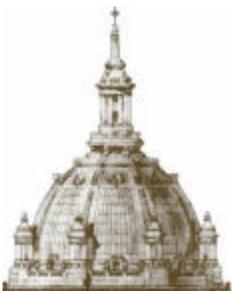


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LITURGY GUIDE FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PHOTOGRAPHY — *The Cathedral welcomes all visitors to Mass today. We encourage those who wish to take photos of this sacred space to do so freely before and after Mass. Once the opening announcement is made, please refrain from taking photos and videos until Mass has concluded. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.*

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING HYMN 541

O God beyond All Praising

THAXTED

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

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

Missa XVI

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.

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

Celebrant: ...God for ever and ever.

Assembly: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Ihus says the LORD: Say to those whose hearts are frightened:

Be strong, fear not!

Here is your God,

he comes with vindication;

with divine recompense

he comes to save you.

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,

the ears of the deaf be cleared;

then will the lame leap like a stag,

then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe.

The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Grail, 1963

Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Richard Proulx

ANTIPHON *Cantor, then Assembly:*



Praise the Lord, my soul! Praise the Lord!

VERSES *Cantor*

It is he who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the LORD, who sets prisoners free,

the LORD who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down,

the LORD, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the LORD who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The LORD will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. *Antiphon.*

SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please," while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mode VI

Cantor, then Assembly:



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

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

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

Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" — that is, "Be opened!" — And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone.

But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: 
Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

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.

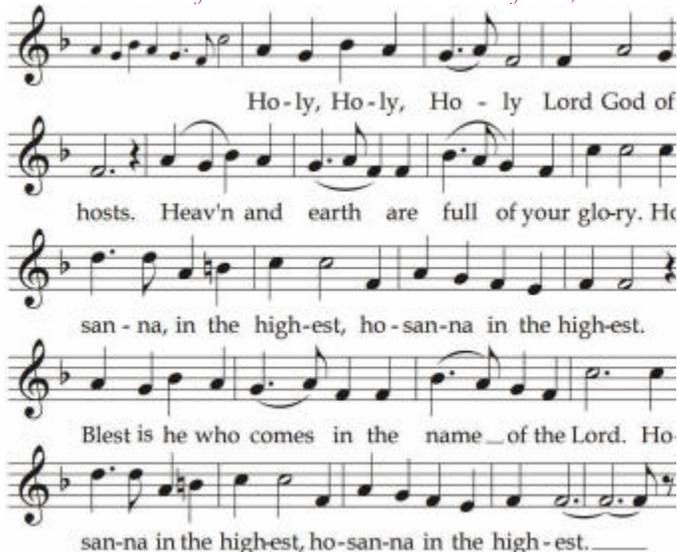
UNIVERSAL PRAYER *Assembly:* Lord, hear our prayer.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

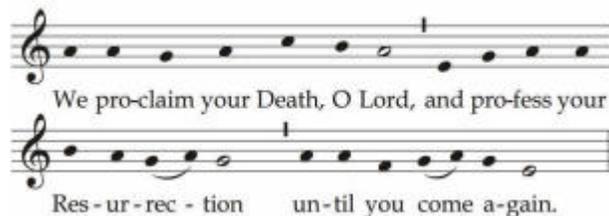
HYMN 624 *(when announced)* **SHARPTHORNE**
What Does the Lord Require

SANCTUS *Assembly:* *A Community Mass, Richard Proulx*



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of
hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. He
san-na, in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.
Blest is he who comes in the name _ of the Lord. Ho
san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est. _____

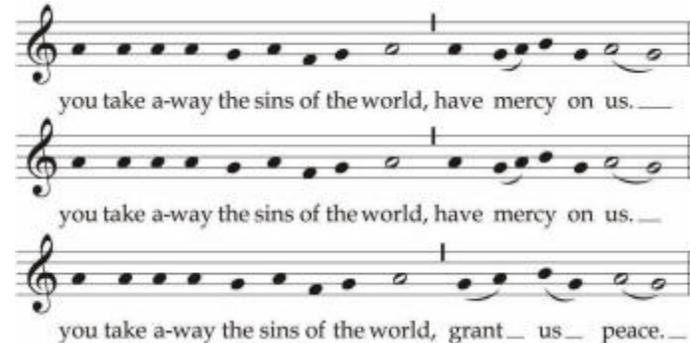
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION *Assembly:* *Roman Missal*



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, *(three times,)* then *Assembly, one line at a time:*



you take a-way the sins of the world, have mercy on us. —
you take a-way the sins of the world, have mercy on us. —
you take a-way 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.

ANTIPHON

Vovete *Gregorian Missal, Mode II*
Vovéte, et réddite Dómino Deo vestro, omnes qui in circúitu eius affértis múnera: terríbili, et ei qui aufert spíritum princípum: terríbili apud omnes reges terræ. *Ps 76:12, 13*
Make vows unto the Lord your God, and accomplish them, all you who gather around him to present offerings; to the awesome God who takes away the life of princes; he is greatly feared by all the kings of the earth.

HYMN

O Son of God in Galilee *William Billings*
O Son of God, in Galilee You made the deaf to hear, The mute to speak, the blind to see; O blessed Lord, be near. O listen to the silent prayer Of Your afflicted ones. O bid them cast on You their care; Your grace to them make known. The speechless tongue, the lifeless ear You can restore, O Lord; Your "Ephphatha," O Savior dear, Can instant help afford. Meanwhile to them the list'ning ear Of steadfast faith impart, And let Your Word bring light and cheer To ev'ry troubled heart. Then in Your promised happy land Each loss will prove again; All myst'ries we shall understand, For You will make them plain. *LBW © 1978*

CLOSING HYMN 763 *MATERNA*
America the Beautiful



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CHURCH HOURS

Monday - Friday: 7:00 - 5:00 p.m.

(Please enter through Selby Avenue side, handicap entrance)

Saturday: 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS

Anticipatory (Saturday) 5:15 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. | 10:00 a.m. | Noon | 5:00 p.m.

DAILY MASS

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.

OFFICE HOURS (RECTORY AT 239 SELBY AVENUE)

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WELCOME CENTER HOURS

Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

GUIDED TOURS

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

MUSEUM HOURS

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VIRTUAL TOURS

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SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR AUGUST 22, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 6,007.00
Member EFT	\$ 9,573.34
Plate	\$ 5,497.41
Total Sunday Contributions	\$ 21,077.75
Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM	\$ 136.25
Saint Vincent de Paul Campus	\$ n/a

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"OLD BIRDS" TEACHING THE YOUNG: #2 PENCILS AND STANDARDIZED TESTS



"Boys and girls, please take out your #2 pencils." A single sentence that made me cringe— **every** year! The dreaded #2 pencil. We all knew what it meant— it was time for **standardized testing**. On this Labor Day weekend, the thoughts of students and parents alike turn towards school. While many private (and increasingly public) schools begin before Labor Day, by tomorrow **all schools** will be in session. (Well, almost all.

The Saint Paul public schools begin on Thursday). In person learning has returned. And oh, how too many of our children paid a stiff price these past **18 months**. This week, despite very strong feelings about education, I will try to avoid a polemical tone, and stick to facts. And the statistics are grim, with stark urban, suburban and rural differences.

Last week, while waiting for our return shuttle at the State Fair Park and Ride, my brother and I struck up a conversation with a young elementary school teacher from a first-tier suburban Minneapolis school district. His **zeal** for his students was **admirable** and palpable. His specialty area within education (EBD) requires tremendous **patience** and **resilience** and he admirably demonstrated the needed qualities. But he also **shed light** on the general landscape of his district. When we inquired about "distance learning," he was so relieved that his school would offer an in-person experience in 2021-22. Last year was tremendously challenging, and he was transparent in **acknowledging** that if the students kept their cameras off, there was little the schools could do. Protocols prevented them from demanding to see their students. It is **nearly impossible** to teach virtually without benefit of making a personal connection.

I recall that one of my high school teachers had a sign on his desk that read: "Education is nothing more than old birds teaching young birds how to fly." Perhaps he gleaned this from **C.S. Lewis**, who in his 1943 work entitled *The Abolition of Man*, remarked "The old dealt with its pupils as grown birds deal with young birds when they **teach them to fly** [emphasis added]; the new deals with them more as the poultry-keeper deals with young birds— making them thus or thus for purposes of which the birds know nothing. In a word, the old was a kind of propagation—men transmitting manhood to men; the new is merely propaganda." Note that he wrote that during World War II. How **prescient** he was. As someone who spent **ten years** of my priestly life in a classroom, I've experienced both the **joys** and **challenges** of teaching.

Frankly, I am **appalled** that a small (but growing?) number of educators have caused harm to the art of teaching. Too often, teaching has devolved into little more than a vehicle for instilling ideology. Some brave students have filmed their teachers on rants, spewing vile diatribes against our nation's founding principles or particular politicians. I do believe that **far more** teachers resemble the gentleman I encountered at the State Fair—zealous, engaging and passionate about his students. God bless him for the **care** he demonstrates for the good of the students entrusted to his care! However, the recent release of **test scores** from last year paints a troubling picture, a glaring indictment of "virtual" education. Only **53%** of **Minnesota** students met grade-level **reading** standards, and only **44%** of students met or exceeded **math** standards.

In fact, it is **even worse** than that. A **deeper dive** reveals even something more drastic about the annual **Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments**. Nearly 25% of MN students **opted out** of even taking the exam! In other words, it is possible that the results may have even been worse than listed above. In Brooklyn Center, **97%** of the students **opted out**; in Fridley 70%

declined. That is **totally unacceptable**. Conversely, Lac Qui Parle Valley School District had a 96.7% test participation rate, Winona 81.3% and Elk River 87.8%. In fact, in 100 mostly rural districts, almost all the students took the tests. What is different there? What is the moral of the story? Make no mistake— last year was a **wasted year** in far too many schools. Here in Saint Paul, while just over 50% took the test, **only 21%** of students met or exceeded state standards. In contrast, I suspect our **Catholic schools** fared quite well in comparison in their assessments.

While admittedly an outsider to our public education system, the **overarching influence** of some teacher **unions** cannot be ignored. It may be the single biggest factor— a **reluctance** to embrace protocols that could have given priority to safe in-person learning. And the **results show**. You can't learn if you aren't in school! Obviously, scores and participation rates vary according to demographics and have for years. Yet somehow, students must make up ground while being advanced to the next grade level. That will require **Herculean** efforts. My hope for this year is a **back-to-basics** approach that places emphasis on the fundamentals of learning. Enough already of teacher in-service days. We need good old-fashioned classrooms where the old birds simply **teach** the young ones **how to fly**. Period! This academic year, may all students be afforded the chance to thrive.

- Today's **mission appeal** is on behalf of **Fr. Mansuetus Setonga** from the Diocese of Same in **Tanzania**. **Special mission envelopes** are in the pews. We encourage your support. Your Sunday **stewardship** and mission appeal may both be placed in the drop boxes, provided they are in separate envelopes.
- Summer's fading quickly! Calling all families for religious education. Please visit the parish website with a [link to register](#) for Wednesday evening R.E. classes beginning on September 15. For those interested in exploring more about the Catholic faith, please consider signing up for RCIA.
- Our Cathedral Choir begins rehearsals this week. I myself have heard some pretty decent singing emanating from the pews. I know we have talent. Please consider putting it to greater use by joining our choir. Rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.
- No lie—the newly elected leader of some 40 chaplains at Harvard University (Cambridge, MA) is an **atheist**. Technically a “humanist,” Greg Epstein is author of the book “Good without God.” By all accounts he is a kind man. But that's **not the point**, is it? A 2019 Harvard survey revealed that **twice as many** students identify as agnostic/atheist than 18-year-olds in the general population. Harvard's original (1692) motto— *Veritas Christo et Ecclesiae*— “Truth for Christ and the Church.” It was later shortened to “Veritas.”
- The Cathedral's loss— the Church's gain. **J.P. Thorton**, a valued member of our maintenance staff, is heading back to the seminary. He joined us last year, while stepping away from seminary formation for additional discernment. He has been a trusted and **diligent** staff member, interacting with so many visitors in a respectful and professional way. We promise our prayers as he prepares for ministry.

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. We invite you to **consume the host immediately** upon reception.

Holy Communion in the Hand— 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. This will greatly minimize potential contact. Avoid holding your hands up too high, as it is more difficult to gently deposit a host.

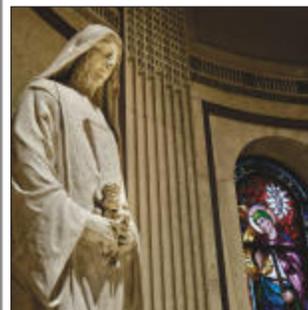
Holy Communion on the Tongue— The entire **far section** on the Selby Ave. side and the **front portion of the section near** of a section near the high pulpit on the Dayton Ave. side have been marked with gold cords for extra spacing. Those sitting here may be assured that they will receive Holy Communion in the hand only. This is designated for those who prefer the extra spacing for hygienic and other reasons. EMHC's will begin by distributing in these section prior to any others.

Fr. Ubel

RELEVANT RADIO BENEFIT BANQUET FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Join Relevant Radio Executive Director Father Francis Hoffman (“Father Rocky”) and radio show hosts Patrick Madrid, Father Richard Simon, Glen Lewerenz, and Paul Sadek, as we honor Saint Joseph at the 10th Annual Christ Brings Hope Benefit Banquet. This event takes place **Thursday, September 16** at the DoubleTree, Bloomington Minneapolis South. Gifts made to Relevant Radio that evening will be matched to assist with tuition funds of participating Catholic schools. Visit the Events tab at www.relevantradio.com, or call Celine at 612.643.4117.

ON THE COVER



On December 14, 1927, Pope Pius XI declared St. Therese of Lisieux as Patroness of the Missions. This was unusual in that the “Little Flower” was a contemplative nun and never herself went to the missions. Still, alongside Jesuit Missionary St. Francis Xavier, the pope declared the two as the patron saints.

Vatican II defined missionary activity in these terms: “The special end of missionary activity is the evangelization and the implantation of the Church among peoples or groups in which it has not yet taken root.” In her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, St. Therese reflects on the new freedom of a new joy she will enjoy in heaven. She wrote, “There will be no longer any cloister and grilles and my soul will be able to fly with you into distant lands.” May we be generous in supporting the missions.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday & Sunday, September 4 & 5

5:15 p.m. Chris Rowe
 8:00 a.m. Jim Blumberg †
 9:00 a.m. SVDP Campus ~ For the People
 10:00 a.m. Cathedral Parish ~ For the People
 12:00 p.m. Albert Sobek †
 5:00 p.m. Beverly MacHolda

Monday, September 6 - Labor Day

9:00 a.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, September 7

7:30 a.m. Culhane Family

Wednesday, September 8

7:30 a.m. Jeanette Windyk †

Thursday, September 9

7:30 a.m. Cathedral Benefactors

Friday, September 10

7:30 a.m. Emmanuel Masqueray †



Readings for the week of September 5, 2021

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]
 Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
 Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]
 Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab,
 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
 Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]
 Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8,
 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and
 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49
 Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]
 Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35



Observances for the week of September 5, 2021

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Labor Day
 Tuesday: 23rd Tuesday in Ordinary Time
 Wednesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Thursday: St. Peter Claver, Priest
 Friday: 23rd Friday in Ordinary Time
 Saturday: BVM; Patriot Day
 Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
 Grandparents' Day

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LEGACY SOCIETY MASS

Bishop Andrew Cozzens will celebrate next Sunday's **5:00 p.m. Mass** honoring those who have entrusted their charitable legacies to the stewardship of CCF in benefit of our entire Catholic community.



← RCIA QR Code

CATHEDRAL NEWS

THE CATHEDRAL ADULT CHOIR RETURNS!

After being shut down since March 2020, the Cathedral Choir will debut on **Sunday, October 10th**. The first rehearsal of the season will be next **Wednesday, September 8th**, from **7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.** Rehearsals will continue on Wednesdays until June of 2022. The choir sings weekly at the **10:00 a.m. Mass** until the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, as well as at liturgies during Christmas, Holy Week, and at major Archdiocesan liturgies. We welcome new members to the Cathedral Choir. For more information, contact Dr. Chris Ganza, cganza@cathedralsaintpaul.org. Our **sincere hope** is to resume our **Children's Choir** in September of **2022**, following the re-establishment of the adult choir.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 15

Religious Education 2021-2022 classes begin on Wednesday, September 15. Registration is due by Sunday, September 12. This year, registration will be done online. If you have no internet access, please call our new **Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation, Jack Flaherty** at 651.357.1340 or email him at jflaherty@cathedralsaintpaul.org to complete the registration process.

Religious Education classes take place in the lower level of the Cathedral. The Cathedral of Saint Paul offers school grade-appropriate classes for grades 1 through 9 (including First Communion preparation in grade 2 and Confirmation prep in grades 8 & 9). Faith and Life for grades 1-8; Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation (High School), a two year curriculum that helps prepare students for Holy Confirmation. All classes meet Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

RCIA - CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 16

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." (John 10:10). Do you want a relationship with God that is a source of abundant life? Are you or any you know interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the faith? The Cathedral's **RCIA** program is open to anyone looking to deepen their relationship with Christ, whether already Catholic, preparing to receive the Sacraments or just curious about the big questions in life. If you are interested in becoming a part of a community who seeks the heart of God, [scan the **QR code** in the **sidebar** to the **left** or see the poster in the entryway] or for more information, send an email to jflaherty@cathedralsaintpaul.org. RCIA classes begin on **Thursday, September 16** at **6:30 p.m.** in **Hayden Hall**.

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD: SEPTEMBER 19 - NOVEMBER 14

Jesus Christ is constantly calling us to make Him known and loved by all. The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis Synod is responding to that call. If you're interested in parishes growing in their ability to connect others with Christ, learning more about how to disciple another, or how we can better serve our youth and young adults, sign up for a Synod small group! You will be learning the wisdom of the Church in these areas, and through your feedback and experience helping to influence 2022 Archdiocesan policies in these areas. To sign up, check out the entryways for a QR code, or else look for the link on the parish website.

LABOR DAY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Office Closed

Church Building Hours

8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Mass with Organ and Cantor

VOICES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Blessed are those who mourn. . .

Connick's east rose window, the Resurrection window, set in 1932, was an immediate and universal success. But Connick's transept windows were not in place until the mid-40s. During the interim, Archbishop John Murray outlined his thoughts on the windows. He selected the Beatitudes as the theme for the window in the south transept, and with Msgr. Lawrence Ryan designated eight saints who lives exemplified the Beatitudes.

One of the saints who remained on the list through many revisions was Saint Peter Claver, chosen to remind the faithful: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Peter Claver, a Spanish Jesuit, labored among the Blacks of South America and the West Indies. He was sent to Cartagena (modern Colombia), the principal slave market of the New World. There for thirty-three years he dedicated himself to the service of the slaves. It was his practice to board the slave ships as they entered the harbor. He offered food and drink and cared for the sick and dying. He followed slaves to plantations and continued to minister to their needs.

The selection of Peter Claver was in keeping with Archbishop John Ireland's well-known convictions on race. It is recorded that from the days of his early priesthood, Ireland dedicated himself to erasing the color line. He wrote, "I have felt myself drawn toward the cause of black men. . . I have labored for them and induced others to labor for them. . . The color line must go, and soon too. . . . Doors of all Catholic institutions must be open to all. . . . I will rejoice in my soul when this social prejudice shall cease, and in the meantime, I will work in the name of humanity, of religion and patriotism to kill it out."

John Ireland was a local and national leader in the areas of civil rights for African-Americans. He exercised that leadership in the education of black men for the priesthood. It was John Ireland who admitted Stephen Theobald to the Saint Paul Seminary, the first black man to be ordained as a diocesan priest in the United States. Ordained in 1910, Father Theobald was assigned to Saint Peter Claver Parish.

Excerpts from *To Work for the Whole People*, by Christine Athans, BVM and *The Catholic Church in the Diocese of Saint Paul*, by James Reardon.

Note: The feast of Saint Peter Claver is September 9.

CATHEDRAL MEN'S ASSOCIATION EVENTS SEPTEMBER 10 & 11

Welcome Back Barbecue, September 10

Cathedral men are invited to a fall welcome back barbecue from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 10. Join us for tasty sandwiches, liquid refreshment and all the trimmings. The location is by the cross garden and rectory at the rear of the Cathedral. In case of rain, we will dine in Hayden Hall. Good fellowship included!

First Fall Meeting, September 11

The first **Cathedral Men's Association** meeting of fall is scheduled on Saturday, September 11 at 9:00 a.m. in Hayden Hall. We will view a short video about and discuss Chapter 14 of C.S. Lewis' classic *Screwtape Letters* featuring Dr. Arthur Hippler of Providence Academy. Free copies of that book will be available. Enjoy coffee, donuts, juice and good fellowship!

RITES

BAPTISM

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

Lysander Aries Ristero

MARRIAGE

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISM

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated for our parishioners on Sundays after the Noon Mass. Parents must attend a preparation class. Please contact Sue Krutchen at 651.228.1766 or skrutchen@cathedralsaintpaul.org.

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, please contact our Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation Jack Flaherty at 651.357.1340 or by email at jflaherty@cathedralsaintpaul.org.

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. Please contact our Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation, Jack Flaherty at 651.357.1340 or by email at jflaherty@cathedralsaintpaul.org.

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 information about wedding policies, contact the parish office at 651.228.1766.

SYNOD SMALL GROUP INFORMATION

Archdiocesan Synod Small Groups begin the **week of September 19** and continues for six consecutive weeks. Each session begins with a video teaching viewed by all in attendance. Discussion follows at each table (max of 8 people) There will be three meeting times per week from which to choose: **Wednesday evenings (7:00 pm)**, **Friday afternoons (1:00 p.m.)** and **early Saturday mornings (7:30 am)**. Our steering team desires to provide a variety of times of day as well as days, in order to maximize the possibilities. Each of the three sessions is identical in content. There are three main areas of focus, each of which will be discussed in two sessions: (1) Parishes that are in the **service of evangelization**; (2) **Missionary disciples** who know Jesus's love and respond to his call; and (3) **Youth and young adults** in and for a Church that is always young. Please join us and sign up in the coming weeks.

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