

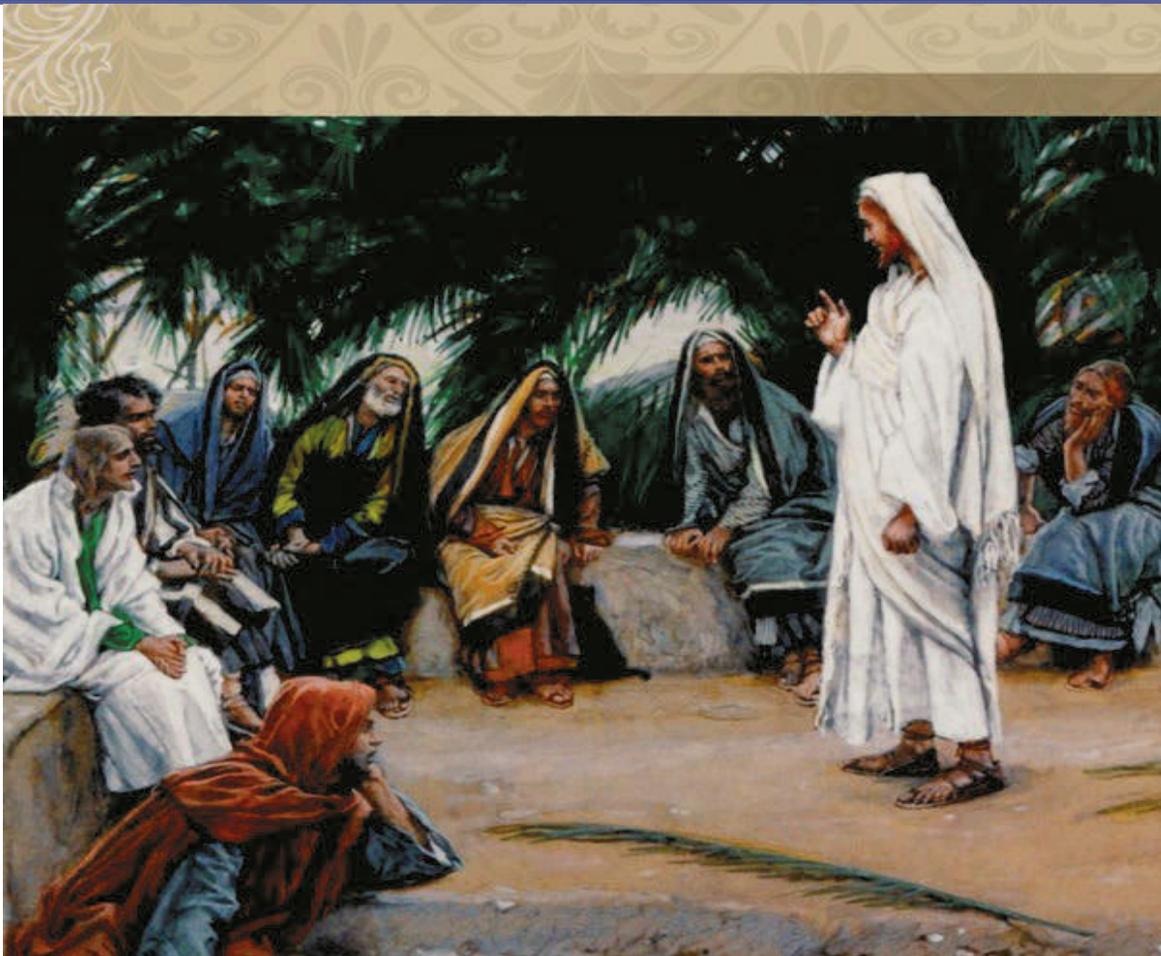
February 16, 2025 • *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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

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## *6<sup>th</sup> Sunday* IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude and insult you,  
and denounce your name as evil  
on account of the Son of Man." - Lk 6:22

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**DIOCESE OF SIOUX FALLS**

Most Reverend Donald E. DeGrood, *Bishop*

**LITURGY GUIDE – February 16, 2025**  
**Sixth 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. 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 AND 11:00AM the Introit is sung by the choir, followed by the opening hymn)**

*Esto mihi in Deum protectorem, et in locum refugii, ut salvum me facias: quoniam firmamentum meum, et refugium meum es tu: et propter nomen tuum dux mihi eris, et enutries me. (Verse) In te, Domine, speravi, non confundar in aeternum: in iustitia tua libera me.*

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name. (Verse) In you O Lord, do I trust; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

**OPENING HYMN**  
**661**

**ST. ANNE**  
**O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

**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**

**Jeremiah 17:5-8**

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth. Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6**

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

Bless-ed are they, bless-ed are they who hope in the Lord.

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Blessed indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the path with sinners, nor abides in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord, and who ponders his law day and night. **R**

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **R**

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they, like winnowed chaff, shall be driven away by the wind; for the Lord knows the way of the just, but the way of the wicked will perish. **R**

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12, 16-20

Brothers and sisters:

If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead?

If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins.

Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all.

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please Stand*

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



Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. **R**

GOSPEL

LUKE 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon.

And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for the kingdom of God is yours.

Blessed are you who are now hungry,  
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who are now weeping,  
for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude and insult you,  
and denounce your name as evil  
on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!  
Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.  
For their ancestors treated the prophets in  
the same way.

But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are filled now,  
for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,  
for you will grieve and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you,  
for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.”

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 PM & 7:30 AM) HYFRODOL  
627 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (9:15 AM)

<i>Benedictus es Domine, doce me iustificationes tuas: benedictus es Domine, doce me iustificationes tuas: in labiis meis pronuntiabi omnia iudicia oris tui.</i>	Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me your commandments. O Lord, you are blessed, teach me your commandments. With my lips have I declared all the judgments spoken by your mouth.
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OFFERTORY MOTET (11:00 AM) Samuel S. Wesley  
Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace (1810 - 1976)

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.  
The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day. The darkness and the light to thee, are both alike.  
God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forevermore.  
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee.

**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.

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### 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 Choir:* \*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.

### 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 their arms crossed over their chest to signal their desire to receive a blessing.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON (4PM)

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave  
them; they were not di - sap - poin - ted in what they craved.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON (9:15 & 11:00 AM)

*Manducaverunt et saturati sunt nimis, et desiderium attulit eis Dominus: non sunt fraudatia desiderio suo.* They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

### COMMUNION MEDITATION (11:00 AM)

Children of the Heavenly Father (arr. Paul Christiansen)

Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;  
Nesting bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

### HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

509

Draw Near and Take the Body of Thy Lord

### CLOSING HYMN

536

God, My King, Thy Might Confessing

### COENA DOMINI

### STUTTART

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### Mother's Retreat - Saturday, March 29 8:00am-3:00pm

Cathedral of St. Joseph (Parish Hall)  
521 N. Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD

Join the 4th annual Mother's Retreat to relax, recharge, pray, and connect with other mothers striving for holiness.



**Adoration † Discussion † Confessions † Guest speakers † Prayer**

### The 40 Hours Devotion - March 12-14 - A 40 hours



devotion event will be held at St. Lambert Parish, Sioux Falls, between March 12-14, 2025. The event will consist of daily Mass and adoration. Opportunities for Confession will be offered each day between 6:30-8:00pm. Thursday March 13th, we will have children's adoration with the PES sisters. The event will feature nightly talks by Fr. James Sullivan. Supper is provided each night.

**By attending this devotion you will gain an indulgence.**  
Please call St. Lambert's (605) 336-8808 with any questions.

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## “Under Mary’s Mantle

Expectant Moms and Young Mothers  
You are invited to attend the postponed first meeting of the “Under Mary’s Mantle” series on topics of mothering during the early years on Tuesday, February 25, at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room at Holy Spirit Church in Sioux Falls. The series of bi-weekly meetings are based on writings of renowned Catholic authors and Church teachings. Refreshments & snacks are served. Come for encouragement and inspiration. Young children are welcome! For information call **Sandy at 605-421-1104** or **Lisa at 605-480-3031**.

**Seek the Harbor for Love**, A Couples Retreat - Sat. Feb. 22, (8:30 am - 4:00 pm). Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Lower Level, 3601 E. Dudley Lane, SFSD 57103. Married and Engaged couples will explore ways to put into practice the teaching of Marriage as a Sacrament and have a deeper relationship with God, spouse and family. Call [605-371-2320](tel:605-371-2320) or **Scan the Code**.



**Last Collar Standing 2025** - Join us for the 6th Annual “Last Collar Standing” live on [youtube.com/@sfdiocese](https://www.youtube.com/@sfdiocese) Sun. Feb. 23 at 3 p.m. Last Collar Standing

raises awareness of and funds for our diocesan Lumen Christi Missionary program. This fun and hilarious competition is a great chance to see our priests in a new light and witness their fraternal brotherhood. To donate, please visit: <https://sfcatholic.regfox.com/last-collar-standing>.

**Behold Worship Night** - Sunday, February 23, 7:15 pm. At St. Michael’s parish, Sioux Falls. Our Lady of Victory Pastorate in Sioux Falls is hosting the first "Behold Worship Night" featuring the Suscipe Worship Collective on Sunday beginning at 7:15 p.m. **Behold** is a time of prayer and praise that seeks to draw us into the heart of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. It is an event held every 6-8 weeks in the Sioux Falls area that includes praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, and prayerful reflections. The event is free and open to the public. Learn more about this initiative at: <https://suscipe.org/behold>.



**Camp Sydney**-The Lourdes Center will be offering a Grief Camp for youth and their families at Broom Tree Retreat Center, beginning at **6:00 p.m. June 6, 2025 until 11:00 a.m. June 8, 2025**. This two-day camp will include fun activities, discussion and support. The Grief Camp is offered free of charge. Registration is open at [www.thelourdescenter.com](http://www.thelourdescenter.com). Call The Lourdes Center at [605-988-3775](tel:605-988-3775) for more details.

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Liturgical Roles



### Daily Mass - As Scheduled

### February 22/23

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 pm Susan Albers, Kate Piercemogen
- 7:30 am Barbara Lockwood, Gerald Frisbie
- 9:15 am Matthew Erickson, Ruth Bordewyk, Jeff Heron
- 11:00 am Matt & Mary Enderson, Bob Lux
- 4:00 pm Ministers as Scheduled

#### Lectors

- 4:00 pm Denise Rotert, Suzanne Bradford
- 7:30 am Steve Feldhaus
- 9:15 am Nancy Tapken, Abby Erickson
- 11:00 am Matthew Enderson, Mary Enderson
- 4:00 pm Readers as Scheduled

#### Altar Servers

- 4:00 pm Pontifical Servers
- 7:30 am Thomas Mogle
- 9:15 am Dane Erickson, Leo Rutten, Quintin Rasmussen
- 11:00 am James Mogle, Joseph Tran
- 4:00 pm Servers as Scheduled

#### Mini-Bus Driver

- 4:00 pm Bill Barnett

**Dow Rummel** Don & Stephanie Rahn

**Good Sam** Nancy Ann Kadinger

### Readings for the week of February 16, 2025

- Sunday:** Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/ 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
- Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/ Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday:** Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33
- Friday:** Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/ Mk 8:34—9:1
- Saturday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
- Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/ 1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Gene Jones** is Cathedral 500 Club’s third winner for January 2025. He has received a check for **\$87**. 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 **February 24** to be in the March 2025 drawings. Call the Parish Office at [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390) for details.

## Mass Intentions

- Mon. Feb. 17•** *The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*  
 12:00 pm † Catherine Marie Johnson
- Tue. Feb. 18•** *Weekday*  
 12:00 pm † Kevin Conemac
- Wed. Feb. 19•** *Weekday*  
 12:00 pm Tam Huynh
- Thu. Feb. 20•** *Weekday*  
 12:00 am Special Intention
- Fri. Feb. 21•** *St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*  
 12:00 pm † Barb Mersch
- Sat. Feb. 22•** *The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle*  
 4:00 pm † Mark Schlanta
- Sun. Feb. 23•** *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 am † Vollmer Family  
 9:15 am † Linda Tarnasky  
 11:00 am † Kenneth Schulte  
 4:00 pm Pro Populo

## Sanctuary Candles

The five hanging Sanctuary Candles in the Sacred Heart Chapel are available for prayer intentions.

- 1.) † Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 2.) † Patty (Shinnick) Huls
- 3.) Katy Lux
- 4.) Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 5.) Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

## Cathedral Events Calendar

- Monday, February 17 -**  
**6:30 pm -** Young Adults
- Tuesday, February 18 -**  
**9:00 am -** Quilter's Group, School  
**10:00 am -** Women's Group/Bible Study, School(200)  
**6:30 pm -** First Confessions for Cathedral Students - Cathedral Nave
- Wednesday, February 19 -**  
**6:45 pm -** OCIA, Parish Hall
- Thursday, February 20 -**  
**7:00 pm -** Adoration & Reconciliation, SH Chapel
- Saturday, February 22 -**  
**12:00 pm & 3:00 pm -** Reconciliation, Cathedral Nave
- Sunday, February 23-**  
**10:30 am -** Monthly Donut Social, Parish Hall  
**2:30 pm -** St. Josephine Bakhita 1st Communion Class School Cafeteria

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**First Confessions** - Tuesday, February 18, 6:30pm, in the main Cathedral. Please lift up in prayer our Cathedral students as they receive this Holy Sacrament for their first time.

**Cathedral Young Adults** - Young adults(20-39)are welcome to join the Cathedral Young Adult Community for our weekly formation, monthly socials & prayer events. 6:30 pm in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Contact [cathedral@sfcatholic.org](mailto:cathedral@sfcatholic.org) to receive updates! A great time to meet with other young adults to share and grow your faith.



**DONUT SOCIAL**

**FEB. 23RD**  
**AFTER 9:15 MASS**  
 (Cathedral Parish Hall)

Get reminders or volunteer here:  


• Connect with fellow parishioners • Crafts & activities • Designated toddler area



*Please pray for the repose of the souls of*

**Karin Hillberg** - Wife of Raymond & mother of parishioners-Ina (Bill) Donat, Silvia (Doug) McCuddin, Virginia (Jeff) Smook, Alan (Paige) Hillberg

**Kelly McIlvenna** – Brother of parishioners Mary (Steve) Blau

*May they and all of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.*



*Join us for*

**CHILDREN'S ADORATION**  
 A PRAYER & WORSHIP-FILLED EVENING

TUESDAY | FEB 25  
 CATHEDRAL OF ST JOSEPH  
 6:30pm Adoration  
 7:00pm Benediction  
 7:10pm Snacks & social downstairs  
 Everyone is welcome to come, adore and pray.  
 please do invite your friends & family!

WEEKLY OFFERING FEBREARY 1/2	
Envelopes	\$ 11,968.00
Online/EFT	\$ 7,903.96
Visitors/Loose Cash	\$ 4,073.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 23,945.47</b>

WEEKLY OFFERING FEBRUARY 8/9	
 Envelopes	\$ 13,912.00
Online/EFT	\$ 3,765.00
Visitors/Loose Cash	\$ 3,960.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 21,637.05</b>

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## CATHEDRAL INFORMATION

**Parish Office:** [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390)

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

**Office Hours:** 9:00am-4:00pm M-Th, 9:00am-3:00pm Friday  
Closed - Saturday and Sunday

### Cathedral Church Hours:

Monday-Saturday - 8:00am-4:00pm

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

### Weekend Mass Schedule

**Saturday** 4:00pm (First Saturday of the Month Mass 9:00am)

**Sunday** 7:30am, 9:15am, 11:00am,  
4:00pm (St. Josephine Bakhita Community)

### Weekday Masses

**Cathedral** - Monday - Friday, 12:00pm (Noon)

**Monastery** - Monday - Saturday, 7:00am

### Confessions

**Thursday** 7:00pm w/Adoration in the Sacred Heart Chapel

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

(In the Sacred Heart Chapel if a Wedding is scheduled)

### Adoration

**Sacred Heart Chapel** - Thurs. 7:00pm-8:00pm (Confessions)

**Cathedral** - 11:00am, First Friday of the month

**Monastery** - Mon-Sat 7:45am-6:00pm, Sun 10:30am-6:00pm

### Tours

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

**Guided Tours-By appointment** [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390)

### Parish Staff

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

**Parochial Vicar**, Rev. Pasquale Armando Francesco

**Weekend Sacramental Assistance**, Rev. Anthony Klein

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**Tour Docent/Guide**, Susan Albers

**Wedding Coordinator**, Mary Enderson

**Counseling Services**, The Lourdes Center - [605-988-3775](tel:605-988-3775)

### Sacramental Preparation:

**Baptism** - The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated for our parishioners on Sundays after the 11:AM Mass. Parents must attend a Baptism preparation meeting. To schedule a meeting for preparation contact the parish office at [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390).

**Matrimony** - Six months preparation required. Registered parishioners, please contact the parish office. All others please 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 the case of serious illness.

**Catholic Cemetery** - St. Michael's Cemetery [605-338-3376](tel:605-338-3376)

## CLERGY REFLECTION

This Sunday's Gospel recounts to us the "Sermon on the Plain." Most people are more familiar with the "Sermon on the Mount," which is Matthew's account of what we hear this weekend in Luke's Gospel. While they do have their particularities, there is one very prominent thing in common: Jesus proposes a different way of seeing reality. Thus, Christians ought to see the world differently.

I remember the first time I heard the story of the North American Martyrs, particularly of St. Isaac Jogues. He sought to bring the saving message of Christ to the Natives in modern-day New York and Canada. He was not received well. He was captured, brutally tortured, and even had his fingers gnawed off so that he couldn't celebrate Mass (he did end up receiving dispensation from Rome to celebrate Mass). In hearing this, I was detested. In hearing Jogues' response, however, I was confused. How was he able to respond, not with hatred or condemnation, but with hope? While the eyes of the world (and my own eyes) see this as physical torture and unjust, he saw it as an opportunity to be more united to the sufferings of Christ. In having a deep union with Jesus, he could see the world and his circumstances differently. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man." He utterly believed those words.

Every time when we come to Mass and the priest elevates the host, our physical sight sees bread. Yet, with the eyes of faith, we see the true presence of Jesus—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. What to some would appear to be idolatrous, we see as one of the greatest acts of religion possible. As we sing in the *Tantum Ergo* at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, "*Præstet fides supplementum sensuum defectui*—May faith provide where senses fail."

We must not be surprised when we see the world differently. We ought to see the world differently. A characteristic of Christians has always been that they live in the world but not of the world. They enter into the world but see beyond it.

May we beg for the grace to see as Jesus sees, and not as the world sees.

Peace,  
Fr. Klein

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