APRIL 11, 2021
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
SUNDAY CYCLE: B — WEEKDAY CYCLE: I — PSALTER: WEEK II

WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9 am, 11 am and 12:30 pm

DAILY MASSES
Monday - Friday: 12:10 pm
Saturday: 8 am

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE
7:30 am, 12:10 pm, 7 pm

CONFESSION
Thirty minutes before daily Masses
Saturday: 7:30 am and 4 - 5 pm
Sunday: 10 - 11 am

ADORATION
Wednesday: 8 am - 6 pm
Sunday: 10 - 11 am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Mon., Wed., Fri.: 9 am to 5 pm

Mission Statement
We, the members of The Cathedral of St. Patrick, through the mercy of God the Father, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit, seek to grow continually in knowledge of and love for God. We strive to enable ongoing conversion to Christ of our adults, to inspire faith in our children, and to be witnesses of His love in the greater community.

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CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK • CHARLOTTE, NC

CHILDREN’S CHOIR CAMP

June 21st–25th

Monday - Friday
10am - 2pm

All rising 2nd to 8th grade boys and girls are invited to attend the Cathedral’s annual summer choir camp the week of June 21-25.

Besides choral singing (including singing for daily Mass), activities will include games, crafts, learning about Gregorian chant and music history.

Cost: $25/per child  (family maximum is $75)

Details: Music books and snack provided.
          Lunch not provided

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Register by June 1st

To register, please fill out the form on the back of this flyer, or register online at:
www.stpatricks.org/choir-camp
Prelude: Allegro (Trio in C minor), BWV 585—JF Fasch (1688-1758); arr. JS Bach (1685-1750)

Entrance Hymn:

At The Lamb’s High Feast We Sing
Tune: SALZBURG (77 77D)  Text: Ad Regias Agni Dapes

1. At the Lamb’s high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
   who hath washed us in the tide flowing from his wounded side;
   praise we him, whose love divine gives his sacred Blood for wine,
   gives his Body for the feast, Christ the vict’rm, Christ the priest.

2. Where the Paschal blood is poured, death’s dark angel sheathes his sword;
   Israel’s hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
   Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal vict’rm, Paschal bread;
   with sincerity and love we eat we manna from above.

3. Might’ry vict’rm from the sky, Power’s of hell be neath Thee lie;
   Death is conquered in the fight; Thou hast brought us life and light;
   Now thy banner thou dost wave; Vanquished Satan and the grave;
   Angels join his praise to tell; See o’erthrown the prince of hell.

4. Paschal tri’umph, paschal joy, Only sin can this destroy;
   From the death of sin set free Souls re-born, dear Lord, in Thee.
   Hymns of glory songs of praise, Father, unto Thee we raise.
   Ris’en Lord, all praise to Thee, Ever with the Spirit be.

Introit (11): Plainsong, Mode VI; I Peter 2:2
Quasi modo geniti infantes, alleluia: rationables, sine dolo lac concupiscite, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Kyrie & Gloria (5:30, 7:30, 9, 12:30):

As newborn babes, alleluia, desire the rational milk without guile,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 118:24, 13-15, 22-24

Let the house of Israel say, “His mercy endures forever.” Let the house of Aaron say, “His mercy endures forever.” Let those who fear the LORD say, “His mercy endures forever.” R. I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just: R. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made, let us be glad and rejoice in it. R.
SECOND READING: 1 Jn 5:1-6

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

ALLELUIA:

Al-le-hu-ia, Al-le-hu-ia, Al-le-hu-ia.

GOSPEL: Jn 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are the se who have not seen and have believed.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (11):

HE An-gel of the Lord came down from heaven

and said to the wom-en: “The One whom you seek has ris-en, as he said he would”, Al-le-hu-ia, Al-le-hu-ia.

OFFERTORY MOTET: (11) Christ The Lord Is Risen Again—Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

OFFERTORY HYMN (5:30, 7:30, 9, 12:30):

Ye Sons And Daughters Of The King

Text: O FILII ET FILIAE (888 with Refrain)  Text: Jean Tisserand (1494)

Refrain:

Al-le-hu-ia! Al-le-hu-ia! Al-le-hu-ia!

1. Ye sons and daughters of the King, whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing, to-day the grave hath lost its sting.
2. That Easter mor'n, at break of day, The faith-ful wom-en went their way To seek the tomb, where Jesus lay.
3. An angel clad in white they see, Who sat, and spoke unto the three, “Your Lord doth go to Gal-i-lee.”
4. That night th'ap-sides met in fear; A-midst them came their Lord most dear, And said, “My peace be on all here.”
5. When Thom-as first the tid-ings heard, How they had seen the ris-en Lord, He doubt-ed the disci-pls' word.
6. “My pierced side,” O Thom- as, see; My hands, My feet, I show to thee; Not faith-less but believ-ing be.”
7. No longer Thom-as then de-nied, He saw the feet, the hands, the side; “Thou art my Lord and God,” he cried.
8. How blest are they who have, not seen, And yet whose faith has con-stant been; For they e-ter-nal life shall win.
9. On this most holy day of days Our hearts and voic-es, Lord, we raise To Thee, in ju-bi-lee and praise.

Refrain: Al-le-hu-ia! R.
SANCTUS: (5:30, 7:30, 9, 12:30)

7. Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord Hosanna in the highest.

(11) Mass VIII (de Angelis)

6. Sanctus, Sanctor, Sanctus Dominus


MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

AGNUS DEI: (5:30, 7:30, 9, 12:30)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

(11) Mass VIII (de Angelis)

6. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: misere re nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: misere re nobis.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

In Galilee you will see Jesus just as he told you, alleluia.

COMMUNION CHANT: Plainsong, Mode VI, Jn. 2:27

Mitre manum tuam, et cognosce loca clavorum: alleluia, et noli esse incredulus, sed fidelis, alleluia, alleluia. Put thy hand and know the place of the nails, alleluia, and be not incredulous, but believing, alleluia, alleluia.

COMMUNION MOTET (11): Surrexit Christus—Andreas Hammerschmidt (1611-1675)

Christ is risen today for the comfort of all people. Alleluia.
We're accepting registrations for our 2021 Cathedral of Saint Patrick Children's Choir Camp! The camp, open to rising 2nd through 8th grade boys and girls, will run June 21st—25th from 10 am to 2 pm each day. Activities include: singing at daily Mass, games, crafts, hand bells, and learning about Gregorian Chant and music history. The cost is $25 per child with a family maximum of $75. Music books and snack will be provided.

Sign up today: www.stpatricks.org/choir-camp

CHILDREN’S CHOIR CAMP

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Facebook: “The Cathedral of St. Patrick - Young Adult Ministry”
        Instagram: @stpatricksyam
        Web: www.stpatricks.org/yam
        E-mail us at: youngadult@stpatricks.org
UPCOMING LIVESTREAMS
The following liturgical events will be livestreamed on the Cathedral of St. Patrick YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/c/StPatrickCathedralNC):

- Divine Mercy Sunday and Reception of Candidates—Sunday, April 11th at 11 am

TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP
Totus Tuus is a week-long summer camp for children and teens which runs June 27th through July 2nd. The program combines daily Mass, songs, games, Eucharistic Adoration and tons of fun! Totus Tuus is split into two separate age groups and times: the Grade 1-6 program meets June 28th—July 2nd from 9 am to 2:30 pm, and the Grade 7-12 program meets June 27th—July 1st from 7 to 9 pm. The cost is $30 per child with a family maximum of $90. To register please fill out a form in the Cathedral and return it to the parish office or sign up online at:

www.stpatricks.org/totus-tuus

DIACONATE FORMATION
Considering the Diaconate? If you are interested in the possibility of being formed as a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Charlotte, you must make initial contact with Deacon Ed Konarski at Eward.Konarski@charlottediocese.org by July 15, 2021. Only those men who appear to have a genuine call to formation as a Deacon will be invited by the Formation Team to complete application for admission to the next formation class. The norms required for application to the formation program can be found on the Diocese of Charlotte website at www.charlottediocese.org/permanent-deacon/ permanent-deacon/ and then clicking on Application Norms. Please review these norms closely.

PIETRA FITNESS
Women are invited to join us in The Great Hall on Mondays during Easter from 5:45—6:45 pm for the Pietra Fitness Surrender Novena series beginning April 12th and running through June 14th. To register for this nine week series of classes please sign up at: www.stpatricks.org/pietra

If you have additional questions please reach out to Betsy Hoyt at betsy.edhsolutionsllc@gmail.com

WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB
All women of the parish are welcome to join in a book club discussion of Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper by Brant Pitre / foreword by Scott Hahn on Wednesday, April 28th from 1:00—2:30 pm in the Family Life Center Meeting Room. Please read the book before attending and complete the study guide found in the back of the book. The book is available online through Ignatius Press and other retailers. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Margaret Gustafson at Margaret@jmgusto.com

VIGILIA DE ORACIÓN
Los jueves a las 6 pm, nos reunimos en la Catedral para una Vigilia de Adoración por la Paz y la Justicia en Nicaragua, que en estos últimos meses está pasando por momentos turbulentos y ataques físicos contra la Iglesia Católica, sus templos, y sus Obispos. Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a la Adoración, rezar el Santo Rosario y la corona de adoración y reparación, y terminando con la oración de exorcismo de San Miguel Arcángel. La vigilia de oración es en español.

Vigilias de abril: 15th, 22nd, 29th

MASS INTENTIONS
To schedule a Mass intention, please contact the parish office at (704) 334-2283, or stop by in person. An individual can have a Mass requested for anyone living or deceased.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
The Sacrament of Baptism is ordinarily celebrated at the Cathedral on Sunday afternoons at 1:30 pm. Prior to scheduling your child’s Baptism, parents will need to participate in our Baptismal Preparation Class held on the third Sunday of each month at 10 am and complete the Baptismal registration form. Please visit www.stpatricks.org/sacraments/baptism to register for the preparation class and download the form.

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?
Send an e-mail to: prayerworks@stpatricks.org with your request. The request will be added to our prayer chain and the intention will remembered by our prayer team. Simply e-mail your contact information and you’ll be added to the prayer list.
**FORMATION SCHEDULE**

**April Schedule**

11th — Last Class K-2; Middle (10:00 - 10:50 am)
18th — Confirmation (10:15 - 11:30 am)
25th — Last Class 3-5 and Middle (10:00 - 10:50 am)

**FAITH FORMATION**

The Cathedral Faith Formation program is open to all children of registered parishioners of the Cathedral from Kindergarten through eighth grade. Faith Formation meets Sunday mornings 10:15—11:30 am. For more information, visit the parish website at www.stpatricks.org/faith-formation-children or contact Emily Clary at (704) 334-2283 ext. 413 or via e-mail: eclary@stpatricks.org

**FIRST COMMUNION**

Children ordinarily receive First Holy Communion in second grade. The Diocese requires a child participate in one full year of faith formation in a parish or school setting before their First Holy Communion year. For more information, visit the parish website at www.stpatricks.org/first-communion or contact Emily Clary in the parish office at (704) 334-2283 ext. 413 or via e-mail: eclary@stpatricks.org

**CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation for children is available to rising 9th grade students who have completed at least two years of religious education. Classes meet twice a month on Sunday, 10:15—11:30 am. For more information, please visit www.stpatricks.org/confirmation or contact Emily Clary in the parish office at (704) 334-2283 ext. 413 or via e-mail: eclary@stpatricks.org

**RCIA**

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is a formation program for adults interested in becoming Catholic or Catholics hoping to complete the Sacraments of Initiation. Classes meet on Wednesday evenings from 7—8:30 pm. For more information, visit the parish website at www.stpatricks.org/rcia or contact Trent Lucas at 704-942-8521 or tltarheel11@yahoo.com

**Initiations:** Apr. 11th (Candidates)

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**WEEKEND OF APRIL 10-11**

5:30 PM Mass
- Lector: Chip Duncan

7:30 AM Mass
- Lector: Chris Poore

9:00 AM Mass
- Lector: Karen Cates

11:00 AM Mass
- Lector: Pamela D’Costa

12:30 PM Mass
- Lector: Brett Keeter

**WEEKEND OF APRIL 17-18**

5:30 PM Mass
- Lector: Alicia Barone

7:30 AM Mass
- Lector: Bill Rusciolleli

9:00 AM Mass
- Lector: Mary Johnston

11:00 AM Mass
- Lector: Pamela D’Costa

12:30 PM Mass
- Lector: Tom Sperrazzo

**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

Interested in serving as an altar server or lector? Please contact:

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Dinis Anjos; † Tom Ashcraft; Adele Baxter; Michele Broadfoot; Bill Butler, son of Joan Barkley; Tom Carlisle; Elizabeth Chekal; Kristin Darden, Thomas Desmond, daughter of Broderick family; † Mark Ferreira; Jimmy Lee Hager; Don Halstead; Phillip Hatcher; Baby Nolan Henderson; Conrad John; Rosellen Kline; Harry Laughlin; † Pat Loncar; Esther Martin; Michael McRae; † Kevin Moran; Michael Pappas; † Jimmie Patrum; Jean Perrone; † Doug Ponischil; Mia Quintero; Josette Rosin; Jim Scancarelli; † Ethan Scott; † Richard Sorensen; Charlotte Sparks; Richard Stipanovic; † Donna Wingert; † Bill Youngblood, all servicemen & women.
The Adamic Covenant

For our new Easter series, we will spend the next seven weeks going over the Covenants that God made with His people over the span of salvation history. A covenant is an agreement made between two or more persons that binds them together forever. Unlike a simple promise or a contract that exchanges goods or services, a covenant is eternal, cannot be broken without severe repercussions, and involves the exchange of persons. Each side has a set of responsibilities to uphold. Marriage is the perfect example of a covenant. From the moment God made man, He made certain promises and expected certain things of us. All of salvation history can be summed up in the six covenants God made with us. First with a holy couple in the Adamic Covenant, then a holy family in the Noahic Covenant, a holy tribe in the Abrahamic Covenant, a holy nation in the Mosaic Covenant, a holy kingdom in the Davidic Covenant, and finally the entire world in the New and Eternal Covenant.

The first covenant is actually debated by some scholars, because in Genesis 1-3 the Hebrew word for covenant is not explicitly used, but as we will see for our purposes, it is clearly the beginning of God’s binding relationship between Himself and His creation, both before and after the fall. When God made Adam, He gave him five specific and crucial roles. Adam was made a son of God, created in His image and likeness, a term known as divine filiation. God gave him the role of a priest, telling him to serve and guard in the garden. These terms, serve and guard, do not show up again together until Numbers 3, where the Levite priests are told to do that during worship. As part of this covenant, Adam is given dominion by God over all other creatures, becoming a king. He is also given the task of naming these creatures, to speak on behalf of God, as a prophet. Finally, when God sees Adam should not be alone, He creates Eve out of Adam’s rib, and Adam becomes a bridegroom. Adam is son, priest, prophet, king, and bridegroom (all roles later fulfilled perfectly by Christ, the New Adam). Adam and Eve are given the first commandment God gives to the human race: be fruitful and multiply, filling the earth and subduing it. Each and every covenant in Scripture has a sign that God uses to complete it, and when He gives man the Sabbath, the day of holy rest, He is signifying His binding agreement with the human race.

Unfortunately this covenant, like all those of the Old Testament, would be imperfect because of the actions of man. God, in giving Adam and Eve reign over the earth and an idyllic life in Eden, gave them one warning “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die” (Genesis 2:16-17). Enter Satan, the ancient serpent. He tricks Eve into taking a bite of the apple by convincing her that if she does she can be like God. He has her believe that God is not to be trusted, and holding her back (sounds a lot like what modern culture says about the Church’s Magisterium on a daily basis). Eve eats of the apple and gives one to her husband. Adam was sitting by the entire time, failing in his duty. God told him to protect and guard everything in the garden. It is the husband’s duty, as St. Paul later says, to give his life for his wife. Adam instead stands by and does nothing while the devil himself tempts his wife. Even though Adam and Eve fell, not living up to their side of the covenant, God in His infinite love and mercy, still worked to bring them back into His fold. He exiled them from Eden. This may sound harsh, but He was protecting them. If they had stayed in Eden, and eaten of the Tree of Life in their fallen state, they would have lived forever on earth, cut off from God. God also foretells of a new covenant he will make with their offspring, when telling the serpent “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel” (Genesis 3:15). This passage is known as the protoevangelium, the first foreshadowing of Jesus’ ultimate defeat of the devil, sin, and death.

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God’s Beloved People: ADAM & EVE

So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built the rib that he had taken from the man into a woman. When he brought her to the man, the man said: “This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh, This one shall be called ‘woman, for out of man this one has been taken.”’ - Genesis 2:21-23

God begins His love story with mankind with His first human creation: Adam. After making the world in five days, God needed to create someone to work the land and tend the creatures. God formed man from His own image out of the dust. Unlike the other creatures, Adam was created with a soul, free will, and an ability to choose good.

God then saw that Adam was alone—it is not good that he was by himself. So God created a woman out of Adam’s rib so that they could have company. Adam, the woman, and God lived in great company together in the garden. The snake was jealous of God’s love for mankind. He tricked the woman, tempting her not to trust God. She and Adam ate the fruit of the one tree she was not supposed to eat, and were suddenly full of shame. They had to leave the garden so that they would not live forever in that shame. God was sad, but forced them out of the garden because He loved them so much. Upon leaving the garden, Adam named the woman Eve.
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