 12. keys 15. never 16. we 17. Father 18. Heaven 19. Jonah 20. Simon 23. he

The Kids' Bulletin

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23rd, 2026

Some I told you now ob onw



are now
the Christ
to now ent
giving ent
God.



Blessed
know to now nomi2
bold has best for
believe ton even
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neverly answered

What were Peter and
Jesus saying in today's
Gospel reading?
Look in the mirror
to find out!

Saint Louis of France

August 25

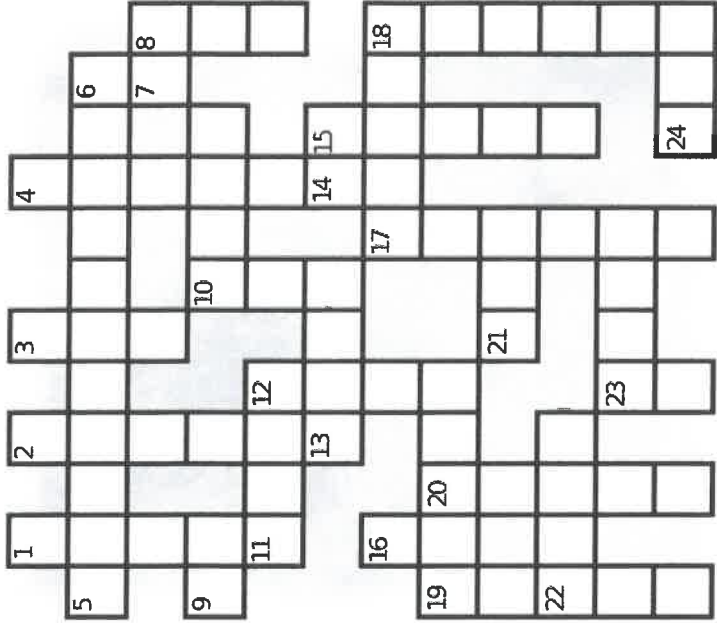


KING SAINT LOUIS SAID THAT LOVING GOD WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN LIFE. IT WAS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN RULING WELL! BECAUSE HE PRAYED AND ATTENDED MASS SO OFTEN AND SO WELL HE WAS GIVEN THE GRACE TO RULE HIS PEOPLE JUSTLY AND KINDLY.

thekidsbulletin@gmail.com

"Who do you say that I am?" CROSSWORD

See how well you know what happened in today's Gospel story!



5. "...the gates of the _____ will not prevail..."
 6. "...this rock I will build my Church..."
 7. "Whatever you bind on earth shall _____ bound in Heaven."
 8. "I will _____ you the keys of the kingdom..."
 9. "On this _____ I will build my Church."
 10. Jesus made Peter the _____ of the Church on earth.
 11. "Whatever you loose on earth will be loosed _____ Heaven."
 12. "_____ and blood have not revealed this to you..."
 13. God _____ Peter in charge of His Church on earth.
 14. Jesus changed Simon's _____ to Peter.
 15. "Flesh and blood _____ not revealed this to you..."
 16. "You are the Christ, the _____ of the living God!"
 17. _____ said, "You are the Christ..."
 18. "On this rock I will build my _____."
 19. "Blessed _____ you, Simon..."
 20. "...the gates of the netherworld shall not _____..."
 21. "Who _____ people say that the Son of Man is?"
 22. "Flesh and blood _____ revealed this..."
 23. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living _____!"
 24. "I will give you the _____ to the kingdom of Heaven."
 25. When will the gates of the netherworld prevail against the Church?
 26. _____ belong to the Church that Jesus started.
 27. The Heavenly _____ revealed to Simon who Jesus was.
 28. "...the keys to the kingdom of _____..."
 29. "Blessed are you, Simon, son of _____"
 30. Peter's name before Jesus changed it.
 31. Jesus ordered the disciples to tell no one that _____ was the Christ.

DRCC YOUTH GROUP YOU BELONG HERE!

FAITH.
FRIENDSHIP.
FUN.
MEMORIES.

NEW YEAR. NEW FRIENDS. AMAZING MEMORIES.

KICKOFF NIGHT!



FRIDAY,
AUGUST 28TH

 **6:15 PM**

COME FOR THE FUN. STAY FOR THE COMMUNITY.



EPIC GAMES
& COMPETITIONS



FOOD
& SNACKS



MAKE NEW
FRIENDS



MUSIC
& LAUGHTER



AWESOME
MEMORIES



ENCOURAGEMENT
& FAITH

ALL 8TH-12TH
GRADERS
WELCOME!



YOU DON'T WANT
TO MISS IT!



QUESTIONS? WANT TO KNOW MORE?
CONTACT DCN JIM OR ANDY TORRES

843-735-2954

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE! ♥



CRISTO REY
CHARLESTON HIGH SCHOOL

Join Us For
**OPEN
HOUSE**

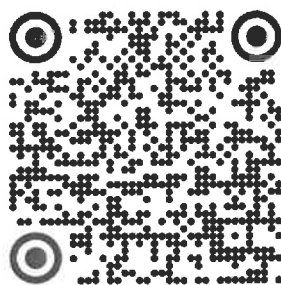


Saturday
September 26th
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
7000 Rivers Ave, Bldg 920
North Charleston

- Small Classes
- Safe Environment
- Clubs & Sports
- Hot Meals Daily
- Career Exploration
- \$100/mo on average

For More Information or to RSVP:

www.cristoreycharleston.org/admissions/open-house





SEPT. **26** | 9-3

**Spend a fun, relaxing day
away with your spouse**

A Better Marriage
RETREAT

**A DAY LONG RETREAT WITH
WORKSHOPS, ACTIVITIES, TALKS, AND LUNCH
LED BY KEITH AND TAMI KISER GOTTMAN LEADERS
OF THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF MARRIAGE
AND CO-OWNERS/DIRECTORS OF HEART RIDGE RETREAT CENTER
SPONSORED BY THE DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON FAMILY LIFE OFFICE**

St Finbar Hall, 900 Orange Grove Road, Charleston, SC

Register Here: tinyurl.com/BetterMarriageSept26

For more info: familylife@charlestondiocese.org





Post Abortion Bible Study For Men & Women

Fall 2026

Forgiven & Set Free

A 10-week Bible study for women designed to provide freedom from the bondage of guilt and grief that follow abortion.

Led by Cindy Gaskins

Location: Mount Pleasant and Summerville

Healing a Father's Heart

A 10-week Bible study, led by men, designed to provide freedom for men who have experienced the effects of abortion.

Virtual only - Led by Rashad Gibson & Mark Lundberg

If you or someone you know needs help with coming to terms with the pain, guilt and grief of an abortion, please consider joining this class.

The location, dates and details of the class are strictly confidential and there is no cost to attend.



Scan here for more
information
and registration or visit
[myliferesources.org/support-
groups/](https://myliferesources.org/support-groups/)



Forgiven & Set Free is led by Cindy Gaskins. Cindy earned her Master's Degree in Human Services Counseling with a Life Coaching Certification from Liberty University. She and her husband, Mike, have been married for 36 Years and have 4 children. Cindy is a trained PACE leader (Post Abortion Counseling Education) with over 22 years of experience facilitating these groups.

Questions? Contact Cindy at cgaskins@myliferesources.org

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