

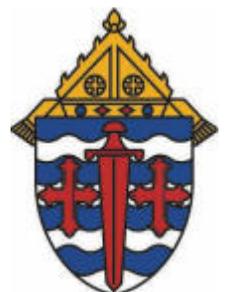


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LITURGY GUIDE FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

*The Liturgy of the Word for the Feast of the Holy Family,
December 27, may be found on page 10.*

ORGAN PRELUDE

(2:00, 6:00, 10:00 p.m., and 8:00 a.m.)

Carol Improvisation

Dr. Christopher Ganza

CHORAL PRELUDE

(4:00 p.m.)

The Cathedral Schola Cantorum

CANTICLE

Magnificat (Collegium Regale)

Herbert Howells

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. 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.

Luke 1:46-55

MOTET

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam, Arr., James Biery

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining, It is the night of our dear Savior's birth; Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices, O night divine, O night when Christ was born, O night divine. Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming, With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand; So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, Here came the wise men from the Orient land. The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger, In all our trials born to be our friend; He knows our need, our weakness is no stranger; Behold your King! Before him lowly bend! Truly he taught us to love one another; His law is love and his gospel is peace. Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, And in his name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, Let all within us praise his holy name. Christ is the Lord, O praise his name forever! His power and glory evermore proclaim!

Placide Cappeau de Roquemaure, Trans., John S. Dwight

The Organ may play as needed.

MOTET

Verbum caro factum est

Hans Hassler

Verbum caro factum est, et habitavit in nobis: Et vidimus gloriam eius, gloriam quasi Unigeniti a Patre, plenum gratiae et veritatis.

The Word was made flesh and lived with us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Only-Begotten by the Father, full of grace and truth.

Cf. John 1:14

Mass begins on the following page.



CHORAL PRELUDE

(10:00 a.m.)

The Cathedral Schola Cantorum

A Great and Mighty Wonder

Michael Praetorius

A great and mighty wonder, a full and holy cure! The virgin bears the Infant with virgin honor pure!

Repeat the hymn again: To God on high be glory and peace on earth to men!

The Word becomes incarnate and yet remains on high, and cherubim sing anthems to shepherds from the sky.

Repeat the hymn again: To God on high be glory and peace on earth to men!

While thus they sing your monarch, those bright angelic bands, Rejoice, ye vales and mountains! Ye oceans, clap your hands!

Repeat the hymn again: To God on high be glory and peace on earth to men!

Since all He comes to ransom, by all be He adored, the Infant born in Bethlehem, the Savior and the Lord!

Repeat the hymn again: To God on high be glory and peace on earth to men!

And idol forms shall perish, and error shall decay, and Christ shall wield His scepter, our Lord and God for aye.

Repeat the hymn again: To God on high be glory and peace on earth to men!

St. Germanus, tr. John Mason Neale

In Dulci Iubilo

Arr., Robert Pearsall

In dulci iubilo! Let us our homage show! Our heart's joy reclineth in praesepio! And like a bright star shineth matris in gremio! Alpha es et O! Alpha es et O! O Jesu parvule! I yearn for thee alway! Hear me, I beseech thee, O puer optime! My prayer, let it reach thee, O princeps gloriae! Trahe me post te! Trahe me post te! O patris caritas! O nati lenitas, deeply were we stained per nostra crimina, But thou hast for us gained Coelorum gaudia. O that we were there, O that we were there!

Ubi sunt gaudia, where, If that they be not there? There are angels singing nova cantica; There the bells are ringing, in Regis curia. O that we were there, O that we were there! There are angels singing, there the bells are ringing, in regis curia. O that we were there, O that we were there!

Heinrich Seuse, tr. Robert L. Pearsall

Quem Pastores Laudavere

Arr., John Rutter

Quem pastores laudavere

Quibus angeli dixere,

Absit vobis iam timere,

Natus est rex gloriae.

Ad quem magi ambulabant

Aurum, thus, myrrhum portabant,

Immolabant haec sincere

Nato regi gloriae.

Exultemus cum Maria

In coelesti heirarchia

Natum promat voce pia

Laus honor et gloria.

Christo regi, Deo nato,

Per Mariam nobis dato,

Merito resonet vere

Laus, honor et gloria.

Shepherds left their flocks a-straying,

God's command with joy obeying,

When they heard the angel saying:

"Christ is born in Bethlehem."

Wise men came from far, and saw him:

Knelt in homage to adore him;

Precious gifts they laid before him:

Gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Let us now in ev'ry nation

Sing his praise with exultation,

All the world shall find salvation

In the birth of Mary's Son.

14th Century, tr. Imogen Holst

Ding! Dong! Merrily on High

Charles Wood

Ding! dong! merrily on high In heav'n the bells are ringing: Ding dong! verily the sky Is riv'n with Angel singing. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! E'en so here below, below, Let steeple bells be swungen, And "Io, io, io!" By priest and people sungen. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! Pray you, dutifully prime Your matin chime, ye ringers; May you beautifully rime Your evetime song, ye singers. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

French, 16th c.

O Little One, Sweet

Old German melody

O little one sweet, O little one mild,
Thy Father's purpose thou hast fulfilled;
Thou cam'st from heaven to mortal ken,
Equal to be with us poor men,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.
O little one sweet, O little one mild,
With joy thou hast the whole world filled;
Thou camest here from heaven's domain,
O bring us comfort in our pain,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.
O little one sweet, O little one mild,
In thee love's beauties are all distilled;
Then light in us thy love's bright flame,
That we may give thee back the same,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

Still, Still, Still

Arr., Philip Ledger

Still, still, still, let all the world be still, for Mary lays her son to rest, sings to him softly at her breast, still still still, let all the world be still. Sleep, sleep, sleep, my dearest baby, sleep, the angles all rejoice and sing, heav'n for your delight shall ring, sleep, sleep, sleep, my dearest baby sleep. Joy, joy, joy, my heart is filled with joy! The God of love has left his throne, made this humble world his own, joy, joy joy, my heart is filled with joy!

Trad. German; Tr. Meg Peacocke

I Saw Three Ships

Arr., David Willcocks

I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas Day, on Christmas day, I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas Day in the morning. And what was in those ships all three? On Christmas Day, on Christmas day, And what was in those ships all three? On Christmas Day in the morning. Our Saviour Christ and his lady, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day, our Saviour Christ and his lady, on Christmas Day in the morning. Pray, whither sailed those ships all three? On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day, pray whither sailed those ships all three? On Christmas Day in the morning. O, they sailed into Bethlehem, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day, O, they sailed into Bethlehem on Christmas Day in the morning. And all the bells on earth shall ring on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day, and all the bells on earth shall ring on Christmas Day in the morning. And all the angles in heaven shall sing on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day, and all the angels in heaven shall sing on Christmas Day in the morning. And all the souls on earth shall sing on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day, and all the souls on earth shall sing on Christmas Day in the morning. Then let us all rejoice amain! On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day, then let us all rejoice amain! On Christmas Day in the morning.

English Traditional

THE ORDER OF MASS

CAROL *Sung by Cantor or Schola*

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Deutsche Messe, Arr., Richard Proulx

Sung by Cantor or Schola

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

GLORY TO GOD

Deutsche Messe, Arr., Richard Proulx

Sung by Cantor or Schola

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

CHRISTMAS EVE READINGS (2:00, 4:00, 6:00 p.m.)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch.

Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Sung by Cantor or Schola

Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

Ostrowski; Ganza/Turle

Ant., For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I have made a covenant with my chosen one,

I have sworn to David my servant:
Forever will I confirm your posterity
and establish your throne for all generations.
Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;
in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.
At your name they rejoice all the day,
and through your justice they are exalted.

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Liturgy Guide for The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, continued

He shall say of me, "You are my father,
my God, the rock, my savior."
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,
and my covenant with him stands firm.

SECOND READING

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia and entered the synagogue, he stood up, motioned with his hand, and said, "Fellow Israelites and you others who are God-fearing, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and exalted the people during their sojourn in the land of Egypt. With uplifted arm he led them out of it. Then he removed Saul and raised up David as king; of him he testified, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will carry out my every wish.' From this man's descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.'"

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Sung by Cantor alone* *Te Deum, adapt.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed:
the Savior of the world will reign over us.

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit.

Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,*

which means "God is with us."

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS DAY READINGS (8:00, 10:00 a.m.)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings glad tidings,
announcing peace, bearing good news,
announcing salvation, and saying to Zion,
"Your God is King!"

Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry,
together they shout for joy,
for they see directly, before their eyes,
the LORD restoring Zion.

Break out together in song,
O ruins of Jerusalem!

For the LORD comforts his people,
he redeems Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations;
all the ends of the earth will behold
the salvation of our God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Sung by Cantor or Schola

Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6

Ostrowski; Ganza/ Atkins;

Ant., All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
his right hand has won victory for him,
his holy arm.

The LORD has made his salvation known:
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.

He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
toward the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation by our God.

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
break into song; sing praise.

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
sing joyfully before the King, the LORD.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-6

Brothers and sisters:

In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, who is the refulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word. When he had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say:

You are my son; this day I have begotten you?

Or again:

I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me?

And again, when he leads the firstborn into the world, he says:

Let all the angels of God worship him.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Sung by Cantor alone* *Te Deum, adapt.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. A holy day has dawned upon us.

Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.

For today a great light has come upon the earth.

GOSPEL

John 1:1-5, 9-11

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what

was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

Deacon: Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

MASS CONTINUES HERE

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH *(Note: genuflection direction below)*

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 pause to genuflect 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

CAROL *Sung by Cantor or Schola*

Hark! The Herald Angels

MENDELSSOHN

HOLY, HOLY

Deutsche Messe, Arr., Richard Proulx

Sung by Cantor or Schola

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.

LAMB OF GOD

Deutsche Messe, Arr., Richard Proulx

Sung by Cantor or Schola

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

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
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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.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (4:00 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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHONS

Revelabitur (2:00, 6:00 p.m.)

Gregorian Missal, Mode I

Revelabitur glória Dómini: et vidébit omnis caro salutáre Dei nostri.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see the salvation
which comes from our God. *Cf. Is 40:5*

Viderunt omnes (8:00, 10:00 a.m.)

Gregorian Missal, Mode I

Vidérunt omnes fines terræ salutáre Dei nostri.

Ps 97:3cd

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation which comes from our God.

CAROL (2:00, 6:00 p.m., 8:00, 10:00 a.m.)

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

MOTET (4:00 p.m., 10:00 a.m.)

In the Bleak Midwinter

Harold Darke

In the bleak mid-winter Frosty wind made moan. Earth stood hard as
iron, Water like a stone. Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow.
In the bleak mid-winter long ago. Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him,
Nor earth sustain Heaven and earth shall flee away. When He comes to
reign. In the bleak mid-winter, A stable-place sufficed The Lord God
Almighty Jesus Christ. Enough for Him, whom cherubim, Worship
night and day, A breast full of milk, And a mangerful of hay, Enough
for Him, whom angels, Fall down before, The ox and ass and camel,
Which adore. What can I give Him, Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I
would bring a lamb, If I were a wise man I would do my part, Yet what I
can I give Him, Give my heart. *Christina Rossetti*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING, AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE-SORTIE

Improvisation on Joy to the World

Dr. Christopher Ganza

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CATHEDRAL - COVID-19 HOURS

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Sunday Church opens approx. 25 minutes before Mass
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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.

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"WITH A FATHER'S HEART": SAINT JOSEPH'S INDISPENSABLE ROLE



The Mass honoring the Blessed Mother on her Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 is always special. It was made even more so by the inclusion of the inauguration of the **Year of St. Joseph** within the liturgy by Archbishop Hebda. Little could he know that at 5:00 a.m. on the morning of December 8 (Roman "Noon"), our local shepherd's declaration would be "upstaged" by Pope Francis himself! He did the **exact same thing** for the universal Church. As a result, a second column on the topic seems warranted. The Holy Father wrote an Apostolic letter entitled *Patris Corde* and I encourage you to [read](#) it here. My interest in Saint Joseph was piqued as a newly ordained priest assigned to the Church of Saint Joseph for my first assignment. Barely there two months, then Pope John Paul II released an Apostolic Exhortation entitled "Guardian of the Redeemer." (August 15, 1989) View it [here](#). The Pope pondered some aspects of his life I had not previously considered.

For example, St. John Paul II wrote: "And while it is important for the Church to profess the virginal conception of Jesus, it is no less important to uphold Mary's marriage to Joseph, because juridically Joseph's fatherhood depends on it." In other words, Joseph's fatherhood is 100% real, the **marriage** was an **authentic** one, even though conjugal relations were excluded for obvious reasons. I recall seeing a contemporary litany for Mary that invoked her as "unwed mother." Such an invocation is, of course, utterly erroneous. Luke's Gospel records the angel saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home." (Luke 1:20) **Betrothal** was considered a **legally binding** marriage, explaining why Joseph simply couldn't walk away. The early Church Fathers knew this. Augustine wrote in his treatise on marriage: "By reason of their faithful marriage both of them deserve to be called Christ's parents, not only his mother, but also his father, who was a parent in the same way that he was the mother's spouse: in mind, not in the flesh." (*De Nuptiis*, I, 11, 12)

This year, we are privileged to have been granted a special gift by our Archbishop to obtain a *partial* indulgence by means of special prayers this year. Recall, partial indulgences remove some of the temporal punishment due on account of the effects of our sins. These are prayers or works that bring us closer to God and show our willingness to repair some of the lingering **effects of sins**, whose guilt has already been forgiven, but whose effects remain. Archbishop Hebda's decree (see page 11) expresses his desire to encourage our devotion. We are invited to pray the Archdiocesan Synod Prayer to St. Joseph before any image of St. Joseph. Those prayer cards are located appropriately in our Chapel of St. Joseph, so beautifully decorated, with more decorations to unfold over the following months.

Accompanying Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter was a decree from the Vatican Apostolic Penitentiary granting the possibility of obtaining a **plenary indulgence**. It may be fulfilled by: (1) meditating for 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer, take part in a spiritual retreat that includes a meditation on St. Joseph; (2) following St. Joseph's example, perform a spiritual or corporal work of mercy; (3) the recitation of the Holy Rosary in families and among engaged couples, in order that all Christian families may be stimulated to recreate the same atmosphere of intimate communion, love and prayer that was in the Holy Family; (4) everyone who entrusts their daily activity to the protection of St. Joseph, and every faithful who invokes the intercession of St. Joseph so that those seeking work can find dignifying work; (5) reciting the Litany to St. Joseph (for the Latin tradition) for the persecuted Church.

But there's more! The faithful may also recite any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, for example, "To you, O blessed Joseph" especially on "19 March, on 1 May, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, on St. Joseph's Sunday (according to the Byzantine tradition) on the 19th of each month and **every Wednesday**, a day dedicated to the memory of the saint according to the Latin tradition." Originating at the end of the 17th century, I was previously unaware of this **connection with Wednesdays**. I'll pay more attention now! In 1914, Pope Pius X granted the Pious Union of St. Joseph formal approval. They spread the devotion of the **Nine First Wednesdays** in honor of St. Joseph for a happy death, for yourself and your loved ones. In this time of pandemic, such a mission is quite timely and valuable.

As we celebrate Christmas and honor the Holy Family in rapid succession this year, I extend my promise of prayers for a happy, holy and **healthy** Christmas season. We are so blessed here. The Christmas **decorations** are as spectacular as ever, and I hope those joining us on livestream can gain the proper sense of the grandeur of the flowers and the sounds of the **Schola** put together for Christmas. The second camera has been a godsend as it provides a better viewing experience. We are doing our best to pivot. Our **staff** has worked extra hours to set up both the indoor and outdoor crèches, for safety reasons absent the usual large group of generous volunteers. Thank you for joining us in person or via livestream. May the Holy Family inspire us all to greater holiness and charity.

- While this may be my 32nd Christmas as a priest, I must say it stands out over all others! **Surreal, subdued**, a bit **stressful** and yet, God willing, **sanctified**. Advent provided increased opportunities for quiet reflection, absent the usual bevy of events that typically take place leading up to Christmas. That may just be the **silver lining** amidst a dark cloud. But this day, the light has broken into the world and we rejoice. I am humbled that you are joining us today—a **Blessed Christmas** to you and your family.
- A **Villanova University** study predicts that Catholic parishes in the US will see a **24% decline** in collections this fiscal year. Much of it is pandemic related, though collections had been slipping by 7% before the pandemic struck. It will take a concerted effort to bring people back to the pews when the dust settles from all that we have been through this year!
- Unsolicited Christmas advice...pick up the **phone** and call an out of town **relative** this Christmas with whom perhaps you have not spoken in some time. It does wonders for the soul for both of you!
- Though carefully watching our finances, we sprang for a **second camera** to improve our livestream experience. It's working well. We soon discovered that we really needed a second laptop for the entire system to work most efficiently. Cha-ching! That very same day, I received an e-mail inquiring as to whether we have use for a new laptop at the parish. Talk about **Divine Providence**. Turns out it is **precisely** what we needed. The parishioner wishes to remain anonymous. To Anonymous- you know who you are. Bless you!
- There are still a few days in which to make an end of the year gift to the Cathedral. The CARES Act provides some unique opportunities for charitable giving in 2020. I remain deeply grateful for your continued support.

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.

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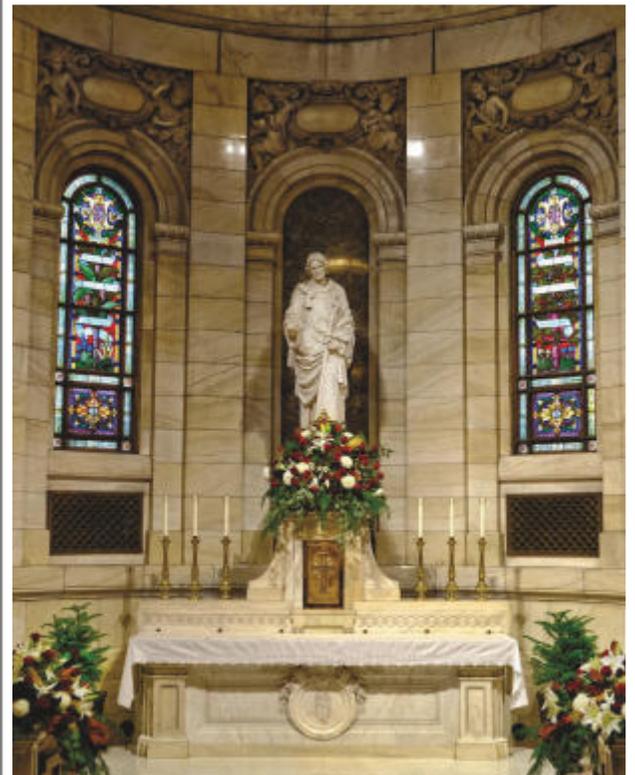
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CLOTH FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCH

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.**



Chapel of Saint Joseph - December 8, 2020
Archbishop Bernard Hebda consecrated the
Archdiocese of Saint Paul/Minneapolis to Saint Joseph
Pope Francis declared the Year of Saint Joseph

MASS INTENTIONS

Christmas Eve | Christmas Day
Thursday - Friday, December 24 - 25
 All Christmas Masses - Communal Mass Intentions

Saturday - Sunday, December 26 - 27

5:15 p.m. Brad & Lorna Anderson
 8:00 a.m. James Franczok †
 9:00 a.m. SVDP Campus ~ For the People
 10:00 a.m. Cathedral Parish ~ For the People
 12:00 p.m. Leah Ottman †
 5:00 p.m. Tim King

Monday, December 28

7:30 a.m. James Mullin †

Tuesday, December 29

7:30 a.m. John Lamey Jr. (B)

Wednesday, December 30

7:30 a.m. Norma Cintron †

Thursday, December 31

7:30 a.m. Cathedral Benefactors

5:15 p.m. Communal Mass Intentions

Friday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:00 a.m. **Communal Mass Intentions**
 10:00 a.m. Cathedral Parish ~ For the People
 12:00 p.m. **Communal Mass Intentions**



Readings for Christmas Eve | Christmas Day

Thursday:

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27,
 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or
 1:18-25.

Friday:

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12,
 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14.
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12
 Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20.
 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]
 Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14



Readings for the week of December 27, 2020

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3
 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4,
 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or
 Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22,
 39-40
 Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]
 Mt 2:13-18
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]
 Lk 2:22-35
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]
 Lk 2:36-40
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]
 Jn 1:1-18
 Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]
 Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]
 Jn 1:19-28
 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11,
 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
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CATHEDRAL NEWS - 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.

Year-End Charitable Giving

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.

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 **949** new onetime or new repeating contribution signups between **April 8** through **December 12!** Thank you! Please email msnyder@cathedralsaintpaul.org with any questions about online giving.



Christmas 2020 The Cathedral of Saint Paul



Christmas Masses

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve
 2:00 p.m. | 4:00 p.m. | 6:00 p.m. | 10:00 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

Christmas Mass . . . in the Log Cabin Chapel of Saint Paul . . .

For this week's Voices from the Archives, see below the text of a letter from Father Lucien Galtier to Bishop Mathias Loras describing Christmas in the log cabin chapel. It's beautiful and touching.

Your Grace. . . .

The Christmas celebration and the end of the year have supplied me with the material for this present letter. As usual, I celebrated midnight Mass. A great crowd of people filled the church. Before the Holy sacrifice began, all seats were taken, so that it was with difficulty that one could make passage through the midst of the crowd. Officers, soldiers, Protestant gentlemen of the neighborhood, as well as a great number of Catholic Canadians from St. Croix, Lake Pepin, St. Paul, and St. Anthony Falls assisted at the ceremony. Some musicians had come from St. Croix Falls, sixty miles from St. Peter, to add to the magnificence of the feast.

The sanctuary was lighted by a great number of tapers which gave a brilliance of light quite lovely. This was set off by draperies which completed it in every way, and whose art was modestly accompanied by a wreath of green in the form of an arch, extending from the entrance of the sanctuary to the communion table. In the middle hung a chandelier surrounded by twelve candles, representing the twelve apostles. In the first row on one side were the musicians with their instruments; on the other side were the children who were going to make their First Communion, each with a lighted candle in hand.

Everyone was attentive and devout. The singing began at half past seven and did not stop. It ended with the Mass of Thanksgiving for graces, which M. Godfert said immediately after the first mass, which was solemnly celebrated. He gave us a fine instruction. The number of communicants was indeed satisfactory. There were three who had come thirty miles to have the benefit of approaching the Holy Banquet. The feast was glorious and has made us forget many of the difficulties, setbacks and miseries which we have endured in other respects.

Father Lucien Galtier to Bishop Loras, 1843.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2021

Intention for evangelization - *Human fraternity*

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREAT

Friday, January 8 through Sunday, January 10
Coon Rapids, MN

A Rachel's Vineyard retreat is a weekend opportunity for women and men to resolve issues of guilt, shame, pain, grief, and anxiety after an abortion. The retreat provides a safe and sacred place for you to open up to our Lord and unburden yourself without fear. You will be able to grieve, work on any anger, forgive yourself, reconcile with God, and reconcile with your children.

You can register by mail, phone, email, or online with our **secure registration form**. If you wish to register by mail, [click here to print a registration form](#). Please contact us either at rachels@rvineyardmn.org or call 763.250.9313 (confidential voice-mail) if you have questions. The cost of the retreat is \$180 per person. If you are unable to pay, financial assistance is available. Registrations are kept in the strictest confidence and privacy.

RITEs

BAPTISM

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

MARRIAGE

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

FUNERAL/MEMORIAL MASS

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISM

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated for our parishioners on Sundays after the Noon Mass. Parents must attend a preparation class. Call Gail Wood at 651.357.1325.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/HOLY COMMUNION, AND CONFIRMATION

Registered parishioners are encouraged to register for preparation for the sacraments. For more information regarding catechesis for children ages 3 through Confirmation, call Stephen Hilgendorf at 651.357.1340.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Curious about Catholicism? Considering becoming Catholic? RCIA, a process of learning and formation, is modeled on how people were brought into the Church in the first centuries. Visit cathedralsaintpaul.org/rcia and call Stephen Hilgendorf at 651.357.1340.

MATRIMONY

To be married at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, one or both persons of the engaged couple must be an active, registered Cathedral parishioner for **six months prior to requesting a wedding date**. For more information about wedding policies, call Gail Wood at 651.357.1325.



NINE FIRST FRIDAYS DEVOTION

Looking to add an ingredient to your spiritual life this winter? Consider the **Nine First Fridays**. When our Lord appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French Visitation nun, he asked her to spread Devotion to the Sacred Heart. Part of that devotion consists in receiving Holy Communion on the first Friday of each month for a period of nine months, in order to receive the grace of final penitence. The Church grants a Plenary indulgence for each First Friday observed by meeting the following conditions: going to Confession, attending Mass, receiving Communion and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father.

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HOLY FAMILY READINGS**FIRST READING**

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children;
 a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.
 Whoever honors his father atones for sins,
 and preserves himself from them.
 When he prays, he is heard;
 he stores up riches who reveres his mother.
 Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children,
 and, when he prays, is heard.
 Whoever reveres his father will live a long life;
 he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.
 My son, take care of your father when he is old;
 grieve him not as long as he lives.
 Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him;
 revile him not all the days of his life;
 kindness to a father will not be forgotten,
 firmly planted against the debt of your sins
 — a house raised in justice to you.

Reader: The word of the Lord.*Assembly:* Thanks be to God.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM***Sung by Cantor or read by Lector*

Psalm 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5

Jeff Ostrowski

Ant., Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,
 who walks in his ways!
 For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
 blessed shall you be, and favored.
 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
 in the recesses of your home;
 your children like olive plants
 around your table.
 Behold, thus is the man blessed
 who fears the LORD.
 The LORD bless you from Zion:
 may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
 all the days of your life.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters:
 Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
 heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,
 bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a
 grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you
 also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.
 And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which
 you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of
 Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish
 one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with
 gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in
 deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to
 God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your
 husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and
 avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in
 everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke
 your children, so they may not become discouraged.

Reader: The word of the Lord.*Assembly:* Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Sung by Cantor alone**Te Deum, adapt.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;
 let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

Deacon: The Lord be with you.*Assembly:* And with your spirit.*Deacon:* A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.*Assembly:* Glory to you, O Lord.

When the days were completed for their purification
 according to the law of Moses,
 They took him up to Jerusalem
 to present him to the Lord,
 just as it is written in the law of the Lord,
Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,
 and to offer the sacrifice of
a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,
 in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.
 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon.
 This man was righteous and devout,
 awaiting the consolation of Israel,
 and the Holy Spirit was upon him.
 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit
 that he should not see death
 before he had seen the Christ of the Lord.
 He came in the Spirit into the temple;
 and when the parents brought in the child Jesus
 to perform the custom of the law in regard to him,
 He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:
 "Now, Master, you may let your servant go
 in peace, according to your word,
 for my eyes have seen your salvation,
 which you prepared in sight of all the peoples,
 a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
 and glory for your people Israel."
 The child's father and mother were amazed
 at what was said about him;
 and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,
 "Behold, this child is destined
 for the fall and rise of many in Israel,
 and to be a sign that will be contradicted
 — and you yourself a sword will pierce —
 so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

There was also a prophetess, Anna,
 the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher.
 She was advanced in years,
 having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage,
 and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.
 She never left the temple,
 but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer.
 And coming forward at that very time,
 she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child
 to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.
 When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions
 of the law of the Lord,
 they returned to Galilee,
 to their own town of Nazareth.
 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
 and the favor of God was upon him.

Deacon: Gospel of the Lord.*Assembly:* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



DECREE

On this Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the 150th anniversary of the solemn declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the universal Catholic Church by Pope Pius IX, and in union with our Holy Father Pope Francis who has proclaimed December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021 to be a Year of Saint Joseph for the universal Church, the faithful of this local Church join in solidarity to invoke Saint Joseph's intercession and call on his fatherly strength and tender care, especially in these days of suffering and isolation. Recognizing Saint Joseph's powerful assistance in difficulty and his spiritual fatherhood in the Church, together with the heartfelt aspirations of the faithful, I hereby

CONSECRATE THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS TO SAINT JOSEPH

Guardian of the Word Incarnate and loving spouse of the Virgin Mary. By this solemn act of Consecration, this local Church is entrusted to Saint Joseph's patronage, care, and protection.

During this second year of our Archdiocesan Synod process, we commemorate this Year of Saint Joseph in a special way, looking to him as a model of familial unity and openness to the Holy Spirit. We call on him to aid our discernment of where the Lord is leading us as an Archdiocesan family. During this Year, in addition to the Year of Saint Joseph plenary indulgences decreed this day by the Supreme Pontiff, Pope Francis, I announce the offering of a

PARTIAL INDULGENCE

To any of the faithful physically present or domiciled in the Archdiocese whenever they offer in the course of this year the Archdiocesan Synod Prayer to Saint Joseph before any image of Saint Joseph, with at least inward contrition for sin and the general intention of receiving the Indulgence.

We undertake each of these spiritual efforts in order to unite and encourage the Archdiocesan spiritual family under the patronage of Saint Joseph, guardian of the Holy Family, so that we may more perfectly cooperate together in the work of salvation.

Saint Joseph, pillar of families, comfort of the afflicted, and protector of the holy Church, pray for us!

Given at Saint Paul, Minnesota, on this 8th day of December, in the Year of Our Lord 2020.


Susan Mulheron
Chancellor for Canonical Affairs


Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

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