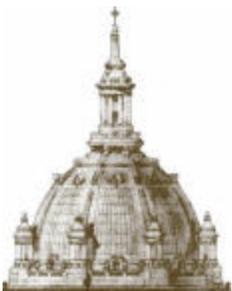




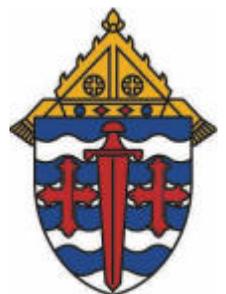
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LITURGY GUIDE FOR THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

HYMN *Sung by Assembly:*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful joyful we adore you, God of glory Lord of love,
Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All your works with joy surround you, Earth and heaven reflect
your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you, Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing
sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Praising you eternally!

Always giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our Brother, Let Your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

GREETING

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

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

GLORIA *Cantor and Assembly: Congregational Mass, John Lee*



Celebrant or Cantor: Glory to God in the *highest*, *

Assembly: 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, heav'nly 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

od did not make death,
nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living.
For he fashioned all things that they might have being;
and the creatures of the world are wholesome,

and there is not a destructive drug among them
nor any domain of the netherworld on earth,
for justice is undying.

For God formed man to be imperishable;
the image of his own nature he made him.
But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world,
and they who belong to his company experience it.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

USCCB/NAB

Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13

Jeff Ostrowski

ANTIPHON *Cantor, then Assembly:*



I will praise you, Lord, for you have res-cued me.

I will extol you, O LORD, for you drew me clear
and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O LORD, you brought me up from the netherworld;
you preserved me from among those going down into the pit.
Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger lasts but a moment;
a lifetime, his good will.

At nightfall, weeping enters in,
but with the dawn, rejoicing.

Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me;
O LORD, be my helper.

You changed my mourning into dancing;

O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks. *Antiphon.*

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

rothers and sisters: As you excel in every respect, in faith,
discourse, knowledge, all earnestness, and in the love we have
for you, may you excel in this gracious act also. For you know the
gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, for
your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might
become rich. Not that others should have relief while you are
burdened, but that as a matter of equality your abundance at the
present time should supply their needs, so that their abundance
may also supply your needs, that there may be equality.

As it is written:

*Whoever had much did not have more,
and whoever had little did not have less.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mode VI

Cantor, then Assembly:



Al-le-lu-ia, al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death
and brought life to light through the Gospel.

GOSPEL

Mark 5:21-43

hen Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side,
a large crowd gathered around him, and he stayed close to the
sea. One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward.
Seeing him he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him,
saying, "My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your
hands on her that she may get well and live." He went off with him,
and a large crowd followed him and pressed upon him. There was
a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. She had
suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors and had spent all that
she had. Yet she was not helped but only grew worse.
She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd
and touched his cloak. She said, "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be

cured." Immediately her flow of blood dried up. She felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who has touched my clothes?" But his disciples said to Jesus, "You see how the crowd is pressing upon you, and yet you ask, 'Who touched me?'" And he looked around to see who had done it. The woman, realizing what had happened to her, approached in fear and trembling. She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction." While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue official's house arrived and said, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?" Disregarding the message that was reported, Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." He did not allow anyone to accompany him inside except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." And they ridiculed him. Then he put them all out. He took along the child's father and mother and those who were with him and entered the room where the child was. He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koun," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded. He gave strict orders that no one should know this and said that she should be given something to eat.

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 Assembly:

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down, fix in us your humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, source of all compassion, Love unbounded, love all pure: Visit us with your salvation; Let your love in us endure.

Finish, then, your new creation; Pure and spotless, gracious Lord.

Let us see your great salvation Perfectly in you restored. Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we sing before the almighty, Lost in wonder, love and praise.

SANCTUS *Assembly:*

Roman Missal

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly 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. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION *Assembly:*

Roman Missal

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your
Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

AGNUS DEI

Roman Missal

Cantor: Lamb of God,

Assembly: you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Last time: Lamb of God,

Assembly: 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.

ANTIPHON *Cantor:*

Inclina aurem

Gregorian Missal, Mode IV

Inclina aurem tuam, accelera, ut eruas nos.

Lend your ear and make hast to rescue us.

Mt.1Ps 30:3ab

ORGAN IMPROVISATION

Dr. Christopher Ganza

HYMN *Sung by Assembly:*

Now Let Us from This Table Rise

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

Now let us from this table rise, Renewed in body, mind and soul; With Christ we die and live again, His selfless love has made us whole.

Then grant us courage, caring God, To choose again the pilgrim way

And help us to accept with joy The challenge of tomorrow's day.

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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.

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SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JUNE 13, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$	10,180.57
Member EFT	\$	10,255.00
Plate	\$	3,654.39
Total Sunday Contributions	\$	24,089.96

Many thanks for your continued generosity!

Saint Vincent de Paul Campus	\$	450.00
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"THAT'S WHAT I LOVE ABOUT SUNDAY": RECLAIMING THE CENTRALITY OF THE SABBATH



In late 2004, when my musical tastes were shifting, I came across a country song recorded by **Craig Morgan** entitled, "That's What I Love About Sunday." I was encouraged by its **clear reference** to attending Church in the first verse: "Sing along as the choir sways/Every verse of Amazing Grace/An' then we shake the Preacher's hand/Go home, into your blue jeans/Have some chicken an' some baked beans/Pick a backyard football team/Not do much of anything/That's what I love about Sunday." Indeed— **worship** of God, followed by **family time** and **recreation**. For centuries, this formula has worked! It is the Lord's Day. Prior to the coming of Christ, there is no precedent in non-Christian antiquity of a **Sunday celebration**. It certainly appears to be a creation **by and for** Christians when the Sabbath began to be observed on Sunday. Obviously, Easter Sunday morning had much to do with it, but the history is bit more **complicated** than that.

In Acts of the Apostles (20:7-8), we learn that the Christians "broke bread" on Sunday **evening**— Paul spoke until midnight! This is quite likely because the Sunday Eucharist was celebrated in the context of a **full meal**. While not the case today, the value of a family meal on Sundays **after Mass** is a noble tradition, based on solid historical evidence. Mass is an integral part of our Sundays, but **not the only** one worthy of mention. A letter by **Pliny the Younger** (*Ep. X, 96, ca.112 A.D.*) contains both the earliest external account of Christian worship, as well as the reasons given for the Roman persecution of Christians. Pliny's letter used two terms to characterize the Christians, "superstition" and "political club" (*betaeria*). The evening celebrations were soon abolished because such "secret" gatherings were feared to be subversive.

Still, Pliny acknowledges that the ceremony itself (i.e., the Eucharist) "was of no special character and quite harmless, and they had ceased this practice after the edict in which, in accordance with your orders, I had forbidden all secret societies." The Christians adapted to changing circumstances. This same letter also contains this description of the Christians: "...they were in the habit of meeting on a certain fixed day **before it was light** (*die ante lucem convenire*), when they sang in alternate verses a hymn to Christ, as to a god..." The context for these **early morning** celebrations was undoubtedly because baptisms were conferred within that singular celebration. But the key fact here is that a **secular writer** mentions "Christ" and that the worshippers sang to him **as to a god**. Pliny was **100% correct** on that count, even if he was merely reporting his findings about Christians to the Emperor **Trajan**.

Pliny's matter-of-fact letter contains a wealth of information about the **earliest experiences** of Sunday worship. It also raises questions: When did the Church begin to **require** attendance at Mass? What is the history of the Sunday Mass obligation? The short answer— "Not quite as early as you may think!" History teaches us that this **Sunday obligation** developed locally, organically and over many centuries. Our earliest evidence comes from the preservation of documents of local councils. It makes sense as the local bishop was the leader and communication necessitated smaller, regional gatherings. Prior to a formal obligation, **admonitions** were given towards any who frequently absented themselves from the Sunday assembly. But this is **technically** distinct from a universal prescription.

Take for example, the **Council of Elvira**, located near today's Granada, Spain. Held somewhere around 300 A.D., it is best described as a national council, its acts signed by 19 bishops and 24 priests from five different Ro-

man provinces. It spoke, not of an “obligation,” but rather of **penalties** after repeated absences. “If anyone who lives in the city does not attend church services for three Sundays, let that person be **expelled for a brief time** in order to make the reproach public.” (Canon 21) Ouch—they didn’t mess around! Not to be outdone by the Spaniards, in the extreme south of France, the **Council of Agde** (506 A.D.) **forbade** the faithful to leave Mass **before** the priest bestowed the **final blessing!** If they did, they may be **publicly admonished** by the bishop! Not to worry— you Cathedral folks are pretty good on this score!

The Sunday obligation only became formalized in Church law on a universal basis much later. For now, let us approach it from a different angle. An early 3rd century document entitled *Didiscalia Apostolorum* (Teaching of the Apostles) beautifully highlights the **centrality** of the Sunday Eucharist: “Leave everything on the Lord’s Day, and **run diligently** to your assembly, because it is your praise of God. Otherwise, **what excuse** will they make to God, those who do not come together on the Lord’s Day to hear the word of life and feed on the **divine nourishment** which lasts forever?” (my emphasis added) This Didiscalia’s stress was on **positive reasons** to attend Mass and receive divine nourishment. Nearly 1800 years later, that approach seems wise and prudent. And it accomplishes this by asking rhetorically— what is our **excuse** for not attending? (To be continued)

- Do not become discouraged in your pursuit of virtue—it takes a lifetime. The 1st century Roman pagan poet **Ovid** wrote: “Video meliora proboque, deteriora sequor” [I see better things and I approve, but I follow what is worse]. In truth, the **pursuit** of virtue takes a long time and includes much stumbling along the way. The important thing is to stick with it!
- As the **general Sunday obligation** returns next weekend (July 3-4), please note the legitimate reasons why some may remain home, listed separately on page 6 of this week’s bulletin.
- In the troubled African nation of **Eritrea**, the government is **seizing control** of Catholic schools. In 2019, they did the same with Church-run hospitals. The nation’s Catholic bishops have noted that they are not in competition with government organizations, but rather are exercising their legitimate rights. “We declare again that she will never cease to demand the return of the social institutions forcibly taken from her and the right to perform all the services of which she has been deprived.”
- The Cathedral parish has been blessed since 2017 by the presence of **Mike Snyder**, our Business Administrator. Mike is entering into a **well-earned retirement** after many years of service to the Church. Here, he organized our business affairs and oversaw our Safe Environment program so very ably. Our most recent **audit** was the best we have had since my 2012 arrival— largely due to his leadership.
- A **smackdown** for lockdowns. In a 4-3 decision, the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled that the local health officer in Madison, WI had **no authority** to cease all in-person instruction (**including religious schools**) for students in grades 3-12, instead imposing virtual learning. It ruled: “[T]hose portions of the Order restricting or prohibiting in-person instruction are unconstitutional because they violate a citizen’s right to the free exercise of religion guaranteed in Article I, Section 18 of the Wisconsin Constitution...” Religious liberty matters!

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.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is distributed by individual sections of pews. Please wait until a Communion distributor arrives at your section before proceeding. Please **consume the host immediately** upon reception.

Holy Communion in the Hand— Please extend your hands, one directly over the other, as the Sacred Host is deposited. If possible, **keep your hands flat** and wait until the priest/deacon/EMHC deposits the host before reaching for it. Please do not reach for the Host. This will greatly minimize potential contact. Avoid holding your hands up too high, as it is more difficult to gently deposit a host.

Holy Communion on the Tongue— Available in the center aisle only. Beginning in July, it will be available in all but the section closest to each exit. Fr. Ubel

CATHEDRAL PUBLIC TOURS RESUME

We are resuming **public tours June 29**, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. The Church will be open from 12:00 Noon until the conclusion of daily confessions at 5:00 p.m. With the Chapels and Shrines open, I encourage you to **light a candle** to pray in remembrance of a loved one.



INDEPENDENCE DAY SCHEDULE

Independence Day falls on a Sunday this year. To allow our staff to have time with their families, the Cathedral will observe the following:

Monday, July 5th

Parish Office Closed

Church Building Hours

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

7:30 a.m. Mass followed by Morning Prayer



ON THE COVER



The cover this week features a fragment from an Italian Portal (door). It is a wood carving dating from the 16th century. Called a Tympanum, it currently sits atop the door leading to the elevator in the Cathedral basement. The wood is overlaid with gesso (a traditional mix of an animal glue binder (usually rabbit-skin glue), chalk, and white pigment,) and a thin polychrome.

The artwork was a most likely a gift from Charlotte Hill Slade (1877– 1923), the sixth child of James J. and Mary Theresa Hill. Charlotte remained dedicated to the Cathedral during her lifetime.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday & Sunday, June 26 - 27

5:15 p.m. Mary Borer †
 8:00 a.m. Rev. Adam Slominski
 9:00 a.m. SVDP Campus ~ For the People
 10:00 a.m. Cathedral Parish ~ For the People
 12:00 p.m. Dan & Judy Boulay (A)
 5:00 p.m. Victoria Fuentes †

Monday, June 28

7:30 a.m. Frances M. Behling †

Tuesday, June 29

7:30 a.m. Hilgendorf Family

Wednesday, June 30

7:30 a.m. Ben Chan †

Thursday, July 1

7:30 a.m. Cathedral Benefactors

Friday, July 2

7:30 a.m. Mary Borer †



Readings for the week of June 27, 2021

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/
 Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43
 Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9,
 10-11 [8a]/Mt 8:18-22
 Tuesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]
 Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
 Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7,
 8-9 [5]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
 Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11,
 12-13 [7a]/Mt 8:28-34
 Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]
 Mt 9:1-8
 Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2,
 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]
 Jn 20:24-29
 Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]
 2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a



Observances for the week of June 27, 2021

Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr
 Tuesday: Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
 Wednesday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
 Thursday: St. Junipero Serra, Priest
 Friday: 13th Friday in Ordinary Time
 Saturday: St. Thomas, Apostle
 Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 Independence Day

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CATHEDRAL NEWS

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. Select the **DONATE** button on the Cathedral website to set up automatic reoccurring contributions using your credit card or bank card. We have had **1,614** new onetime or new repeating contribution signups between April 8, 2020 through June 19, 2021! Please email msnyder@cathedralsaintpaul.org with any questions about online giving.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION, TODAY

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the activities of the Holy See through which Pope Francis governs the Church and exercises his charitable works. When used for charitable outreach, funds from this collection help those most in need. Take this opportunity to join with the Holy Father and be a sign of mercy. Envelopes may be found on the tables near the piers, and deposited in the drop boxes.



SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

Minnesota's Catholic bishops have reinstated Catholics' obligation to attend Sunday Mass and holy days of obligation, beginning the weekend of July 3-4. The Minnesota bishops note however that "the Church has always recognized that certain circumstances can excuse a person from the requirement to observe the obligation," the bishops noted in their joint statement.

Those circumstances include:

- 1) You have reason to believe your health would be significantly compromised if you were to contract a communicable illness (meaning, you have underlying conditions or are in a high-risk category).
- 2) You exhibit flu-like symptoms.
- 3) You have good reason to think you might be asymptomatic of a contagious illness (for example, you were in recent contact with someone who tested positive for a contagious illness such as COVID or influenza).
- 4) You care for the sick, homebound or infirmed.
- 5) You are pregnant or you are 65 years of age or older (per the Centers for Disease Control's recommendation for high-risk individuals).
- 6) You cannot attend Mass through no fault of your own (no Mass is offered; you are infirm; or, while wanting to go, you are prevented for some reason you cannot control, such as your ride did not show up).
- 7) You have significant fear or anxiety of becoming ill by being at Mass.

VOICES FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

This feast honors the martyrdom of the apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul. On the General Roman Calendar, the celebration is a solemnity. Prior to the liturgical reforms of Pope Pius XII, this feast was followed by an octave. On this feast, the Pope honors newly created metropolitan archbishops with the pallium, the primary symbol of their office.

It is a holy day of obligation in the Latin Church, although individual conferences of bishops can suppress the obligation. In England, Scotland and Wales, the feast is observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. The Feast ceased being a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States in 1840.

Many Catholic-majority countries also observe this feast day as a public holiday. It is a holiday in Rome because St. Paul and St. Peter are patron saints of the Eternal City. In the Apulia region of southeastern Italy, the feast of Saints Peter and Paul was associated with the Tarantella dance since the Middle Ages. It was believed that the bite of the tarantula wolf spider caused a form of manic behavior which would result in death if the afflicted did not dance and could not be cured without the intercession of Saint Paul.

On February 22 the Church celebrates the “Chair of Peter,” the sign that Peter was the first among the apostles and the one designated to lead the early Church after Jesus’ Resurrection and Ascension. A striking painting by Paul Rubens shows Peter with the “Keys” and wearing the pallium of the office of Bishop.

Although not one of the Twelve, Paul was an Apostle commissioned by Jesus. The January 25th celebration, “The Conversion of St. Paul,” commemorates the Damascus Road episode described in Acts of the Apostles. Caravaggio made this scene famous in his painting, “Conversion on the Way to Damascus.” The two leading saints of the early Church are celebrated together in the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29. The feast of the Conversion of St. Paul is the patronal feast of the Cathedral of St. Paul and of the Archdiocese.

Note: In the Cathedral of St. Paul there are thirteen images of St. Paul and ten of St. Peter. Don’t miss the wooden frame on the elevator entrance on the lower level. ACSP.

MOBILE BLOOD DRIVE, JULY 13

July is the month of the Precious Blood of Jesus. On **Tuesday, July 13**, from **12:00 Noon to 6:00 p.m.** please consider participating in the Mobile Blood Drive located on Selby Avenue by the flagpole. If you are at least 17 years old, 110 lbs. and in good health, you are eligible to give blood. Participation is by appointment only. Please visit redcrossblood.org and search zip code **55102** or sponsor code: **Cathedral**. Or call 1.800 RED CROSS (1.800.733.2767).

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PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

Social friendship: We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

RITES

BAPTISM

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

James Jude Stern

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.

ACTION ALERT: PASS SCHOOL CHOICE NOW

There are many options on the table to help parents access true educational choice for their kids. Whether it be tuition tax credits, education savings accounts, or any of the many solutions before them, tell your legislators and Governor Walz that Minnesota’s kids need school choice and cannot wait any longer. Hear from Bishop Cozzens and learn more at mncatholic.org/action-alert-pass-school-choice-now.

NINE FIRST FRIDAYS DEVOTION

Looking to add an ingredient to your spiritual life this summer? 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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