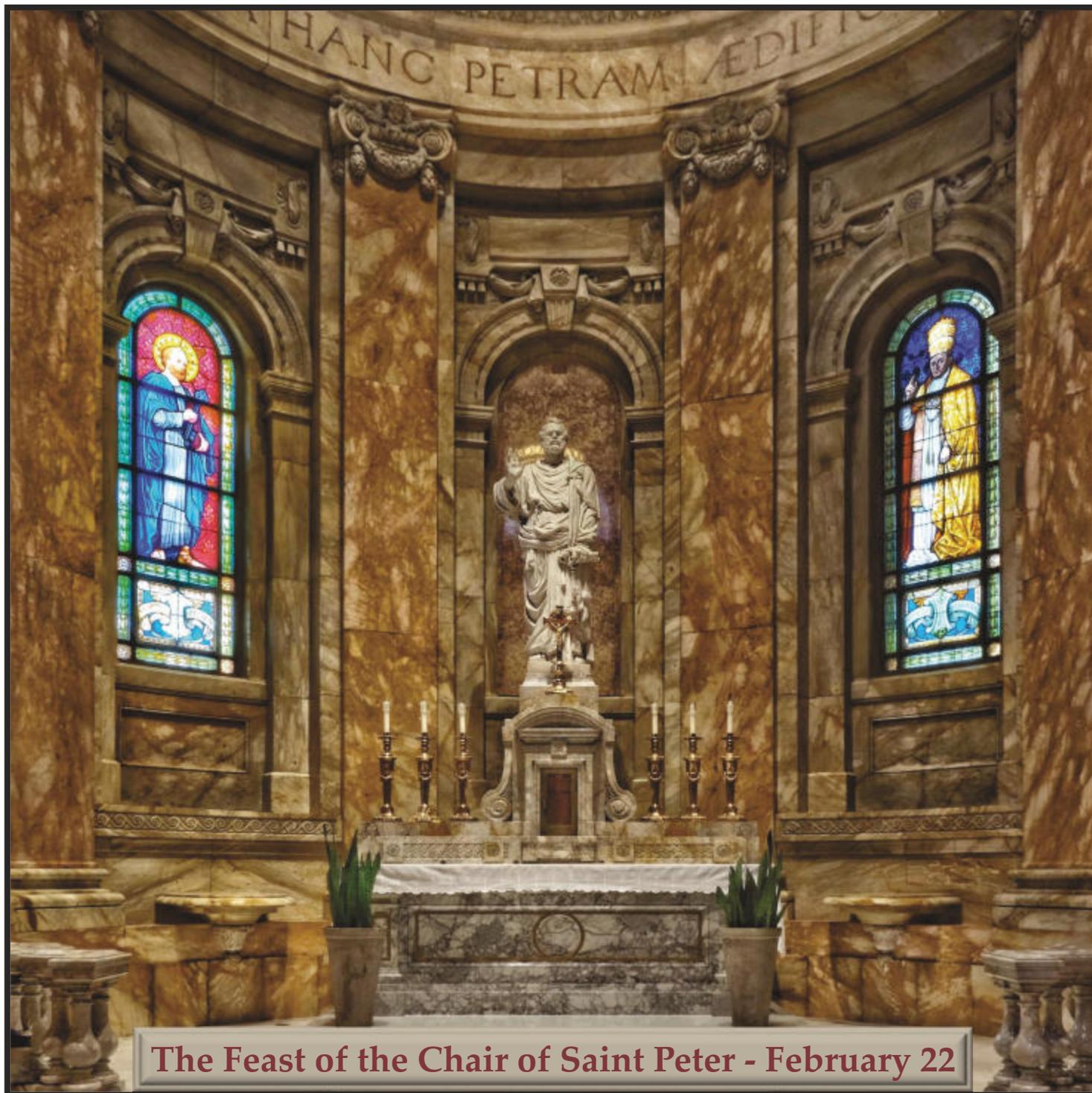
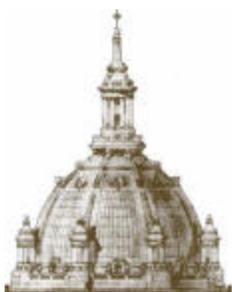


# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT | FEBRUARY 21, 2021



The Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter - February 22



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# LITURGY GUIDE FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

*Congregational singing is suspended per COVID protocol.*

**INTROIT** *Sung by Cantor/Schola alone*

*Invocabit me*

*Gregorian Missal, Mode VIII*

Invocabit me, et ego exaudiam eum: eripiam eum, et glorificabo eum: longitúdine diérum adimplébo eum. *Ps.* Qui hábitat in adiutório Altíssimi, in protectióne Dei cæli commorábitur.

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will rescue him and honor him; with long life will I satisfy him. *v.* He who abides in the shelter of the Most High, shall remain under the protection of the God of Heaven. *Ps. 91:15, 16, & 1*

*Roman Missal*

**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**

*Cantor/Schola New Plainsong III, David Hurd; Missa: O Magnum Mysterium, Victoria*  
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**COLLECT** (OPENING PRAYER)

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING**

*Genesis 9:8-15*

**G**od said to Noah and to his sons with him:  
"See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark.

I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth."

God added:

"This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you:

I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds,

I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Cantor/Schola*

USCCB/NAB

*Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9*

Jeff Ostrowski; (Ganza/Garrett, 10:00)

**Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths,

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old.

In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

Good and upright is the LORD, thus he shows sinners the way.

He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way.

**SECOND READING**

*1 Peter 3:18-22*

**L**oved:

Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God.

Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water.

This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.

It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Cantor*

*"Orbis factor," acc. David Hurd*

Praise and honor, to you, O Lord Jesus Christ.

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. *Mt 4:4b*

**GOSPEL**

*Mark 1:12-15*

**T**he Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:

"This is the time of fulfillment.

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent, and believe in the gospel."

**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** *IESU DULCIS MEMORIA*

*O Sun of Justice*

**MOTET** (10:00)

*Miserere mei, Deus* William Byrd

Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam, et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum, dele iniquitatem meam. *Ps 51:1*

Have mercy on me, O God, in thy abundant mercy, and with the multitude of thy tender mercies, remove my iniquity.

**SANCTUS** *Cantor/Schola* *New Plainsong III, David Hurd*

oly, 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:* **Save us, Savior of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.**

**AGNUS DEI** *Cantor/Schola* *New Plainsong III, David Hurd*

amb 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.

**COMMUNIO** *Cantor/Schola*

*Scapulis suis* *Gregorian Missal, Mode III*

Scapulis suis obumbrabit tibi, et sub pennis eius sperabis: scuto circumdabit te veritas eius. *Ps. 91:4-5*

He will overshadow you with his pinions, and you will find refuge under his wings. His faithfulness will encompass you with a shield.

**MOTET** (10:00)

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake* John Hilton

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives: to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and ever more. Amen.

**HYMN FOR YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH** Sr. Cecilia Miriam, S.N.J.M.

*Guardian of Humility*

Guardian of humility, dear holy father, Joseph,

To whose care were trusted Jesus and Mary,

We pray you, help us serve with gentleness and kindness;

In prayer and fasting, alms we offer this Lententide.

Most loving father, save us from all darkness;

Aid us warring with the dread powers of evil.

You, strong protector, model of the Holy Family,

Now care for us and help us as we care for others' needs.

*Virginum custos et Pater, anon., English adapt., LWL 2021*

**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.*

**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](http://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 FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 7,249.00
Member EFT	\$ 8,741.84
Plate	\$ 1,513.15
<b>Total Sunday Contributions</b>	<b>\$17,503.99</b>
<b>Fuel Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,595.00</b>

**Thank you for your tremendous generosity!**

Saint Vincent de Paul Campus \$ n/a

## "WHAT'S IN A WORD?": SYNODS, COUNCILS AND CONTROVERSY



Every organization has its unique **language**, culture and unwritten rules— the Church is no different. People guard that nomenclature more closely than the United States Mint Police are watching Fort Knox! If you're lucky enough to score a ticket to the Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, GA, remember that you are a "patron" not a fan. If you dare lie

down on the grounds or remove your shoes— hit the road, Jack! If you attend a symphony, you **do not clap** between movements. If you do, you'll stick out like a sore thumb. And in Church, men don't wear **caps**. It's just that simple. When it comes to **doctrine**, the **rules** are not always as crisp, the delineation not as clear cut. One of the Church's **greatest gifts** has been her **Ecumenical Councils**, twenty-one gatherings of Catholic bishops to discuss doctrine and pastoral practice. Through the centuries, the Councils have exercised an important magisterial role, setting the limits for what we believe, articulating dogma, correcting error, and promoting the faith in the world.

But if you think that the history of these councils is simple to understand, think again. Everyone seeks facile answers in real time. But life is not always like that. Even arriving at a **final list** of these councils is not without historical controversy. The ecumenical Councils are **more complicated** than most people realize; I hope to discuss them in greater detail in a series of columns. Let's start by clarifying terminology, because language matters. Our word "**council**" comes from the Latin language, while "**synod**" is of Greek origin. This alone highlights a difference of culture and understanding. Prior to Vatican II, most people saw these terms as synonyms. Today, the *Synod of Bishops* is understood as a periodic consultative gathering at which the pope presides once every three years. Gathering all the world's bishops is unrealistic, so a representative gathering (300 vs. 3,000!) makes sense. Dioceses can also call synods, just as Archbishop Hebda has done.

The word *synod* at its root means "together" + "journey," an assembly of companions meeting for a purpose. The word *ecumenical* on the other hand, at its root means "where there are houses," that is, "pertaining to the whole world." It was deliberately used to **distinguish** such gatherings from the myriad regional councils that handled lesser matters. So far, so good. The problem surfaces when we are asked to look back centuries with any degree of confidence what the **assembled bishops themselves** thought about the **level** of authority attached. On a human level, we think all our decisions are important. But upon further reflection, we know that some are weightier than others. Thus, the **mindset at the time** is significant, as are the **intentions at the time**. For example, surely those brave soldiers fighting at the Battle of Verdun in 1916 did not think they were fighting in World War I. That name came only later, upon reflection.

For example, there is evidence to support that the council fathers gathering in **Nicaea in 325 A.D.** had the **self-awareness** to intuit that something significant was happening. Later, this would be recognized as the 1st Ecumenical Council. That the Creed they promulgated is **still used** each Sunday is a testament to that realization. They were forging history. In fact, Nicaea called itself "great" and "sacred", while one manuscript actually uses the word "ecumenical." Even locating the **actual texts** of these councils is extremely difficult. Prior to the printing press, all bets are off. There were many variants, copied by **sleepy monks at 4:00 a.m.** Which manuscript is the closest to the original decrees? That's why God created scholars! Let **them** duke it out. Regular folks want to know **why** these councils mattered and **how** they **impact** our lives today. Fair enough.

One early council addressed that very question in its own documents, perhaps as a way of explaining to the people their **rationale** for the meeting. The bishops at **II Constantinople** in 553 A.D. (#5 of 21) admitted rather refreshingly as to their desired outcome: “But also the Holy Fathers, who from time to time have met in the four holy councils, following the example of the ancients, by a common discussion, disposed of by a fixed decree the heresies and questions which had sprung up, as it was certainly known, that by common discussion when the matter in dispute was presented by each side, the light of truth expels the darkness of falsehood.” Bingo—that’s an excellent “elevator speech,” a brief summary of **why** they were doing **what** they were doing. The **light of truth expels the darkness of falsehood**. Being **clear** about what we believe is critical, even as we acknowledge that defining doctrine is a **laborious** process involving much prayer asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The **Council of Chalcedon** (451 A.D.) deliberately invoked earlier councils by name, calling itself “sacred, great and ecumenical,” effectively making “ecumenical” a technical term in the Church. That is, the pope and bishops were situating their decisions within the **living tradition** of the Church. Ecumenical Councils are a vital aspect of the Church’s living tradition. Recall, the Church is **not a museum**, but a living Body of Christ. As Vatican II’s Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation taught: “Therefore both sacred tradition and Sacred Scripture are to be accepted and venerated with the same sense of loyalty and reverence.” (*Dei Verbum*, no. 9) Through Tradition, “the Church, in her doctrine, life and worship, perpetuates and transmits to every generation all that she herself is, all that she believes.” (*DV* no. 8 §1) These councils are magnificent examples of how the Holy Spirit guides the Church through all the ages.

- Understandably, last Sunday’s **attendance** was affected by the bitter cold. Thus, I repeat my words of gratitude to all Cathedral parishioners who have generously supported the **Catholic Services Appeal**. The CSA supports vital outreach beyond our parish. On Follow-up weekend, **envelopes and pledge cards** are readily available on the tables by all the four main piers. Please use the four drop boxes to deposit your pledge. Remember, our Cathedral parish receives **50% of every dollar** collected in excess of our **\$72,000 goal**.
- Must be the red wine! A French nun fought off Covid-19 and recovered at the Sainte-Catherine Laboure care home where she lives. Oh, did I mention that **Sr. André** just turned **117 years-old**? She is believed to be the **second-oldest** living person in the world. The local bishop celebrated Mass for her birthday party. And while they did not have 117 candles— she did have a sip of **red wine** and Baked Alaska, her favorite dessert!
- It isn’t easy keeping a **100-year-old boiler** in working order. Our maintenance staff has done an amazing job, keeping us safe and warm. I ask for your help this week to **defray the costs** of February, a particularly brutal month! Envelopes are on the tables by the piers.
- Former New England Patriots Super Bowl champion TE **Benjamin Watson** has produced a documentary that aims to generate understanding about the abortion debate. Entitled “Divided Hearts of America,” the staunch **pro-life advocate** engages in discussion across the spectrum in hopes of finding a path forward.

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**.

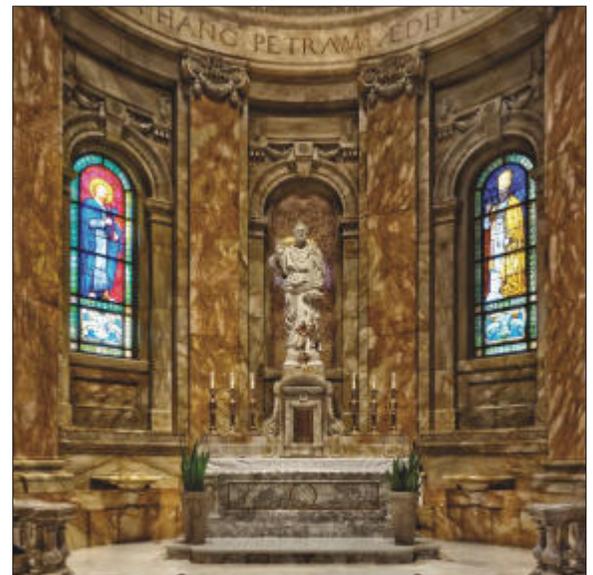
The **upper Selby Ave. door** (by St. Peter Chapel) is an **Entrance**. Note: The handicapped may use this door in both directions. The **lower Selby Ave. door** is an **Exit only**. It is the one closest to the Bus Stop.

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



Begun in late 1916 and completed in May 1917, the chapel in honor of St. Peter was the only side chapel completed before the death of Archbishop Ireland. The walls and columns of Sienna Gold hail from the famed Carrara marble quarries in extreme northern Tuscany, Italy. Michelangelo himself sculpted from Carrara marble. Fittingly, most of the work on the St. Peter Chapel was done by workers of Italian descent.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday - Sunday, February 20 - 21

5:15 p.m. Marlene Dannecker  
 8:00 a.m. Richard Gibbons  
 9:00 a.m. SVDP Campus ~ For the People  
 10:00 a.m. Cathedral Parish ~ For the People  
 12:00 p.m. Joan Johnson (B)  
 5:00 p.m. Peter Daly

### Monday, February 22

7:30 a.m. Rodelio Laluna Hernandez †

### Tuesday, February 23

7:30 a.m. For the Unborn

### Wednesday, February 24

7:30 a.m. Helen Morton †

### Thursday, February 25

7:30 a.m. Cathedral Benefactors

### Friday, February 26

7:30 a.m. Richard McKoskey †



### Readings for the week of February 21, 2021

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]  
 1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15  
 Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]  
 Mt 16:13-19  
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17,  
 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15  
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]  
 Lk 11:29-32  
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab,  
 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12  
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a,  
 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26  
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]  
 Mt 5:43-48  
 Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15,  
 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34  
 Mk 9:2-10



### Observances for the week of February 21, 2021

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent  
 Monday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle  
 Tuesday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr  
 Wednesday: 1st Wednesday of Lent  
 Thursday: 1st Thursday of Lent  
 Friday: 1st Friday of Lent  
 Saturday: 1st Saturday of Lent  
 Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

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### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Main Church

5:30 p.m. - Fridays during Lent

February 19 - March 26

&

Noon - Good Friday, April 2

## CATHEDRAL NEWS

### ATTENTION MEN! THAT MAN IS YOU SPRING SEMESTER

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. We are in the Spring Semester of *The Fight of Faith*. Saturday, February 27, Steve Bollman, founder and developer of TMIY will be back with his third installment of his Lenten Course based on John's Gospel. His talk *Learning the Secrets of God* dives into the Mystery of the Trinity and how Jesus' home at Nazareth was a Temple for the Lord and how our homes could be too, based on our friendship with Jesus. This talk is scripture heavy, it is recommended (not required) that you have a Bible available during the meeting, an RSV translation if possible. All men are welcome; you need not be a parishioner, nor do you need to have participated previously. Invite a friend! There is no cost to participate and no obligation to continue. Contact Paul Diekmann at [prdiekmann@gmail.com](mailto:prdiekmann@gmail.com) or Ryan Strozzyk at [ryanstrozyk@gmail.com](mailto:ryanstrozyk@gmail.com) to sign up or if you have questions.

### 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](http://www.cathedralsaintpaul.org) lets you set up automatic recurring 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 **1,237** new onetime or new repeating contribution signups between **April 8** through **February 13!** Thank you! Please email [msnyder@cathedralsaintpaul.org](mailto:msnyder@cathedralsaintpaul.org) with any questions about online giving.

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL FOLLOW UP WEEKEND

This year's CSAF Appeal was conducted at all Masses this past weekend (February 13-14). If you have not yet made a CSAF contribution you are encouraged to do so. Your financial commitment helps to support the work of the many ministries that are funded by the CSAF that no one parish can support on its own. Please see the link below for online giving. Thank you for your continued support. Fr. Ubel

**Together in Hope**

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL FOUNDATION

The Catholic Services Appeal Foundation is an independent foundation partnering with fellow Catholics to share Christ's love with neighbors in need through ministries that serve the poor, support life and strengthen the Faith.

**12,000**

PEOPLE PER WEEK RECEIVING FRESH GROCERIES AND HYGIENE ITEMS

**Thousands**

RECEIVING LIFE-SAVING CARE FOR HOSPITAL CHARGES

**28,000**

CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS BENEFITING FROM IN-PERSON LEARNING

**635**

PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH HOUSING EMERGENCY SHELTER EACH MONTH

**1,200**

HOT MEALS SERVED MONTHLY

**33,000**

YOUNG PEOPLE BEING STRENGTHENED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH

**OVER 50**

FUTURE PRIESTS RECEIVING LITURGY ASSISTANCE, ROOM AND BOARD

**1,300**

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## VOICES FROM THE ARCHIVES

### The Chair of Peter: Two Celebrations

Historically, a chair is more than a chair: it has cultural and symbolic meanings: the academic chair, the regal throne, the judicial bench, the congressional seat, the cathedra. The symbolism is clear: whoever sits in that chair has authority; whoever sits in that chair deserves respect. In court, spectators are directed to rise until the judge sits in the chair; no one is allowed to speak except through legal representation—and always with recognition of the person in the chair.

The chair is the identifying mark of a cathedral. “Defined most simply, a cathedral is a church in which is located a bishop’s chair or cathedra.” It is a church that represents the authority of the bishop, the “place from which the leader of a diocese celebrates solemn ceremonies . . . a symbol of his teaching and governing authority . . . the Mother Church of the area over which that bishop presides.”

A cathedral’s status does not depend on size or degree of artistic decoration. The rough log cabin Chapel of Saint Paul built in 1841 became the first Cathedral of Saint Paul with the arrival of Bishop Joseph Cretin. There is no archival record of the cathedra in the first and second cathedrals, but the cathedra in the third Cathedral still exists. It was transferred to the fourth cathedral in 1915 along with the altar of the third cathedral. Both of these historic relics are preserved and are on permanent exhibit in the Cathedral museum.

This 1915 cathedra was in use during Archbishop Austin Dowling’s administration until the completion of the baldacchino in 1923. Later in the 1960s, changes were made: the canopy was omitted and the chair reupholstered. For a photograph of the 1960s cathedra, see Introduction to Hansen’s *An Architectural Biography*.

In Rome, the cathedra and its symbolism is celebrated on the Feast of Saint Peter’s Chair. This chair is a wooden throne that tradition claims the Apostle Peter used as Bishop of Rome. It is enclosed in a sculpted gilt bronze casing designed by Gian Lorenzo Bernini between 1647 and 1653.

Excerpts from *An Architectural Biography*, by Eric Hansen.

**Note:** The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter was celebrated on January 18 until 1962, when the celebration was set for February 22. ACSP.

## CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL, APRIL 15 ON MISSION FOR LIFE AND DIGNITY!

There’s no time more important than now to speak up for life and dignity. So join Catholics from across Minnesota for this year’s **Catholics at the Capitol**, a special day of prayer, education, and advocacy in St. Paul.

Be formed in the faith, beginning the day with Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Be informed on the issues, as we hear from inspiring speakers like international pro-life advocate Obianuju Ekeocha and Archbishop José Gomez, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the archbishop of Los Angeles. And be sent on mission, joining a Eucharistic procession from the cathedral to the capitol before sharing your Catholic convictions with your elected officials.

The big day is April 15, but **registration is already open**. To learn more and secure your spot, visit [catholicsatthecapitol.org](http://catholicsatthecapitol.org). Together, we can protect life and dignity.

## 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](http://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.

## R.C.I.A. RITE OF ELECTION

Please pray for these Cathedral RCIA participants as they take part in the Rite of Election.

#### *Catechumens:*

*Brennen Foose*

*Corey Holter*

*Christopher Pagan*

*Luz Pizano*

#### *Candidates:*

*Samantha Heilig*

## NET VIRTUAL RETREAT

**Thursday, March 11, 6:00 -9:00 p.m., Virtual Retreat**

Open to teens in grades 8-12 from around the country, this retreat will focus on the person of Jesus for the main large group presentation and is appropriate for teens preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and for confirmed teens who are interested in a retreat experience. Each teen will need their own device and will receive a link via email to the retreat. Register at [netusa.org/confirmation](http://netusa.org/confirmation) provided at registration. The retreat is 3 hours and costs \$17 per teen.

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