

April 23, 2023 • *Third Sunday of Easter*



# *The Cathedral of* **SAINT JOSEPH**

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## **Congratulations and Welcome to our New Catholics!**

Through the Holy Spirit the following were received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil....Audrey Barsoum, Ethan Bunn, Valerie Carroll (catechumen), Alex Deeter, Juan Duque, Akiar Dut, Allison Eckert, Austin Faber, Erin Fernholz, Paula Fischer, Nathan Garza (catechumen), Tyler Guthmiller, Julia Hamann, Olivia Harriger, Chris Hartman, Hannah Huff, Merlin Huff, Emily Kellow (catechumen), Nyamuon Khai, Dustin Kollars, Brody Kunzmann, Craig Meyer, Shelby Ruland, Abdu Sambido, Spencer Swedlund, Luke Todd (catechumen), Michael Yandell.

**May the Holy Spirit always be your guide!**

**DIOCESE OF SIOUX FALLS**

Most Reverend Donald E. DeGrood, *Bishop*

## LITURGY GUIDE - April 23, 2023

### Third 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. Help keep our Cathedral tidy by utilizing the waste baskets found near the main entrances.**

**Please, do not take pictures during the Mass celebration. You are welcome to take pictures after Mass.**

### INTROIT - (At 9:15 AM & 11:00 THE INTROIT IS SUNG BY THE CHOIR, FOLLOWED BY THE OPENING HYMN)

*Jubilate Deo omnis terra, alleluia:  
psalmum dicite nomine eius, alleluia:  
date gloriam laudi eius, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia.*

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia. (Verse) Before you all the earth shall bow down, shall sing to you, sing to your name!"

### OPENING HYMN

545

GELOBT SEI GOTT  
Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

### 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 - 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

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed:

"You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. You who are Israelites, hear these words.

Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know.

This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it.

For David says of him:

*I saw the Lord ever before me, with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.*

*Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted; my flesh, too, will dwell in hope, because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption.*

*You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.*

"My brothers, one can confidently say to you about the patriarch David that he died and was buried, and his tomb is in our midst to this day. But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld nor did his flesh see corruption.

God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear."

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

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

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

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Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord." O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; you yourself who secure my lot. **R**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord before me always; with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved. **R**

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my flesh shall rest in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to hell, nor let your holy one see corruption. **R**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand, bliss forever. **R**

**SECOND READING**

1 Peter 1:17-21

Beloved:

If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one's works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb. He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Please Stand*

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



Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us **R**

**GOSPEL**

Luke 24:13-35

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them,

"What are you discussing as you walk along?"

They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?"

And he replied to them, "What sort of things?"

They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and

crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see."

And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

**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 (4:00 PM & 7:30 AM)** SALZBURG  
**437** At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

**OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (9:15 AM)**

*Lauda anima mea Dominum:* Praise the Lord, O my soul; I  
*laudabo Dominum in vita mea:* will praise the Lord throughout  
*psalmam Deo meo, quamdiu ero,* my life; I will sing to my God  
*alleluia.* for as long as I live. Alleluia.

**OFFERTORY MOTET (11:00 AM)** Josef Rheinberger  
*Anima nostra* (1839-1901)

*Anima nostra sicut passer erepta* Our soul hath been delivered  
*est de laqueo venantium; laqueus* as a sparrow out of the snare  
*contritus est, et nos liberati sumus.* of the fowlers. The snare is  
*Adjutorium nostrum in nomine* broken, and we are delivered.  
*Domini, qui fecit caelum et terram.* Our help is in the name of the  
*Alleluia.* Lord, who made heaven and  
 earth. Alleluia.

**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**

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**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.

**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 (4:00 PM & 7:30 AM)**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON (9:15 AM & 11:00 AM)**  
*Surrexit Dominus, et apparuit* The Lord has risen and has  
*Petro, alleluia.* appeared to Peter, alleluia.

**COMMUNION MEDITATION (11:00 AM)**  
*Abendlied* Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)  
*Bleib bei uns, denn es will Abend* "Stay with us, for it is nearly  
*werden, und der Tag bat sich* evening and the day is almost  
*geneiget. (Luke 24:29)* over." (Luke 24:29)

**HYMN OF THANKSGIVING** ST. AGNES  
**746** Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

**CLOSING HYMN** PUER NOBIS  
**774** That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

**Mulch Sale – Trail Life USA Troop SD-16:13** (sponsored by St. Lambert) is now taking orders for mulch after all masses this weekend. Premium Cedar and Hardwood mulch are available. Delivery & spreading options are available for after Easter. Please contact Chris at 605-940-0072 or [cvanbriesen@gmail.com](mailto:cvanbriesen@gmail.com) with questions or to place an order.

**After School Teacher Assistants and Summer Care Teachers and Aides:** FT/PT positions available, no nights and weekends. Go to the website: [www.ogknights.org](http://www.ogknights.org) for more details or if interested in applying. Great Employment opportunities!

St. Michael Cemetery is looking for part-time ground workers for the summer. 15 to 20 hours per week depending on weather conditions. You must be at least 16 years of age. For details call Steve at 605-338-3376 or [stmichaelcemetery@sfcatholic.org](mailto:stmichaelcemetery@sfcatholic.org).

O’Gorman Junior High and O’Gorman High School offer a traditional, Catholic values education for 7th through 12th grade students. The partnership between faculty and parents, the teacher involvement and the academic achievements are unparalleled. Consider sending your child to a school that shares your values and beliefs and works to educate the whole child. [ogknights.org/admissions/myschoolwhy](http://ogknights.org/admissions/myschoolwhy)

The Adoration Sisters invite you to visit their gift shop of religious articles and gifts at Mater Ecclesiae Monastery. The Monastery and gift shop are located in the parking lot behind St. Joseph Cathedral.  
**Open Monday through Saturday 9:30am to 5:30pm.**

### O’Gorman Spring Musical-Footloose

O’Gorman High School proudly presents the musical **FOOTLOOSE!** Show dates are **April 25, 27, 28, and 29 at 7:00pm** in the Dr. Tom and Penny Lorang Theatre. Tickets may be purchased online: [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) (or scan code) beginning April 6th! Box Office will be open one hour prior to each show to purchase in person.



### The 28th Annual “BISHOP’S CHARITY FISHING TOURNAMENTS” Benefiting Seminarian Education Fishing for a Few Good Men

**Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at Big Stone City** - Dohitt Park and  
**Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, at Pierre** - Oahe Downstream Recreation Area (located 5 miles north of Pierre). We are excited to gather again in support of the future priests of our diocese! For more information, visit our website at [www.ccfesd.org](http://www.ccfesd.org) or contact us at 605-988-3765 or Scan this Code.



### 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



## Liturgical Roles



**Daily Mass Reader -**  
12:00 pm As Scheduled

### April 29/30

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:00 pm Susan Albers, Lyle Behrends  
7:30 am Sandy Fitzgibbons, Robert Renner  
9:15 am Matthew Erickson, Brandon Schmit, Desiree Langel Plorde  
11:00 am Mary Enderson, Matthew Enderson, Bob Lux  
4:00 pm Ministers as Scheduled

#### Lectors

4:00 pm Suzanne Bradford, Mary Gayle Rogers  
7:30 am Michael Fitzgibbons  
9:15 am Matthew Erickson, Abby Erickson  
11:00 am Mary Enderson, Matthew Enderson  
4:00 pm Readers as Scheduled

#### Altar Servers

4:00 pm Pontifical Servers  
7:30 am Servers Needed  
9:15 am Nathan Hardie, Dominic Hardie, Owen Rislov  
11:00 am Dominic Ostermann, Megan Ulin, Will Ulin  
4:00 pm Servers as Scheduled

#### Mini-Bus Driver

4:00 pm Mitch Brandner  
**Dow Rummel** Nancy Jerentowski  
**Good Sam** Chris Lent

### Readings for the week of April 23, 2023

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35  
**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29  
**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20  
**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40  
**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51  
**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59  
**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6(1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Michael & Sandy Fitzgibbons** are Cathedral 500 Club’s fourth winners for April 2023. They have received a check for **\$94**. Anyone interested in joining will find applications at the front entrance (Duluth Ave) of the Cathedral. Cost is \$5/month. Applications must be received by **May 1st** to be in the May 2023 drawings. Call the Parish Office at [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390) for details.

## Mass Intentions

- Mon. Apr. 24•** *St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr*  
12:00 pm Ronald Fiegen
- Tue. Apr. 25•** *St. Mark, Evangelist*  
12:00 pm † Greg Kerr
- Wed. Apr. 26•** *Easter Weekday*  
12:00 pm Thanksgiving to St. Joseph
- Thu. Apr. 27•** *Easter Weekday*  
12:00 am Hein Lam
- Fri. Apr. 28•** *St. Peter Chanel, Priest/Martyr and  
St. Louis Grignon de Montefort, Priest*  
12:00 pm Brad and Marilyn Hills & Family
- Sat. Apr. 29•** *St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and  
Doctor of the Church*  
4:00 pm † Janet Truex
- Sun. Apr. 30•** *Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
7:30 am † Bishop Paul Swain  
9:15 am † Joyce Coatsworth  
11:00 am † Bob Kunkel  
4:00 pm Pro Populo

## Sanctuary Candles

This week the five sanctuary candles in the Sacred Heart Chapel have been requested for the following intentions:

- 1.) First Communion Students
- 2.) † Tim Bartscher
- 3.) Devotion to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**
- 4.) Devotion to the **Immaculate Heart of Mary**
- 5.) Devotion to **St. Joseph the Worker**

## Cathedral Events Calendar

**Sunday, TODAY, April 23 -**

**11:00 am** - First Communion Mass  
Cathedral of St. Joseph & St. Josephine Bakhita Students

**Monday, April 24 -**

**6:30 pm** - Young Adults

**Tuesday, April 25 -**

**10:00 am** - Women's Group

**Wednesday, April 26**

**6:45 pm** - RCIA

**Thursday, April 27 -**

**7:00 pm** - Adoration & Reconciliation in the Sacred  
Heart Chapel

**Saturday, April 29 -**

**12:00 pm** - Reconciliation in Sacred Heart Chapel

**3:00 pm** - Reconciliation in Cathedral Nave

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for our First Communion students from St. Joseph Cathedral and St. Josephine Bakhita parishes. These 30 students have prepared and will receive Jesus in their **First Holy Communion, today, April 23 at the 11:00 am Mass.** St. Joseph and St. Josephine Bakhita pray for them!

Thank you to all who volunteered to be ministers during Holy Week, the Easter Liturgies and Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion. Thank you to those that helped with cleaning and straightening between all of the services and our maintenance staff for doing the deep cleaning. Also, a BIG Thank You to those who contributed towards the Easter flowers. Everything was so beautiful and you are all very appreciated.

If you are new to our parish, interested in joining the Catholic Church or would just like to know more about Cathedral of St. Joseph, please call the Parish office at **605-336-7390**. We love to meet you and answer your questions.

### *InSpires* Campaign Kickoff

Please plan to join one of the following *InSpires* Campaign presentations after all of the Sunday, **April 30th** Masses or on **May 1st** or **May 2nd** at **7:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Come to learn more and ask about the construction on the Rectory, the new Organ and plans for creating future sustainable funding! Refreshments will be provided at all of the presentations!



### Anointed by the Holy Spirit through the waters of Baptism

**Maria Louise Murtha** - Daughter of Evan & Jessica Murtha  
**Gemia Indrias Zeremariam** - Son of Indrias Kurban &

Letemariam Ashera

***Congratulations and welcome into our Family of Faith!***

If you are expecting or have a child to be baptized please call Deacon Bill Radio (**605-336-7390**) for baptism planning.

### HELP US COMPLETE OUR CFSA GOAL

You can make your pledge by putting your pledge card in the collection basket, go to Cathedral's online giving page (see scan code below), or drop it off at the parish office. Thank you for your generosity in helping us reach our goal in support of the essential programs and services throughout the Sioux Falls Diocese.

### WEEKLY OFFERING

APRIL 16/17

	Envelopes	\$	7,774.00
	Online/EFT	\$	5,909.39
	Visitors/Loose Cash	\$	3,108.59
		<b>Total \$</b>	<b>16,791.98</b>

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## CATHEDRAL INFORMATION

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

**Parish Office Email: [cathedral@sfcatholic.org](mailto: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. Josephine Bakhita Community)

**Weekday Masses**

Monday - Friday 12pm (Noon)

**Confessions**

Thursday 7:00pm

Saturday 12 Noon & 3:00-3:30pm in Cathedral

(In the Chapel if a Wedding is scheduled)

**Adoration**

Thursdays 7pm-8pm (In the Chapel during Confessions)

First Friday of the month at 11am in the Cathedral

**Self Guided Tours**

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

**Guided Tours-By appointment 605-336-7390**

**Parish Staff**

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Counseling and Grief Programs **605-988-3775**

**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 a meeting for preparation contact the parish office at **605-336-7390**.

**Matrimony** Six months preparation required. Registered parishioners, please contact the 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 this Sacrament if you have been diagnosed with an illness, in preparation for surgery or in case of serious illness.

**Catholic Cemetery - St. Michael's Cemetery 605-338-3376**

## CLERGY REFLECTION

### Easter Season 2023

Every sacrament of the Church includes moments that are intended to appeal to our senses. It might be something we see, hear, smell, taste or feel but all draw us deeper into the moment when special graces are poured over us as we willingly participate in the various sacramental rituals. The same is true of the Church's liturgies as well. The liturgies of the Triduum two weeks ago were filled with such moments. Every year our RCIA candidates are asked to pay special attention to those times in the liturgies of the Triduum that appeal to their senses in a particularly memorable way. Their insights are always inspiring. Even though we are well into the Easter season now, some of those sensual experiences continue to resonate in my heart. I wanted to share a few of those with you. At the Consecration during the Holy Thursday Mass a clapper resounds instead of the usual ringing of bells. For many this is a startling change from what has become so familiar at that crucial point in the Mass. **It is intended to be startling.** The sound of the clapper reminds us of the hammering of nails into the hands and feet of Jesus as he accepted crucifixion to show us the startling depth of his love for us and how far he is willing to go to save us from an eternity outside his presence because of our sins. Another very memorable part of the Easter Vigil liturgy is the darkness of the Church when the faithful all enter after having witnessed the blessing of the new fire and the new Easter candle. Not only do we all enter the Church in the darkness, we also enter in silence. Then at the Gloria the lights come on and bells are rung throughout the Cathedral, inside and out. At that moment, the faithful all join together with our wonderful choir in praising God through the singing of the Gloria. It is another moment when those present are reminded of the stark difference between living in the darkness of the temporal world and living in the light of Jesus Christ who is the way and the truth and the light. This year, perhaps the most exciting moments of the Triduum were the gathering of all those preparing to enter the Church at Easter. They were present as a group for all the Triduum liturgies and formally Confirmed and welcomed into the fullness of the faith at the Easter Vigil liturgy. Twenty-seven new Catholics just at our Cathedral liturgy with many more joining the Church at other Catholic churches throughout the city, the Diocese and around the country! What a sign of hope for our faith and for the future of the Church! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Easter Season continues, let us bask in its beauty.

*Deacon Bill Radio*

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