

February 7, 2021 • *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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Most Reverend Donald DeGrood, *Bishop*

## LITURGY GUIDE—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Welcome to the Cathedral of St. Joseph and thank you for joining us for the celebration of Holy Mass today! Please silence your cell phones and refrain from eating, drinking or chewing gum in the Cathedral. Please help keep our Cathedral tidy by utilizing the waste baskets found near the main entrances. Also, please refrain from taking pictures once Mass has begun. You are welcome to take pictures after Mass has concluded.*

### INTROIT

*(At 9:15 & 11AM, the Introit is sung by the choir, followed by the opening hymn.)*

*Venite, adoremus Deum, et pro-  
cidamus ante Dominum: ploremus  
ante eum, qui fecit nos: quia ipse  
est Dominus Deus noster. (Verse)  
Venite, exsultemus Domino: in-  
bilemus Deo salutari nostro.*

O come, let us worship God and  
bow low before the God who  
made us, for he is the Lord our  
God. (Verse) Come, let us sing to  
the Lord; let us make a joyful  
noise unto God our Savior.

### OPENING HYMN

NICAEA

### Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Thou the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

### 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.

### GLORIA

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good  
will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your  
great glo-ry, Lord God, hea-ve-nly King, O God, al-migh-ty  
Fa-ther. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly be-got-ten Son, Lord God,

Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on  
us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer, you are sea-ted at the  
right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the  
Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most-  
High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of  
God the Fa-ther. A-men. A-men.

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Job spoke, saying: Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?  
Are not his days those of hirelings? He is a slave who longs  
for the shade, a hireling who waits for his wages.  
So I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled  
nights have been allotted to me.  
If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?" then the night drags on;  
I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.  
My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an  
end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind;  
I shall not see happiness again.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 147:1-6

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

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, who  
heals the bro-ken-heart-ed.

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How good to sing psalms to our God; how pleasant to chant  
fitting praise! The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back  
Israel's exiles. **R.**

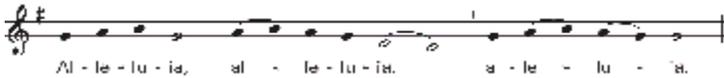
He heals the brokenhearted; he binds up all their wounds. He  
counts out the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. **R.**

Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be  
measured. The Lord lifts up the lowly; he casts down the  
wicked to the ground. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Brothers and sisters: If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my recompense? That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***Please Stand**(Sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)*Christ took away our infirmities and bore our diseases. **R.****GOSPEL**

Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door.

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you."

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."

So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

**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 (9:15AM)**

*Perfice gressus meos in semitis tuis,  
ut non moveantur vestigia mea.  
Inclina aurem tuam et exaudi ver-  
ba mea: mirifica misericordias tuas,  
qui salvos facis sperantes in te,  
Domine.*

Render secure my footsteps in  
your paths so that my feet do not  
slip; incline your ear and hear my  
words; display your wonderful  
mercies, O Lord, Savior of those  
who place their hope in you.

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

ST. CATHERINE

**Faith of Our Fathers**

Faith of our fathers, living still, In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;  
O how our hearts beat high with joy, Whene'er we hear that glorious word:  
Faith of our Fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark, Were still in heart and conscience free;  
And blest would be their children's fate If we, like them, should die for thee.  
Faith of our Fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers, Mary's prayers Shall win all nations unto thee;  
And through the truth that comes from God,  
Mankind shall then indeed be free.

Faith of our Fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers, we will love both friend and foe in all our strife,  
And preach thee, too, as love knows how, By kindly deeds and virtuous life.  
Faith of our Fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

**OFFERTORY MOTET (11AM)**

Orlando di Lasso

Perfice Gressus Meos

(c. 1530-1594)

*Perfice gressus meos in semitis tuis,  
ut non moveantur vestigia mea.  
Inclina aurem tuam et exaudi ver-  
ba mea: mirifica misericordias tuas,  
qui salvos facis sperantes in te,  
Domine.*

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your paths so that my feet do not  
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mercies, O Lord, Savior of those  
who place their hope in you.

**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

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed 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

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

## AGNUS DEI

*Cantor or Choro* \*Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,  
*All* have mer - cy on us. *Last time* 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.

**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)

Let them thank the Lord for his mer - cy, his won - ders for the chil - dren of  
 men, for he sa - tis - fies the thirs - ty soul, and the hun - gry he fills with good things.

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

*Multitudo languentium, et qui vexabantur a spiritibus immundis, veniebant ad eum: quia virtus de illo exibat, et sanabat omnes.* A multitude with diseases, and those who were troubled by unclean spirits, came unto him, because a power emanated from him which healed them all.

## COMMUNION MEDITATION (11AM)

Ave Verum Corpus

Philip Stopford  
(b. 1977)

*Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: cuius latus perforatum fluxit unda et sanguine: Esto nobis praegustatum, Mortis in examine.*  
*O Jesu Dulcis, O Jesu Pie, Jesu filii Mariae, In nobis miserere.*  
*Amen.*

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: Who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man. From whose pierced side flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste (of Heaven) for us in the trial of death. O sweet, O merciful, Jesus, Jesus, Son of Mary Have mercy on us. Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

RENDEZ A DIEU

**Father, We Thank Thee**

Father, we thank thee, who hast planted  
 Thy holy name within our hearts.  
 Knowledge and faith and life immortal  
 Jesus, thy Son, to us imparts.  
 Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy pleasure,  
 Didst give man food for all his days,  
 Giving in Christ the Bread eternal;  
 Thine is the pow'r, be thine the praise.

Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mercy,  
 Save it from evil, guard it still;  
 Perfect it in thy love, unite it,  
 Cleansed and conformed unto thy will.  
 As grain, once scattered on the hillside,  
 Was in this broken bread made one,  
 So from all lands thy Church be gather'd  
 Into thy kingdom by thy Son.

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# PARISH NEWS

## As of January 1, 6:45am Mass is now Wednesday thru Friday only

Effective in January 2021, we no longer have a 6:45am Mass on Monday and Tuesday at the Cathedral. Our 6:45am Mass will only run Wednesday thru Fridays. *As a reminder, there is a 7:30am Mass at the Monastery on both days, which is open to the public.*

### Attn: Altar Servers & Liturgical ministers

Please check in the sacristy before Mass if you are able even if it is not your weekend, just to make sure we have enough people. Thank you for all you do for Cathedral parish!

### 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, 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.

### College students & recent high school grads: Spend your summer as a Lumen Christi missionary

If you are a college student looking for a fulfilling summer job, pray about becoming a Lumen Christi missionary for the summer of 2021. Find all the info at [www.sf catholic.org/youth/lumen-christi/](http://www.sf catholic.org/youth/lumen-christi/)

### 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.

### New Prayer Chapel near Planned Parenthood

Mission SOS (Saving Others Spiritually) is for anyone interested in praying for the unborn and their mother. We are open for prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at an apartment/prayer chapel with a balcony overlooking Planned Parenthood. To set up a time to come and pray, or for more information, contact Sara 605-421-8378 or Darlene 605-254-0951.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



## Liturgical Roles

### Daily Mass Reader—

#### February 10-13

6:45 am Betty Barto-Smith  
12:00 pm As Scheduled



#### February 13/14

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:00 pm M & C Weber  
7:30 am Barbara Lockwood, Carl Eisenberg  
9:15 am Jorja & Abigale Muller  
11:00 am Susan Albers, Tom Stombaugh, A Welbig  
4:00 pm Ministers as Scheduled

### Readers

4:00 pm J & S Cleary  
7:30 am Mary Glenski  
9:15 am Jarrod & Kathryn Muller  
11:00 am Darlene Tentinger, Max Boyum  
4:00 pm Readers as Scheduled

### Altar Servers

4:00 pm Pontifical Servers  
7:30 am Dominic Rieff  
9:15 am Jase Muller, JP Beaner  
11:00 am Karl Benz, D Ostermann  
4:00 pm Servers as Scheduled

**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.

### Readings for the Week of February 7, 2021

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-6/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2,5-6,10-12, 24,35/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-9/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-30/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-5/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

## CONGRATULATIONS

### The 500 Club

The first winner of the 500 Club for February 2021 is Sandi Kilton. She will receive \$99 and we gave Father \$430 for the Church. We have given the church more than \$81,000 over the last 21 years. 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 March 1 will be eligible for the March 2021 drawings. For more information, call Verlyn Curley at 334-2305.

## Mass Intentions

**Mon, Feb. 8 • Weekday in Ordinary Time**

**No 6:45am Mass — Mass @ Monastery @ 7:30am**

12:00 pm Janet Truex

**Tues, Feb. 9 • Weekday in Ordinary Time**

**No 6:45am Mass — Mass @ Monastery @ 7:30am**

12:00 pm Those afflicted with addictions and mental illness

**Wed, Feb. 10 • St. Scholastica, Virgin**

6:45 am † Judy Holden

12:00 pm † John Sweere

**Thurs, Feb. 11 • Weekday in Ordinary Time**

6:45 am † Payton Hills

12:00 pm † Maxine Czech

**Fri, Feb. 12 • Weekday in Ordinary Time**

6:45 am Thanksgiving

12:00 pm † Eleanor Antkowiak

**Sat, Feb. 13 • Weekday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am † Helen Starks

**Sat, Feb. 13 • Mass of Anticipation**

4:00 pm † Clifford Chasing Hawk

**Sun, Feb. 14 • Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am Evelyn Berg & Family

9:15 am † Gene & Lois Zimmer

11:00 am † Shakir Maybetot

4:00 pm Barbara & † Anthony Welle

## 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



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## FAITH FORMATION

### First Communion Parent meeting this weekend

2nd grade First Communion parent meeting will be Feb 7th during family program.

### Parish Mission w/ Fr. Traynor scheduled for Feb. 21-23

Save the date for our parish mission event! Feb 21st-23rd @ 7pm with guest speaker Fr Scott Traynor. Join us as we explore what prayer is and how to incorporate prayer into family life. More information, including RSVP link, can be found at [stjosephcathedral.net/parish-mission](http://stjosephcathedral.net/parish-mission) or RSVP (for planning purposes) by calling the office.

### Registration open for Going Deeper Retreat April 9-11

Registrations are open for the 'Spiritus' Going Deeper Retreat April 9-11 at the Abbey of the Hills. Geared toward teens wishing to delve deeper into their faith, this retreat is primarily charismatic with emphasis on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Find all the info at [www.sfcatholic.org/youth](http://www.sfcatholic.org/youth).

### Register your middle or high school student for D-Camp

D-Camp (Discipleship Camp) is our Diocesan summer youth camp. Junior High and High School youth come together for four days of faith and fun (High School: July 11-14, 2021 Middle School: July 15-18, 2021). During the day you will hear talks to help you grow in your faith and meet lots of new friends! Early-bird registration discount ends February 1st. For more information and to register, visit [sfcatholic.org/youth/d-camp/](http://sfcatholic.org/youth/d-camp/)

### Presentation Sisters Catholic School Scholarship Applications

In keeping with the Presentation Sisters belief and commitment to Catholic education, we are pleased to announce that we will once again be accepting applications for Presentation Sisters Catholic School Scholarships. We will be awarding 40 - K-12 \$750 tuition assistance scholarships and three \$1500 high school tuition scholarships for the 2021-22 school year. Catholic School principals and priests in the Sioux Falls Diocese have received the application forms for the upcoming school year. We invite any interested student to complete the application process. Submission deadline is Friday, March 12, 2021. You can visit [www.presentationisters.org](http://www.presentationisters.org) to print application forms. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Schaffer at [jschaffer@presentationisters.org](mailto:jschaffer@presentationisters.org) or 605-229-8417.

### Sign up now for Couples Retreat at BroomTree

February 26-28, 2021- Directed by Sean and Jen Dalton During this retreat couples will have the blessed opportunity to spend time together receiving from the very heart of God. The environment at Broom Tree makes for a perfect couples get-away...no TV, no radio, no phones or computers, just beautiful, peaceful surroundings, good food, and all the time and good direction you need to experience renewal in your marriage. For more information or registration check out [broom-tree.org/](http://broom-tree.org/).

### BroomTree Day of Recollection—February 9

"The Amazing Wonders of Lourdes" directed by Fr. Mark Lichter beginning at 10am. Register at [broom-tree.org](http://broom-tree.org)

# CATHEDRAL INFORMATION

# CLERGY REFLECTION

**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**

Wednesday - Friday 6:45am

& Monday - Friday 12 Noon

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**

**Rector,** Very Rev. James P. Morgan

**Parochial Vicar,** Rev. Brian Eckrich

**Deacon,** William Radio

**Deacon,** Tim Dickes (Prison Ministry)

**Administrative Assistant,** Laura Haatvedt

**Director of Operations & Finance,** Heidi Solem

**Director of Liturgical Music,** Dr. Jared Ostermann

**Director of Faith Formation,** Abigail Budan

**Counseling Services**

**Catholic Family Services** Counseling 988-3775

**Retrouvaille** Help for hurting marriages 988-3755

**Birthingright** 977-4781

**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

**February 7, 2021**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The mission of the Christ and His Church is that of preaching the Gospel to the whole world. In the Gospel reading, Jesus expresses His desire to preach; for this purpose He has come (Mark 1:38). St. Paul, in the second reading, declares his own joyful responsibility of proclaiming the Gospel: *If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!* (1 Cor 9:16)

The task of proclaiming the Gospel pertains especially to the bishops, priests, and deacons of the Church. But in addition to them, all of the people of God share in the prophetic mission of Christ and His clergy. In this way, the laity, by their work and contact with the secular world, order the things of the world to Christ through their words and action. Thus, every single member of the Catholic Church holds the duty of preaching the Gospel to the whole world. In this way, the whole Body of Christ fulfills Her mission of preaching the Good News.

However, in our post-Christian society, the task of preaching the Gospel becomes more and more difficult. The error of religious pluralism (which claims that all religious beliefs are equally valid) violently reacts against any attempt to proclaim that the Catholic Faith is the one True Faith. Secularism establishes that any discussion of religion must be removed from the public sphere, and relegated to merely private belief. And the philosophy of relativism (which denies the existence of any universal truth) makes it impossible to engage in constructive conversation in order to arrive at some agreement on religious and moral truth.

Yet, we as Catholics must reject these “isms” of the world and hold that the one Truth exists and that that Truth is Jesus Christ, who can and must be known with certainty by all men and women. For *there is salvation on no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved* (Acts 4:12). And despite the persecution and rejection we will suffer from the world, we must preach the Gospel because the salvation of all people depends on it. And so, I beseech you to preach the Gospel with boldness and charity. Do not fear the taunts of worldly people; do not seek to please men, but rather seek to please God.

*Fr. Brian Eckrich*

## WEEKLY OFFERING

	Envelopes	\$	7,894.00
	Online/EFT	\$	2,267.00
	Visitors/Loose Cash	\$	1,463.05
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