

May 9, 2021 • Sixth Sunday of Easter



The Cathedral of **SAINT JOSEPH**

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Most Reverend Donald DeGroot, *Bishop*

LITURGY GUIDE—Sixth Sunday of Easter

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.)

Vocem incunditatis annuntiate, et audiat, alleluia: nuntiate usque ad extremum terrae: liberavit Dominus populum suum, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (Verse) Iubilante Deo, omnis terra: psalmum dicite nomini eius, date gloriam laudi eius.

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia. (Verse) Shout joyfully to God all the earth; sing a psalm to his name; praise him with magnificence.

OPENING HYMN

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Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose blood set us free to be people of God. **{Refrain}**

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, And honor, blessing, and glory are his. **{Refrain}**

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. **{Refrain}**

Blessing, honor, glory, and might Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **{Refrain}**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia! **{Refrain}**

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 people 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-get-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

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, “Get up. I myself am also a human being.”

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.”

While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?” He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 98:1-4

(Refrain sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)

The Lord has re-vealed to the na-tions his sav-ing pow'r, his sav-ing pow'r.

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O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation, has shown his deliverance to the nations. He has remembered his merciful love and his truth for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song, and sing out your praise. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Please Stand*Cantor (*sung*): **Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia** (*Congregation repeat*)

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him. **R.**

GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

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 HYMN (*4PM & 7:30AM*) LASST UNS ERFREUEN**410**

All creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him! Alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou flowing water, pure and clear, Make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia, Alleluia! Thou fire so masterful and bright, Thou givest man both warmth and light: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Dear mother earth, who day by day Unfoldest blessing on our way, O praise him! Alleluia! The flow'rs and fruits that in thee grow, Let them his glory also show: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
And all ye men of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, Alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and on him cast your care: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
And thou, most kind and gentle death, Waiting to hush our latest breath, O praise him! Alleluia! Thou ledest home the child of God, And Christ our Lord the way hath trod: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Let all things their creator bless, And worship him in humbleness, O praise him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit Three in One: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (*9:15AM*)

Benedicite gentes Dominum Deum nostrum, et obaudite vocem laudis eius: qui posuit animam meam ad vitam, et non dedit commoveri pedes meos: benedictus Dominus, qui non amovit deprecationem meam, et misericordiam suam a me, alleluia.

O nations, bless the Lord our God, let the voice of his praises resound; he has restored my soul to life, and he has not suffered my feet to stumble; blessed be the Lord who has neither rejected my prayer nor turned his mercy away from me, alleluia.

OFFERTORY MOTET (*11AM*)Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

He Watching Over Israel
He watching over Israel slumbers not, nor sleeps.
Shouldst thou walking in grief, languish, he will quicken thee.
He watching over Israel slumbers not, nor sleeps.

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 Chant *All.*
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
To repeat *Last time*
have mer - cy on us. 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

All Catholics who have prepared themselves to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward. Our brothers and sisters of other faiths are invited to approach with arms crossed over the chest to signal their desire to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (4PM, 7:30AM)

If you love me, keep my com - mand - ments, says the Lord, al - le - lu - ia.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (9:15 & 11AM)

Ego vos elegi de mundo, ut eatis et fructum offeratis: et fructus vester maneat, alleluia. I have chosen you from the world, in order that you might go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should last, alleluia

COMMUNION MEDITATION (11AM) Charles Talmadge Very Bread, Good Shepherd, Tend Us

Very bread, Good Shepherd, tend us, Jesus, of thy love befriend us, Thou refresh us, thou defend us, Thine eternal goodness send us in the land of life to see.
Thou, who all things canst and knowest, Who on earth such food bestowest, Grant us with thy saints, though lowest, Where the heavenly feast thou showest, Fellow heirs and guests to be.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING FULDA MELODY 667 O Jesus, We Adore Thee

O Jesus, we adore thee, Who in thy love divine, Conceal thy mighty Godhead in forms of bread and wine. O sacrament most holy, O sacrament divine, All praise and all thanksgiving be ev'ry moment thine!
O Jesus, we adore thee, Our victim and our priest, Whose precious blood and body become our sacred feast. O sacrament most holy, O sacrament divine, All praise and all thanksgiving be ev'ry moment thine!
O Jesus, we adore thee, Our Savior and our King, And with the saints and angels a humble homage bring. O sacrament most holy, O sacrament divine, All praise and all thanksgiving be ev'ry moment thine!
O Jesus, we adore thee; Come, live in us, we pray, That all our thoughts and actions be thine alone today. O sacrament most holy, O sacrament divine, All praise and all thanksgiving be ev'ry moment thine!
O come, all you who labor in sorrow and in pain; Come, eat this bread from heaven, your peace and strength regain. O sacrament most holy, O sacrament divine, All praise and all thanksgiving be ev'ry moment thine!

CLOSING HYMN HYMN TO JOY 423 Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise; Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise. He, who on the cross as Savior, For the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of glory, Now is risen from the dead.
Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born, Glorious life and life immortal, On this resurrection morn.
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer, By his mighty enterprise, We with him to life eternal, By his resurrection rise.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia to the Savior Who has won the victory; Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity; Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.

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PARISH NEWS

9am Saturday Mass & Noon Confessions in Chapel

Due to the Ordination for our permanent deacons, the 9am Mass, as well as Noon Confessions, will be held in the Sacred Heart Chapel this coming Saturday, May 15.

May is Cathedral's month to support the Sisters!

Please consider making a donation and dropping it in the bins near the doors. Large envelopes are displayed near each bin. Draw a slip out of the envelope and then return your item to the bin next week! Thank you for supporting the Sisters! They are powerful prayer warriors for our parish family and the diocese as a whole.

Come hear about Bishop's vision for the diocese!

In prayer, Bishop DeGrood received a vision of Lifelong Catholic Missionary Discipleship Through God's Love for the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls. Father Scott Traynor, Dr. Chris Burgwald, and Eric Gallagher will be traveling around the diocese to invite all of the lay faithful to hear more about the vision and to understand what the vision means for Catholics in Eastern South Dakota. Please join us in the Cathedral Parish Hall on Tuesday, May 11, at 7pm. Find out more, including how to view a livestream of the event, at sfatholic.org/discipleship.

NEEDED! Cathedral Bus Drivers to help others get to Mass & be able to receive the Eucharist

The Cathedral of St. Joseph is in need of a few additional volunteers to help get our bus back on the road to transport people to the Saturday Vigil Mass. We suspended the bus when the pandemic first hit and would like to get back out there but our pool of volunteer drivers has dwindled over the years. Driving the bus is one of the more behind-the-scenes ministries at Cathedral, but it is so vital and much appreciated to those receiving this service. For more information about what driving the bus entails, please contact the Cathedral parish office at 336-7390 or email lhaatvedt@sfatholic.org.

Cathedral Young Adult Community

Our Cathedral Young Adult group consists of individuals in their 20s-30s and meets monthly for formation and fellowship. Our next event will be on Thursday, May 13th. We will have a potluck dinner at 6pm then transition to the Sacred Heart Chapel at 7pm for Eucharistic Adoration. Please RSVP to Abigail (abudan@sfatholic.org) or on the parish website (stjosephcathedral.net/young-adults) by 5pm on Tuesday, May 11th.

Register for Family Program early & win a gift card!

Family Program registration for 2021-22 is now available! Registration forms can be picked up in the parish office or printed from our website (stjosephcathedral.net/family-program). Any registration forms turned in to the parish office by June 1st will be entered in a drawing for a \$25 Pizza Ranch gift card! Contact Abigail with questions.

Liturgical Roles

May 12-15

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



May 15/16

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:00 pm Julie Cleary
7:30 am Gerry & Sharon Frisbie
9:15 am Hannah & Brandon Schmit, Susan Sommervold
11:00 am Susan Albers, Mary & Matt Enderson
4:00 pm Ministers as Scheduled

Readers

4:00 pm Mary Glenski, Denise Rotert
7:30 am Kym Osterberg
9:15 am Jeff Heron, Emily Young
11:00 am Mary & Matt Enderson
4:00 pm Readers as Scheduled

Altar Servers

4:00 pm Pontifical Servers
7:30 am Dominic Rieff
9:15 am Carter Benson, Nicholas & Andrew Simon
11:00 am Dominic Ostermann, John Paul Beaner
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 until further notice.

Thank you to all of our Cathedral Volunteers!

Readings for the Week of May 9, 2021

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1-4/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26--16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
Wed: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10 [8a]/Jn 16:23-28
Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mk 16:15-20

CONGRATULATIONS

The 500 Club

The second winner of the 500 Club for May 2021 is Julie Cleary. She will receive a check for \$102 and Father received \$447.50 for the Church. Currently we have 179 members and it is only \$5/month to join. Our hope is to have 200 members so the weekly winner will receive \$115 and Father will receive \$500 for the church. Applications are available in the Narthex (Duluth Ave. entrance) or the Parish Office. Those received by May 31 will be eligible for the June drawings. For more information, call Verlyn Curley at 334-2305.

Mass Intentions

Mon, May 10 • *St. Damien de Veuster, Priest*

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

12:00 pm † Sylvia Miles

Tues, May 11 • *Easter Weekday*

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

12:00 pm † Mildred & Jack Geraets

Wed, May 12 • *Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs*

6:45 am † Cecil Provence

12:00 pm † Carvell Trudeau

Thurs, May 13 • *Our Lady of Fatima*

6:45 am † Tony Spader

12:00 pm † Irene Kulish

Fri, May 14 • *St. Matthias, Apostle*

6:45 am † Mathew Birgen

12:00 pm † Irene Rotert

Sat, May 15 • *St. Isadore*

9:00 am Confirmation Students and their families

Sat, May 15 • *Mass of Anticipation*

4:00 pm † Elaine Parlman

Sun, May 16 • *The Ascension of the Lord*

7:30 am Sr. Amata Veritas, OP

9:15 am † Gene & Lois Zimmer

11:00 am † Margaret Moran

4:00 pm Pro Populo

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

Tuesday, May 11

Bishop's Vision Presentation, 7pm in the Parish Hall

Thursday, May 13

Young Adult Potluck, 6pm

Adoration & Confessions, 7pm

Saturday, May 15

Permanent Diaconate Ordinations

9am Mass & Noon Confessions in the Chapel

AROUND THE AREA

Baby Bottles for Life! Fundraiser for ProLife billboards

Come take home a baby bottle and fill it with your cash/change donation. Bring it back on Father's Day weekend or drop it off in the Parish Office the week after Father's Day. Money raised will go to the Sioux Falls Area Right to Life to purchase permanent billboard advertising to promote Life from the moment of conception on the interstates just outside of Sioux Falls (north, south, east and west)! Questions, call Sarah Beaner at 421-8378.

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.

Bishop's Fishing Tournament is back!

The 26th Annual "Bishop's Charity Fishing Tournaments" are scheduled for Monday, June 7, at Big Stone City - Lakeside Park and Monday June 14, at Pierre - Oahe Downstream Rec Area (located 5 miles north of Pierre). Can't make it to our in-person tournaments? That is OK! We are bringing back the Virtual Fishing Tournament option! The virtual tournament will begin June 5 and end June 14. You can fish one or more of those days on any public body of water in SD for your chance to win! Participants in the virtual tournament will submit their catches using the iAngler Tournament App on their cell phone! After cancelling the 2020 in-person tournaments, we are excited to gather again in support of the future priests of our diocese! For more information on sponsoring, registering or donating, visit www.ccfesd.org or contact 605-988-3765.

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. 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 2pm. 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. Jeff Norfolk

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

Retrouaille 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, 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

As priest-Rector, it is my responsibility on behalf of the Bishop to be the protector of the Holy Eucharist. In fact, that is the role of every priest, to be the protector and guardian of the sacred mysteries where Christ becomes present – flesh and blood – sacramentally for the good of the faithful. This role as “guardian” carries with it serious responsibilities. Mainly, that the Holy Eucharist is distributed to the faithful by the priest and ministers sacredly and carefully; and, that the faithful receive Jesus reverently and appropriately. Eucharistic Ministers appointed by the pastor are given this same authority as “guardians” of the mysteries, albeit, not to the same degree as the priest or the deacon. It is up to us collectively, though, to ensure that the distribution and reception of Holy Communion is done correctly. So, a few pointers are in order to help us remember this imperative: If you are wearing a mask, please pull it down when receiving and consume the host immediately. Do not walk away with the host and consume it halfway down the aisle. The host is to be consumed by the recipient on the spot in front of the priest, deacon or minister, or by stepping to the side for a moment and consuming while facing the altar. We are in no hurry; take your time receiving Holy Communion reverently. It boils down to this: As “guardians” of the Eucharist, we must be certain you are consuming the host upon receiving it. There are times when people have walked away with the host, and we have had to run after them, stop them and tell them to consume, or even take it from them because they do not know what to do with it. Sometimes they can be children who are not of age yet. Parents need to be aware of this. Make sure your children know what they are doing when they come forward to receive or not receive. Many times when this happens they are not our parishioners; many times they are not Catholic or even Christian, so they are not aware of what they are doing (although an instruction for the “Reception of Holy Communion” is located in the Liturgy Guide section of the Bulletin). I so appreciate our parishioners in the pew watching and being vigilant and helping out. We need to be charitable about our directions and corrections, for sure. Let's be clear, we are not out to embarrass anybody; we are trying to prevent the true presence of Christ from showing up under a pew, or put into someone's pocket, or any number of miscalculations that could desecrate Our Sacramental Lord. Believe me it's happened, that and more. Let's be mindful of the mysteries that we are handling and make sure we are receiving Holy Communion properly, reverently, and worthily. Peace in the Risen Lord!

Fr. James Morgan

WEEKLY OFFERING

| | | | |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------|------------------|
| | Envelopes | \$ | 8,280.00 |
| May 2nd | Online/EFT | \$ | 16,475.00 |
| | Visitors/Loose Cash | \$ | 3,287.96 |
| | Total | \$ | 28,042.96 |

We have officially met our CFSA goal! Anything over and above stays in our parish! Thank you!

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