

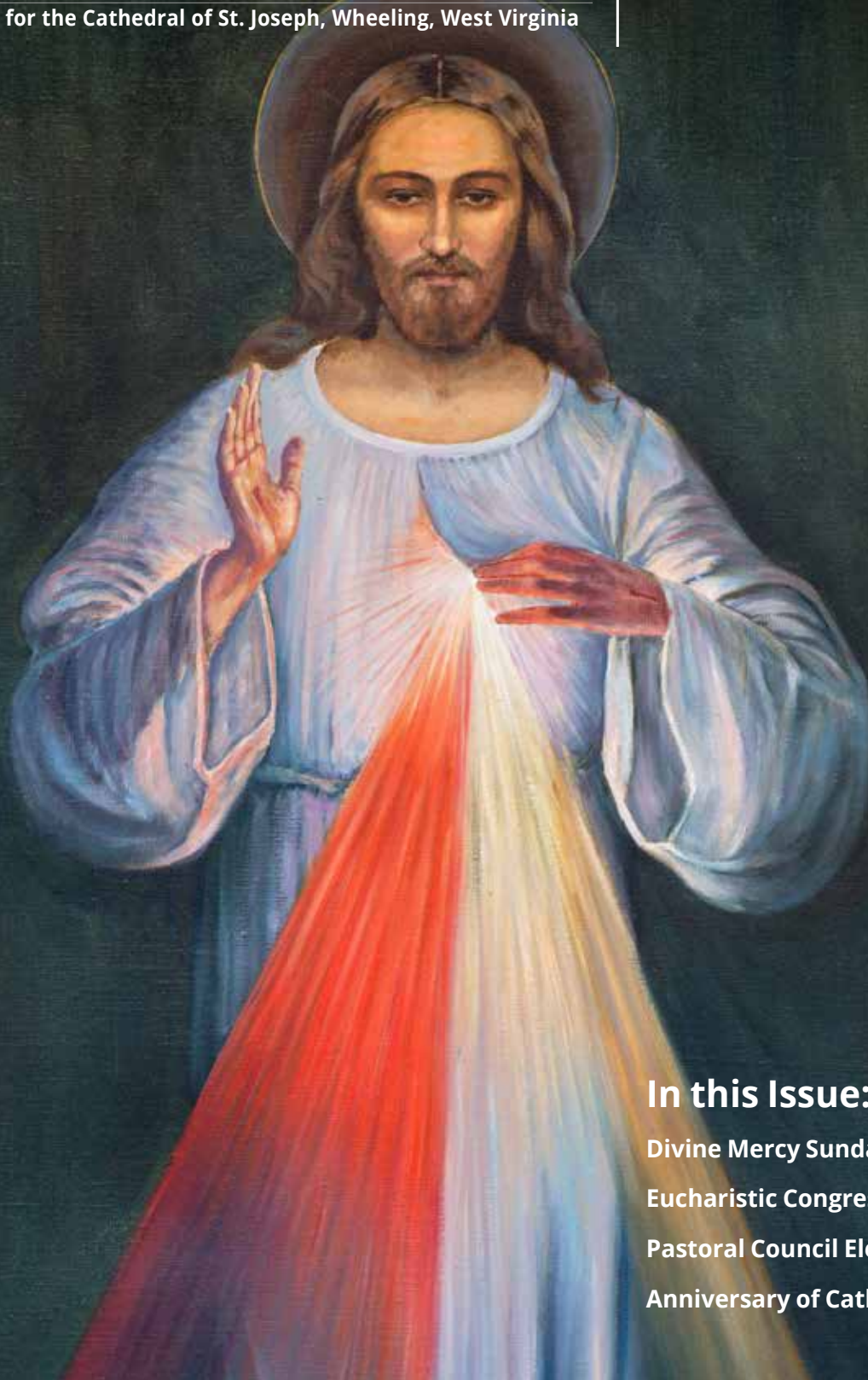
THE Cathedral Courier

Weekly Bulletin for the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling, West Virginia

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

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Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community.
We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the Diocese,
and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.

This Week

April 16 - 23, 2023

SUN 16
Second Sunday of Easter
Octave Day of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for the Parishioners
8:00 am Mass for Ross Felton
10:30 am Mass for Janet Cupp
2:00 pm Confessions
3:00 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour

MON 17
Easter Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for Lucille Renowicz

TUE 18
Easter Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for Paul Morgan

WED 19
Easter Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for Joseph & Norma Paytash

THU 20
Easter Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for Nicholas Alfred Ghaphery

FRI 21
Solemnity of the Dedication of the Cathedral
Optional Memorial of St. Anselm

11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for the Parishioners

SAT 22
Easter Weekday

9:00 am Mass for Sr. Mary Florence Burke
9:30 am Rosary
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for Anton Malek

SUN 23
Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners
10:30 am Mass for Colleen Black



From Father Sateesh

"Happy are those who have not seen yet believe!"



To be a believer is it necessary to be a member of a faith community? Is not my faith my own business? Can I not go to my God without my brother and sister? Today's readings remind us that something is missing in our lives if we do not walk the faith journey together.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles has an apt description of the ideal Christian community, a community gathered around the Risen Lord. There are two characteristics pointed out in this community. Firstly, there was a tremendous unity and secondly, as a result of this unity, there was a generous sharing of all that they had, not out of a sense of obligation but out of deep love and concern for others. The breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup led to sharing of possessions and care of the needy. Their worship in the temple flowed out into their service of neighbor. Is there a dichotomy between our worship and our lives? Do we merely live with others or for others? Today we are reminded that if we are an Easter people, we have to share our lives, and in that measure we grow as a Christian community and experience Jesus alive in our midst.

In the Gospel while Jesus is offering his disciples his peace he says, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." It could mean that Jesus meant all of us to be reconcilers and mediators of his peace to one another. We are called to be channels of his peace and forgiveness.

The Gospel adds a little detail that Thomas, one of the twelve was not with them when Jesus came and when the others told him that they had seen the Lord he refused to believe. He demanded solid, physical touch: "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." In spite of not believing their testimonies, Thomas did not walk out on them, but rather, stayed with the community. His perseverance was rewarded with the second appearance of Jesus to him. Jesus on his part is seen to be patient and tolerant of Thomas and all those who still doubted him. He does not condemn but rather takes the initiative to meet them on their terms and conditions. "Thomas, put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it to my side. Doubt no longer but believe."

The Gospel concludes with those reassuring words for many of us, who have our doubts, who have not seen and are struggling to believe. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." The image of the risen, glorified Jesus showing the wounds of his suffering impels us to understand that we will accomplish our mission; or rather Jesus will accomplish his mission in us through love expressed in giving ourselves for others.

The early Christian community was the greatest proof of the Resurrection. If we are not with the community, we might like Thomas miss meeting Jesus when he comes. Often God gives us the touch of his divine mercy in community. May we have a faith-affirming weekend!

Fr. Sateesh will be on vacation visiting family and friends in India from April 17 through May 12. Please keep him and his travels in your prayers.

DIVINE MERCY
 SUNDAY, APRIL 16
Confessions
 2:00 P.M.
Holy Hour
 3:00 P.M.

CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH
 WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

THANK YOU!

Heartfelt thanks to all our liturgical ministers who volunteered to help make our Holy Week and Easter liturgies such beautiful moments of grace! We are fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers who share their love for Jesus Christ and our parish by giving of their time and talent.

We are especially grateful to those who contributed for the Easter flowers which decorate our Cathedral Church and provide such a beautiful environment in which to celebrate the splendor of Christ's Resurrection! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

May the peace and joy of the Risen Christ be with you throughout this Easter season!

Pastoral Council Elections

As we continue our process of electing four new members to serve the Cathedral Parish on our Pastoral Council, please take the time to read through the biographies of the people who have been nominated, which may be found in the insert of this weekend's edition of *The Cathedral Courier*. Beginning next weekend, April 22/23, the ballots will be available in the narthex of the church.

According to the guidelines of the council, the following gifts and temperaments are necessary for successful pastoral leadership in members of the Council: desire for spiritual growth in self and in others, enthusiasm about the future of the parish, eagerness to facilitate parish decisions about its future, courage to work toward consensus, capacity to listen, integrity in articulating what one has heard and what one believes, ability to inspire and empower, willingness to delegate, and flexibility and openness with people and ideas.

Bible Basics Course

Want to learn more about the Bible? How it is arranged? What types of writings can be found in it? How to navigate through it? Well this is a great place to begin! We will be hosting a 4-week series entitled Bible Basics. Led by Shirley Carter, the Campus Minister for Hilltop Campus Ministry (West Liberty University and Bethany College), it will be held in the Chancery Cantina on Tuesday evenings beginning on April 25 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All fees and materials will be covered by the Diocese, so registration is necessary. **To register, please use the sign-up sheet in the back of the church or e-mail Tyler Greenwood at tgreenwood@dwc.org by Tuesday, April 18.**

Offertory Collection

The collection data for 4/9/23 was not available at time of publication. It will be shared here in next week's edition.



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Eucharistic Congress

April 28 - 29

We are so excited to be hosting one of three Eucharistic Congresses in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston in just two weeks! This will be an amazing opportunity for our parish and our diocese and we highly encourage you and your family to attend! **For more information and to register, please visit dwc.org/eucharistic-congresses**



Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Christ is Present! Will you be?

April 28-29 Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling

Eucharistic Congress
 Grow in Faith
 Exercise your Spirit!

Keynote: Father Tim Anastos



Friday:
 7 pm - Taizé Prayer Service & Reception

Saturday:
 9 am - Registration/Coffee and Donuts
 10 am - Morning Prayer Service

- Keynote Address (immediately following prayer service)
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins (concludes before closing Mass)
- Tours of the church
- Lunch and Q/A session with Keynote

Afternoon - Two Breakout Presentations (10-12 sessions to choose from all to inspire our recognition of Christ's Presence in the Eucharist and our lives)

6 pm Closing Mass with Bishop Mark Brennan as president

RSVP & more info:



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Solemnity of the Dedication of the Cathedral Friday, April 21

On April 21, 2023, we celebrate the 97th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. Throughout the Diocese, the date of the dedication of the Cathedral is important. The anniversary of dedication is celebrated as a feast for all the parishes of the diocese. At the Cathedral itself, this special date is celebrated as a Solemnity.

Thomas G. Simons, author of *Holy People, Holy Place: Rites for the Church's House* writes: "The celebration of the anniversary of the dedication of the parish church building is an often forgotten opportunity to celebrate the life of the local church and re-emphasize to the people the importance of the gathering place for God's holy people. It is an occasion in which sacred identity and local history become tangible. The continuity of the faith from generation to generation is celebrated" (68).

The Cathedral is called the "mother church" because it houses the bishop's cathedra (seat), from which it receives the name. The *Ceremonial of Bishops* tells us that "The cathedral, the sign of diocesan unity, is the place where that unity can be given concrete expression. For all these reasons, it should be a model of liturgical life, both in architecture and in celebration. (42 ff.)

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph is home to Wheeling's oldest Catholic community, dating to 1822. It has been the liturgical heart of the Diocese of Wheeling (originally) since the Diocese's erection by Pope Pius IX in 1850 and is an architectural and artistic treasure in both the city and state.

In 1847, the Cathedral was moved from its former location further south to the corner of Eoff and 13th Street, and the



Church was titled to Saint James the Apostle. In 1805, St. James became the Cathedral of the Diocese, with Bishop Richard V. Whelan as the first bishop of Wheeling.

In 1872, in response to the rising devotion to Saint Joseph, Husband of Mary throughout the universal Church and the burgeoning labor movement among the Catholics of the coal fields, Bishop Whelan petitioned Rome to change the title of the Cathedral to honor Saint Joseph.

Bishop Patrick Donahue became Bishop of Wheeling in 1894. Donahue conceived a design and began to interview possible architects, eyeing Edward J. Weber of Pittsburgh, a rising star in Church architecture, as a likely candidate. Bishop Donahue's death in October 1922, before work had even begun may have scuttled all plans, were it not for a serendipitous fire in 1923 that did significant damage to the Cathedral structure.

The fire cleared the way for Bishop John J. Swint, the fourth Bishop of Wheeling, to begin the construction of the new Cathedral, with the help of Weber and a team of artisans. In two short years, the new Cathedral was completed and the church was dedicated on April 21, 1926.



On April 30, 2000, Pope Saint John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun and visionary to whom Christ had appeared with red and white rays streaming from his heart, an image that has since become famous as the "Divine Mercy." Saint Faustina realized that God sees the world through the wounds of his Son, and that God's gaze is full of mercy and love. We need not fear, therefore, but only trust in Jesus.

The Divine Mercy chaplet is a special prayer using Rosary beads, but with a different sequence of prayers, emphasizing the saving Passion of Christ. One of the prayers of the chaplet summarizes the devotion, which focuses on Christ's Passion and God's mercy: "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

Holy Week 2023

What a Holy Week filled with grace, hope, and faith! We are truly grateful to all who made our celebrations this year so rich in prayer and praise. May each of us allow Easter grace to flood our hearts, minds and souls. May we every Sunday encounter the Living Jesus in the Easter Sacrament, the Holy Eucharist! And may we faithfully witness to Him who suffered, died and rose to save us!



Month of the Holy Eucharist

The month of April is dedicated to devotion to the Holy Eucharist. This tradition has developed because Easter Sunday often falls in April, and when it does fall in March, the Easter season continues on through all of April. In essence, April is a month of Easter, and during the Easter celebration we remember the Eucharistic sacrifice Christ gave us and the baptism in the Holy Spirit, which would come after Jesus's resurrection.

At the Last Supper, surrounded by His Apostles, Jesus gave to the world the most sublime gift of His Real Presence by instituting the Sacrament of the Eucharist – His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Jesus took bread and pronounced the words: "Take and eat, this is my Body"; then He took a cup of wine and said: "Take and drink, this is my Blood. Do this in memory of me." With these words Jesus instituted the greatest of all of the Sacraments, the Sacrament of the most Holy Eucharist.

Ways to Honor the Holy Eucharist

- Truly prepare yourself to receive Christ in the Holy Eucharist by arriving early to Mass and spending time in prayer.
- If you are not in the state of grace before receiving Holy Communion, go to confession
- Spend time in Eucharistic Adoration

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

April 21 - St. Anselm, bishop and doctor of the Church (1033-1109)

Saint Anselm was born in what is today known as the Piedmont region of Italy in the Italian Alps. Hearing of the reputation of his countryman, Lanfranc, who was prior of the Benedictine abbey of Bec in Normandy, Anselm entered the monastery there at the age of twenty-seven. When Lanfranc was named abbot of Caen, Anselm succeeded him as prior of Bec, and fifteen years later in 1079, he became abbot. In 1070, Anselm's mentor Lanfranc was made archbishop of Canterbury in England, and when he died, William II of England seized the lands and revenues of the archdiocese and left the office of archbishop empty (at this time, bishops were appointed by kings). Finally in 1093, public pressure forced William to appoint Anselm archbishop of Canterbury. Anselm's terms as archbishop were not easy. He was forced into exile twice because of his support of the Gregorian Reform, which tried to do away with lay investiture, the power of secular authority to appoint bishops. Anselm is a Doctor of the Church and is called the Father of Scholasticism for his works of theology.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of April 16

THIS SUNDAY

Acts 2:42-47
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

MONDAY

1 Peter 5:5-14
Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17
Mark 16:15-20

TUESDAY

Acts 4:32-37
Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5
John 3:7-15

WEDNESDAY

Acts 5:17-26
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
John 3:16-21

THURSDAY

Acts 5:27-33
Ps 34:2, 9, 17-18, 19-20
John 3:31-36

FRIDAY

Acts 5:34-42
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
John 6:1-15

SATURDAY

Acts 6:1-7
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
John 6:16-21

NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 2:14, 22-33
Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35

The readings are included each week so that those who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.

Holy Thursday Pilgrimage

"Remain here and keep watch with me." These words from Jesus spurred us on as we joined other faithful in the Wheeling area for our first Holy Thursday Pilgrimage in which we visited and prayed before the beautifully decorated altars of repose in five different churches! Deep thanks to all the pilgrims who participated either by riding the bus or by driving themselves. How encouraging it was to witness the faith and devotion of so many people who desired to keep watch with Our Eucharistic Lord on the night before His Passion!



Tuition Assistance Fund

The Frank and Nazel Busacca Tuition Assistance Fund in the West Virginia Catholic Foundation offers a \$1000 scholarship each year for four years of study at Central Catholic High School in Wheeling. Current 8th graders from public, private or parochial schools are encouraged to apply for this generous financial aid opportunity. It is anticipated that Busacca Fund recipients will receive \$1,000 each academic year for all four years at CCHS, provided the successful awardee maintains a 3.0 cumulative GPA by the end of each academic year. To complete an application form, please contact the parish offices at 304-233-4121.



Happy Anniversary, Father Sateesh!

Prayerful congratulations to Fr. Sateesh on his 11th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. Fr. Sateesh was ordained on April 19, 2012, by Bishop M.D. Prakasham, the bishop of Nellore Diocese in India. May Christ, the Good Shepherd, continue to bless and guide Fr. Sateesh in his priestly ministry!

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Confession & First Communion

Question:

Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

Answer:

For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: "It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession" (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child's "First Confession" can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their "First Confession" and "First Communion" help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Andrew Helfer
Angela Niehart
Archer Hatch
Arthur Danehart
Austin Cook
Barb Mazzocca
Beth Jochum
Betty Teater
Bill Wilson
Bob Armstrong
Bob Jones
Billy Hanasky
Brian Hanasky
Brogan Gallentine
Caleb Hlebiczi
Carolyn Lash
Carolyn Wieth
Charles Heizer
Charles DeBenedictis
Children of the
Youth Services System
Christina Helfer
Chuck Fair

David A. Kress, Jr.
Eli Musser
Eric South
Eva Wood
Fr. Joseph Wilhelm
Frank Davis
Frederick C. Schweizer
Gail Koch
George Kirchner
Geri Adams Nagy
Hines Rotriga
Janet Rodriguez
Jean Schultz
Jim Antill
Jim and Dee
Jimmy Hocking
Joe Bechtel
John Petrella
Jon-Michael Lasher
Judy Pack
Julia Sheets
Kathy Cooley
Kaitlyn Hanasky

Kermit Klosterman
Langan Family
Liam Barns
Liam Manning
Lukie Brown
Margaret Stocke
Marie Farnsworth
Marie & Conner
Workman
Mark Davis
Marshall South
Martha Yocum
Mary K. Schlosser
Mary Walicki
Michael DeBlasis
Milissa Rose
Nadine Greenwood
Nicholas Barns
Pat Belby
Pete Cuffaro
Pete Mack
Philippa Shores
Rachel Wade

R. J. Stocke
Richard Simon
Rick Burgy
Ron Hickman
Rosanne Gaughan
Rosalie Davis
Rose Otey
Sarah Hanasky
Sarah Sargent
Shirley DeCaria
Stanley Kyrk
Susan Graff
Susan Mize
Susan Schulte
Tammy
Teresa Helfer
Thelma Pearson
Tony Helfer
Trystan Timmons
Victoria Jeskey
Zoey Knight

From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods. To learn more about the Catholic Church's efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under "Issues and Action," click "Child and Youth Protection" from the drop down menu.

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph



MASS TIMES

- SUNDAYS** 6:00 pm (Saturday)
8:00 am
10:30 am
- WEEKDAYS** 12:05 pm (Monday thru Friday)
9:00 am (Saturday)
- HOLY DAYS** Please consult the bulletin

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CONFESSIONS

- FRIDAY** 11:15 - 11:45 am
- SATURDAY** 5:00 - 5:45 pm
or by appointment

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS
By appointment. Please contact the parish office.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK /
MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND**
Please call the parish office to arrange for anointing for someone who is seriously ill or preparing for surgery. If ill, homebound or hospitalized, a visit can be scheduled upon request.

MARRIAGE
Engaged couples who are members of the Cathedral parish should contact the parish office.

PARISH REGISTRATION
Registration forms can be obtained through the parish office.
Please notify the parish of address changes through contacting the parish office or by visiting the website.

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