

March 14, 2021 • *Fourth Sunday of Lent*



The Cathedral of **SAINT JOSEPH**

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Most Reverend Donald DeGrood, *Bishop*

LITURGY GUIDE— Fourth Sunday of Lent

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 and 11:00 AM the entrance procession is accompanied by the Introit, sung by the choir)

Laetare Jerusalem: et conventum facite omnes qui diligitis eam: gaudete cum laetitia, qui in tristitia fuistis: ut exsultetis, et satiemini ab uberibus consolationis vestrae. (Verse) Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi: In domum Domini ibimus

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast. (Verse) I rejoiced when it was said unto me: "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

OPENING HYMN (4PM & 7:30AM) DARWALL'S 148TH

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord, our Saviour reigns, The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, He took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come,
And take his servants up To their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and de-

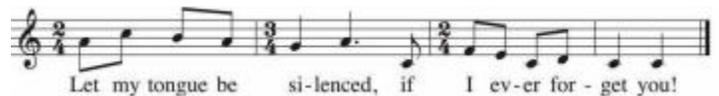
stroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled."

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 137:1-6

(Refrain sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat) By the rivers of



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Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Sion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. **R.**

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. "Sing to us," they said, "one of Sion's songs." **R.**

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on foreign soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! **R.**

O let my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem as the first of my joys! **R.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please Stand

(Sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life. **R.**

GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

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)

Laudate Dominum, quia benignus est: psallite nomini eius, quoniam suavis est: Omnia quaecumque voluit, fecit in caelo et in terra.

Praise the Lord, for he is loving; sing in honor of his name, for he is gracious. He has accomplished whatever he resolved to do in heaven and on earth.

OFFERTORY HYMN (4PM & 7:30AM)

ST. COLOMBA
The King of Love

The King of love my shepherd is, Whos goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his, And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And were the verdant pastures grow With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread's a table in my sight, Thy grace so rich bestowing; And
oh, what transport of delight From thy pure cup is flowing!

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never,
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise Within thy house forever.

OFFERTORY MOTET (11AM)

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

O How Amiable

O How amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath
a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: My heart
and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house, and the swallow a nest
where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my
King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They
will be always praising thee.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. Our shel-
ter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

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

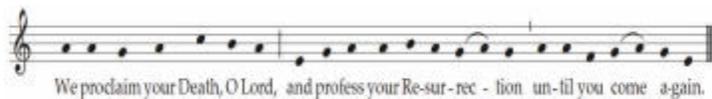
Musical notation for the first line of the Sanctus: *San-ctus, San-ctus, San-ctus Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba-oth.*

Musical notation for the second line of the Sanctus: *Ple-ni sunt cae-li et ter-ra glo-ri-a tu-a. Ho-san-na*

Musical notation for the third line of the Sanctus: *in ex-cel-sis. Be-ne-di-ctus qui ve-nit in no-mi-ne*

Musical notation for the fourth line of the Sanctus: *Do-mi-ni. Ho-san-na in ex-cel-sis.*

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



AGNUS DEI



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 (9:15AM)

Jerusalem, quae aedificatur ut civitas, cuius participatione eius in idipsum: illuc enim ascenderunt tribus, tribus Domini, ad confitendum nomini tuo, Domine.

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

COMMUNION MEDITATION (11AM)

God so Loved the World

John Stainer
(1840-1901)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son. That those who believe on him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

CLOSING HYMN (4PM, 7:30 & 11AM)

ST. ELIZABETH
Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son, Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine.

CLOSING HYMN (9:15AM)

Ave Regina Caelorum

Ave, Regina Caelorum, Ave, Domina Angelorum: Salve, radix, salve, porta Ex qua mundo lux est orta: Gaude, Virgo gloriosa, Super omnes speciosa, Vale, o valde decora, Et pro nobis Christum exora.

Hail, O Queen of Heaven. Hail, O Lady of Angels Hail! thou root, hail! thou gate From whom unto the world, a light has arisen: Rejoice, O glorious Virgin, Lovely beyond all others, Farewell, most beautiful maiden, And pray for us to Christ.

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PARISH NEWS

Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7pm

Please join us for Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 7pm in the Cathedral. All are invited to attend and take part. Due to the pandemic, we are unfortunately not able to provide a meal beforehand.

BroomTree Employment Opportunities

Housekeeping Supervisor at the Youth & Family Camp - If you have management skills and want a job that keeps you active, this position is for you! We offer flexible scheduling, health, vision, & dental insurance, long-term disability, life insurance, paid holidays, and earned sick and vacation time in addition to a competitive wage and discounts on facility rentals.

Part-time Cook at the Retreat Center – If you love to cook and serve, this job is for you! We offer flexible scheduling including late morning, afternoon, and early evening hours with some weekends in addition to a competitive wage and discounts on facility rentals.

If you would like to join our dedicated staff, please contact Kris Sees, Administrator, at 605-263-1040 or email ksees@sfcatholic.org for more information. Learn more about us at www.broom-tree.org.

Catholic Family Services 21st Annual Gift of Hope event

Lighting the Path to Hope and Healing, April 10

Saturday, April 10 – 8:30 p.m.

Join us for a NEW Gift of Hope Event to benefit Catholic Family Services! A candlelight celebration will be held on Saturday April 10th on the steps of the Cathedral of St. Joseph to unite us all in Lighting the Path to Hope and Healing. Proceeds made from the sale of our Gift of Hope Commemorative Candles will benefit the Gift of Hope Endowment Fund. Order your commemorative candle online at ccfesd.org, email us at events@ccfesd.org or call our office at 605-988-3765.

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!

SCAM REMINDER!

Some of you have received false emails or even text messages from people impersonating Fr. Morgan asking for money. These people create false email addresses that look like Fr. Morgan's real email address. **Please do not respond to it! It is a phishing hoax.** Fr. Morgan will never ask for any financial assistance for the parish by email or text message.

Bishop O'Gorman's Extravaganza 2021

Stay home and enjoy this year's Bishop O'Gorman Catholic Schools Virtual Extravaganza on March 27, 2021 at 7pm! Tune into the livestream for Collars & Cocktails with Fr. Cimpl and Fr. Morgan, raise your virtual paddle for tuition assistance and have a laugh with comedian Dustin Nickerson. Purchase Collars & Cocktail kits, \$10,000 raffle and Dates For A Year raffle at www.allknights2021.givesmart.com! (Kits must be purchased by March 15). Silent auction will open on March 20!

Thank you for initial response to CFSA!

Thank you to everyone who has already turned in their CFSA pledge cards! We have had a great initial response. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so as soon as you are able and help us keep this excellent momentum going. If you did not receive a pledge packet in the mail, or if you need a new form, please contact Heidi in the parish office. (336-7390 or hsolem@sfcatholic.org).

Liturgical Roles

Daily Mass Reader—

March 17-20

6:45 am Michelle Sletten

12:00 pm As Scheduled



March 20/21

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:00 pm Lyle Behrends, Nancy Ann Kadinger

7:30 am Carl Eisenberg, Barbara Lockwood

9:15 am Mark Hardie, Alea Hardie, Zeljko Juric

11:00 am Susan Albers, Jeanette Miranda,
Thomas Stombaugh

4:00 pm Ministers as Scheduled

Readers

4:00 pm Mary Glenski, Denise Rotert

7:30 am Barbara Lockwood

9:15 am Alea Hardie, Jeff Heron

11:00 am Susan Albers, Bob Lux

4:00 pm Readers as Scheduled

Altar Servers

4:00 pm Pontifical Servers

7:30 am Dominic Rieff

9:15 am John Paul Beaner, Nathan Hardie

11:00 am Dominic Ostermann, Karl Benz

4:00 pm Servers as Scheduled

Dow Rummel — Diane Bauch

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 March 14, 2021

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 / Ps 137:1-6 / Eph 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14-21

Mon: Is 65:17-21 / Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b / Jn 4:43-54

Tues: Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 / Jn 5:1-16

Wed: Is 49:8-15 / Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 / Jn 5:17-30

Thurs: Ex 32:7-14 / Ps 106:19-23 / Jn 5:31-47

Fri: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 / Rom 4:13, 16-18-22 / Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Sat: Jer 11:18-20 / Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12 / Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14 / Ps 130:1-8 / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45

CONGRATULATIONS

The 500 Club

The second winner of the 500 Club for March 2021 is Jeanne Amacher. She will receive \$100. At the present time, we have 174 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 29 will be eligible for the April 2021 drawings. For more information, call Verlyn Curley at 334-2305.

Mass Intentions

Mon, March 15 • *Lenten Weekday*

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

12:00 pm † Henry J. Miller

Tues, March 16 • *Lenten Weekday*

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

12:00 pm † Ted Pins

Wed, March 17 • *St. Patrick, Bishop*

6:45 am † Gail Engelmeyer

12:00 pm † Irene Rotert

Thurs, March 18 • *St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Dr. of the Church*

No Noon Mass

6:45 am Adoration Sisters

1:30 pm Chrism Mass

Fri, March 19 • *St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

6:45 am Fr. Brian Eckrich

12:00 pm † Marge Weber

Sat, March 20 • *Lenten Weekday*

9:00 am Fr. Brian Eckrich

Sat, March 20 • *Mass of Anticipation*

4:00 pm Briley Piper

Sun, March 21 • *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

7:30 am † Michael Rieff

9:15 am † Catherine Spader

11:00 am Pro Populo

4:00 pm † Bailey Lauret

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

Cathedral Events Calendar

Thursday, March 18

Chrism Mass, 1:30pm

Friday, March 19

Stations of the Cross, 7pm

FAITH FORMATION

Consecration to St. Joseph

Did you miss the start date for the 33 day Consecration to St. Joseph ending on the Solemnity of St. Joseph this Friday? Don't worry! You can begin the consecration on March 30th to end on the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1st. Consecration books are available at Mustard Seed or online.

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.

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/

Cathedral Young Adult Community

Our Cathedral Young Adults group meets approximately once per month. The gatherings include snacks and/or a shared meal, group prayer, and time for fellowship. All young adults are welcome to attend! Please contact Abigail (336-7390 or abudan@sfcatholic.org) with any questions and to be added to the contact list. Our next gathering will be scheduled soon—stay tuned!

Vocations Camp June 3-5 at Abbey of the Hills

The 5th Annual Vocations Camp for men 12-16 years old will be Thursday, June 3, thru Saturday, June 5, at Abbey of the Hills near Marvin, So. Dak. Men going into 7th grade or just leaving their sophomore year are welcome. The vocations events director for the Diocese of Sioux Falls, Fr. Shaun Haggerty, and several seminarians will be leading the camp at Abbey of the Hills. There will be the incense of the daily Mass and smoke of campfires, tugging on the daily rosary and tug of war, Eucharistic processions and hiking, confession and kayaking, vocation talks and many games. The camp is a rare chance for young men to begin considering their vocation from God by hanging out with priests and seminarians. We will arrive Thursday, June 3, at 10 am and depart Saturday, June 5, at 2 pm. Campers will form into small groups with a seminarian as their leader. Campers will be staying in the Abbey of the Hills lodging, sleeping two campers to a room. Special food can be provided for allergies. Cost is \$200 and scholarships are available. Only 28 spots per camp. Registration deadline is May 25. For more info visit jpiivocationscamp2021.splashthat.com.

CATHEDRAL INFORMATION

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

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)

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Director of Faith Formation, Abigail Budan

Counseling Services

Catholic Family Services Counseling 988-3775

Retrouvaille Help for hurting marriages 988-3755

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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, 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

CLERGY REFLECTION

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. [John 3:19-21]

Two sides exist with the world: one of light and goodness; the other of darkness and evil — And it is the virtue of Faith which distinguishes these two sides. Now Faith is a perfection of the intellect which allows one to receive some illumination of the Truth and the power of the will to assent to that Truth. Thus, those who have the virtue of Faith, know God and live in the light; those who lack the virtue of Faith, remain ignorant of God and live in the dark.

More often these days, I find myself having discussions with close friends about the state of the Church, the state of politics, and the state of mankind as a whole. And the prevailing thesis of these conversations settles on the fact that in decades past, one might reasonably argue that the differing views of people are more or less equal, two sides of the same coin, both having merits and failures. But in our current day, the true presence of good and evil is eminently manifest; the battle lines are drawn. Thus, we must first become aware of the realities present and immediately take sides — for in a battle any man who remains in “no mans’ land” is a dead man. The words from St. John’s Revelation ring loudly here: *Would that you were cold or hot! 16 So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth. [Revelation 3:15-16]*

This of course requires us to take action. Open your eyes and ears so that God may illuminate your heart and mind to know what is truly good and evil in the world. Pray for the virtue of fortitude to be able to embrace the Truth, even when it becomes scandalous to you — then devote yourself to zealously fight for that Truth and Good. Finally, prepare to make sacrifices; for in battle, the soldier surrenders the blissful comforts of ordinary life and accepts the possibility of being wounded or even killed by the enemy. This is our call: to be soldiers for God; to defend that which is Good and True — to fight for the sanctity of our own souls, our families, our nation, and our world.

Fr. Brian Eckrich

WEEKLY OFFERING

	Envelopes	\$	10,672.25
March 7th	Online/EFT	\$	3,639.00
	Visitors/Loose Cash	\$	2,219.28
	Total	\$	16,530.53

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CFSA \$61,557 of \$110,000 goal as of 3/9...Thank you!

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