“Et Petrus Quidem Servabatur in Carcere Vinctus Catenis”
And Peter was kept in prison, bound in chains. Acts 12:5
Sunday Masses
Sat 4:30pm
Sun 8:30am | 11:00am | 6:00pm

Weekday Masses
Mon-Fri 7:00am | 11:30am | 5:15pm
Sat 11:30am

National Holiday Masses
9:00am

Holy Day Masses
5:15pm Vigil + Weekday Mass Times

The Eucharist is the source and summit of all Christian life. In the Eucharist, the sanctifying action of God in our regard and our worship of him reach their high point. It contains the whole spiritual good of the Church, Christ himself, our Pasch. Communion with divine life and the unity of the People of God are both expressed and effected by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharistic celebration we are united already with the liturgy of heaven and we have a foretaste of eternal life.

Saturday, February 8, 2020 – Saints Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita (optional)
11:30 †Marie Clementine Biboussi
1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
Father Jan Schmidt

Saturday, February 8, 2020 – Vigil for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 Andrew Braun, Chelsea Parr & Family
Is 58:7-12; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16
Father Raymond Larger

Sunday, February 9, 2020 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 Kim Smith
11:00 Parishioners & Friends of the Cathedral
6:00 †John Reinhart
1 Kgs 8:1-7; 9-13; Mt 6:53-56
Father Jan Schmidt
Father Raymond Larger
Father Jan Schmidt

Monday, February 10, 2020 – Saint Scholastica, virgin
7:00 Nadia Zogbi
11:30 †Stephen E. Guilfoyle
5:15 †George Shattuck
1 Kgs 8:1-7; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16
Bishop Joseph Binzer
Father Raymond Larger
Father Jan Schmidt

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 – Our Lady of Lourdes (optional)
7:00 Barbara J. Paulinski
11:30 †Lili Hassan
5:15 Roma Egan
1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mt 7:14-23
Father James Bramlage
Father Raymond Larger
Father Jan Schmidt

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 – Weekday
7:00 Special Intention
11:30 †Susan Quirk
5:15 Patti Weikert
1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mt 8:1-10
Father Raymond Larger
Father Thomas Snodgrass
Father James Bramlage

Thursday, February 13, 2020 – Weekday
7:00 Glen & Jean Trimble
11:30 †Jane Middendorf
5:15 †Patrick Holtgewe
1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mt 7:24-30
Bishop Joseph Binzer
Father James Bramlage
Father Raymond Larger

Friday, February 14, 2020 – Saints Cyril, monk & Methodius, bishop
7:00 †Charlie Kuhlenberg
11:30 Carol Schwieter, Birthday
5:15 Jim & Kathy Cress
1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mt 7:31-37
Bishop Joseph Binzer
Father Thomas Snodgrass
Father Jan Schmidt

Saturday, February 15, 2020 – Weekday
11:30 †Brother James H. Abel, SM
1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mt 8:1-10
Father Raymond Larger
Father Jan Schmidt

Saturday, February 15, 2020 – Vigil for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 †Carl Culbertson
Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 OR 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Father Jan Schmidt

Sunday, February 16, 2020 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 †Agnes Crusham Volz, Birthday
11:00 Parishioners & Friends of the Cathedral
6:00 Jerri Weller
1 Kgs 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 OR 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Father Raymond Larger
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†Deceased
Dear Parishioners and Cathedral Visitors,

The work of J.R.R. Tolkien has always fascinated me. His books have held my attention since my first reading of the *Hobbit* as a freshman at McNicholas High School. Several years ago, the film adaptation of his most famous work, *The Lord of the Rings*, came at a time when we faced the tragedy of September 11, 2001 and then the impending wars with Afghanistan and Iraq, giving me some food for thought about evil in our world.

With Lent approaching in a few weeks I thought I would share with you some reflections of mine on evil having viewed again the three elements of the Ring Trilogy recently. Lent is a time in which we are to dwell on the part we have played in bringing evil into the world. It is a time to examine our thoughts and actions and to set our sights on changing the world and ourselves for the better! Tolkien understood this very well.

Tolkien was a very wonderful, faith filled, practicing Catholic. He wrote *The Lord of the Rings*, having been heavily influenced by his faith in God and the truth of his Church. *The Lord of the Rings* is a most thoroughly Catholic work...as Tolkien himself once remarked, it is about the struggle of good and evil in the world!

The true forces of evil in our world are rarely haphazard or indiscriminate. The occasional mad gunman notwithstanding, the history of mankind shows that most destructive wickedness is devious and determined. Violent insanity is far less trouble than diabolical brilliance. While a violent lunatic may murder dozens, a calculating Adolf Hitler or Joseph Stalin convinced ordinary people to systematically exterminate millions.

Evil has intention. It targeted Frodo Baggins as a means to an end. He possessed an object that the evil ruler Sauron wanted, an object that could give Sauron the power to enslave all others. His burning desire for revenge and consuming lust for domination drove Sauron to set very specific goals in pursuit of his ultimate objective. He did not order the destruction of all that lived in the Shire. He ordered the pursuit of Baggins, the bearer of the Ring through which he would enslave the Shire.

The Christian worldview is far from naïve or simplistic with regard to evil. It understands the existence and nature of an enemy set upon our enslavement and ultimate destruction. Just as there is a person called Sauron who is part of a conspiracy invading the happy world of hobbits, there is a rebel called Lucifer whose calculating schemes invade the lives of men. We have been told of his history and intentions.

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RECTOR’S RAMBLINGS CONTINUED

We know he was once a trusted servant in the heavenly realm... (Ezekiel 28:13-15).

We know that he led a rebellion in hopes of assuming the throne of his creator... (Isaiah 14:13-14).

We know that he was defeated and exiled, cast out of heaven due to insane pride... (Ezekiel 28:16 and Luke 10:18).

We know that he seeks revenge by enslaving and destroying God's beloved children - and that, like Frodo, we cannot afford the luxury of complacency... (1 Peter 5:8 and Ephesians 6:11-12).

Lucifer, the personal force behind the most destructive evil in our world, is very intentional about his plan for revenge and domination. We must therefore be on our guards and prepare ourselves to overcome obstacles that we will certainly face while on the great adventure of living by faith.

Remember, that Evil is neither passive nor complacent. It is personal, and it is actively determined to dominate our lives...

Sincerely,

Fr. Jan

P.S. You might want to take a journey with the Lord of the Rings trilogy during Lent and spend some time of reflection with your kids on its true and Catholic meaning....
In this new decade of 2020, the Catholic Church and its people are being vigorously challenged every day. These evenings will provide you with facts about what we believe and a solid explanation of why we do what we do as it comes from Scripture and Tradition. We will meet from 6:30-8:30pm in the Synod Hall. Parking will be free in our lot these evenings.

February 11: Confessions/Scandals in the Church
March 10: Prayer to the Saints/Purgatory
April 28: Marriage and Annulment
May 12: Canon of the Bible? The Bible alone?

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MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 15/FEBRUARY 16

Saturday Vigil, 4:30pm
Hengehold Family, Servers
Ramon Ruiz de Luzuriaga & Ray Cappel, Readers
Nick Ciafardini, Deacon Day & Leticia Ruiz de Luzuriaga, EMs

Sunday, 8:30am
Jackson Marcum, Server
Tom Elias & Joseph Schoner, Reader
Giovanna Trimpe, Deacon Day & Tim Crotty, EMs

Sunday, 11:00am
Schwarz & Murphy Families, Servers
David Annable & Mary Schwarz, Readers
Kim Smith, Deacon Day, Troy Reynolds & Sue Reichardt, EMs

Sunday, 6:00pm
Charlie Santoleri & Louis Santoleri, Servers
Alice Rogers Uhl & Pat Basye, Readers
Raejean Hardig & Deacon Wagner, EMs

Before you begin your online shopping, use the link below and a percentage of your purchase will help support the Cathedral!
https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-0537508

Annual Liturgical Minister Training

It’s that time of the year again - if you are interested in becoming a Reader of the Word or a Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion OR if you are currently serving in this capacity but would like a refresher course, the training dates have been set! The Archdiocese will have an EM training at the cathedral on Thursday, March 12 at 7pm please go to: http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/emhc-workshop-registration-form/ to register. Then on Saturday, March 21 at 8am Deacon Trimpe will go through the practicum for the EMs and train any Readers. Please email Deacon Trimpe to register for March 21: mtrimpe@cathedralaoc.org. Thank you for your service!

Let us pray for those in our parish who are sick or in need of prayer ...

Divine Healer, God of Wholeness, we place our parishioners in your hands; we ask for healing, but also for acceptance of their situation and of your holy plan. Help them and us to embrace whatever you have in mind for them. Support them in their anxieties, fears, pains, and the frustrations of their situation. Support them with the strength of the Holy Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus, compassionate healer of those in need of health and hope. Amen.

Prayer requests can be made one of two ways: fill out the “prayer request” form on our website or call the Prayer Line at 859-750-0397.

FEBRUARY 2020 INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.
**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

The Sunday Collection for January 26th was $2,427, February 2nd was $3,243 and the Collection for the Poor amounted to $705.91. Thank you for your generosity!

Would you like to remember St. Peter in Chains in your will? It is one way of saying thank you for the many things for which you have been blessed.

**FRIENDS OF THE CATHEDRAL**

We invite you to join hundreds of others who want to help preserve the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains as one of the great treasures of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Your contribution of $25 or more entitles you to membership in the Friends of the Cathedral.

**ARCHBISHOP KARL J. ALTER SOCIETY**

You are invited to become a member of the Archbishop Karl J. Alter Society by contributing an annual gift of $1,000 or more. All contributions help to insure the preservation of the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, one of the finest examples of Greek revival architecture and the second oldest cathedral in continuous use as a cathedral in the United States.

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