

Reflections of the Rector



We start this month with the celebration of All Saints, that is, all the men and women that rejoice now in the presence of the Lord in Heaven. A day later, on November 2, we remember all the faithful departed in what we commonly call All Souls Day. Personally, this is a time in which I remember mom and dad in a special way.

As some of you know, mom died just three days after my priestly ordination. While it was unexpected, I still had time to grant her the Apostolic Pardon, which is an indulgence given for the remission of temporal punishment due to sin. Having been able to say that prayer for the woman who brought me to this world, who raised me to be who I am now, who unceasingly prayed that I would heed God's call, was an amazing blessing, and a source of great comfort for my sister and me. Another source of comfort was the number of Masses that were offered for her. With most of my classmates still moving into their assignments, they were free to offer their Mass for whichever intention they wanted, and they did it for the repose of mom's soul. What a great gift from my friends! As Pope Paul VI said, the Holy Mass is "the most perfect form of prayer," and my classmates offered it for mom!

Because of how much that meant to my family and me, I take the responsibility of offering the sacrifice of the Mass for your intentions seriously. As your pastor, I'm required to offer Mass for all of you every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, which you can see published as *Pro Populo*, that is for the people of the parish. That is a responsibility that I don't take lightly, so be aware that I pray for all of you constantly. Father Sanchez, Father Wind, and I offer all other Masses that we celebrate for the intentions that you request when you offer a stipend.

This is one of the areas in which perhaps we need a little bit more of catechesis. We priests have not always been good at explaining how Mass intentions and stipends work. Unfortunately the limited space I have here will not suffice, but I want to briefly address some of the most common errors regarding this matter.

First, when you offer a stipend for a Mass, you are not buying a Mass. Because money changes hands, we could wrongly assume that we are paying for the priest's services or buying a Mass, but the Sacrifice of the Mass is something we would not be able to buy even with all the money in the world. The Code of Canon Law states that, "even the semblance of trafficking or trading is to be entirely excluded from Mass offerings." (CIC 947) Priests are required to offer Masses for intentions even if a stipend is not offered. A clear example of this is the obligation that all priests in the Sioux City Diocese have to offer five Masses for every priest who dies, and no stipend is received. So, why do you receive money when you ask for a Mass to be prayed? "The faithful who make an offering so that Mass can be celebrated for their intention, contribute to the good of the Church, and by that offering they share in the Church's concern for the support of its ministers and its activities." (CIC 946)

Second, when you request a Mass intention, the only person required to pray for it is the priest. Several times I have heard people say that they are requesting Masses because they want the congregation to pray for their intention. That is incorrect, though. Each person has their own intentions that they bring to Mass, as the benefits of the Mass are not limited to a single intention. That is why it is not necessary that we announce the intention, as the only person that needs to know it is the priest. Furthermore, it is incorrect to include them in the Prayers of the Faithful, as this part of Mass, which is also known as the Universal Prayer, is meant to be universal, as the name entails.

Third, you do not need to be present at the Mass at which your intention is offered. One of the origins of Mass intentions is precisely that people could not be at Mass, so they asked the priest to pray for their intention. Of course, if you are present that would mean that at least two people would be praying for your intention, the priest and you. We try to honor your request for specific Masses, but due to the limited number of Masses we have, that is not always possible. Remember that even if Mass is in a different language, or at a different church, the priest would still be praying for your intention.

Fourth, the intention does not need to be mentioned. As I said earlier, the only person who needs to know the intention for a specific Mass is the priest. I understand there needs to be accountability, and I see that as the main reason for us to publicize the intentions for Mass. We currently post them on our website, our newsletter, and in all our churches. We will soon start announcing them at the beginning of all Masses, but I have to confess that I have been a little hesitant about it. Unfortunately that practice has led to some misunderstandings in the past, which I hope will not happen here. Namely, as someone with an accent, and who doesn't have English as my first language, I have mispronounced names. That has led to the misunderstanding that the Mass was not offered for the requested intention, but please be assured that correct pronunciation is not a requirement for the intention to be offered. Another problem I have found in the past, is that the intention has accidentally not been mentioned, or the wrong name has been read, which has led to the belief that the intention was not prayed for, but be assured that we priests take this responsibility seriously, and check the intention ahead of time, even if we do not have it in front of us at the time of Mass.

One of the first things I noticed when I arrived is how many Masses with no intentions we have. While there is no need of a Mass stipend or particular intention to be offered, it saddens me that more people are not availing themselves of such a great opportunity. As I mentioned at the beginning, one of the most comforting things after mom's passing was the amount of Masses offered for her. I pray that this explanation will be helpful to you, but if you have any questions please send me an email, and I will try to address them in my next letter.

In Christ
Fr. David Esquiliano

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Thank you to those who have already made a gift to the 2019 Together As One campaign. Your gift will make a difference in someone's life. As of October 15, \$8,535 in gifts and pledges has been donated to the Cathedral. If you have not yet made a donation, it's not too late! Prayerfully consider a gift. No contribution, no act of charity is ever too small or insignificant.

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<u>INCOME</u>		Aug-19
Weekly Offerings	\$	41,679.00
Loose Offerings	\$	17,086.62
Programming Support	\$	15,467.33
Other Income	\$	12,722.69
Total Parish Income	\$	86,955.64
<u>EXPENSE</u>		
Salaries and Wages	\$	37,977.97
Administrative Expenses	\$	5,844.80
Ministry Expenses	\$	1,872.51
Utility Bills & Repairs	\$	12,697.20
Assessments	\$	72,705.00
Other Expenses	\$	2,180.17
Total Expenses	\$	133,277.65
Net Income for July	\$	(46,322.01)
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WHO WE ARE

Unbound is an international development organization founded by lay Catholics and grounded in the Gospel call to put the needs of the marginalized and vulnerable first. We build relationships of mutual respect that bridge cultural, economic and religious divides. We work side by side with people of diverse faith traditions in Latin America, Asia and Africa.

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Faith and Sacramental Formation: *with Santa Fernandez*



As I said in our October Bulletin that we would continue with the articles that Adam Janke, of the Associate Director of the Saint Paul Evangelization Institute, Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, here is the basic principle number three from His article.

3. Training in relational ministry.

First, many parishes are moving from a program-centered strategic plan to a person-centered strategic plan which is what should be done. No single parish program is going to solve all of our evangelization problems. We must ask: “What are the questions that the unaffiliated are asking about God?” “Where are they searching for fulfillment and meaning in their lives?” “How have they been trained by our culture to look for fulfillment and meaning?” Our Seeker Small Group program focuses on pre-evangelization through authentic friendships and accompaniment, the full proclamation of the Gospel, and answering questions that the “none’s” cite as reasons they stay away from faith. Our motto is to “listen, befriend, proclaim, and invite.” By creating an atmosphere of trust and curiosity we often see people experience conversion even through two-minute conversations on the street. Second, we need to provide answers to the questions the “none’s” are asking. According to Bishop Barron, “In order to evangelize the ‘none’s’ they have to be argued back into our position through a new apologetics that focuses on the doctrine of God, the interpretation of the Bible, theodicy, and religion in relation to violence and science. The young are argued into atheism and they need to be argued back into Christianity... We who would evangelize simply have to become better theologians, that is to say, articulators of the truth about who God is.” We need to train parish staff through a rigorous intellectual formation so that they may be prepared not only to befriend and love those with no faith, but when the time is right (when the world fails to satisfy) propose Christ as the answer to those deeper longings on their heart.

As I was waiting in line to grab lunch one day, I struck up a casual conversation with a gentleman about where we both works. That opened up the opportunity to talk about faith. We ended up having lunch together. He was a scientist and told me he did not believe in God. I shared the story of Mother Teresa with him as one valuable contribution faith brings to the world. He hadn’t thought about faith from that perspective before and asked to keep in touch. Eventually he gave his life to Christ and joined RCIA. I did not intend to start the conversation with Mother Teresa, but following the Holy Spirit’s promptings, that’s exactly what he needed to hear.

The last basic principle: will be present it in the December newsletter.

4. “training in the bold proclamation of the Gospel” “Stay with Us” invites us to deepen our Christian mission to serve as witnesses for the Gospel.

Sacred Music



Let’s talk about Satan—and bells.

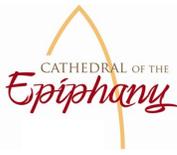
We use bells a lot both before, during, and sometimes after our liturgies. We ring bells from the tower 5 minutes before mass begins. We ring a bell (or chimes) to signal the beginning of mass. We ring the *Santus* bells at the consecration during mass. And on some occasions, bells are rung at the conclusion of mass, particularly at wedding and funeral masses. So how does the devil and his minions figure into this discussion? According to a leading exorcist in the United States, Fr. Theophilus (not his real name) explains: “The devil hates everything beautiful, and bells are used specifically in the Church to draw attention to the divine worship of God.”

Satan is always attacking us through our senses, so the liturgy needs to be a kind of holy assault on our senses: our sight, touch, smells, and hearing. As a Church, we have prayed this way for hundreds of years because we’ve learned this is what repels the enemy. *Sanctus* bells were used commonly during the consecration to make a very bold statement: “Look at him, the Word made Flesh!” It still “rings” true today. These inanimate objects call attention to the glory and divinity of God the Father, and in doing so humiliate the devil. We are moved by beauty. It stirs our souls-beautiful music, beautiful art, flowers, poetry, prayer, etc. A well-made bell produces a beautiful and lasting tone, and the devil hates all things beautiful because beauty draws us closer to God and away from worldly things. Bells also call us to prayer, whether it’s through prayer at mass or prayer in our homes, workplaces, etc. The ringing of the *Angelus* is another reminder to keep Christ at the center of our daily lives.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Matthew Geerlings

Director of Sacred Music



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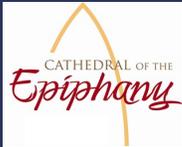
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

TUESDAY 5:30p-6:30pm St. Joseph
MONDAY-SUNDAY 24 Hour
Adoration Chapel-Epiphany Center

MASS SCHEDULE

MON.-FRI. 12:00 pm Cathedral *English*
5:30 pm Cathedral *Spanish*
SATURDAY: 4:00 pm St. Boniface *English*
6:00 pm Cathedral *Spanish*
SUNDAY: 8:30 am Cathedral *Latin*
8:30 am St. Joseph *English*
10:00 am Cathedral *English*
10:30 am St. Boniface *Spanish*
12:00 pm Cathedral *Spanish*
12:30 pm St. Joseph *Vietnamese*
1:30 pm Cathedral *Spanish*

MASSES HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Anticipated / Vigil
5:30 p.m. St. Boniface (English)
5:30 p.m. Cathedral (Spanish)
On the Day of the Solemnity
7:00 a.m. St. Joseph (English)
12:00 p.m. Cathedral (English)
5:30 p.m. Cathedral (Spanish)

MASS CIVIL HOLIDAYS

9:00am Cathedral (Bilingual)

CONFESSIONS

SUNDAY 8:00a- 8:30a St Joseph
MONDAY 4:30p -5:30p Cathedral
TUESDAY 4:30p -5:30p Cathedral
WEDNESDAY 4:30p-5:30p Cathedral
THURSDAY 4:30p-5:30p Cathedral
FRIDAY 11:30a -12:00p Cathedral
4:30p to 5:30p Cathedral
SATURDAY 3:00p to 4:00p St. Boniface
5:00p to 6:00p Cathedral

Friday, November 1**All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Mass: St Joseph 7am, Cathedral 12(noon), English

Mass Cathedral, 5:30pm, Spanish

Salad Luncheon 11a, SBH

Religious Education (Spanish), 6p-7:30p, EC

Saturday, November 2

2nd collection for the month (English Mass)

All Souls Day Mass, 9a (Cathedral)

Baptisms, 11a-12p (Spanish), Cathedral

Wedding Edgar De Anda and Leticia Becerra 1p, Cathedral

Charismatic Group (Spanish) 6p-8p SBH

Youth Group 6p-7:30p, EC

Bible Study 7p-8:30p (Spanish), CCR

Sunday, November 3

2nd collection for the month (English Mass)

K of C Breakfast 7:30a-11:30a CH

Confirmation I-II (English - Spanish), 11a-1:15p, EC

RCIA Classes (English), 1p-2:30p CCR

Charismatic Group (Spanish) 1:30p-6p SBH

K of C 2:30p-5:30p CH

Monday, November 4

Prayer of intercession 6p-7:30p (Spanish), EC Rm 207

Adult Bible Study 7p-8:30p SJH

Tuesday, November 5

Knights of Columbus Mtg 6:30p-8p, CH

Wednesday, November 6

Religious Education (English), 6p-7:30p EC

Confirmation II (English), 6p-7:30p EC

Choir Rehearsal 6:30p-8p, Cathedral

RCIA Classes (Spanish), 6p-7:30p, EC-BR

Friday, November 8

Religious Education (Spanish), 6p-7:30p, EC

Saturday, November 9

Anniversary of the Rededication of the Cathedral 9am Mass

2nd collection for Together As One (Spanish Mass)

Bible Study 7p-8:30p (Spanish), CCR

Sunday, November 10

2nd collection for /Together As One (Spanish Mass)

Baptism Class (Spanish),9-11:30 CCR

Confirmation I-II (English - Spanish), 11a-1:15p, EC

RCIA Classes (English), 1p to 2:30p CCR

Charismatic Group (Spanish) 1:30p-6p SBH

Couples Meeting (Spanish) 2:30-4:45, CCR

Youth Group 6p-7:30p, EC

Monday, November 11

Mass bilingual at 9a, Cathedral

Prayer of intercession 6p-7:30p (Spanish), EC Rm 207

Adult Bible Study 7p-8:30p SJH

Tuesday, November 12

Deanery Meeting (Cathedral Hosts/No evening Mass)

Wednesday, November 13

Religious Education (English), 6p-7:30p EC

Confirmation II (English), 6p-7:30p EC

RCIA Classes (Spanish), 6p-7:30p, EC-BR

Choir Rehearsal 6:30p-8p, Cathedral

Thursday, November 14

Charismatic 5p-10p, EC, CH

Friday, November 15

Religious Education (Spanish), 6p-7:30p, EC

Wedding Rehearsal 6p-7p (Bilingual), SB

Charismatic Retreat 6p-10p, EC, CH

Saturday, November 16

2nd collection for the month (Spanish Mass)

Bible Study 7p-8:30p (Spanish), CCR

Sunday, November 17

2nd collection for the month (Spanish Mass)

Confirmation I-II (English - Spanish), 11a-1:15p, EC

RCIA Classes (English), 1p to 2:30p CCR

K of C 2:30p to 5:30p CH

Monday, November 18

Prayer of intercession 6p-7:30p (Spanish), EC Rm 207

Knights of Columbus Mtg 6:30p-8p, CH

Adult Bible Study 7p-8:30p SJH

Wednesday, November 20

Religious Education (English), 6p-7:30p EC

Confirmation Second Year (English), 6p-7:30p EC

Ladies of Mary Meeting, 6p CH

Choir Rehearsal 6:30p-8p, Cathedral

RCIA Classes (Spanish), 6p-7:30p, EC-BR

Thursday, November 21

Ladies Luncheon 1pm, HuHot

Friday, November 22

Religious Education (Spanish), 6p-7:30p, EC

Saturday, November 23

Charismatic Group (Spanish) 6p-8p SBH

Youth Group 6p-7:30p, EC

Bible Study 7p-8:30p (Spanish), CCR

Sunday, November 24

Confirmation I-II (English - Spanish), 11a-1:15p, EC

Charismatic Group (Spanish) 1:30p-6p SBH

NO RCIA Classes (English), 1:30p-2:30p CCR

K of C 2:30p-5:30p CH

Monday, November 25

Prayer of intercession 6p-7:30p (Spanish), EC Rm 207

Adult Bible Study 7p-8:30p SJH

Wednesday, November 27

Parish Office Closed at 1pm

No Religious Education (English), 6p-7:30p EC

No Confirmation II (English) 6-7:30p EC

No Choir Rehearsal 6:30p-8p, Cathedral

No RICA Classes (Spanish), 6p to 7:30p, EC

Thursday, November 28

Mass bilingual at 9a, Cathedral

Parish Office Closed

Friday, November 29

Parish Office Closed

No Religious Education (Spanish), 6P-7:30p, EC

Saturday, November 30

Bible Study 7p-8:30p (Spanish), CCR

The deadline for December newsletter submissions is

Friday, November 8

Baptisms at the Cathedral of the Epiphany Parish

If you would like to prepare to have your child baptized, please visit www.sccathedral.org/baptism for more information.

Altar Server, Lector, and Extraordinary Minister

Are you interested in becoming an altar server, lector, or extraordinary minister? Please call the office and sign up at 255-1637 ext. 100.

Church safety

We will have a training session on how to keep our churches safe.

Everyone is invited to attend, even if you didn't sign up when it was announced at Mass. This session will be held at Cathedral Hall on Monday, November 4, at 6pm.

Thank you, FrD

Youth Group Help

We need families that would like to donate food and snacks for our youth group. You could help us by bringing pizza, sodas, water, chips or other type of snacks. Dates: October 20; November 3; November 17; December 1; December 15, 2019. Please contact Fr. Sanchez at 712-255-1637 ext. 109 or email msanchez@sccathedral.org if you can help.

Calvary Cemetery Christmas Wreaths

Honor your loved ones this holiday season! For a cost of \$40.00, Calvary Cemetery will place a 25" decorated balsam fir wreath with 3 white-tipped pinecones and red velvet bow on the grave of your loved one buried at Calvary Cemetery. Wreaths will be placed the first week of December. Contact Audrey at 712-233-7511 or email audreyk@sdiocese.org to place your order.

Community Action Agency

Energy Assistance is available to low income families, elderly or disabled. You can qualify if you own your own home for more information please call 274-1610.

Mass Times

If you are planning on traveling this summer, visit the website, www.masstimes.org, to find Confession and Mass times, church locations, contact information, website links, and maps. The website includes information for 117,000 churches in 201 countries/territories.

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OFFICE ASSISTANCE – Bilingual part time position.

MAINTANCE - Full time position

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Christmas Poinsettia Donation Form

Please return this form to the church office by Monday, December 2, 2019 so that your dedication is included in the order of worship for the Cathedral Mass's. Please make your check payable to Cathedral of the Epiphany and designate in the memo section "Christmas Poinsettia". It is important that you **PRINT** your dedication **CLEARLY** in order to avoid errors.



The poinsettias will adorn the sanctuary beginning December 23rd for the Christmas Mass and may be picked up following mass on January 5th.

Please note: One person, couple, family or group per numbered line.

\$20.00 per 6" Poinsettia/Dedication Line

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