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December 12, 2021

Gaudete Sunday



Weekend Mass:

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM,

6:00 PM

Weekday Mass:

Monday-Friday (Chapel) 7:00 AM

First Friday (Chapel) 12:10 PM

Saturday (Cathedral) 8:00 AM

Holy Days as announced

Confessions:

Monday-Friday (Chapel) 7:30-8:00 AM

Saturday (Cathedral) 7:30-8:00 AM and 2:30-3:30 PM

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From the Desk of Father Jason

Dear Friends,

Happy Gaudete Sunday!

This Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday* because of the first word of the Entrance Antiphon which we sing during the procession. *Gaudete*, which means *Rejoice*, is taken from the Latin translation of Philippians 4:45 which sets the tone of the joyful expectation for the Lord's birth and second coming. It is also one of two Sundays that encourages the use of the rose colored vestment worn by the priest to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near. On Gaudete Sunday, we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath. Finally, we can also call this Sunday *Bambinelli Sunday*!

As Catholics, one of the most central Christmas decorations in our homes is the Nativity Set, or the Crèche. The Crèche is set up as if to relive with Mary and Joseph those days full of trepidation that preceded the Birth of Jesus. Having the Crèche at home can be a simple but effective way of presenting the Faith. The Crèche helps us contemplate the mystery of God's love that was revealed in the poverty and simplicity of the Bethlehem grotto. Indeed, the Crèche can help us understand the true secret of Christmas because it speaks of the humility and merciful goodness of Christ who, though he was rich, made himself poor for us. Christmas brings joy and peace to those who accept the angel's words: "Let this be a sign for you: in a manger you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes." This is still the sign for us in our day.

"No one, whether shepherd or wise man, can approach God here below except by kneeling before the manger at Bethlehem and adoring him hidden in the weakness of a new born child." (CCC 563)

As we bless the figures of the baby Jesus this weekend, I would like to share the words of Saint John Paul II who began this beautiful tradition: *"As I bless your little statues, beloved children, I think with serene hope of you, of the immense good that you can do, precisely because you are little, within your family, the school, the Associations, and society itself. Not for nothing did Jesus himself choose you as models for those who wish to have a part in his Kingdom. Take home, with great care, the little statue of the Infant Jesus, also as a sign of the Pope's love for you and your families. Put it in your Crib with intense faith, with that faith wherewith the Blessed Virgin, the Mother of God, laid the newborn Jesus in the manger. Invite your father, your mother, your brothers and sisters, the whole of your family, to gather round the Crib in these days of the Christmas Novena, to recite together the prayers learned on your mother's lap, to sing the sweet carols, so charged with human and Christian sentiment. May the Infant Jesus, present in the Crib of your home, be the concrete sign of a limpid and sincere faith, which will enlighten, guide and direct your life and that of your dear ones."*

The blessing of the "Bambinelli" reminds us that the crib is a school of life where we can learn the secret of true joy.

In His joy,
Father Jason

Welcome

We're glad you're here! Whether you are new to the area or have lived here all your life, we look forward to meeting you personally. Please introduce yourself to the celebrant after Mass. We pray that through our worship, you may experience the depth of God's love for us. If you would like to make St. Joseph your "home" parish and become a parishioner, please visit our website stjosephcathedralnh.org and complete the registration form found under "About Us." We hope that you will find a home here among friends who pray together, work together and play together.



If you have not been active in the practice of the Catholic Faith, we warmly encourage you to return. If you would like to speak with someone on the parish staff, please do not hesitate to contact any one of us.

If you would like information on baptisms, weddings, RCIA, or any other Sacraments please call the parish office. If a previous marriage has kept you from receiving the Sacraments, we invite you to contact one of the priests. In many cases we can work with you toward a favorable solution so you can again receive the Sacraments in the Catholic Church.



If you would like information on burials, please contact **Saint Joseph Cemetery**. Since 1848 St. Joseph Cemetery has provided a sacred burial place for those who have died and await the resurrection from the dead. Visit our cemetery on Donald Street and contact us if you have any questions or would like more information. Please visit our website at: saintjosephcathedralcemetery.org.

Christmas Wreath Sales

Saint Joseph Cemetery is selling Christmas wreaths decorated with a red bow and seasonal ornaments at \$35 per wreath. The wreaths will be fixed at the grave of your loved ones interred at the cemetery. To place your order you may call the cemetery at (603) 622-9522, or order at the Cathedral rectory office. Checks can be made payable to Saint Joseph Cemetery. **The deadline for ordering is December 15.** If you would like more information about St. Joseph Cemetery or would like to meet with someone from the cemetery staff, please call the cemetery office to make an appointment.



Rorate Caeli Mass

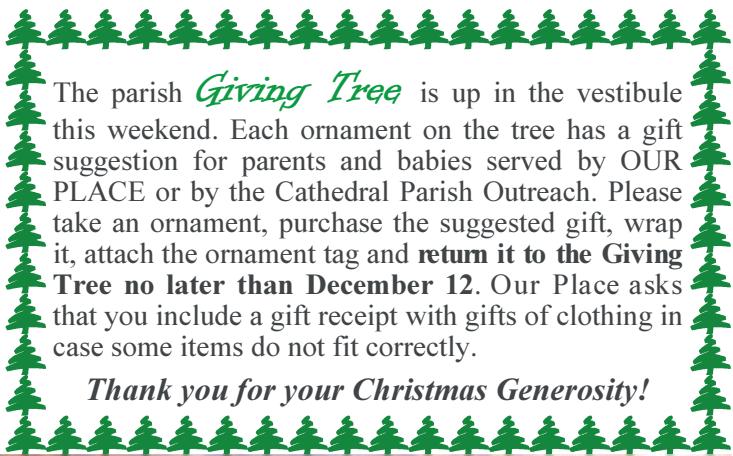
The Rorate Caeli Mass has a long tradition in the Church. It is a Votive Mass in honor of the Blessed Mother in the season of Advent. There is a beautiful symbolism associated with the Rorate Mass. Through the snow and cold and darkness of early morning the faithful would trudge with lanterns and candles in their hands to the then brightly lit Church (no electric light!) where the Mass was celebrated.



During the season of Advent, the Rorate will be celebrated each Saturday at 6:30 AM in the Cathedral.

Rorate caeli desuper et nubs pluant justum.

Shower, O heavens, from above,

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Every Wednesday | Chapel | 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Every Saturday | Cathedral | 8:30 - 9:30 AM

*Prepare
the Way
of the Lord!*

**Getting Engaged this Christmas?**

Are you or someone you know going to "pop the question" this Christmas or New Year? If so, please call the rectory to set up an appointment to begin marriage preparation with one of the priests.

Saint Joseph, Patron of Families, Pray for Us!

**Sanctuary Lamp**

+Vincent Donovan

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem,
sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in
the shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 12	Retirement Fund for Religious Collection Crafters Fair Bishop Bradley Hall 9:30 AM—12:00 PM
MONDAY DECEMBER 13	Knights of Columbus Bishop Bradley Hall 7:00 PM
TUESDAY DECEMBER 14	St. Joseph Cathedral Parish Outreach Bishop Bradley Hall by appointment only Respect Life Committee Meeting Rectory Conference Room 6:00 PM RCIA Bishop Bradley Hall 6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 15	Eucharistic Adoration Chapel 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM Seniors Group Rectory Conference Room 10:00 AM Families of Faith Bishop Bradley Hall 6:00 PM
THURSDAY DECEMBER 16	Sisters in Christ Bishop Bradley Hall 10:00 AM SNSC Rehearsal Bishop Bradley Hall 4:00 PM
SATURDAY DECEMBER 18	Eucharistic Adoration Cathedral 8:30-9:30 AM Brothers in Christ Bishop Bradley Hall 9:00 AM
SUNDAY DECEMBER 19	Brown Bag Sunday Learn Latin Bishop Bradley Hall 9:30 AM

PARISH SUPPORT

624 faithful gave glory to God by participating in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass the weekend of December 4/5:

WEEKLY COLLECTION

ONLINE GIVING	\$ 5,071
ENVELOPES	\$ 2,205
LOOSE	\$ 2,209
TOTAL:	\$ 9,485
MONTHLY LOYALTY	
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 2,637
ENVELOPES	\$ 1,910
TOTAL:	\$ 4,547
CANDLES	\$ 371
FUEL	\$ 5,144

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**Thank you for your continued support
of the Cathedral!**

The Wisdom of the Saints

*Then he called
the archangel Gabriel
and sent him to
the virgin Mary,
at whose consent
the mystery was wrought,
in whom the Trinity
clothed the Word with flesh.
and though Three work this,
it is wrought in the One;
and the Word lived incarnate
in the womb of Mary.*

*And he who had only a Father
now had a Mother too
but she was not like others
who conceived by man.*

*From her own flesh
he received his flesh
so he is called
Son of God and of man.*

*When the time had come
for him to be born,
he went forth like the bridegroom
from his bridal chamber,
embracing his bride,
holding her in his arms,
whom the gracious Mother
laid in a manger
among some animals
that were there at that time.*

*Men sang songs
and angels melodies
celebrating the marriage
of Two such as these.*

*But God there in the manger
cried and moaned;
and these tears were jewels
the bride brought to the wedding.*

*The Mother gazed in sheer wonder
on such an exchange:
in God, man's weeping,
and in man, gladness,
to the one and the other
things usually so strange*

~ Saint John of the Cross
Feast Day—December 14

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11**VIDL OF THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

4:00 P.M. +Ryan Michael Sinotte
by Mom, Dad & Brothers

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 A.M. +George Selfridge Jr.
by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Donovan

10:30 A.M. For the People of the Parish
6:00 P.M. +Roger & Beverly Arel by Peter Arel

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 SAINT LUCY

7:00 A.M. +Deceased Members of the Enwright, Jones
and Plouffe Families

Pray For The Sanctification of Saint Joseph Parish
Families

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14 SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

7:00 A.M. +Vincent Donovan by the Donovan Family
Pray For The Protection of Human Life, from
Conception to Natural Death

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15 ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:00 A.M. The Evangelization of the Human Race
by Tom Ortowski

Pray For The Sanctification of Priests and for
Vocations to the Priesthood

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16 ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:00 A.M. Living and Deceased Lithuanian Members
of the Parish

Pray For A Deeper Devotion to the Eucharist in
our Parish

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:00 A.M. +Mark Adam by Judy Labbe-Huard
Pray For For the Sanctification of the Saint Joseph
Parish and Parishioners

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:30 A.M. +Wayne Robinson by Laura DiJulio
8:00 A.M. +Honorable John C. & Rose M. Ligotti
by their family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

VIDL OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:00 P.M. +Mickey & Pauline Reed
by the Ray Bouchard Family

Pray the Rosary and Chaplet

Many parishioners gather to pray the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy before and after Mass each day. Consider joining other parishioners at any of these times:

- * Immediately following the daily Mass each morning (Rosary)
- * Saturday afternoon at 3:30 (Rosary)
- * Sunday morning at 7:45 (Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy)
- * Sunday evening at 5:15 (Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy)

All are welcome to join in these prayers together!



Please Pray For ...

Our Newly Baptized

Veronica Josephine Brophy, Emma Kateri Schofield
Saint Joseph, Head of the Holy Family, Pray for Us!

Our Dearly Departed

Roland Perreault, Robert Beaudet
Saint Joseph, Patron of the Dying, Pray for Us!

The Newly Ordained

Deacon Daniel Mikolajewski, Deacon Rory Traynor,
Deacon Cuong Van Nguyen, Reverend David Gagnon,
Reverend Joseph Moynahan

Saint Joseph, Zealous Defender of Christ, Pray for Us!

Our Religious

Sr. Mary Fatima, Brother Basil Franciose,
Father Michael Hennessy, C.S.P., Br. Columcille Milligan, O.P.
Saint Joseph Most Obedient, Pray for Us!

Our Service Men and Women

Angela Averill, Jacob Beaumont, Charlie Biron,
Arthur Burkush, Owen Caldwell, Jeffrey Michael Fredette,
Michael Haas, Christopher LaSalle, Jennifer LaSalle,
Richard LaSalle, Collin Locker, Matthew Lodge,
Monique Martineau, Reverend Jeffrey Pavaglio, Kyle Pelletier,
David Vallauri, Thomas Wagner, Timothy Wagner
Saint Joseph Most Courageous, Pray for Us!

Our Sick

Alame Adelard, Eugenie Aluko, Erin Arel, Peter Arel,
Ngandji Armandine, Priscilla Atkins, Hanna B., Melissa B.,
Brian Bantis, Michael Bergeron, Lori Bishop, Bernard Blais,
Ed Blais, Janet Blais, Gary Blanchette, Jeannette Boisvert,
Matthew Bouchard, Kevin Boyce, Isabella Brea,
K. Scott Brown, Leo Buote, Ernie Caldwell,
John Caldwell, Martha Callahan, David Ceplinskas,
Dan Cloutier, Karen Cormier, Cindy Coutu, Rita Crouteau,
Lorraine Danais, Cecile Desaulnier, Annancia B. Desir,
Kathy Dion, Jan Dilulio, John Dilulio Martine Djuidje,
Lenny Duval, Sissy Ellis, Ken Fleming, Bob Frank, Norah
Lynne Frank, James Garczynski, Mary Gavin,
Dolores Gendron, Brendan Gilmartin, Collin Gilmartin,
Madelaine Gilmartin, Ron Grandmaison, Diane & Richard
Groux, Lucille Gustafson, Greg Harisiades, Norman Hudon,
Jack Hudson, Mohamed Ibrahim, Elvire Jeudy, Patrick Jordan,
Candace Krauklin, Thomas Labbe, Christine Labrecque,
Lisa Lafleur, Vickie Latona, Rose Len, Beatrice Lindner,
Jasmine Lowe, Sr. Helene Maher PSSF, Gary Maheu,
Jesse Martineau, Pamela Massee, Marci Matos,
Michelle Mayer, Jacqueline Mazalla, Rachel McCurdy,
Betty Merritt, Michelle Blaise, Tamba Minkeu,
Spencer Morehead, Barb Morray, Douglas Nassoura,
Martin nkuitchou, Helene Nya, Dan O'Rourke, Blaise Owona,
Paul Pappajohn, Nina Perry, Amy Place, Daniel Pictrowski,
Pauline Poulet, Shirley Prescott, Kenneth Preval, Jacob Rivera,
Megan Ross, Ryan, Dolores St. Pierre,
Christophe Tchadieu, Barbara Upham, Rita Uy,
Cheryl Ann Victor, Richard Walas, Wendy White,
Mason Wills, Aurora Young
Saint Joseph, Hope of the Sick, Pray for Us!



A Few “Notes” from Eric Bermani

With the ongoing liturgical renewal, there has been a welcome awareness in recent time of the significance of the Advent period as distinct from that of Christmas. Although one of the shortest seasons of the liturgical year (never more than 28 days and, sometimes as few as 22), Advent is a rich and complex time, with huge potential to lead people into a deeper understanding of the Christian mysteries through its liturgy and music. At root, Advent is about preparing for the coming of the Lord. Both words – ‘preparing’ and ‘coming’ – are very important. Advent looks towards something yet to happen – the return of Jesus Christ at the end of time, the *Parousia*, as it is known by scholars, or ‘the Second Coming’ as people often say. The season is characterized by expectancy, hope (even longing), and by preparation. Throughout Advent are sung those wonderful hymns that invite ‘Come, Lord, come’ during which people may well picture the church decked out for Christmas and the baby in the crib, but this is not the true focus of the Advent hymns. For the hymn writers, ‘Come, Lord’ invokes his return to judge. This immediately presents us with a problem. For all of the teachings of the New Testament, the Second Coming is one of the most perplexing to the modern mind and some may be unconvinced by a literal proclamation that the end is near. But Christians in their different traditions have to wrestle with this talk of the ‘end of time’ and a variety of interpretations can be sustained while remaining true to the scriptures. What is quite certain is that they cannot simply abandon the whole world of ‘eschatology’ that part of theology concerned with the death and final destiny of all things. Belief about the end of the present world order was so fundamental in Christ’s own perception, and to his self-understanding, that a Christian without it would be untrue to him and to the Gospel. The period of Advent forces us to engage with the texts that speak of ‘the end’ and to wrestle with the concept that ‘Christ will come again.’ For this reason the ‘four last things’ (death, judgment, hell and heaven) will always be among the proper themes of Advent and Christians should not ignore them.

Brown Bag Sunday

Next weekend is Brown Bag Sunday. All food donations go directly to the Cathedral Parish Outreach for distribution at the food pantry on Tuesdays. Please consider dry cereal, peanut butter and jelly, dry pasta, tuna—anything non-perishable and edible. Your ‘brown bag’ can be brought to the Cathedral next weekend and left at the entryways of the Cathedral. Thank you!



Blessing of the Bambinelli

Bring the baby Jesus from your crèche for a Bambinelli Blessing at all Masses this weekend.



Christmas Flower Donations

Poinsettias are one of the most popular plants during the Christmas season and fill the sanctuary of churches everywhere. These beautiful plants are native to Central America and flower in the winter months.

There is a legendary Mexican story from the 17th century about this plant that connects it to Christmas:

As Christmas drew near a poor Mexican girl was sad because she didn’t have anything to give to the baby Jesus. Her cousin tried to cheer her up and encouraged her to give even the smallest gift with great love.

Not knowing what to do, the poor girl gathered some weeds along the roadside and put them in a bouquet. She approached the nativity scene, slightly embarrassed, but confident that she was giving Jesus the best that she could give. After she placed them in front of the manger the weeds transformed into a beautiful red poinsettia and were later known as “Flowers of the Holy Night.”

The star-shaped leaves were explained to represent the Star of Bethlehem and the red color was connected to the blood of Jesus’ sacrifice. Franciscan friars in Mexico began using the poinsettias in Nativity processions and over time the plant was introduced into the United States. Since then it has become a staple of Christmas decorations both in churches and homes.

If you would like to contribute to the decorating of our church for birth of Christ, you can donate online at stjosephcathedralnh.org, text to give at 617-917-9598 using the code word “Flowers” or use the flower envelope in the pews.

Thank you!

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



Many senior religious worked for little pay and now their communities do not have enough money for their care. Please support the Retirement Fund for Religious at Mass this weekend. You may give online at stjosephcathedralnh.org, text to give at 617-917-9598 (code word “Religious”) or by using a separate envelope in the offertory boxes found in the church. For more information go to: retiredreligious.org



Holiday Craft Fair



Stop by Bishop Bradley Hall this weekend after either the 8:30 or 10:30 Mass. In addition to coffee & donuts, our hospitality committee will be hosting a craft fair in the hall after both Masses on December 12!

Families of Faith

Join us this week on Wednesday at 6:00 PM. We will be discussing the Annunciation, The Immaculate Conception and the Incarnation. We will also delve deeper into our study of the liturgical calendar.

Charity project of the month: Please bring a small gift bag for our elderly friends at Courville Nursing Home. You may have your children draw a picture and/or write a Bible verse or word of encouragement from a Saint to include in our gift bags. If you wish, you may also include any of the following items: pre-packaged treats, box of chocolates, notepads, pens, candy, a warm hat or scarf or gloves, crossword puzzle/word search books, prayer cards. Include anything that you think would help our lonely elders feel less lonely this Christmas. If you are only able to include your child's drawing and a Bible verse, this would be lovely. The residents of Courville will appreciate all acts of kindness.

Our verse of the month is Luke 1:38: "And Mary said, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.' And the angel departed from her."

Our Saint of the month is St. Nicholas!

Prayer to St. Nicholas



O good St. Nicholas, you who are the joy of the children, put in my heart the spirit of childhood, which the gospel speaks, and teach me to seed happiness around me.

You, whose feast prepares us for Christmas, open my faith to the mystery of God made man.

You good bishop and shepherd, help me to find my place in the Church and inspire the Church to be faithful to the gospel.

O good Saint Nicholas, patron of children, sailors and the helpless, watch over those who pray to Jesus, your Lord and theirs, as well as over those who humble themselves before you. Bring us all in reverence to the Holy Child of Bethlehem, when true joy and peace are found. Amen.

Latin Lessons

While it may appear that the Catholic Church no longer uses much of the Latin language, the truth is much more complicated. Latin continues to be preserved in the Church's liturgy and in many official Church documents, in order to promote unity across languages.

It was the Second Vatican Council that promoted the use of Latin in the liturgy. While the use of the vernacular language in liturgy was highly promoted, it wasn't meant to replace the use of all Latin in the Roman Rite. In the Council document, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, it states quite clearly what is to be done with the archaic language. The vernacular was designed to be used for "readings and directives, and to some of the prayers and chants." The original intention was to replace many parts of the Mass with local languages, while preserving the rest in Latin. This same document even recommends teaching the people how to sing in Latin! Nevertheless steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them.

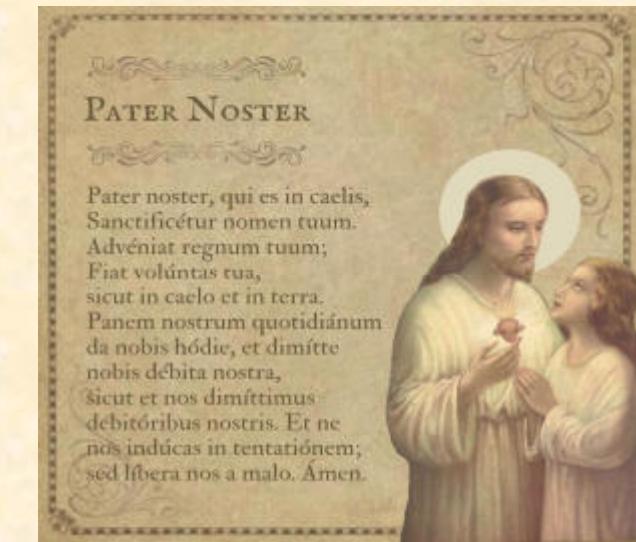
The General Instruction of the Roman Missal similarly echoes these words, but puts them in the context of maintaining unity among different language groups. The Church used Latin for centuries because it was born in the Roman Empire and when that empire fell, it kept it as a way to unify Catholics around the entire world.

Even many Church documents are still translated into Latin, and recently the Vatican launched a Latin radio station! This is done to preserve the ancient language and to help keep it as a unifying force for all Catholics. All of this contributes to the reason that Latin continues to be used during the liturgy at the Cathedral on a regular basis.

To enhance our understanding of this beautiful language, you are invited to join parishioner Jim Milliken after the 8:30 Mass next weekend (Dec. 19) as we explore the use of Latin in the Church and learn how it can enhance our own spiritual journey and worship of God. We will meet in Bishop Bradley hall after the 8:30 Mass. All are invited to join—and enjoy a hot cup of coffee and heavenly donuts at the same time!

PATER NOSTER

Pater noster, qui es in caelis,
Sanctificetur nomen tuum.
Adveniat regnum tuum;
Fiat voluntas tua,
sicut in caelo et in terra.
Panem nostrum quotidianum
da nobis hodie, et dimitte
nobis debita nostra,
sicut et nos dimittimus
debitibus nostris. Et ne
nos inducas in tentationem;
sed libera nos a malo. Amen.



DECEMBER 12, 2021

Prayer Before Mass

Almighty and ever-living God, I approach the sacrament of Your only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, I come sick to the doctor of life, unclean to the fountain of mercy, blind to the radiance of eternal light, and poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth.

Lord, in your great generosity, heal my sickness, wash away my defilement, enlighten my blindness, enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness. May I receive the bread of angels, the King of kings and Lord of lords, with humble reverence, with the purity and faith, the repentance and love, and the determined purpose that will help to bring me to salvation.

May I receive the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood, and its reality and power. Kind God, may I receive the Body of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, born from the womb of the Virgin Mary, and so be received into His mystical body and numbered among His members.

Loving Father, as on my earthly pilgrimage I now receive Your beloved Son under the veil of a sacrament, may I one day see him face to face in glory, who lives and reigns with You for ever. Amen.

— Saint Thomas Aquinas

Order of the Mass

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Introit: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Columbia Kelly, OSB

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G clef, common time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics "Re - joice, — re - joyce in the Lord; for he ____ comes!" are written in a simple, sans-serif font.

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,

[and striking their breast, they say]
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.

Kyrie eleison from "A Community Mass"

Proulx

The musical notation shows three measures of a chant in G clef, common time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first measure is labeled "Cantor intones, ALL repeat". The lyrics "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son." are repeated three times, once by the cantor and twice by the congregation. The notes are primarily eighth and sixteenth notes.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Lector or Cantor: *Assembly:*

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

Isaiah 12

Columbia Kelly, OSB

Cry out with joy and glad - ness: for a - mong you is the great and Ho-ly One of Is-ra-el.

Second Reading:

Philippians 4:4-7

Lector or Cantor: *Assembly:*

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

“Advent Alleluia”

EJB

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel:

Luke 3:10-18

Homily



THE NICENE CREED

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,

(ALL BOW)

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar and of the Gifts

Choral Anthem:

“Veni, Jesu”

Luigi Cherubini, 1760-1842

Hymn:

“O Come, Divine Messiah”

Venez, Divin Messie

A musical score for a hymn, "O Come, Divine Messiah". The score consists of six staves of music in G major, common time, with lyrics integrated into the vocal line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. O come, di - vine Mes - si - ah; The world in si - lence waits— the day When
2. O Christ, whom na - tions sigh for, Whom priest and proph - et long— fore-told, Come
3. You come in peace and meek-ness And low - ly will your cra - dle be; All

hope shall sing its tri - umph And sad - ness flee — a - way.— Dear Sav - ior,
break the cap - tive's fet - ters, Re - deem the long - lost fold.—
clothed in hu - man weak - ness Shall we your God - head see.—

haste! Come, come to earth. Dis-pel the night and show your face, and bid us

hail the dawn of grace.— O come, di-vine Mes - si - ah; the world in si - lence

waits the day when hope shall sing its tri - umph and sad - ness flee a - way.

Text: 78 76 with refrain; Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663-1745; tr. by Sr. Mary of St. Philip, 1825-1904
Music: VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE; Trad. French Carol, 16th cent.

Eucharistic Prayer:

Preface: *The Eucharistic Prayer begins with a dialogue between the Priest and the assembly:*

Priest: The Lord — be with you. All: And with — your spir - it.
 Priest: Lift — up — your hearts. All: We lift — them up to the Lord.
 Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right and just.

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Eucharistic Prayer Acclamations:

Sanctus:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Chant, *Roman Missal III*

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G clef, common time. The first staff contains the lyrics "Ho - ly, ____ Ho - ly, ____ Ho - ly Lord ____ God of hosts.". The second staff contains "Heav - en and earth ____ are full of your glo - ry.". The third staff contains "Ho-san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he____ who comes in the name of the Lord.". The music features simple quarter note patterns and some eighth note pairs.

Mystery of Faith:

Chant, *Roman Missal III*

The musical notation is in G clef, common time. It consists of a single staff of music with lyrics underneath: "We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Resur-rec - tion un-til you come a-gain." The music features quarter notes and some eighth note pairs.

Great Amen:

Chant, *Roman Missal III*

The musical notation is in G clef, common time. It consists of a single staff of music with lyrics underneath: "A - men. ____". The music features quarter notes and some eighth note pairs.

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei:

Latin Mass XVIII, Mode VIII

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G clef, common time. The lyrics are repeated three times: "A- gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun-di: mi-se - re - re no - bis.", "A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun-di: mi-se - re - re no - bis.", and "A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun-di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.". The music features quarter notes and some eighth note pairs.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Priest: 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.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter un - der my roof,
but only say the word and my soul _____ shall be healed.

Communion

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Communion: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Veni Veni Emmanuel

Re - joice! Re - joice! E - man - u - el _____ Shall come to Thee, O Is - ra - el!

10:30 AM Columbia Kelly, OSB

Be - hold, our God __ will come, and he __ will save __ us.

Choral anthem: "Magnificat" Thomas <Morley, 1557-1602

CONCLUDING RITES

Dismissal

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel:

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host,
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.



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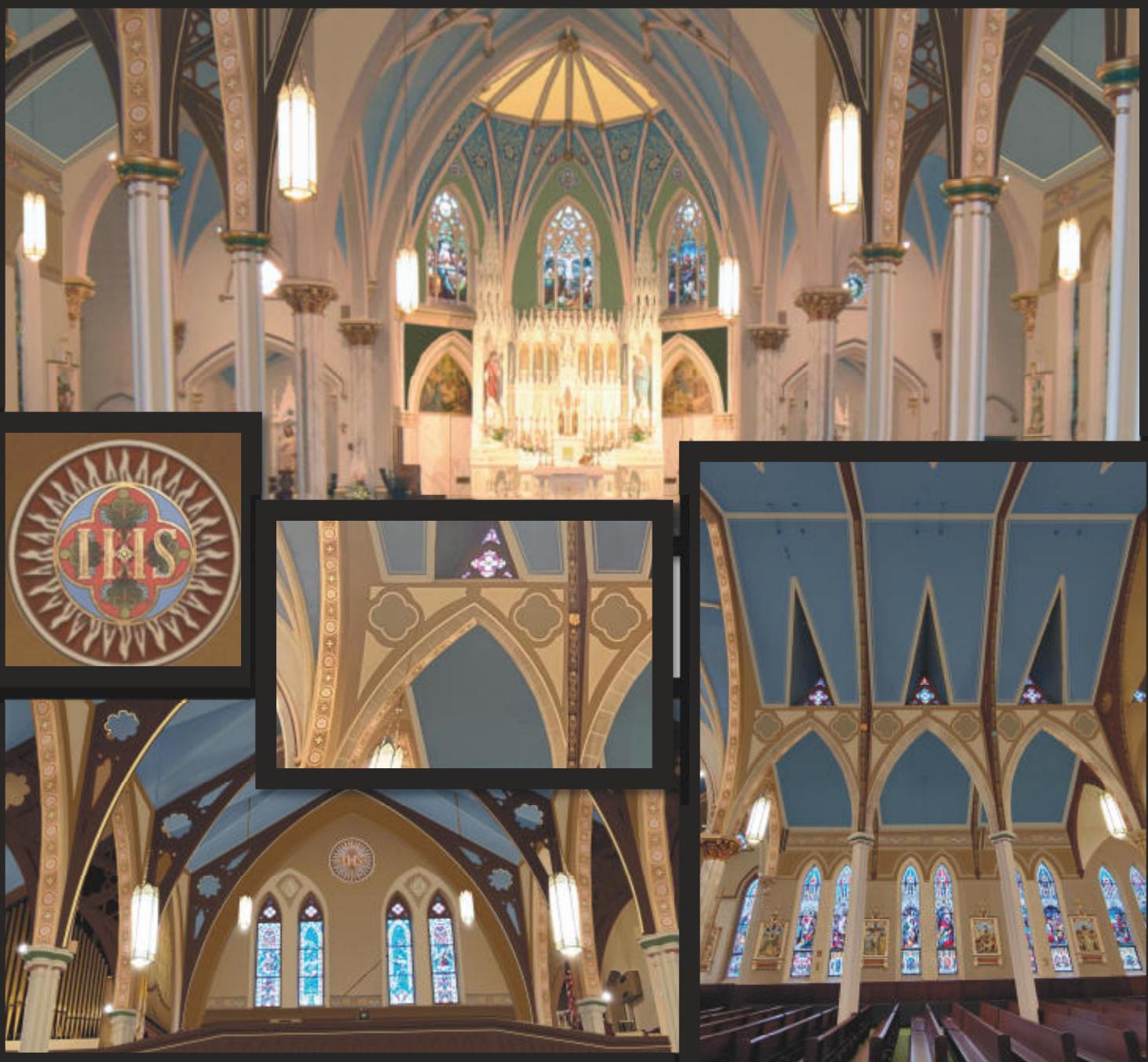
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Cathedral Restoration Project

What seemed as a lofty goal only a couple years ago is now being realized beyond expectations in a very tangible way. After spending the past few years planning this project, raising funds, obtaining quotes and renderings in preparation for review by the Diocesan Real Estate and Capital Projects Committee, the Cathedral will be contracting with Swiatek Studios (Rochester, NY) to repair and restore the ceiling and side aisles in the nave of the church beginning in August 2022. As you can see from these renderings, this work will restore the Cathedral to the beauty it deserves as the mother church of the diocese.

The good news, thanks be to God, is that we are able to fund two-thirds of the estimated cost from our savings and Cathedral Restoration Fund, which leaves us needing to raise an additional \$250,000. If you are able and would like to contribute to the Restoration Fund, please do so by check or through our online giving at stjosephcathedralnh.org or speak directly with Father Jason. Thank you!

Saint Joseph, patron of our parish, pray for us!



Christmas at the Cathedral

Christmas Eve, December 24

Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Christmas Day, December 25

12:00 AM, 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM

* No 6:00 PM Mass on Christmas Day*

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