

Reflections of the Rector



The month of November starts with the celebration of All Saints. On that day we celebrate the many men, women, children, who already get to rejoice by seeing God in his glory in heaven. We Catholics get so used to hearing about saints, to celebrate them throughout the year, that we forget that there are so many more, whose names we don't know. November 1 is when we remember them.

The celebration of All Saints is a reminder that all of us are also called to live eternally in the presence of the Lord; in other words, to be saints. Yes, you who are reading these lines, are called to be saints, and so is everyone else. This could sound intimidating, even unattainable, unless we understand that to be saints we do not need to do something extraordinary, but we can also become saints in our ordinary lives.

So, what can you and I do to become saints? We can start by coming to Mass every weekend. This year, though, that might not be possible for everyone because of health concerns, but if we are able, we should be at Mass. The next thing we need to do is get involved in the parish. This is what we usually call stewardship.

Stewardship of treasure is what we do when we support our Church with our money and other material resources, or when we use them for works of charity. Among the saints we have many who have given everything that they had in order to support the poor. One who comes to mind is Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, who having been born into royalty did not use her wealth for her own benefit, but she used it to care for the poor. I do want to encourage you to keep tithing and supporting works of charity, but it is important to understand that just giving is not enough if it doesn't come from our love for God and our brothers and sisters. Holiness is not something that we can buy.

Stewardship of time is more important. We live very busy lives. Some of you have two or three jobs to support your families. But all of us can find some time to serve our brothers and sisters. A common trait among saints is that they did not regard time as something for oneself. All saints, whether in a convent, a hospital, a parish, or at home, always found opportunities to serve others. This service can even be done when we are driving, or while we are getting ready for work. We could use all these opportunities to pray for our brothers and sisters.

Lastly we get to stewardship of talent. This is perhaps the one we are most familiar with when it comes to the lives of saints. We usually hear a saint, and think of how great a preacher he was, or how devoted to the poor she was, and so on. Each saint understood that God gave each one of us different talents for the service of our brothers and sisters, and not for personal gain. So, how are you sharing those talents? I know that we have people in love with their faith here in the parish, yet we still struggle to find catechists. I know all of us know how to smile and say hello, yet when we ask for greeters and ushers, we need to beg to get some help. I know we have people with lots of talents, some of which we rarely see. And there is no such thing as small or insignificant talent, St. Therese of Lisieux said, "remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love." But we need to do it!

You have heard it say that a chain is as strong as its weakest link. The same can be said of any organization, including our parish. If we want our parish to be strong, we all need to be generous with our time, talent, and treasure. If we all do, not only would our parish be strong here, but we would also be a parish of saints in the making.

My brothers and sisters, let us start working on becoming saints today!

In Christ,

Fr. David Esquiliano

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INCOME

Aug-20

Weekly Offerings	\$	47,721.43
Loose Offerings	\$	3,742.69
Programming Support	\$	17,867.33
Other Income	\$	4,100.00

Total Parish Income \$ **73,431.45**

EXPENSE

Salaries and Wages	\$	32,858.17
Administrative Expenses	\$	3,985.69
Ministry Expenses	\$	2,011.77
Utility Bills & Repairs	\$	12,562.57
Assessments	\$	7,809.00
Other Expenses	\$	1,568.89

Total Expenses \$ **60,796.09**

Net Income \$ **12,635.36**

Cathedral Updates

Temporary schedule for the Chapel

Monday-Wednesday, from 4:00pm to 10:00pm or Thursday-Sunday, 24 hrs.

To sign up or manage your hours, go to epiphany.weadorehim.co... Or Contact Fr. Wind if you have any questions at (712)255-1637 ext. 110 or at jwind@sccathedral.org. All Diocesan protocols will have to be observed.

Signup for Mass

Remember to register before you come to Mass, or let us know afterwards what Mass you attended. You can fill out a short form at sccathedral.org/live or call Laura at 255-1637 ext., 116

Mass Intentions

We still have Masses available for your intentions. Please go to sccathedral.org/mass-stipends to request yours. Or call Laura at 255-1637 ext. 116

Confessions

Confessions are being heard once again in the Church. The priest will be behind the statue of Our Blessed Mother to the South of the Sanctuary in the Cathedral. Go to sccathedral.org/penance... for times.

Parish Survey

By now you should have received your Parishioner ID Number to fill out our parish survey. If you did not, we still need you to fill out. Go to sccathedral.org/survey. It takes less than 5 minutes.

Faith and Sacramental Formation



Protecting God's Children for Adults

Increased Online Exploitation of Children Expected During Crises

By Sharon Doty, J.D., M.H.R.

Ongoing crises that happen in our world tend to not only have direct effects of the individual crisis itself, but there can be other varied types of indirect, long-lasting effects, too. For example, the ongoing COVID-19 crisis continues to spur additional consequences that are incredibly challenging for the protection of children. A particularly alarming one was recently raised from WePROTECT Global Alliance. WePROTECT is an international organization consisting of major companies (such as Apple, Microsoft and Facebook), civic organizations including Save the Children and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, as well as over 95 countries (including the United States). The central mission of WePROTECT is to end child sexual exploitation online.

WePROTECT identifies specific factors resulting from the effects of the global pandemic that have already caused a substantial increase in online child sexual exploitation. For example, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has seen a 106% increase in reports of suspected online child sexual exploitation since March of 2019. Another organization in the UK that monitors online chat rooms used by abusers reports that offenders are sharing new ideas on how to exploit children during the pandemic lockdowns.

We know from experience that criminals are quick to adjust the way they operate to new circumstances. The new, unusual circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic are no different. These new modes of soliciting children have resulted in a surge in attempts by offenders to contact children through social media. There has also been a significant increase in the downloading and file sharing of child sexual abuse material of all kinds. As a result, the number of public complaints through hotlines to law enforcement have also been increasing in some areas.

The pandemic has resulted in everyone, including children, spending more time online. In addition, the need for livestreaming classes and other services has dramatically expanded our familiarity with "real time" video communication. As a result of these changes and the current uncertainty in general, many children may be extremely stressed, which can increase their vulnerability to child abusers who are taking advantage of the current situation.

Unsupervised Internet activity can increase children's risk of being exposed to online sexual exploitation. As caring adults, families, and communities who care about the welfare of children, we must remain on high alert and increase our own diligence in monitoring the online activities of children and modeling appropriate behavior. That may be difficult to do as some parents are still working from home and there may not be many programs or activities available for their children outside the home. Implementing basic safety standards, such as using monitoring software and having frequent conversations with children regarding technology safety can help keep children safe when they are online. Caring adults involved in the lives of children may also contribute to reducing others' household stress by checking in frequently and identifying where burdens can be lightened.

Offenders are also affected by the pandemic's impact. While it is certainly no excuse, their stress levels are raised as well, which can lead to them seeking and performing more illegal activities online. Offenders often do not have any other outside social support systems, and this factor alone results in a higher risk for children. This means several factors have coalesced to create unusually high risk—increased stress and therefore vulnerability in children, higher stress on offenders, as well as increased stress on parents who have more to do, yet less time and assistance in order to accomplish everything. These conditions allow for the possibility of an unfortunate increase for online child sexual exploitation.

VIRTUS has always championed taking measures to ensure that children are safer in person, and online. In addition, WePROTECT has echoed these steps, and provided additional ones in order to provide the best possible opportunity to protect children during this time. For example:

- Talk with your children about the risks of online activity
- Stay involved in their digital world—know where they are going online and oversee these sites and apps
- Know who they are connecting with online—people are not always who they seem
- Use all the privacy and security settings available
- Block and report anyone that makes the youth, or you, uncomfortable (you should report any exploitative online material to <https://report.cybertip.org/>). You can also report directly in the app or website for elements that are against the policy.

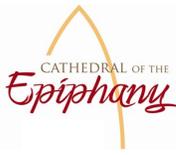
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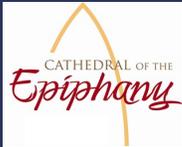
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MONDAY– SUNDAY 24 Hour
Adoration Chapel-Epiphany Center

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*

Christmas Poinsettia Donation Form

Please return this form to the church office by Tuesday, December 1, 2020 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 3rd.

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

\$20.00 per 6" Poinsettia/on the dedication Line

\$35.00 per 10" Poinsettia/on the dedication Line

Donor Name[s]: _____

Worship Site: (Cathedral) (St. Boniface) (St. Joseph)

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