

“Ite ad Ioseph”

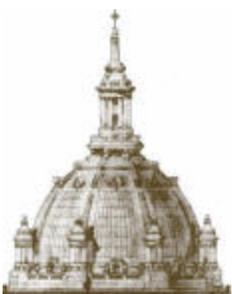
“Go to Joseph”

Archdiocesan Year of St. Joseph

Mass of Consecration

December 8 | 7:00 p.m.

Celebrant-Archbishop Bernard Hebda

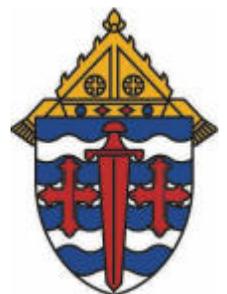


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LITURGY GUIDE FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Great Organ is silenced during Advent.

Congregational singing is suspended per COVID protocol.

INTROIT *Populus Sion*

Gregorian Missal, Mode VII

Pópulus Sion, ecce Dóminus véniet ad salvándas gentes: et audítam fáciet Dóminus glóriam vocis suæ, in lætítia cordis vestri. *Ps.* Qui regis Israel, inténde: qui dedúcis velut ovem Ioseph.

People of Zion behold, the Lord is coming to save all nations; and the Lord shall cause you to hear his majestic voice for the joy of your heart. *Ps.* O Shepherd of Israel hear us, you who lead Joseph like a flock! *Is 30:19, 30; Ps 80*

GREETING

Roman Missal

Celebrant: ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: Amen.

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *(or similar greeting)*

Assembly: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And striking the breast, say:

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,

all the Angels and Saints,

and you, my brothers and sisters,

to pray for me to the Lord our God.

KYRIE *Sung by Cantor alone*

Kyrie salve, Missa XVII

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her

that her service is at an end,

her guilt is expiated;

indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD

double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: in the desert

prepare the way of the LORD!

Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!

Every valley shall be filled in,

every mountain and hill shall be made low;

the rugged land shall be made a plain,

the rough country, a broad valley.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

and all people shall see it together;

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain,

Zion, herald of glad tidings;

cry out at the top of your voice,

Jerusalem, herald of good news!

Fear not to cry out

and say to the cities of Judah:

Here is your God!

Here comes with power

the Lord GOD

who rules by his strong arm;

here is his reward with him,

his recompense before him.

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;

in his arms he gathers the lambs,

carrying them in his bosom,

and leading the ewes with care.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Cantor, or Lector alone

Psalm 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14

J. Randolph Currie

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the LORD God has to say,

a voice that speaks of peace,

peace for his people and his friends

and those who turn to him in their hearts.

His help is near for those who fear him,

and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;

justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth

and justice look down from heaven.

The LORD will make us prosper

and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him,

and peace shall follow his steps.

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years

and a thousand years like one day.

The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay,"

but he is patient with you,

not wishing that any should perish

but that all should come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,

and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar

and the elements will be dissolved by fire,

and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way,

what sort of persons ought you to be,

conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion,

waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God,

because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames

and the elements melted by fire.

But according to his promise

we await new heavens and a new earth

in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you await these things,

be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Sung by Cantor alone*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;

he will prepare your way.

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,

make straight his paths."

John the Baptist appeared in the desert

proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

People of the whole Judean countryside

and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem

were going out to him

and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River

as they acknowledged their sins.
John was clothed in camel's hair,
with a leather belt around his waist.
He fed on locusts and wild honey.
And this is what he proclaimed:
"One mightier than I is coming after me.
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.
I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

HOMILY

R.C.I.A. RITES OF ACCEPTANCE AND WELCOME (10:00 a.m.)

Celebrant: "...ready to help them follow Christ?" *Assembly:* **We are.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

All bow while saying

*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Assembly: Lord, hear our prayer.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

ANTIPHON

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

SANCTUS Sung by Cantor alone

Missa XVII

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dóminus Deus Sábaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua. Hosánna in excélsis.
Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini.
Hosánna in excélsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Roman Missal

Assembly: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

AGNUS DEI *Sung by Cantor alone*

Missa XVII

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi: miserére nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi: miserére nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

ECCE AGNUS DEI

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away
the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the
supper of the Lamb.

Assembly: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter
under my roof, but only say the word, and my soul
shall be healed.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (5:15 p.m., 10:00 a.m.)

For those who cannot be present

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacra-
ment. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You in-
to my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be
separated from You. Amen.

COMMUNIO *Ierusalem surge*

Gregorian Missal, Mode II

Ierusalem surge, et sta in excélsis: et vide iucunditátem, quæ véniet tibi a Deo tuo.
Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high; and behold the joy that shall come
to you from your God.

Bar 5:5; 4:36

AIR *Every valley shall be exalted (Messiah, Part 1, No. 03)*

G. F. Handel

Every valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry mountain and hill made low. The
crooked straight, and the rough places plain.

Isaiah 40:4-5

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION BY THE ASSEMBLY

*Holy Communion will be distributed by individual sections of pews. Please
wait until a Communion distributor arrives at your section before proceed-
ing. Maintain a distance of two pews between yourself and the nearest in-
dividual ahead of you in line who is not from your household. Distribution
begins at the sections nearest the exits and ends in the center aisle. For
Holy Communion in the hand – please extend your hands, one directly over
the other, as the Sacred Host is deposited. For those desiring to receive
Communion on the tongue, please make your way to the Center Aisle,
where both options for reception will be available. All other sections will
be reserved for Communion in the hand, so as to reassure any who may be
concerned. Furthermore, if any contact is made whatsoever, sanitization
will take place immediately before the next communicant comes forward.
Upon reception of Holy Communion, please step aside and consume the Sa-
cred Host immediately before returning to your pew.
Thank you for your cooperation.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

USING YOUR SMARTPHONE TO MAKE A DONATION:



1. SCAN THIS QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE.
2. OPEN THE SECURE LINK.
3. FOLLOW THE PROMPTS.
4. THANK YOU.

CATHEDRAL HOURS

CATHEDRAL - COVID-19 HOURS

Monday - Friday 7:15 to 8:15 a.m.

Sunday Church opens approx. 25 minutes before Mass
Church Office is temporarily closed during Covid-19

SUNDAY MASS

Anticipatory (Saturday) 5:15 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon, & 5:00 p.m.

DAILY MASS - COVID-19 SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday 3:45 to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DURING COVID-19

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ROSARY

TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DURING COVID-19

Sundays at 11:15 a.m. in the Cana Chapel and at

6:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin

Weekdays at 4:40 p.m. in the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin

OFFICE HOURS (RECTORY AT 239 SELBY AVENUE)

TEMPORARILY CLOSED DURING COVID-19

WELCOME CENTER HOURS

Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

GUIDED TOURS

TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DURING COVID-19

Offered Tuesday-Friday at 1:00 p.m. (except on holy days and national holidays).

MUSEUM HOURS

TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DURING COVID-19

Call the Cathedral at 651.228.1766 for hours of operation.

VIRTUAL TOURS

Visit www.stpaulcathedraltour.com for a mobile app tour and to virtually "walk through" the Cathedral.

RADIO BROADCAST ON RELEVANT RADIO® 1330 AM

The 5:15 p.m. Saturday Mass is recorded and aired on

Relevant Radio 1330 AM Sundays: 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses are recorded and broadcast at 7:30 p.m.

Monday through Friday.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CAMPUS

Twin Cities Hmong Catholic Community

Located at 651 Virginia Street, Saint Paul

Sunday Mass (Hmong and English) 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$	10,808.34
Member EFT	\$	10,856.34
Plate	\$	1,279.75
Total Sunday Contributions	\$	22,944.43
Second Fuel Collection	\$	6,391.06
All Saints All Souls (additional)	\$	1,026.66
Thank you for your tremendous generosity!		
Saint Vincent de Paul Campus	\$	n/a

"ITE AD IOSEPH": BEGINNING A YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



It began 150 years ago this coming Tuesday. On **December 8, 1870**, the Sacred Congregation for Rites issued a decree. In itself, a Roman congregation's decree a century and a half ago isn't exactly "breaking news." But this was different. It communicated Pope Pius IX's **intention** to proclaim St. Joseph as **Patron of the Universal Church**. To say that this was a long-overdue recognition of the saint is an understatement! Some background is needed here. On July 19, 1870, just a day after the bishops at Vatican I approved *Pastor Aeternus*, the dogmatic teaching on *ex cathedra* papal infallibility, the Franco-Prussian War broke out. This had huge implications for the Vatican. The council fathers left hastily. Eventually, Pius IX (who served as pope for 31.6 years!) formally **adjourned** the proceedings indefinitely. Vatican I went down in history as an "unfinished" council until Vatican II elaborated on the teaching nearly a century later.

The timing of that decree was anything but coincidental. Garibaldi's troops had entered Rome on September 20, annexing it to the Kingdom of Italy. It's complicated— but explains why you see a road in countless Italian cities named *Via XX Settembre*. Garibaldi effectively isolated the pope as a prisoner in the Vatican and the **Papal States** were effectively caput. It would take until the **1929 Lateran Treaty** to iron out the details of what was called the "Roman Question." The Church's authority had been dealt a crushing blow, making this decree even more **significant**. The Vatican Council I fathers had "earnestly renewed" earlier calls for this patronage to be formalized. This was **no mere** liturgical adjustment, raising the rank of his feast day, though it did that too. It was effectively a **declaration** of the Church's **heavenly protection**, never subject to worldly powers.

The decree reads in part (my **emphasis** added): "And now therefore, when in these most **troublesome times** the Church is beset by **enemies on every side**, and is weighed down by calamities so heavy that ungodly men assert that the gates of hell have at length prevailed against her, the venerable prelates of the whole Catholic world have presented to the Sovereign Pontiff their own petitions and those of the faithful committed to their charge, praying that he would deign to constitute St. Joseph Patron of the Church." Comparatively, St. Joseph received **much less attention** from ecclesiastical writers in the early Church and beyond. Frankly, it took **centuries** for devotion to St. Joseph to spread. Joseph is mentioned **only 15 times** in the Gospels and speaks **not a single word** in Scripture. Had he nothing to say? Far from it.

Curiously, the figure of Joseph never figured prominently in the works of the Church Fathers. Mostly they shed light on the confusion surrounding the phrase "brethren of Jesus" and defended the validity of the marriage of Mary and Joseph. St. Joseph **led by example**, his actions serving as a catechism for instilling in Jesus the life lessons of servant leadership and acceptance of God's plan. Joseph was a **protector**. His strength flowed not from the bravado of words, but from the **silent strength** of his witness. For example, even amidst the Marian apparition at Knock, Ireland (1879), Joseph appears and yet said nothing. It took until 1479 for his Feast day to be fixed on March 19, and 1729 for his name to be added to the Litany of Saints! In 1624, French explorer **Samuel de Champlain** proclaimed St. Joseph as the patron for New France, present day **Quebec, Canada**.

One of the most revered figures in the Book of **Genesis** is that of Joseph. Sprinkled throughout chapters 37-50, we read in chapter 41 the account of the famine that closely followed seven years of plenty. Joseph had wisely **stored grain**, all of which became the source of sustenance during the

time of need. When the famine spread and the people cried for food, Pharaoh said to the Egyptians, “**Go to Joseph** and do whatever he tells you.” (Genesis 41:55) Then, Joseph opened the granaries and rationed the contents to keep the people alive. The biblical Joseph of the Old Testament may be seen as the **pre-figuration of Christ**. The comparisons between Joseph and Jesus are obvious: Joseph was also betrayed (by his brothers); he was stripped out of his colorful coat (Genesis 37:23), just as Jesus was stripped of his garments; both were sold for silver (20 pieces vs. 30 pieces), to name but three.

There are also connections with St. Joseph, husband of Mary. Both Joseph’s had fathers named Jacob and were considered in a line of royalty. Both suffered difficulties—not of their own making—without complaint. Both fled to Egypt and were materially poor at times in their lives. The phrase “**Go to Joseph**” (in Latin *Ite ad Ioseph*) is as fitting for the husband of Mary as it was for the Egyptians in their time of need. We ought to go to St. Joseph in our time of need. And for the next year, we shall all have a unique opportunity to do just that. Archbishop Hebda will celebrate Mass here on **December 8 at 7:00 p.m.**, during which he will inaugurate a special **Year of St. Joseph**, consecrating this Archdiocese to his powerful intercession. I hope you can join us, either in person or via livestream, as we entrust this local Church to the powerful intercession of St. Joseph.

- I had struggled mightily with my 8+ year-old computer, sluggish as honey out of a jar. Recently, when saving the Sunday petitions on my new computer, the prompt inquired if I wanted the new copy (of the petitions) to replace the old of the same name. I clicked “Yes” only to realize that what it was **replacing** was my **brand-new homily**. By the grace of God, I uttered **nary a naughty** word. No, I just stared into my screen, incredulous that I had erased an afternoon of work, just minutes before Saturday confessions began.
- Catholics are asking good questions about the new Covid-19 vaccines, specifically about their origins. A memo from the USCCB clarifies that, “Neither the **Pfizer** nor the **Moderna** vaccine involved the use of cell lines that originated in fetal tissue taken from the body of an aborted baby at any level of design, development, or production.”
- On the evenings of **December 17-19, 2020** Cathedral Heritage Foundation is sponsoring “*Cathedral Illuminated: The Manger*”. It is a **free** drive-along event, using the Cathedral as a canvas on which to tell the story of Christmas by means of light murals. The 12-minute show will be run on a continuous loop. People will remain in their cars and traffic will be directed one-way heading north on Summit Ave. The show is the generous gift of the CHF to the city in these challenging times.
- A **parish mailing** went out with the **Christmas Mass/Confession** schedule, along with a **small gift** for each household. You should receive it soon. Our **online sign-up** serves to spread out attendance among the six Masses. It should be operative by December 8.
- Did you know? When the Cathedral opened, it fell within the boundaries of the **Church of Saint Joseph** (1875-1915), at the corner of Carroll and Virginia, behind the old St. Joseph’s Academy. That parish closed and was subsumed into the new Cathedral parish.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. John L. Ubel,
Rector

PROTOCOLS

STEWARDSHIP PROTOCOLS

Located at the **four main doors** (two on Selby Ave. and two on Dayton Ave.) you will find **gold colored metal** drop boxes. Please distribute your **Sunday Stewardship** envelopes or cash in those slots, preferably before Mass. Otherwise, you may deposit them when leaving.

ENTRANCE/EXIT PROTOCOLS

Doors are clearly marked and identified as either for **entrance** or as an **exit**.

The **upper Selby Ave. door** (by St. Peter Chapel) is an **Entrance**. Note: The handicapped may use this door in both directions. The **lower Selby Ave. door** is an **Exit only**. It is the one closest to the Bus Stop.

On the **Dayton Ave. side**, the upper Dayton Ave. **door nearest the Sacred Heart Chapel** is an Entrance, while the lower Dayton Ave. door is designated as an exit. The **main doors** at the back of the Narthex are designated, one as Entrance (nearest Selby Ave.) and the other as an Exit (nearest Dayton Ave.).

CLOTH FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCH

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends all people 2 years of age and older wear a cloth face covering in public settings and when around people who don’t live in your household. The emerging evidence from clinical studies shows that cloth face coverings reduce the spray of droplets when worn over the nose and mouth. COVID-19 spreads mainly among people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet), so the use of cloth face coverings is particularly important in settings where social distancing is difficult to maintain, such as in Church. **Doing this for others help keeps all safe and healthy.**



SAINT JOSEPH PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
Who gave St. Joseph to Jesus and Mary
As protector and guide,
Grant that our Archdiocesan Synod,
Under his protection and guidance,
May help us discern your direction for our Church.
May we listen as he listened,
Trust as he trusted,
Obey as he obeyed,
Receive as he received,
Love as he loved,
And share in his life of devotion to Jesus and Mary.
Amen.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday - Sunday, December 5 - 6

- 5:15 p.m. Cathedral Parish ~ For the People
 8:00 a.m. Rodelio Laluna Hernandez †
 9:00 a.m. SVDP Campus ~ For the People
 10:00 a.m. Greg Mickelson †
 12:00 p.m. Mike Strommen (B)
 5:00 p.m. Mary Kennedy

Monday, December 7

- 7:30 a.m. John T. & Claire Lagowski ††

Tuesday, December 8

- 7:30 a.m. Mary Prybil †
 12:00 p.m. Valeer Deprez †
 7:00 p.m. Cathedral Parish ~ For the People

Wednesday, December 9

- 7:30 a.m. Mark Pariseau

Thursday, December 10

- 7:30 a.m. Cathedral Benefactors

Friday, December 11

- 7:30 a.m. Eleanore Arceno †



Readings for the week of December 6, 2020

- Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1] Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1] Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
 Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



Observances for the week of December 6, 2020

- Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent
 Monday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Wednesday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
 Thursday: 2nd Thursday of Advent
 Friday: St. Damasus I, Pope
 Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

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CATHEDRAL NEWS

ATTENTION MEN!

Join the men of TMIY (That Man Is YOU!). We meet virtually every Saturday morning. We start with fellowship at 7:15 a.m., a video presentation at 7:30 a.m. followed by small group discussion. We conclude by 8:30 a.m. This week, John Sablan is back to share his wisdom. He is a TMIY Core Team leader and cohost of Real Men: Designed for Greatness. His talk, *The Battle Against the Dictatorship of Noise* examines how the noise and busyness of today's plugged in society inhibits time for silence, and how silence is the key to developing a fruitful prayer life. John's message is particularly appropriate for an enriching Advent. All men are welcome; you need not be a parishioner. Invite a friend! There is neither a cost to participate nor an obligation to continue. To sign up or if you have questions, you may contact Paul Diekmann at prdiekmann@gmail.com or Ryan Strozyk at ryanstrozyk@gmail.com.

ONLINE GIVING - EFT

We are grateful for your support of the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Online Giving allows you to make contributions to the parish without writing checks or worrying about cash. Selecting the **DONATE** button at www.cathedralsaintpaul.org lets you set up automatic reoccurring contributions using your credit card or bank card. You can still place your Sunday envelope in the basket at church, just check that you are donating by using EFT. We have had **893** new onetime or new repeating contribution signups between **April 8** through **November 28!** Thank you! Please email msnyder@cathedralsaintpaul.org with any questions about online giving.

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

On the 1st Sunday of Advent (Nov 28-29), the distribution of Holy Communion was restored to its usual place within Mass. We will follow the exact same procedure for distribution as now; however, the faithful will all return to their pews for the final prayers, announcements and blessing. We will still need to organically disperse people at the end of Mass, by dismissing those seated in the side sections before those seated in the center. Thank you for your cooperation.



MASS AND ARCHDIOCESAN CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

On Tuesday, December 8, The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of America, join Archbishop Bernard Hebda at 7:00 p.m. for Mass to joyfully open the Year of St Joseph. Following Mass, Archbishop Hebda will lead the formal Consecration of the Archdiocese to St. Joseph. COVID-19 protocols will be observed for those in attendance, and the event will be livestreamed.

ARCHBISHOP'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Join Archbishop Hebda, Fr. David Blume and archdiocesan seminarians for a weekend of prayer and discernment. This Priesthood Discernment Retreat is for Catholic men, currently juniors or seniors in high school to age 24, who do not have a college degree. **RSVP before December 14.** For more information and to register online visit www.10000vocations.org. See website for virus safety precautions.

VOICES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Nicholas, the Gift-giver. . . .

Saint Nicholas of Myra, also known as Nicholas of Bari, was an early Christian bishop of the ancient Greek city of Myra in Asia Minor during the time of the Roman Empire. Because many miracles were attributed to his intercession, he was also known as Nicholas the Wonderworker. Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of sailors, merchants, archers, repentant thieves, prostitutes, children, brewers, pawnbrokers, and students in various cities and countries around Europe. His reputation evolved among the faithful, and his legendary habit of secret gift-giving gave rise to the traditional model of Santa Claus.

Very little is known about the historical Saint Nicholas. The earliest accounts of his life were written centuries after his death and are filled with legendary elaborations. One of the earliest and most famous incidents from his life is the rescue of three girls from prostitution. He dropped a sack of gold coins through the window of their house each night for three nights so their father could pay a dowry for each of them. The bags of gold, tossed through an open window, are said to have landed in stockings or shoes left before the fire to dry. This led to the custom of children hanging stockings or putting out shoes, eagerly awaiting gifts from Saint Nicholas. Sometimes the story is told with gold balls instead of bags of gold. That is why three gold balls, sometimes represented as oranges, are one of the symbols for St. Nicholas.

Other early stories tell of his calming a storm at sea, saving three innocent soldiers from wrongful execution, and chopping down a tree possessed by a demon. In his youth, Nicholas is said to have made a pilgrimage to Egypt and Palestine. Shortly after his return, he became Bishop of Myra. Under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruthlessly persecuted Christians, Bishop Nicholas suffered for his faith, was exiled and imprisoned. The prisons were so full of bishops, priests, and deacons, there was no room for the real criminals—murderers, thieves and robbers. After his release, Nicholas attended the Council of Nicaea in AD 325.

Two hundred years after Nicholas's death, the St. Nicholas Church was built in Myra, where he had served as bishop. Nicholas's remains were preserved in that church, where they remain today.

Note: The feast of Saint Nicholas is December 6.

2020 CHARITABLE GIVING

CARES Act Deduction

The CARES Act allows a new deduction in your taxes this year. Donations up to \$300 per taxpayer (\$600 per couple) may be deducted by those who are using the standard deduction, creating an "above the line" deduction available this year. Individuals who **do itemize** are eligible for deducting **much higher amounts** of their contributions. Visit: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/how-the-cares-act-changes-deducting-charitable-contributions> for more information.

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If you are at least 70 1/2 or older, you may consider a year-end charitable donation to the Cathedral of Saint Paul through your IRA account. In the year 2020, a direct transfer from your IRA account to the Cathedral may both satisfy your desire to support the Cathedral, while also having beneficial tax advantages to you. Please check with your tax advisor. Please contact Business Administrator Michael Snyder 651.357.1332 with questions about stock donations. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration. May God bless you for your generosity.

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We welcome those who have been newly baptized. Please pray for them as they continue to grow in Christ.

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Please join us in praying for all couples preparing for the sacrament of Matrimony.

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Please remember in your prayers those who are in grief because of the loss of a loved one.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

RCIA RITES OF ACCEPTANCE & WELCOME

Please pray for the following RCIA participants on their journey of faith, as they undergo the **Rites of Acceptance and Welcome** at the **10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass!**

Catechumens:

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Christopher Pagan
Luz Pizano

Candidates:

Samantha Heilig

Christmas 2020 The Cathedral of Saint Paul



Pre-Christmas Confessions
Monday-Wednesday, December 21-23
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 24
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.



Christmas Masses (sign up required)
Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve
2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 25, Christmas Day
12:00 Midnight Mass – Most Rev. Bernard A. Hebda, Celebrant
with Cathedral Schola
8:00 a.m. Mass with Organ and Cantor
(9:00 a.m. Mass at the Saint Vincent de Paul Campus)
10:00 a.m. Mass – Most Rev. Andrew H. Cozzens, Celebrant
with Cathedral Schola



Feast of the Holy Family
Saturday – Sunday, December 26-27
Regular weekend Mass and Confession schedule- No sign up required



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Thursday, December 31
5:15 p.m. (Anticipatory Mass)

Friday, January 1
Masses at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

N.B. All Masses are subject to Covid-19 restrictions (250 person max)
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