

December 6, 2020 • *Second Sunday of Advent*



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## LITURGY GUIDE — Second Sunday of Advent

*Welcome to the Cathedral of St. Joseph! Thank you for joining us for the celebration of Holy Mass today! Please help us ensure safety by practicing social distancing and by either taking your bulletin with you at the end of Mass or tossing it in the waste basket on your way out. Please do not return it to the stack of bulletins.*

### INTROIT

*(At 9:15 & 11AM, the Introit is sung by the choir during the entrance procession.)*

*Populus Sion, ecce Dominus veniet ad salvandas gentes: et audiam faciet Dominus gloriam vocis suae, in Laetitia cordis vestri. (Verse) Qui regis Israel, intende: qui deducis velut ovem Ioseph.*

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart. (Verse) O Shepherd of Israel hear us, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

### OPENING HYMN NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND Savior of the Nations, Come

Savior of the nations, come; Virgin's Son, make here thy home. Marvel now, both heav'n & earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood, By the Spirit of our God Was the Word of God made flesh, Mary's offspring, pure and fresh.

Thou, the Father's only Son, Hast o'er sin the vict'ry won. Boundless shall thy kingdom be; When shall we its glories see?

Brightly doth thy manger shine; Glorious is its light divine. Let not sin o'er-cloud this light; Ever be our faith thus bright.

### PENITENTIAL ACT

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, *(striking breast three times)* 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.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the Lord double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord God, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 85:9-14

*(Refrain sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)*



Lord, let us see your kind-ness, and grant us your sal-va-tion.

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I will hear what the Lord God speaks; he speaks of peace for his people and his faithful. His salvation is near for those who fear him, and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Merciful love and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have kissed. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth, and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

Also the Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase. Justice will march before him, and guide his steps on the way. **R.**

### SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please Stand*

*(Sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)*



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

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Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All flesh shall see the salvation of God. **R.**

### GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."* John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed:

“One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

## HOMILY

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Please Stand*

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,  
(*bow here*) 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.



## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

#### OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (9:15 & 11AM)

*Deus tu convertens vivificabis nos,  
et plebs tua laetabitur in te: ostende  
nobis, Domine, misericordiam tu-  
am, et salutare tuum da nobis.*

You will turn toward us, O God,  
and restore our life again, and  
your people will rejoice in you.  
Show us, Lord, your mercy and  
grant us your salvation.

#### OFFERTORY MOTET (11AM)

Peter D. Tkach

Hear Thou Our Prayer

Hear Thou our prayer, O Lord, our God, Show us Thy mercy and grant us Thy salvation. We praise Thy holy name forever, and in Thee our hearts shall rejoice all the days of our life. Turn Thee again, O Lord, our God, turn and be gracious, show Thy mercy unto Thy servants.

#### OFFERTORY HYMN (4PM & 7:30AM) WINCHESTER NEW

### On Jordan's Bank

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be ev'ry heart from sin; Make straight the way for  
God within, And let each heart prepare a home Where such a  
mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward  
Without thy grace we waste away Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

To heal the sick, stretch out thine hand, And bid the fallen sinner  
stand; Shine forth and let thy light restore Earth's own true loveli-  
ness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee, Whose advent doth thy people free;  
Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Ghost forevermore.

**Celebrant:** Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and  
yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

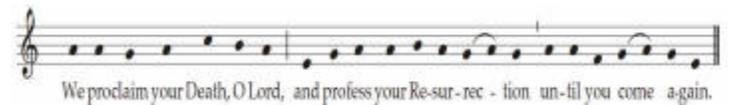
**R.** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the  
praise and glory of his name, for our good and the  
good of all his holy Church.

### SANCTUS



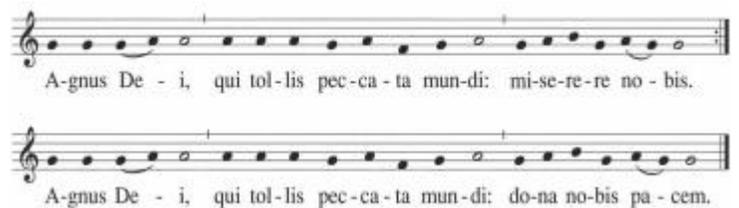
San-ctus, San-ctus, San-ctus Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba-oth.  
Ple-ni sunt cae-li et ter-ra glo-ri-a tu-a. Ho-san-na  
in ex-cel-sis. Be-ne-di-ctus qui ve-nit in no-mi-ne  
Do-mi-ni. Ho-san-na in ex-cel-sis.

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Re-sur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

### AGNUS DEI



A-gnus De-i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no-bis.  
A-gnus De-i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

### 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.

**R.** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my  
roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION  
DURING THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC**

*All Catholics who are properly disposed to receive Holy Communion (free of mortal sin) are invited to come forward maintaining the 6-ft. social distance spacing. The reception of Communion is always optional and never a requirement when attending Mass. If you are wearing a mask, it must be pulled down just prior to stepping forward to receive. If you are not properly disposed to receive Communion, or not Catholic, please do not come forward for a blessing at this time. This is simply to minimize contact and maintain recommended social distancing practices. Remember, you always receive a blessing at the conclusion of Mass.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON (4PM & 7:30AM)**



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON (9:15 & 11AM)**

*Jerusalem surge, et sta in excelso:  
et vide jucunditatem, quae veniet  
tibi a Deo tuo.*

Jerusalem arise and stand upon  
the heights, and behold the joy  
which comes to you from God.

**COMMUNION MEDITATION (11AM)**

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz  
(1919-2009)

Peace be to you and grace from him Who freed us from our sins,  
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God. Who was  
and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye  
that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is  
coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;  
the need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

**CLOSING HYMN (4PM & 7:30AM)**

**MORNING SONG**

**The King Shall Come**

The King shall come when morning dawns, And light triumphant  
breaks; When beauty gilds the eastern hills, And life to joy awakes.

The King shall come when morning dawns, And earth's dark night  
is past; O haste the rising of that morn, Whose day shall everlast.

Now let the endless bliss begin, By holy saints foretold, When right  
shall triumph over wrong, And truth shall be extolled.

The King shall come when morning dawns, And light and beauty  
brings; Hail, Christ the Lord, thy people pray; Come quickly, King  
of kings.

**RECESSIONAL (9:15 & 11AM)**

**Alma Redemptoris Mater**

*Alma redemptoris mater, quae  
pervia caeli porta manes, et stella  
maris succurre cadenti surgere qui  
curat populo.*

*Tu quae genuisti, natura mirante,  
tuum sanctum Genitorem.  
Virgo prius, ac posterius, Gabrielis  
ab ore, summens illud ave, pecca-  
torum miserere.*

Nourishing mother of the Re-  
deemer, thou who remains the  
open gate of heaven and the star  
of the sea, help the fallen people  
who strive to rise again. Thou  
who gave birth, to the wonder of  
nature, to thy holy Creator.  
Virgin before and after, From  
Gabriel's mouth accepting that  
Ave, Have mercy on sinners.

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# PARISH NEWS

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## Changes to Christmas Eve Mass Times

In an attempt to take some of the pressure off of our busiest Christmas Masses, we have made a couple adjustments to our Christmas eve schedule, including the addition of a Mass. Christmas Eve Masses will be 3pm, 6pm, 9pm and Midnight. Christmas Day Masses will follow the same schedule: 7:30am, 9:15am, 11am & 1pm.

## Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass Schedule

On December 8 we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and falls on this coming Tuesday this year. There will be a Vigil Mass on Monday evening at 6:30pm, and Mass times on Tuesday (Dec. 8) will be 6:45am, Noon and 6:30pm. All Masses will be in the Cathedral Proper.

## Beginning January 1, 2021, 6:45am Mass will be moving to Wednesday thru Friday only

Beginning in January 2021, we will no longer have a 6:45am Mass on Monday and Tuesday at the Cathedral. Our 6:45am Mass will only run Wednesday thru Fridays.

## Items being collected for Advent Baby Shower

It's time once again to begin collecting items for the Advent Baby Shower. Below is a list of needed items. Please drop your items in the designated boxes by Mary's altar or in the Parish Office. New, not gift-wrapped Sizes Newborn Through 12 Months of the Following:

- Sleepers/Blankets & Bedding
- Undershirts/Onesies
- Bibs/Bottles/Diapers & Wipes
- Socks/Slippers/Booties
- Baby Care Products
- Hats/Jackets/Snowsuits
- Outfits/Baby Toys

## Christmas at the Cathedral cancels live concerts, moves to online format & still on KELO Dec. 25

The live productions of the 24th Annual Christmas at the Cathedral have been canceled due to the rising numbers of COVID cases, hospitalizations, and deaths in our state. However, you can still experience Christmas at the Cathedral in the safety of your home with your loved ones near (or far). A special pre-recorded production of Christmas at the Cathedral will air on KELOLAND Television on December 25 at 6:30 pm. This special production, "That's My God," will feature new stories and interviews highlighting the celebration of God's incarnation into our human condition during times of uncertainty and crisis, much like we are experiencing today. If you would like more information about how you can secure a virtual code to enjoy a special production of "That's My God" at your home or business before December 25, please call our office at 605-988-3765 or email [events@ccfesd.org](mailto:events@ccfesd.org). All proceeds from this year's production will benefit the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House and Cathedral of Saint Joseph endowments.

## Liturgical Roles

### Daily Mass Reader—

#### December 7-12

6:45 am As Scheduled

12:00 pm As Scheduled



#### December 12/13

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, Altar Servers

As COVID has created the need for a lot of substitutions lately, due to quarantines, underlying conditions, time preferences, etc., we are going to attempt an online or call in sign up for Lectors, EM's and Altar Servers for weekend Masses (4pm Sat, 7:30, 9:15 & 11am, 4pm Sun). You should have gotten an email with the details. If you did not receive an email but would like to sign up for a particular weekend or timeslot, please call Laura in the office and she will be happy to assist you, 336-7390.

**Dow Rummel**— As Scheduled

**Good Sam Center** — No EM service until further notice

**Cathedral Bus** — The Cathedral bus will remain suspended indefinitely at this time. Health concerns related to the COVID19 pandemic are currently being evaluated to ensure the safety of both riders and volunteer drivers.

## Readings for the week of December 6, 2020

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10 /Ps 85:9-14 /Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 1-4, 8, 10]/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1, 9-13b/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17/Judith 13:18-19/Lk 1:26-47

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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## CONGRATULATIONS

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### The 500 Club

The first winner of the 500 club for December 2020 is Elaine Spader. She will receive a check for \$99 and we gave Father \$430 for the Church. At the present time, we have 172 members. If you'd like to join, applications are available in the Parish Office. Our hope is to have 200 members so the weekly winner will receive \$115 and father will receive \$500 for the church. It's only \$5/month to join. Any applications received by Dec. 28 will be eligible for the January 2021 drawings. For more information, call Verlyn Curley at 334-2305.

## Mass Intentions

**Mon, Dec. 7** • *St. Ambrose, Bishop*

6:45 am Brad & Marilyn Hills

12:00 pm † Doyle Young

6:30 pm Vigil Pro Populo

**Tues, Dec. 8** • *Immaculate Conception*

6:45 am † Del Wurtz

12:00 pm Briley Piper & Family

6:30 pm Pro Populo

**Wed, Dec. 9** • *Advent Weekday*

6:45 am Jane Gaetze

12:00 pm Adoration Sisters

**Thurs, Dec. 10** • *Advent Weekday*

6:45 am † Judy Holden

12:00 pm † John Sweere

**Fri, Dec. 11** • *Advent Weekday*

6:45 am † Msgr. Richard Mahowald

12:00 pm Unborn

**Sat, Dec. 12** • *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

9:00 am James & Geraldine Irvine

**Sat, Dec. 12** • *Mass of Anticipation*

4:00 pm † Fr. Phil Elmer

**Sun, Dec. 13** • *Third Sunday of Advent*

7:30 am † Elizabeth Boik

9:15 am † Gene & Lois Zimmer

11:00 am Pro Populo

4:00 pm John Ketter

## Sanctuary Candles

*The five sanctuary candles will not be used until Mass resumes in the Sacred Heart Chapel.*

The light of a candle is a powerful symbol for us. It signifies God's presence and beckons us to remain present with him. Christ tells us, "I have come to the world as its light, to keep anyone who believes in me from remaining in the dark" Jn 12:46



### *An Act of Spiritual Communion*

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.



## FAITH FORMATION

### Cathedral Prayer Partners—Connect through prayer

Do you feel called to pray for our young parishioners as they journey closer to Christ? Get connected through prayer! When you sign up, you will receive the first name of a student preparing to receive a sacrament this year. As a prayer partner, you are tasked with praying for your student throughout the year. They will also be praying for you! Contact Abigail to sign up, or visit our parish website to sign up online: [stjosephcathedral.net/faith-formation/family-program/](http://stjosephcathedral.net/faith-formation/family-program/)

**Catholic Schools certificates/gift cards for sale in office**  
Bishop O'Gorman Catholic Schools gift cards (which can be used at a wide variety of businesses here in Sioux Falls) continue to be available for sale in the Cathedral Parish Office. We are taking a break from selling after Masses due to the COVID19 pandemic, but encourage people to continue using the program to keep tuition affordable and teacher salaries competitive. Also, you can go online and sign up for [MyScripWallet.com](http://MyScripWallet.com), which also benefits Bishop O'Gorman Catholic Schools and functions just like the gift card program, except that the "gift cards" are all digital and accessible on your phone with a scanner or bar code.

### REMINDER: Download MyParish or FlockNote apps

If you are not using the MyParish App or FlockNote, you may be missing important messages from the parish. These are the primary vehicles in which last-minute schedule changes related to facilities or the COVID19 pandemic will be communicated. If you need assistance, please contact the office.

### Consider joining the Sioux Falls Serra Club

The Sioux Falls Serra Club is currently recruiting new members. Membership in Serra Club offers individuals a more personal and prayerful relationship with the seminarians, priests and religious. Please pray if you are being called to join this important ministry of support for vocation. If you are curious and would like more information about the Serra Club, contact membership chair Jeanne Ranek at 605-339-2492.



**2021 Parish Calendars** are now available. Be sure to pick one up! Located near the entrances.

## TELL ME SOME MORE!

Have you ever been confused by the Mass readings?

Ever wondered why the words of a guy named Isaiah is quoted so often in the Liturgy of the Word?

Ever wondered why the history of the Jews is so important to know for you as a Christian in the 21st century?

Want to learn about what we believe as Catholics and why we believe it?

JOIN US ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:30 FOR ADULT FAITH FORMATION AS WE EXPLORE SACRED SCRIPTURES AND THE STORY OF SALVATION HISTORY.

CLASSES TAUGHT BY JEFF AND LOIS HEARON

**Parish Office:** 605-336-7390

**Parish Office Email:** cathedral@sfcatholic.org

**Office Hours:** 8:30am-5pm M-Th, 8:30am-3pm Friday

**Cathedral Church Hours:**

8am-5pm Monday-Saturday

7am-Noon & 3:30-5:00 Sunday

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9:15am, 11:00am,  
& 4:00pm (St. J. Bakhita)

**Weekday Masses**

Monday - Friday 6:45am

& 12 Noon in Cathedral

Saturday 9:00am in Cathedral

**Confessions**

Thursday 7:00pm

Saturday 12 Noon & 3:00-3:30pm in Cathedral  
(Chapel if a Wedding is scheduled)

**Adoration**

Thursdays 7pm-8pm in Chapel

First Friday of the month at 11am  
in Cathedral

**Self Guided Tours**

1:00pm Monday-Friday (except Holy Days)

**Parish Staff**

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**Sacraments**

**Baptism** The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated for our parishioners on Sundays after the 11AM Mass. Parents must attend a Baptism preparation meeting. To schedule preparation, contact the parish office.

**Matrimony** Six months preparation required. Registered parishioners, please contact parish office. All others, contact the pastor of your home church. For wedding information, go to [www.stjosephcathedral.net](http://www.stjosephcathedral.net), under Sacraments.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Please call the parish office to request the Sacrament if you have been diagnosed with an illness, in preparation for surgery, or in case of serious illness.

**Catholic Burial**—St. Michael's Cemetery, (605) 338-3376

**December 6, 2020**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

During this season of Advent, the Church proposes the figure of John the Baptist for our meditation. While being fully conscious of the mission which had been entrusted to him, John knows that before Christ, he is not even worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals, which is what the least of servants would do for their master. John does not hesitate to proclaim that he is of no importance compared with Christ. Rather, he is only a voice of one crying out in the desert: that is his mission, life, and personality. His whole being is defined by Christ, as should be the case in our lives, in the life of any Christian.

As Christ gradually manifests Himself, John begins to take the second place, in fact, disappear. Even as a leader of his own disciples, he is quick to detach himself from them so that they may go follow Christ, the true Master. All of this grants John a profound spirit of humility; and it is this humility that characterizes his sanctity. On account of this humility, Christ praises John in proclaiming, *"Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist."* (Matthew 11:11)

Today, John gives us an example to follow: Like John, we must be humble. And it is this humility which prevents us from seeking praise and attention from others. Rather, everything we do becomes ordered towards Christ. He increases; we decrease.

As we behold the humility of John the Baptist and strive for that humility in our own lives, I leave you with part of the Litany of Humility, written by Rafael Cardinal Merry del Val, the Secretary of State during the reign of Pope St. Pius X. I encourage all to pray this prayer in its entirety.

That others may be loved more than I...

**Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.**

That others may be esteemed more than I ...

That, in the opinion of the world,  
others may increase and I may decrease ...

That others may be chosen and I set aside ...

That others may be praised and I unnoticed ...

That others may be preferred to me in everything...

That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should...

**Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.**

*Fr. Brian Eckrich*

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## WEEKLY OFFERING

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Due to adjusted bulletin deadlines for the upcoming holidays, the reporting of collection amounts will be delayed.

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