

The Cathedral of SAINT JOSEPH

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† HOLY WEEK

AT THE

CATHEDRAL OF

ST. JOSEPH

Wednesday

6:30 - 7:30 PM Confession: Cathedral

Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

3:00 pm The Passion of Our Lord 8:00 pm Tenebrae

Holy Saturday

12:00-1:00pm Confessions (<u>No 3:00 pm)</u> 8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of Our Lord

7:30 am, 9:15 am, 11:00 am, & 4:00 pm

DIOCESE OF SIOUX FALLS

Most Reverend Donald E. DeGrood, Bishop

LITURGY GUIDE - April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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.

OPENING ANTIPHON

Hosanna filio David: benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Rex Israel: Hosanna in excelsis. Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. He is King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

BLESSING OF PALMS & PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

(Before Entrance Procession—Please stand Luke 19:28-40

Jesus proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem. As he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples. He said, "Go into the village opposite you, and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. And if anyone should ask you, 'Why are you untying it?' you will answer, 'The Master has need of it."' So those who had been sent went off and found everything just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying this colt?" They answered, "The Master has need of it." So they brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the colt, and helped Jesus to mount.

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. They proclaimed:

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He said in reply, "I tell you, if they

keep silent, the stones will cry out!"

OPENING HYMN (4PM & 7:30AM) St. Theodulph 412 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

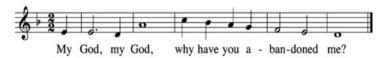
FIRST READING Is 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

(Refrain sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)



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All who see me deride me; they curl their lips, they toss their heads: "He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him, for in him he delights." R.

For dogs have surrounded me; a band of the wicked besets me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet; I can count every one of my bones. R.

They divide my clothing among them, they cast lots for my robe. But you, O Lord, do not stay afar off; my strength, make haste to help me! R.

I will tell of your name to my kin, and praise you in the midst of the assembly; "You who fear the Lord, give him praise; all descendants of Jacob, give him glory; revere him, all you descendants of Israel. R.

SECOND READING

Phil 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Please Stand (Sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)



Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. R.

GOSPEL Luke 22:14-23:56

When the hour came, Jesus took his place at table with the apostles. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and share it among yourselves; for I tell you that from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of

me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you. "And yet behold, the hand of the one who is to betray me is with me on the table; for the Son of Man indeed goes as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed." And they began to debate among themselves who among them would do such a deed. Then an argument broke out among them about which of them should be regarded as the greatest. He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over them are addressed as 'Benefactors'; but among you it shall not be so. Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant. For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table? I am among you as the one who serves. It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom; and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. "Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers." He said to him, "Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you." But he replied, "I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." He said to them, "When I sent you forth without a money bag or a sack or sandals, were you in need of anything?" "No, nothing, "they replied. He said to them, "But now one who has a money bag should take it, and likewise a sack, and one who does not have a sword should sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me, namely, He was counted among the wicked; and indeed what is written about me is coming to fulfillment." Then they said, "Lord, look, there are two swords here." But he replied, "It is enough!" Then going out, he went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. When he arrived at the place he said to them, "Pray that you may not undergo the test." After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them and kneeling, he prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done." And to strengthen him an angel from heaven appeared to him. He was in such agony and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground. When he rose from prayer and returned to his disciples, he found them sleeping from grief. He said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test." While he was still speaking, a crowd approached and in front was one of the Twelve, a man named Judas. He went up to Jesus to kiss him. Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" His disciples realized what was about to happen, and they asked, "Lord, shall we strike with a sword?" And one of them struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said in reply, "Stop, no more of this!" Then he touched the servant's ear and healed him. And Jesus said to the chief priests and temple guards and elders who had come for him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? Day after day I was with you in the temple area, and you did not seize me; but this is your hour, the time for the power of darkness." After arresting him they led him away

and took him into the house of the high priest; Peter was following at a distance. They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter sat down with them. When a maid saw him seated in the light, she looked intently at him and said, "This man too was with him." But he denied it saying, "Woman, I do not know him." A short while later someone else saw him and said, "You too are one of them"; but Peter answered, "My friend, I am not." About an hour later, still another insisted, "Assuredly, this man too was with him, for he also is a Galilean." But Peter said, "My friend, I do not know what you are talking about." Just as he was saying this, the cock crowed, and the Lord turned and looked at Peter; and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly. The men who held Jesus in custody were ridiculing and beating him. They blindfolded him and questioned him, saying, "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?" And they reviled him in saying many other things against him. When day came the council of elders of the people met, both chief priests and scribes, and they brought him before their Sanhedrin. They said, "If you are the Christ, tell us, "but he replied to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question, you will not respond. But from this time on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further need have we for testimony? We have heard it from his own mouth." Begin short reading {Then the whole assembly of them arose and brought him before Pilate. They brought charges against him, saying, "We found this man misleading our people; he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar and maintains that he is the Christ, a king." Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." Pilate then addressed the chief priests and the crowds, "I find this man not guilty." But they were adamant and said, "He is inciting the people with his teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to here." On hearing this Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean; and upon learning that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod who was in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was very glad to see Jesus; he had been wanting to see him for a long time, for he had heard about him and had been hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at length, but he gave him no answer. The chief priests and scribes, meanwhile, stood by accusing him harshly. Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him, and after clothing him in resplendent garb, he sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, even though they had been enemies formerly. Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them, "You brought this man to me and accused him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your presence and have not found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him, nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us. So no capital crime has been committed by him. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him." But all together they shouted out, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us." — Now Barabbas had been imprisoned for a rebellion that had taken place in the city and for

murder. — Again Pilate addressed them, still wishing to release Jesus, but they continued their shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate addressed them a third time, "What evil has this man done? I found him guilty of no capital crime. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him." With loud shouts, however, they persisted in calling for his crucifixion, and their voices prevailed. The verdict of Pilate was that their demand should be granted. So he released the man who had been imprisoned for rebellion and murder, for whom they asked, and he handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they wished. As they led him away they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus. A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.' At that time people will say to the mountains, 'Fall upon us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?" Now two others, both criminals, were led away with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." They divided his garments by casting lots. The people stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews." Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last.

{Here all kneel and pause for a short time.}

The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and said, "This man was innocent beyond doubt." When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these events. End of short reading

Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who, though he was a member of the council, had not consented to their plan of action. He came from the Jewish

town of Arimathea and was awaiting the kingdom of God. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried. It was the day of preparation, and the sabbath was about to begin. The women who had come from Galilee with him followed behind, and when they had seen the tomb and the way in which his body was laid in it, they returned and prepared spices and perfumed oils. Then they rested on the sabbath according to the commandment.

Profession of Faith Page 27 (hymnal)

(Please Stand)

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (4:00 pm) Pilgrim's Hymn

Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)

OFFERTORY HYMN (7:30AM) 679

Passion Chorale
O Sacred Head, Surrounded

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (9:15 AM)

Improperium expectavit cor meum, et miseriam: et sustinui qui simul contristaretur, et non fuit: consolantem me quae sivi, et non inveni: et dederunt in escam meam fel, et in siti mea potaverunt me aceto.

My heart awaited reproach and misery; and I hoped for one that would grieve together with me, but there was none: I looked for one who would comfort me, and found no one. For food they gave me gall; in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

OFFERTORY MOTET (11AM) Crucifixus

J.S. BACH (1685-1750)

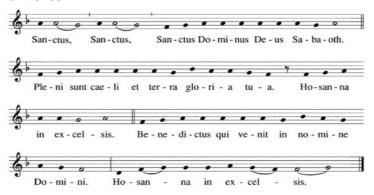
Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato passus, et sepultus est.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried.

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



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 MEDITATION (4:00 PM) Jean Berger The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee (1909-2002)COMMUNION ANTIPHON (7:30AM)

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON (9:15AM, 11AM)

Pater, si non potest hic calix transire, nisi bibam illum: fiat voluntas tua.

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Communion Meditation (11am) O Vos Omnes

PABLO CASALS (1876-1973)

O vos omnes qui transitis per viam: attendite et videte si est dolor sicut dolor meus.

O all ye that pass by the way, attend and see if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 828

Wondrous Love What Wondrous Love

CLOSING HYMN 829

STUTTGART When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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Liturgical Roles

Daily Mass - Ministers as Scheduled



April 20, 2025

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:00 pm As Scheduled

7:30 am Rich Hazen, Carl Eisenberg

9:15 am Susan Sommervold, Connie Luke,

Jeff Heron

11:00 am Bob Lux, Michelle Sletten,

Nancy Ann Kadinger

4:00 pm Ministers as Scheduled

Lectors

4:00 pm Vigil Mass - As Scheduled per sign-up

7:30 am Dawn Hazen

9:15 am Don Rahn, Jeff Heron

11:00 am Bob Lux, Michelle Sletten

4:00 pm Readers as Scheduled

Altar Servers

4:00 pm Pontifical Servers

7:30 am As scheduled per sign-up

9:15 am As Scheduled per sign-up

11:00 am As Scheduled per sign-up

4:00 pm Servers as Scheduled

Mini-Bus Driver

No Bus 4:00 pm

Dow Rummel Diane Bauch

Good Sam Open

Readings for the week of April 13, 2025

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/

Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 /1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15 Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12 -13, 20-22 /Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 /Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 / /Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 /Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 /Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 /Rom 6:3-11/ Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

Mass Intentions:

Mon. Apr. 14• Monday of Holy Week

12:00 pm **†** Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tue. Apr. 15. Tuesday of Holy Week 12:00 pm Kasznica Family

Wed. Apr. 16. Wednesday of Holy Week Patrick Wynthein 12:00 pm

Thu. Apr. 17• Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Celebrant Intention

Fri. Apr. 18. Good Friday

The Passion of Our Lord 3:00 pm

8:00 pm Tenebrae

Sat. Apr. 19• Holy Saturday

8:30 pm Celebrant Intention

Sun. Apr. 20. Easter - The Resurrection of Our Lord

7:30 am Celebrant Intention 9:15 am Celebrant Intention 11:00 am Celebrant Intention

Pro Populo 4:00 pm

Sacred Heart Sanctuary Candles

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

- **Special Intention** 1.)
- 2.) **OCIA Participants**
- **3.)** [♣] Holy Souls in Purgatory
- For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life 4.)
- Intentions for the Diocesan Priests and Deacons

Cathedral Events Calendar

Monday, April 14– Monday of Holy Week

6:30 pm - Young Adults Meeting

Tuesday, April 15- Tuesday of Holy Week

9:00 am - Quilter's Group, School

10:00 am - Women's Group/Bible Study, School (200)

7:30 pm - Sacred Arts Series Concert -

Augustana Choir - Bach, St. John Passion

Wednesday, April 16 - Wednesday of Holy Week

6:30-7:30 pm - Confession in Cathedral Nave

6:45 pm - NO, OCIA Class

Thursday, April 17 - Holy Thursday

7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper, Cathedral Nave

8:30 pm - Procession to Altar of Repose at Monastery

Friday, April 18 - Good Friday

3:00 pm - Passion of Our Lord

8:00 pm - Tenebrae, Cathedral Nave

Saturday, April 19 – Holy Saturday

12:00 -1:00 pm - Confessions in the Cathedral Nave

8:30 pm - Easter Vigil, Cathedral Nave

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Day

7:30, 9:15, 11:00 am & 4:00 pm-Easter Sunday Masses

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cathedral Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 21, 2025.

Welcome Augustana Choir - with Conductor, Russell Svenningsen, as our Guest Choir tonight, April 12 at our 4:00 pm Mass. The Choir will be performing a concert this evening at 7:30 pm. Tickets are available at the door.

Holy Week, Easter Masses and Confession times are on the cover of the Bulletin. Please come celebrate with

OCIA - Please keep in your prayers our OCIA participants as they are received into Holy Communion with the Catholic Church next Saturday at the Easter Vigil.



Anointed by the Holy Spirit through the waters of Baptism

Sybil Renee Marie Bennett - daughter of Kyle & Laura

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Annie Wingen is Cathedral 500 Club's first winner for April 2025. She has received a check for \$89 and a check for \$387. 50 was given to the Church. In the last 25 years we have given the Church over \$101,800. 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 **April 28** to be in the **May** 2025 drawings. Call the Parish Office at 605-336-7390.

PALM SUNDAY





WEEKLY OFFERING APRIL 5/6



Envelopes \$ 12,714.00 \$ Online/EFT 1,718.00 Visitors/Loose Cash \$ 3,392.31 Total \$ 17,824,31

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CATHEDRAL INFORMATION

Parish Office: 605-336-7390

Parish Office Email: cathedral@sfcatholic.org

Office Hours: 9:00am-4:00pm M-Th, 9:00am-3:00pm Fri.

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 Sat. of the month a Mass at 9am)

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

Adoration

Sacred Heart Chapel - Thurs. 7:00-8:00pm (w/confessions) **Cathedral** - 11:00am, First Friday of the month **Monastery** - Mon-Sat 7:45am-6:00pm, Sun 10:30am-6pm

Tours

Self-guided - 1:00pm Monday-Friday (except Holy Days) **Guided Tours-By appointment 605-336-7390**

Parish Staff

Rector, Very Rev. James P. Morgan
Parochial Vicar, Rev. Pasquale Armando Francesco
Weekend Sacramental Assistance, Rev. Anthony Klein
Deacon, William Radio
Deacon, Jonathan Eckrich
Director-Operations & Finance, Heidi Solem
Administrative Assistant, Mary Anne Lux
Music Director, Dr. Jared Ostermann
Assistant Music Director, Nicole Gerdes
Tour Docent/Guide, Susan Albers
Wedding Coordinator, Mary Enderson

Counseling Services, The Lourdes Center - 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 Baptism preparation contact the parish office at 605-336-7390.

<u>Matrimony</u> - 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 <u>www.stjosephcathedral.net</u> under Sacraments.

<u>Anointing of the Sick - Please</u> 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

CLERGY REFLECTION

We might have heard about blind obedience, a blind obedience refers to the tendency of individuals to follow orders or instructions without questioning their ethical, moral, or legal implications. It occurs when people comply with authority figures without critical thought, which can lead to harmful consequences, such as the abuse of power. Last week I was talking about blind obedience and said that it can only work in military rules but not in the church world. I figured out that sometimes it doesn't work even in the military by telling this fact. During the 2nd World War a group of soldiers were surrounded by their enemies and the one who held the Radio Telephone asked their commander who was controlling the war and giving guidance from far away what to do? He replied; "do not release any bullet until I tell you to." Then the enemy kept coming nearer and nearer. The soldier says; "they are coming closer and closer how about now"? He said "wait until I tell you". Finally the soldier was quiet for a while and the commander asks "where are you now"? The soldier replies "wait I'll give it to them and you can now communicate with them". That means they had already become prisoners of war while they were not able to fight for their life because of the rule and blind obedience. The question is that, is the obedience of Jesus blind obedience or not? What do you think and what could you do if you were the one?

Philippians 2:8 "He humbled himself, becoming obedient unto death, even death on the cross."

For our salvation Jesus willed to die for us while His flesh is reacting naturally to escape from the death. This is the week we have the opportunity to contemplate one our weaknesses and to be obedient to God's laws and rules as we share the passion of Christ in our lives. Jesus' obedience serves as a model for believers, calling them to live lives of submission to God's will. In John 15:10, Jesus instructs His disciples, "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." So let us enjoy obedience of God and love of God on this holy week.

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