

Reflections of the Rector



A few weeks ago I read on social media a person complaining about her pastor. Her complaint was that the priest had not asked her about her health, because she had just been in the hospital, and her pastor had to have known. Fortunately it was not a priest I know. It wasn't even in this country. But her post made me examine my conscience, and evaluate my ministry.

We at Cathedral try to make our ministry to the sick a priority. We visit the hospitals three times a week, and respond to our emergency anointing line as soon as we are able. But we still hear once in a while that we missed a parishioner during our hospital visits. And that is a problem I would like to solve.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that, "Christ's compassion toward the sick and his many healings of every kind of infirmity are a resplendent sign that "God has visited his people" and that the Kingdom of God is close at hand." (CCC 1503) We priests are more often that visible sign of God's presence when people are convalescent, and that is why I do not like it when I hear that we missed somebody.

Sometimes, though, we miss people because the hospitals can only give us the names of those who informed they were our parishioners, and wanted to be visited by us. So, please, if you or a loved one is ever in the hospital, make sure to let them know you want a priest to visit. Furthermore, do not hesitate to call us. A few times I have heard people saying that they did not call us because they did not want to bother us. And while we appreciate your concern for us, visiting the sick is part of our ministry, and an important one. As another priest explained it, it would be like not wanting to call the fire department during a fire because they might be busy. So please, if you or a loved one is in the hospital, let us know. If it is an emergency use our anointing line, and we will be notified right away.

Now, I just want to briefly address another issue regarding our hospital visits, and that is what happens there. Most of the time we celebrate the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. In the book of St. James we read, "Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint [him] with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven." (James 5, 13-15)

In the old days, it was believed that you only called the priest when someone was about to die, and while we still have a specific rite for that situation, most of the time we administer the anointing of the sick, which is a prayer of healing, both of body and soul. When we anoint someone we say, "Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit," and then we continue, "May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up." As you can see, it is all about healing and forgiveness of sins, so please do not think that a priest is only called in danger of death.

I pray that all of you are blessed with good health, but if you ever end up in the hospital, please know that we want to serve you there.

In Christ,
Fr. David Esquiliano

Sacred Music



With the season of Lent right around the corner, I'd like to use this opportunity to remind everyone of the Church's teaching regarding the use of Latin in the liturgy, as we sing the Ordinary of the Mass in Latin during Lent.

"Care should be taken to foster the role of Latin in the Liturgy, particularly in liturgical song. Pastors should ensure 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."
 - from Sacrosanctum Concilium (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy – Second Vatican Council – 1963).

The Cathedral of the Epiphany is home to many people of different backgrounds and spoken languages. During the season of Lent, all our different language communities sing the Ordinary of the Mass in Latin. Along with following the directives of the Second Vatican Council, this allows us to connect with the Church Universal, both in a historical context (uniting us with our forebears from years past) and in the modern world. From a practical perspective, when we join our different cultural communities in worship on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil, it allows us to unite together in prayer and praise of the Triune God.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Matthew Geerlings

Director of Sacred Music

The Financial Corner

INCOME		Nov-19
Weekly Offerings	\$	47,459.00
Loose Offerings	\$	16,499.25
Programming Support	\$	9,231.88
Other Income	\$	15,329.37
Total Parish Income	\$	88,519.50
EXPENSE		
Salaries and Wages	\$	42,063.44
Administrative Expenses	\$	7,379.55
Ministry Expenses	\$	5,040.86
Utility Bills & Repairs	\$	19,471.16
Assessments	\$	7,705.00
Other Expenses	\$	1,789.41
Total Expenses	\$	83,449.42
Net Income for Oct.	\$	5,070.08
BHCS Assessment Unpaid	\$	75,000.00

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Faith and Sacramental Formation



I read a booklet of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (Penitentiary Practices for Catholics today) was originally published as a resource for the Jubilee of the year 2000) and I think it is very appropriate to share its content with all Catholics in the cathedral since we will begin our preparation for the Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday on February 26. This resource is presented as a pastoral tool to cultivate penitential practices in daily life. Although its approach is limited to a discussion of the penitential practices of the Church, it serves to promote these practices in close relation to the sacrament of penance. We urge all the faithful to accept the invitation of the Lord to experience the mercy of God through the sacrament of penance, which is at the center of the penitential life of the Church. During the Jubilee Year, We, the Church, focus our attention on the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, urged all of God's people to grow in accordance with Christ, who takes us to the Father through the gift of the Holy Spirit. An important way to grow in the Lord is to observe the penitential practices that strengthen us to resist temptation, allow us to express our pain for the sins we have committed and help us repair the tears caused by our sins.

Penitential practices take many forms: apologizing to an injured party, healing divisions within our families, fasting during the Lenten season, or graciously accepting the menial tasks of life. The purpose of penance is not to diminish life but to enrich it.

Jesus, in Matthew's Gospel, calls us to pray, to fast, and to give alms: "when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites," "when you fast, do not look gloomy," "when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing" (Mt 6:5, 16, 3, respectively). As a Church, we ponder and pray over this call every Ash Wednesday. In a most profound way, the three spiritual exercises identified by Jesus are directed toward the nurturing of relationships.

Prayer, that process of listening to and responding to God's daily call, sustains and nurtures our relationship with our triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Without prayer, personal and communal, this relationship is diminished, sometimes to the point of complete silence on our part. Every day the Spirit of Jesus invites us to enter into that serious conversion that leads to blessed communion.

Fasting, a very special form of penance and Jesus's second call, has been a consistent part of our Catholic tradition. Fasting assists us in getting our own house in order. All of us have to deal with areas of servitude, whether in regard to smoking or alcohol consumption, misused sexuality, uncontrolled gambling, psychological hang-ups, spiritual obsessions, use of stimulants, immoderate use of the Internet, excessive amounts of television watching, or preoccupations with other forms of entertainment. By fasting and self-denial, by living lives of moderation, we have more energy to devote to God's purposes and a better self-esteem that helps us to be more concerned with the well-being of others.

Our weekly—and for some, daily—celebration of the Eucharist also affords us the opportunity to fast before receiving the Lord. This eucharistic fast disposes us to experience more deeply the coming of the Lord and expresses our seriousness and reverence for the Lord's coming into our lives. This practice, along with all the other penitential practices, is a means to an end: growth in our life in Christ. Whenever the means becomes the end, we are vulnerable to self-righteousness and spiritual arrogance.

The third call of the Lord is to give alms. Jesus was always concerned about those who were poor and in need. He was impressed by the widow who, though having so little, shared her resources with others: "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest; for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood" (Lk 21:3-4). To be a disciple of Christ means to live a life of charity. To be a disciple of Jesus is to live a life of stewardship, generously giving of our time, talent, and treasure.

At the heart of all penance is the call to conversion. Jesus' imperative "Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mk 1:15) makes explicit this connection between authentic discipleship and penitential discipline. Discipleship, our following of Jesus, embraces discipline, a firm commitment to do whatever is demanded in furthering God's kingdom. Viewed in this way, the virtue of penance is not optional, just as weeding a garden is not optional for a responsible caretaker. The gardener is concerned with a bountiful harvest; the disciple is concerned about greater conformity to the person of Jesus.

Our Holy Father called us to conversion, reconciliation, and solidarity. To continue to live that call, we might take the spiritual and corporal works of mercy as a penitential model. These fourteen practices demand great sacrifice and generosity; they also draw us more deeply into conformity with the Lord. Focusing on one of these works each week may be a practical way of integrating them into our personal, family, and parish lives.

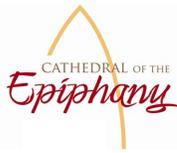
Corporal Works of Mercy: 1. Feeding the hungry 2. Sheltering the homeless. 3. Clothing the naked. 4. Visiting the sick .5. Visiting the imprisoned. 6. Giving drink to the thirsty. 7. Burying the dead.

Spiritual Works of Mercy: 1. Converting sinners. 2. Instructing the ignorant. 3. Advising the doubtful. 4. Comforting the sorrowful. 5. Bearing wrongs patiently. 6. Forgiving injuries. 7. Praying for the living and dead.

In Christ Our Savior,

Santa Fernandez

Director of Faith and Sacramental Formation



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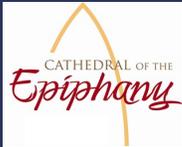
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Saturday, February 1

Second Collection (English/Latin Only): Buildings
 Spanish Baptisms 11a, Cathedral
 Bible Study 7p - 8:30 p CCR

Sunday, February 2

Second Collection (English/Latin Only): Buildings
 Breakfast 7a-noon, CH
 RCIA 7:45a-9a, CCR
 NFP Class Spanish 8:30a-9:15a EC
 Confirmation I-II (English - Spanish), 11a-1:15p, EC
 Celebration for the Feast of the Presentation 3p-5p, CH
 Youth Group 6p -7:30 p, EC

Wednesday February 5

Religious Education (English), 6p-7:30p EC
 Confirmation II (English), 6p-7:30p EC
 RICA Classes (Spanish), 6p-7:30p, EC-BR

Thursday, February 6

Prayer Service, 1:45-2:45 CH

Friday, February 7

Salad Luncheon 11a, SBH
 Religious Education (Spanish), 6p-7:30p, EC

Saturday, February 8

Second Collection (Spanish Only): TAO
 Latin Mass Altar Server Training, 12p, Cathedral
 Bible Study 7p - 8:30 p, CCR

Sunday, February 9

Second Collection (Spanish Only): TAO
 RCIA 7:45a-9a, CCR
 Baptism Class 9a-11:30a, CCR
 Confirmation I-II (English - Spanish), 11a-1:15p, EC
 Couples Group 2:45-3:30, CCR

Monday, February 10

K of C Meeting 6:15 - 8 CCR

Tuesday, February 11

Deanery/No evening Mass

Wednesday February 12

Religious Education (English), 6p-7:30p, EC
 Confirmation II (English), 6p-7:30p, EC
 RICA Classes (Spanish), 6p-7:30p, EC-BR

Thursday, February 13

Prayer Service, 1:45-2:45, CH

Friday, February 14

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

Saturday, February 15

Second Collection (Spanish Only): Buildings

Spanish Baptisms 11a, Cathedral
 Wedding 1p, St Joseph's
 Dinner for EMM, CH
 Bible Study 7p - 8:30p, CCR

Sunday, February 16

Second Collection (Spanish Only): Buildings
 Pancake Breakfast, 7-11, SJH
 RCIA 7:45a-9a, CCR
 Confirmation I-II (English - Spanish), 11a-1:15p, EC
 Youth Group, 6p -7:30 p, EC

Thursday, February 20

Prayer Service, 1:45-2:45p CH

Friday, February 21

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

Saturday, February 22

Bible Study, 7 - 8:30p CCR

Sunday, February 23

RCIA 7:45a-9a, CCR
 NFP Class Spanish 8:30a-9:15a EC
 Confirmation I-II (English - Spanish), 11a-1:15p, EC

Wednesday, February 26**Ash Wednesday**

No Classes

Thursday, February 27

Prayer Service, 1:45-2:45 CH

Friday, February 28

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

Saturday, February 29

Special Collection: Aid to Global Churches
 Parish Mission
 Bible Study 7p - 8:30p CCR

**The deadline for March newsletter submissions is
 Friday, February 15**

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Minister Schedules:

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Carmelite:

“All parishioners and friends are invited to attend the annual Day of Recollection sponsored by the Carmelite Board of Directors. The Day of Recollection will be held on Monday, March 2nd, 2020 at the Carmelite Monastery, 2901 S. Cecilia, with registration at 8:45am.

The Day begins at 9:00 with a message from Reverend Augustine Peter followed by Mass at 9:45am. A hospitality brunch will be served at 10:30am. The Day will continue at 11:00am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, And concluding with Benediction at 11:50am. There is no charge. For more information call 712.253.0162

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Ash Wednesday Schedule:

English

Noon @ Cathedral
5:30 pm @ St Boniface

Spanish

4pm @ Cathedral
5:30pm @ Cathedral
7pm @ Boniface

Latin

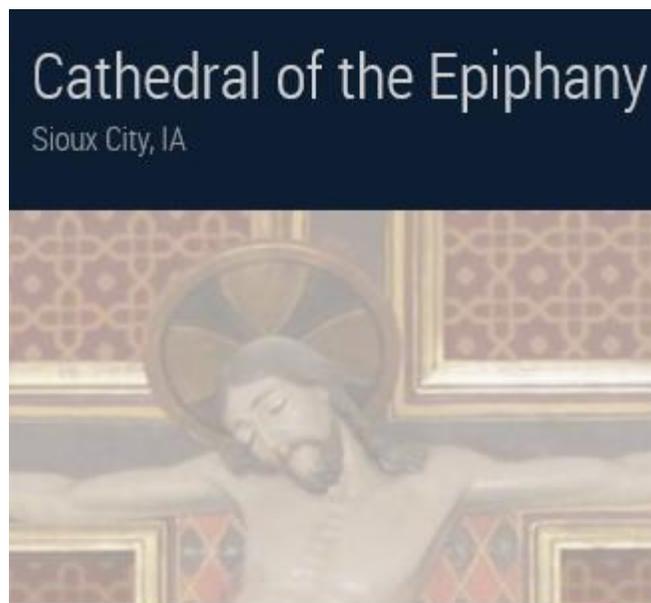
7pm @ Cathedral

Vietnamese

11am @ St. Joseph

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