

Reflections of the Rector



As the number of Catholics attending Mass keeps going down, which started even before COVID-19, and the number of priests decreases as well, our parishes and churches have had to consolidate. That has allowed more churches to remain open, as it has been the case with the three churches that form the Cathedral Parish. Unfortunately that has also instilled a survival mentality. I'm not just talking about our parish, but that's something that we have seen throughout our diocese, and based on a recent document by the Holy See, throughout the world. This document is the instruction "The pastoral conversion of the Parish community in the service of the evangelizing mission of the Church." If you would like to know more about this document, I would invite you to read an article I wrote about it, which was published on the October 22 edition of the Lumen, and which you can find on our diocesan website.

Nowadays, parishes and parishioners seem to be more concerned with doing just the necessary to keep the doors of the church open. When planning activities, a usual concern is how that will benefit the parish itself. There is nothing wrong with providing for the needs of the parish, in fact, all members of the parish are obliged to provide for the needs of the parish and the Church. Unfortunately this is often done at the expense of our evangelizing mission. As the previously mentioned instruction says, "If the Parish does not exude that spiritual dynamic of evangelization, it runs the risk of becoming self-referential and fossilized, offering experiences that are devoid of evangelical flavor and missionary drive, of interest only to small groups." In simple words, by doing just the bare minimum to keep our churches open, we are condemning them to their extinction.

If we really want our parishes not only to survive, but to thrive, we need to become evangelizers, we all need to be missionaries. We are blessed to have missionaries already among us. I am aware of one of our parishioners, Juan, who is a FOCUS Missionary in a university in Texas. Not all of us can leave our jobs and families, and go somewhere else to proclaim the Gospel, but we can all do it home, we can all be missionaries at home. Rather, we must all be missionaries.

The first thing we need to do as missionaries is pray. One of the two patron saints of missionaries is Saint Therese of Lisieux. Usually patronage goes related to what the saint did, for example St. Luke, patron saint of physicians, is believed to have been a physician. But St. Therese was a young nun who never left her convent. Her desire to be a missionary, to bring the message of Gospel to those who needed it, led her to offer prayers and her suffering for the men and women in mission territories. So praying for missionaries and for our mission is the first step.

As a parish, though, we should also find ways to proclaim the Gospel in Siouxland, in our Diocese, and beyond. What would this look like in practical terms for our parish? I do not have the answer yet, because for the missionary strategy to be effective it cannot come from the top. So today I come to you with a request. I would like to hear from you what we can do as a parish community to be an evangelizing parish. We are just weeks away from beginning a new year, and we can make our missionary efforts one of our parochial resolutions for 2021.

Saint Therese of Lisieux, pray for us.

In Christ,

Fr. David Esquiliano



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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

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.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Because of restrictions due to COVID-19, and in an effort to discourage conglomerations, we will not have a celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe this year. The church will be open throughout the day, and people are welcome to come and pray while following diocesan protocols (mask, social distance, etc.).

The Financial Corner

<u>INCOME</u>	Sep-20
Weekly Offerings	\$41,050.90
Loose Offerings	\$ 5,219.87
Programming Support	\$16,067.78
Other Income	\$ 9,369.16
Total Parish Income	\$71,707.71
<u>EXPENSE</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$32,552.69
Administrative Expenses	\$ 3,802.72
Ministry Expenses	\$12,380.42
Utility Bills & Repairs	\$16,845.13
Assessments	\$ 7,809.00
Other Expenses	\$ 1,817.87
Total Expenses	\$75,207.83
Net Income	\$ (3,500.12)

Christmas Schedule

December 24

4:00 pm -Cathedral (English)

5:00 pm -St. Boniface (English)

6:00 pm -Cathedral (Spanish)

6:00 pm -St. Joseph (English)

December 25

8:30 am -Cathedral (Latin)

10:00 am -Cathedral (English)

10:30 am -St. Boniface (Spanish)

12:00 pm -Cathedral (Spanish)

Faith and Sacramental Formation



At the end of September of this year we started the Religious Education classes although in this 2020-2021 academic year the classes started later than usual due to the setbacks that the pandemic has caused in our daily lives, we were all very excited and Perhaps thinking about a very promising future and different from the 2019-2020 academic year, as everyone knows, we had to abruptly cancel classes in the classrooms, and the catechists did not have the opportunity to send the material home, much less could they have a meeting with the students' parents to inform the expectations of the program to be completed at home.

Unfortunately last month, Bishop Nickless and the Diocesan Covid-19 Task Force, along with our pastor David Esquiliano decided that we should do the same with this course due to the increase in Covid-19 positive cases in the Siouxland, this is to be able to keep Masses at their regular times, celebrate the Sacraments of Confession and Baptisms for the community. This time we prepare the material and some plan to guide you with the questions you have about the Religious education program either virtually, by phone, messages, email or by Flocknote, I know that the catechists together with me, we care and we will to be with you in any way to help you in this academic year 2020-2021 as we want to accompany you on this learning journey so that you do not feel alone.

Although we know in advance or should know that our own homes are the domestic church, **“The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of faith. For this reason the family home is rightly called ‘the domestic church,’ a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity”**(Catechism of the Catholic Church 1666). You have to work together as a family and so that home teaching is not difficult for you we are blessed to have access to the Formed platform for free. The numerous resources on Formed provide us with many videos and catechetical lessons, books, and movies for children, teens, and adults on the topics of our faith. Please make use of formed so that together with the material you have taken home you can study together with your children. You only need to create an account that is free for the parishioners of The Cathedral www.sccathedral.formed.org to be able to access these resources during this time of the liturgical cycle and for all Sacramental preparation.

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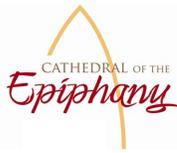
Some of our children are preparing with the Book of Reconciliation to celebrate this Sacrament for the first time and as part of the activities of the Sacramental Preparation program, they will need to watch the “Forgiven” videos together with their parents, as they are part of the program, this December the children will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and they need to be prepared to have a good Confession.



Also in December as a community, we will participate in a time of preparation for the liturgical season of Advent, to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 8, the devotions to Our Lady of Guadalupe that leads us to celebrate her On December 12, She guides us through the Holy Rosary and through Her intersection to our Savior Jesus for a conversion and missionary life to be able to participate as a witness to the Gospel and to celebrate the happy occasion of the Nativity of our Lord on the day of Christmas and the following weeks. These celebrations can be enriched when we use Advent as a time of prayerful preparation in Sunday Mass, and also in our own homes, which is the domestic church, as I mentioned earlier and I want to emphasize that “The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of faith. For this reason, the family home is rightly called 'the domestic church', a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and Christian charity” (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1666).

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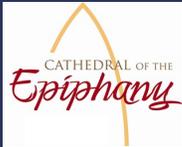
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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*

Cathedral of the Epiphany

Christmas Wish List

There are often items that the parish would like to acquire and update, but for which the normal operating budget does not allow. As we begin the season of Advent and anticipate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, prayerfully consider your ability to go above and beyond your already generous support of the parish by donating to enable us to obtain these desired objects or to complete the necessary projects. Donations for part of any of the items on this list are also welcome and appreciated. All gifts will be included in your annual contribution totals for IRS tax purposes.

Liturgical:

- Chalice Re-plating – \$600 each (4 needed)
- Gospel Spanish (mass book)- \$475
- Digital Announcement Board for Cathedral plus wiring \$1,200 (3 needed)
- Digital Announcement Board for St Boniface plus wiring \$1,200
- Digital Announcement Board for St Joseph plus wiring \$1,200

Music:

- Choral Music - \$50 (10)

Epiphany Center Perpetual Adoration Chapel:

- Books for Chapel- \$50 each set (8 needed)

Youth Programming and Adult Faith Formation:

- Learning Media Cart [moveable technology for classrooms] – \$3,800 (3 needed)
- Visual Teaching Aids for Classrooms – \$200 each (5 needed)

Special Event:

- Flock Note Subscription - \$100m (12 needed)
- Formed.org - \$ 500
- Live-streaming equipment for Cathedral Masses - \$4000

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