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LITURGY GUIDE FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—GAUDETE SUNDAY

*The Great Organ sounds on Gaudete Sunday.
Congregational singing is suspended per COVID protocol.*

HYMN *Sung by Cantor/Schola alone*

TOULON

The Voice of God Goes Out through All the World

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/Schola alone*

Kyrie salve, Missa XVII

(10:00) Missa Secunda, Hans Leo Hassler

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 61:1-2A, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,
to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
to announce a year of favor from the LORD
and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul;
for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,
like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,
like a bride bedecked with her jewels.
As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise
spring up before all the nations.

CANTICLE *Cantor, Schola, or Lector alone*

Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

Jeff Ostrowski

(10:00) C. Hubert H. Parry/Christopher Ganza

Ant., My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
In all circumstances give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.
Do not quench the Spirit.
Do not despise prophetic utterances.
Test everything; retain what is good.
Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,
be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The one who calls you is faithful,
and he will also accomplish it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Sung by Cantor alone*

Chant

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad
tidings to the poor. *Is 61:1 (cited in Lk 4:18)*

GOSPEL

John 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God.
He came for testimony, to testify to the light,
so that all might believe through him.

He was not the light,
but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John.

When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests
and Levites to him
to ask him, "Who are you?"

He admitted and did not deny it,
but admitted, "I am not the Christ."

So they asked him,
"What are you then? Are you Elijah?"

And he said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

So they said to him,

"Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us?
What do you have to say for yourself?"

He said:

*"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,
'make straight the way of the Lord,'"*
as Isaiah the prophet said."

Some Pharisees were also sent.

They asked him,

"Why then do you baptize

if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?"

John answered them,

"I baptize with water;

but there is one among you whom you do not recognize,
the one who is coming after me,
whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."

This happened in Bethany across the Jordan,
where John was baptizing.

HOMILY

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

HYMN *Sung by Cantor alone* CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM
Creator of the Stars of Night

MOTET (10:00) *This is the record of John* Orlando Gibbons

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; and said plainly, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No. Then they said unto him, What art thou? that we may give answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord. *Jn 1:19*

SANCTUS *Sung by Cantor/Schola alone* Missa XVII

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dóminus Deus Sábaoth.
Pleni sunt cæli 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/Schola 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 Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into 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.

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 proceeding. Maintain a distance of two pews between yourself and the nearest individual 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 Sacred Host immediately before returning to your pew. Thank you for your cooperation.

COMMUNIO *Dicite: Pusillanimes* *Gregorian Missal, Mode VII*
Dícite: Pusillánimes confortámini, et nolíte timére: ecce Deus noster véniet, et salvábit nos.

Say: "Take courage, you who are fainthearted, and do not fear; behold, our God will come and he will save us." *Cf. Is 35:4*

ANTIPHON

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL

CANTICLE (10:00) *Magnificat (Collegium Regale)* Herbert Howells

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden. For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. *Lk 1:46-55*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE-SORTIE

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 29, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$	7,673.00
Member EFT	\$	6,711.00
Plate	\$	1,786.07
Total Sunday Contributions	\$	16,170.07
Second Fuel Collection (additional)	\$	2,327.00
All Souls (additional)	\$	761.00
Thanksgiving	\$	886.33

Thank you for your tremendous generosity!

Saint Vincent de Paul Campus	\$	n/a
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"AT THE TONE, THE TIME WILL BE...": LESSONS FROM THE TIME LADY



As a kid, I was never one for **prank** phone calls. I just **felt too guilty** to follow through. Nevertheless, I do recall on one occasion inquiring, "Do you have Prince Albert in a can?" I suspect Tobacco store employees played along, as they heard the giggling in the background. "Well, you'd better let him out!" Peer pressure leads us to make interesting choices. I also remember being **fascinated** that I could **call the time lady**— at any time— and she answered. For forty years beginning in the mid-1960's, a woman by the name of **Jane Barbe** († 2003) was the **voice heard** around the country, having pre-recorded her many answers as to the time of day. I even thought she was "live" and sat around waiting for the phone to ring! Chalk it up to naivete. She also was the voice saying, "Please check the number....and dial again."

I **cannot explain** why I was fascinated by time; I just was. Having **time zones** confused me until I understood the underlying concept. Then I wondered how the boundaries were determined— not a bad question, considering they have changed numerous times. Before the advent (pun intended) of time zones, people simply set their clocks to the high Noon sun and left it at that. What difference did it make what time it was in Los Angeles? By 1883, this localized system had to adjust. We can **thank the trains** for that, as railroads began using four time zones. After all, they **had to run on time!** In 1884, delegates from 24 nations gathered in New York for the **International Meridian Conference**, establishing Greenwich Mean Time. (Bet that was a **wild group!**) Still, the time zone system was not standardized nationwide until the passage of the Standard Time Act, signed into law by **President Woodrow Wilson** on March 19, 1918.

It established **five distinct time zones** (the 5th being Alaska Time) and daylight saving time. **That** provision of the bill went over like a lead balloon and Congress overrode a presidential veto. Some congressional leaders thought the whole discussion a waste of time, considering the world scene. Rep. Otis Wingo (D-AR) argued, "While our boys are fighting in the trenches, we are here like a lot of schoolboys 'tinkering' with the clocks." For effect he added that most of those arguing for these changes had not "seen the sun rise in 20 years." Ouch— I guess **political rancor** is nothing new. But the standardization provided benefits for commerce and once people got used to it, it made perfect sense. Don't call your aunt at 7:00 a.m.— its two hours earlier in Seattle. But it also has a **downside**, as I am **finally** getting around to making my point!

We are **much less observant** today, ever more **reliant upon machines** that think for us, remind us, track us and measure our every movement. Have we lost the art of **simple observation**? Most of us have phones or clocks that automatically sync to the atomic clock located at the **National Institute of Standards and Technology** in Boulder, Colorado. That clock will neither gain nor lose even a second for the next 80 million years! Admittedly, we wouldn't be around to argue that claim. How can it be so precise? The NIST website explains that it measures the frequency of microwaves needed to produce maximum fluorescence in a ball of cesium atoms. Huh? I'm **totally lost** on that one; suffice it to say it works. But what about our need to be **attentive** to the daily **rhythms of prayer** in the liturgical seasons? It's all there for the taking, if we but step back.

If I listen carefully, I can hear the Cathedral bell tower sound its familiar Westminster Chime tones each quarter-hour. And twice daily, we hear the sound of the **Angelus** (Noon and 6:00 p.m.) with its traditional triple stroke repeated three times. It is **beckoning us** to stop, step back, catch

our breath and thank God for the **blessings and even challenges** of the day. The Angelus takes only a few minutes, consisting of three Hail Mary's and the angelic greeting prayer. Its name comes from its Latin version: "Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae" ("The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary"). In 1954, Pope Pius XII initiated the practice by praying the Angelus over the radio at Castel Gandolfo. It has happened ever since that time and is now a staple of papal ministry in St. Peter's Square, accompanied by a *ferrovino*, a mini-homily of sorts, prior to the prayer.

If we are **attentive and disciplined**, we can develop our own **body clocks** that operate with an amazing degree of precision. If you ever have awoken just a minute before the alarm goes off, that is your internal clock working. When travelling to Italy, I "fool myself" by adjusting my watch the moment I step on the plane. Eat dinner and go to sleep—it's late! I then force myself to stay awake the next day; after the first night, I generally feel fine. From its **theological perspective**, we see how God laid out His plan, to be accomplished in the **fullness of time**. While outside of time, he deigned to **enter into human history** and carefully prepared the coming of His Son. We **await** his arrival (*Advent* means *arrival*) and if we take this season seriously, we do so with a **hopeful expectation** and patient waiting. Oh, and the **International Date Line**? It still confounds me. Looks like I'm running out of space. Lucky you! Perhaps some other time!

- After inexplicable delays, the **Council of Trent** opened **475 years ago** today, **December 13, 1545**. Arguably, it was the most impactful Ecumenical Council in the Church's history. Nestled near the Dolomites, then under German control yet on Italian soil, **Trent** was an ideal location. It sought to answer the claims of the Protestant reformers, including but not limited to: Scripture, tradition, original sin, justification and the seven sacraments. The **clarity** emerging from that Council came not a moment too soon and paved the way for **clear Catholic teaching** for centuries to follow.
- Cancel culture, Brit style. **Julia Rynkiewicz**, an undergrad student in a midwife program received a long **overdue apology** from the University of Nottingham. Inexplicably, university officials had investigated her fitness for that role because—get ready for this—in her capacity as President of an approved on-campus **pro-life group**, she was tending a booth at a school fair. That's right—investigated for "fitness-to-practice" because she was pro-life. She also received a settlement. I hope it was for a hefty chunk of quid!
- This coming Thurs-Fri-Sat evening, the Cathedral Heritage Foundation is presenting "**Cathedral Illuminated: The Manger**". It is a **free** drive-along event, using the Cathedral façade as a canvas onto which light murals depict the Christmas story. The 12-minute show runs on a continuous loop. People will remain in their cars to view the show while driving north on Summit Ave. The show is the generous gift of the CHF in these challenging times.
- By now, Cathedral households should have received a mailing that includes our **Christmas schedule**. In order to spread out attendance, we are using an online **sign-up for Masses**. Please visit www.cathedralsaintpaul.org and follow the prompts.
- Bishop Damián Iguacén Borau, the **world's oldest** bishop, died in Spain at the age of 104. Five other bishops are over 100. Given how we priests give our bishops premature **grey hair**, that is amazing!

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.**

ON THE COVER



This week's cover photo shows the large clock above the sacristy door and its accompanying Latin inscription. Taken from Psalm 24:7, the phrase *Elevamini portae aeternales* is occasionally seen over Church portals (doors). Translated, "Be lifted up, you ancient portals," the phrase continues "that the King of Glory may enter." Used as a responsory for the Holy Saturday liturgy, it is symbolic of the victorious entrance of our Lord into heaven following his resurrection.

Many composers have set the responsory to music including the polyphonic setting by the 16th century priest composer Tomás Luis de Victoria. In a day and age of technology, the sacristy clock is "old school." At the conclusion of daylight saving time, this requires manually moving the clock forward 23 hours!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday - Sunday, December 12 - 13

- 5:15 p.m. Henry Meade Ott †
 8:00 a.m. The Daraitis Family
 9:00 a.m. SVDP Campus ~ For the People
 10:00 a.m. Cathedral Parish ~ For the People
 12:00 p.m. Brian & Kate Estrada
 5:00 p.m. Mark & Jane Juetten Family

Monday, December 14

- 7:30 a.m. Donna Pieper †

Tuesday, December 15

- 7:30 a.m. Don Regan †

Wednesday, December 16

- 7:30 a.m. Richard Strang †

Thursday, December 17

- 7:30 a.m. Cathedral Benefactors

Friday, December 18

- 7:30 a.m. Mary Gail Woutat (B)



Readings for the week of December 13, 2020

- 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
 Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
 Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
 Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7] Mt 1:18-25
 Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
 Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38



Observances for the week of December 13, 2020

- Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent ~ **Gaudete Sunday**
 Monday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Tuesday: 3rd Tuesday of Advent
 Wednesday: 3rd Wednesday of Advent
 Thursday: 3rd Thursday of Advent
 Friday: 3rd Friday of Advent
 Saturday: 3rd Saturday of Advent
 Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

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GAUDETE SUNDAY

The third Sunday of Advent is called “Gaudete” Sunday (coming from the first word of the Latin Entrance Antiphon for this day, meaning “Rejoice”) and the liturgical color may be rose instead of purple. This is the Church’s way of further heightening our expectation as we draw ever nearer the Solemnity of Christmas. USCCB

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 Saturday is the last Session of the Fall Semester of *The Fight of Faith*. Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, “The Dynamic Deacon” is back. His talk *Insurmountable Battle Wounds* is an emotional example of why no situation in life, no person, is beyond hope. We are never too old to join the battle. It is a wonderful story about Divine Mercy. 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 **922** new onetime or new repeating contribution signups between **April 8** through **December 5!** Thank you! Please email msnyder@cedralsaintpaul.org with any questions about online giving.



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. | 6:00 p.m.
Masses with Organ and Cantor

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 a.m. | 10:00 a.m. | 12:00 Noon

N.B. All Masses are subject to Covid-19 restrictions (250 person max)
* Check Cathedral website for sign-up and livestream information

VOICES FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Christmas story should be told . . .

Cathedral to Have Outdoor Nativity Scene. In December, 1948, a local news headline in the *Pioneer Press* announced: “The Christmas story will be told dramatically on the snow-covered slope outside the Cathedral this year.” The article quoted Msgr. George Ryan, Rector, “There are some people who will not go inside to see the Nativity scene in the Cathedral, so we are moving a crib outside for them. The Christmas story should be told even to casual passersby.”

The stable, made from packing-box lumber and designed by Msgr. Ryan was built in the basement of the Cathedral by Cathedral workers. Three sections—a large center section, and two smaller side sections—provided a background for life-size statues of Mary, Joseph and the Child Jesus. The figures were designed by Sydney Woolett, who designed the statues of the Sacred Heart and Saint Patrick in the Cathedral. An angel in flight was suspended above the head of the Blessed Virgin. Three small lambs and two large sheep grazed in the side sections.

By 1952, the side sections were crowded: on the left Three Kings and one sheep, on the right, two shepherds and one sheep. In 1963, these three sections were expanded to five. Three Kings, an attendant—and a full-size camel occupied the left section. On the right, two shepherds stood among a small flock of lambs. Later a full-size cow and donkey were added.

The first archival record of the indoor crèche is the date, 1941, and a note. It describes the Christmas scene inside the Cathedral, set in the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin, “made up of countless small figures, carved and painted in great detail.” The twenty-six figures in the indoor crèche include—the Holy Family, the Kings, the Shepherds—and animals—a camel, a cow, a donkey, sheep and lambs. The figures, created by the St. Paul Statuary Company in the 1930s, were restored in 2007 by Helen DeNardo Sandbeck, daughter of the founder of the St. Paul Statuary Company. ACSP.

Note: Traditionally, the Cathedral Men’s Association volunteers set up the outdoor crèche every year, rebuilding the stable, carrying and setting the figures in place. (It takes six men to carry each piece.) In 2017, the *Pioneer Press* noted that “the Christmas scene that faces the City from the Cathedral steps is the most popular site for photo snapshots in town.” ACSP.

CHRISTMAS MASS SIGN UP OPTIONS

Online: In order to spread our attendance at the Cathedral’s six scheduled Christmas Masses, please access www.cathedralsaintpaul.org homepage and click on the link listed as “Christmas Mass Sign-Up”. Select the date and time you prefer (Dec. 24 or 25) and a menu will appear. The Book a Pew system limits each reservation to five seats. If a household has more than five members, a second adult would need to sign up for the remaining seats under a separate entry.

After you sign up, you will receive a confirmation email that you may either print out or show electronically (on your smart phone) to the ushers/staff at the door. The receipt will list the date and time of the Mass you selected. Thank you for your understanding as we seek to make available as many spaces as possible to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

No Internet Access: If you want to attend Christmas Mass but do not have internet access please call Business Administrator, Michael Snyder at 651.357.1332. Leave your name, phone number, number of people in your group and the Mass time you wish to attend. He will mail you your receipt.

Fr. John Ubel, Rector

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