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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| Saturday March 13th | 8:00 am ‡ Vito Frankini  
Requested by the Arnett Family                  | 7:30 AM—Confession  
8:00 AM—Mass  
9:30—10:30 AM—Walking With Purpose  
4:00—5:00 PM—Confession  
4:00—5:00 PM—Children’s Choir Practice  
5:30 PM—Mass |
|                  | 5:30 pm ‡ Jack Herman Costoso  
Requested by the Rodriguez Family                  |                                                                        |
| Sunday March 14th | 7:30 am Joan Rickard  
Requested by Dolores Wintering                  | 7:30 AM—Mass  
9:00 AM—Mass  
9:00 AM—RCIA—Second Scrutiny @ 9 am Mass  
10:00—11:00 AM—Confession  
10:00—11:00 AM—Adoration  
10:00—10:50 AM—Faith Formation K-2/Middle  
11:00 AM—Mass  
12:30 PM—Mass  
3:30—6:00 PM—Boy Scout Troop Meeting  
5:00 PM—Exodus 90 |
|                  | 9:00 am ‡ Joyce Arrowood  
Requested by the Yaeger, Miller & Roundtree families                  |                                                                        |
|                  | 11:00 am ‡ Georginia Marla Munoz  
Requested by Elizabeth Collins                  |                                                                        |
|                  | 12:30 pm Pro Populo                  |                                                                        |
| Monday March 15th | 12:10 pm ‡ Catherine J. Neilson  
Requested by Patricia Neilson                  | 11:30 AM—Confession  
12:10 AM—Mass  
5:45 PM—Pietra Fitness Lenten Series |
| Tuesday March 16th | 12:10 pm ‡ Stella Frankini  
Requested by the Arnett Family                  | 11:30 AM—Confession  
12:10 AM—Mass  
3:00—5:00 PM—Children’s Choir Practices |
| Wednesday March 17th | 12:10 pm ‡ Fr. David Kessinger  
Requested by Jim Scancarelli                  | 9:30 AM—6:00 PM—Adoration (note the start time change for this week)  
11:30 AM—Confession  
12:10 AM—Mass  
5:00 PM—Children’s Choir Practice  
7:00 PM—St. Patrick’s Day Mass w/ Bishop Jugis |
|                  | 7:00 pm Pro Populo                  |                                                                        |
| Thursday March 18th | 12:10 pm John J. Murphy Family  
Requested by Judy Murphy                  | 11:30 AM—Confession  
12:10 AM—Mass  
6:00 PM—Prayer Vigil for Nicaragua  
7:00—9:15 PM—Cathedral Choir Practice |
| Friday March 19th | 12:10 pm Irene Young  
Requested by Mim Hinson                  | 11:30 AM—Confession  
12:10 AM—Mass  
5:00—7:00 PM—Knights of Columbus Fish Fry  
7:00 PM—Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday March 20th | 8:00 am Marion Tompkins  
Requested by JoAnne Desjardines                  | 7:30 AM—Confession  
8:00 AM—Mass  
8:00 AM—6:00 PM—Converging Roads Conference  
9:00 AM—Noon—FHC Workshop  
9:30—10:30 AM—Walking With Purpose  
4:00—5:00 PM—Confession  
4:00—5:00 PM—Children’s Choir Practice  
5:30 PM—Mass |
|                  | 5:30 pm Bryan & Joann Somerville  
Requested by the Somerville Family                  |                                                                        |
| Sunday March 21st | 7:30 am Pro Populo                  | 7:30 AM—Mass  
9:00 AM—Mass  
9:00 AM—RCIA—Third Scrutiny @ 9 am Mass  
10:00—11:00 AM—Confession  
10:00—11:00 AM—Adoration  
10:15—11:30 AM—Confirmation Preparation  
10:15—11:15 AM—Baptism Preparation Class  
11:00 AM—Mass  
12:30 PM—Mass  
4:30—6:00 PM—Boy Scout Troop Meeting  
5:00 PM—Exodus 90 |
|                  | 9:00 am Thomas & Jane Ryan  
Requested by the Ma Family                  |                                                                        |
|                  | 11:00 am ‡ Charles Murphy  
Requested by the McAllister Family                  |                                                                        |
|                  | 12:30 pm ‡ Kevin Moran  
Requested by Jim Scancarelli                  |                                                                        |
|                  | Fifth Sunday of Lent                  |                                                                        |
CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FRIDAY FISH FRY

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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

LENTEN FISH FRY

PARKING LOT BEHIND THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

FRIDAY, MARCH 19TH ~ 5:00 - 7:00 PM

JUST $7 PER PLATE!

Each plate includes:
BEER BATTERED ALASKAN COD WITH HAND-CUT FRIES.

Pre-Order Online: www.ParishEats.com
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(Include: name, cell phone, number of plates, and approximate time for pickup—5:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:00 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:00 pm)

On Friday, March 19th from 5pm to 7pm drive up to the parking lot behind the Family Life Center, pay for your order and pick it up. Cash and check only.
**SUNDAY LIVESTREAM**

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass – 11:00 am

On social media: The 11:00 am Mass will be streamed on our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/stpatrickcathedral

Home page: Our livestreams are embedded directly on the Cathedral home page and a direct link to the video will be posted there as well:
www.stpatricks.org

**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 marzo: 18th, 25th

**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.

**WEDNESDAY ADORATION**

Adoration this Wednesday, March 17th will begin at 9:30 am instead of the usual 8:00 am.

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY**

This Wednesday, March 17th, is St. Patrick’s Day. In addition to the 12:10 pm daily Mass, we will have an additional 7:00 pm St. Patrick’s Day Mass with Bishop Jugis. All are welcome to attend. The Mass will be streamed on our YouTube channel at: www.stpatricks.org/live

Note: due to the pandemic, we will not have our usual St. Patrick’s Day festivities this year.

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

Service: Fish Fry—Friday, March 19th

The Young Adult Ministry will be volunteering to help with the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on Friday, March 19th from 5 to 7 pm. Sign up at: www.stpatricks.org/fish

Facebook: “The Cathedral of St. Patrick - Young Adult Ministry”
Instagram: @stpatricksyam
Web: www.stpatricks.org/yam
E-mail us at: youngadult@stpatricks.org

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed in the Cathedral each Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm. All are invited to participate. You can also pray the Stations at home using our virtual Stations of the Cross available online at: www.stpatricks.org/stations

**CONVERGING ROADS**

The Cathedral will host the annual Converging Roads healthcare ethics conference for medical professionals on Saturday, March 20th from 8 am to 6 pm in the Family Life Center Great Hall. The conference is being offered both in-person and virtually this year and is sponsored by the St. John Paul II Foundation.

To sign up please visit:
https://forlifeandfamily.org/form-page-cr21-cnc/

**MEN’S CONFERENCE**

The 11th annual Catholic Men’s Conference of the Carolinas will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church on Saturday, March 20th. Event includes Catholic speakers, the Mass, Confessions, the Rosary, Adoration and lunch. Sign up online at:
www.catholicmenofthecarolinas.org
**FORMATION SCHEDULE**

**March Schedule**

14th—Grades K-2 & Middle (10:00 - 10:50 am)
21st—Confirmation Preparation (10:15 - 11:30 am)
28th—Grades 3-5 & Middle (10:00 - 10:50 am)

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**WEEKEND OF MARCH 13-14**

5:30 PM Vigil Mass
- Lector: Catherine Horgan

7:30 AM Mass
- Lector: Chris Poore

9:00 AM Mass
- Lector: Mary Johnston

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

12:30 PM Mass
- Lector: Brett Keeter

**WEEKEND OF MARCH 20-21**

5:30 PM Vigil Mass
- Lector: Alicia Barone

7:30 AM Mass
- Lector: Patti Reimler

9:00 AM Mass
- Lector: Karen Cates

11:00 AM Mass
- Lector: Mary Johnston

12:30 PM Mass
- Lector: Tom Sperrazzo

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**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 email: eclary@stpatricks.org

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**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 email: eclary@stpatricks.org

**FHC Workshop:** Saturday, March 20th from 9 am to noon

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**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 email: eclary@stpatricks.org

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**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

**Classes:** 24th, 31st (Penance)

*No class on St. Patrick’s Day, March 17th*

**Scrutinies:** 14th, 21st

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**INTERCESSIONARY 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 Roisin; Jim Scancarelli; † Ethan Scott; † Richard Sorensen; Charlotte Sparks; Richard Stipanovic; † Donna Wingert; Bill Youngblood, all servicemen & women.
Jesus as the Good Shepherd

“I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd” (John 10: 14-16). Jesus as the Good Shepherd has been one of the most popular images throughout history. This statement of His is said directly after last week’s statement of I AM the door. Here He is completing the image that He started last week. He is the Good Shepherd, who sits at the door to his sheep pen, protecting them, ready to lay down His life for His flock. Throughout the Old Testament, story after story shows the shepherd as the holy follower of the Lord. Cain is a shepherd, offering God his best lamb. Abraham is a shepherd, owning an abundance of live-stock. Moses is a shepherd, herding flocks the day when he speaks to God in the burning bush. David is a shepherd, being out in the field when Samuel first comes to Jesse’s home. All of these men who prefigure Christ shared this vocation. To this day, a bishop’s staff is shaped like a shepherd’s crook. There are a plethora of Old Testament passages that speak of God as a shepherd, and foretell the coming of a shepherd who will feed and look after His people. In Psalm 23, David himself speaks of God, “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.” Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel all speak of God as a shepherd. Ezekiel has one particular passage, after speaking of God as the shepherd of His people, “And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd” (Ezekiel 34:23), where he foretells the coming of an offspring of David, who will be a shepherd for God’s people. The last sentence He speaks in the passage from John’s Gospel is a reference to the many nations He was bringing into the fold, extending the New Covenant to all peoples.

Christ’s healing of the royal official’s son is the miracle linked to this I AM statement. An official, a high ranking man amongst the people, comes to this lowly itinerant preacher begging him. This picture would seem off to us today. But this man recognizes what we must all recognize: Jesus is his shepherd and ours. When we as sheep are hurt and ailing, when we are lost and wandering, we realize just how in need of our shepherd we are, and we bleat for him. It is strange how often atheists will call out for God when they are in a jam, like the old saying “there are no atheists in a fox-hole.” We sense that we are in need of something, Someone, to help us. We must all, like this royal official, turn to Jesus, in the good times as well as the desperate. Anointing of the Sick is the Sacrament attached to the healing of the royal official and Jesus as the good shepherd. Anointing of the Sick is a Sacrament instituted by Jesus (as all seven were) and attested to by St. James in his epistle, “Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven” (James 5:14-15). Every time a person is sick, a Priest can perform this Sacrament on them, sometimes it will heal the body, sometimes it will not, but more importantly, it will always heal the soul, like in Mark 2 when Jesus heals the paralytic, but says it is far greater that He forgives His sin. In the case of the royal official, his son was healed physically and spiritually, but we should all be grateful to Our Lord, whether we are physically restored or not, that we have access to such a powerful help when we are ill.

Saints in Training

Formation for young children learning the Faith to become saints

John’s Gospel tells us that I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

John’s Gospel uses signs and “I Am” statements to SHOW us that Jesus is God. Unlike the other three synoptic Gospels, which tell us the Good News, John SHOWS us the Good News!

“They told him, ‘The fever left him yesterday, about one in the afternoon.’ The father realized that just at that time Jesus had said to him, ‘Your son will live,’ and he and his whole household came to believe.” John 4:52-53

This beautiful Gospel story tells us of a nobleman from Capernaum who sought out Jesus because he is desperate for Jesus to heal his sick son. Rather than following the man to Capernaum to heal the son in person, Jesus tells the man to go home and find his son healed. This is an example of great faith. The nobleman heard Jesus’ promise and he believed!

The nobleman knew Jesus was the right answer, so he followed Him. We are called to follow Jesus much like a sheep follows its shepherd.
SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, March 14: Bl. Giacomo Cusmano—Priest
Bl. Giacomo Cusmano was born in Palermo, Italy on March 15, 1834. From a very young age he showed a great concern for the poor, often forcing his family to lock up clothing because he regularly gave it away to those in need. When he reached adulthood he attended medical school and became a doctor. He felt called to the religious life and wanted to become a Capuchin Friar, but at the advice of his spiritual director he was ordained a diocesan priest for the Archdiocese of Palermo. As a priest he helped found the Missionary Servants of the Poor and the Sisters Servants of the Poor.

Monday, March 15: St. Raymond of Fitero—Confessor
St. Raymond was born sometime during the early 12th century in Aragon, Spain. He served for a time as Canon of the Cathedral of Tarazona before becoming a Benedictine monk at the Cistercian Scala Dei Monastery in France. Raymond eventually became its abbot. He returned to Spain to establish the Fitero Abbey in Navarre and served as abbot there as well. Facing a Moorish invasion, Raymond helped establish the Knights of Calatrava, a Christian army who followed the Benedictine rule.

Tuesday, March 16: Bl. Robert Dalby—Priest and Martyr
Bl. Robert Dalby was born in Hemingborough in Yorkshire, England in the mid-16th century. He was a Protestant minister before converting to the Catholic Faith, and he felt called to the priesthood. Robert attended the English College in Rheims, France in 1586 to study for the priesthood and was ordained on April 16, 1588 in Châlons. Two months later he returned to his native England where he was immediately arrested due to the 1585 Act which made it illegal to be a Catholic priest in England. On March 16, 1589 he was hanged, drawn and quartered in York, England with Blessed John Amias.

Wednesday, March 17: St. Joseph of Arimathea—Confessor
St. Joseph of Arimathea is mentioned in the Gospels as a man of significant power and influence on the council who was a disciple of Jesus, but who followed Him secretly “for fear of the Jews” (John 19: 38). He is said to have been a “virtuous and righteous man” (Luke 23: 50) who was awaiting the kingdom of God. Following Jesus’ crucifixion, Joseph requested the body from Pontius Pilate and buried our Lord in his own tomb. According to tradition, it is believed Joseph went on to found a Christian community in Lydda.

Thursday, March 18: St. Anselm of Lucca—Bishop
St. Anslem was born in Mantua, Italy in 1036. He was the nephew of Pope Alexander II. In 1071, his uncle appointed Anslem to be Bishop of Luca, but he declined because he did not want to accept investiture from Emperor Henry IV. Luca was appointed to the post again by Pope Gregory VII, and this time he accepted. He attempted to institute reforms promoted by Gregory VII, but the canons of his Cathedral rebelled and forced him out of his diocese. Anslem was later appointed Papal Legate to Lombardy.

Friday, March 19: St. Joseph—Husband of Mary
St. Joseph was a descendant of David, believed to have been born in Bethlehem. He was a poor man, as evidenced by his offering of two turtledoves or pigeons during the presentation of the Lord, and he worked as a carpenter. When he learned that Our Lady was pregnant while betrothed to him, he planned on divorcing her quietly to save her from shame. However, an angel appeared to him and told him that she had conceived by the Holy Spirit and would bear a son who would be named Jesus. Joseph traveled with Mary to Bethlehem to have her child, then the family went to Egypt to flee from King Herod. Upon their return from Egypt, Joseph settled with his family in the town of Nazareth, where he raised Jesus as his son. It’s believed that he passed away sometime prior to Christ’s public ministry.

Saturday, March 20: St. Martin of Braga—Bishop
St. Martin was born in Pannonia in central Europe around the year 520. He made a pilgrimage to Palestine where he settled and lived for a time as a monk. While there he was persuaded to come to northwestern Spain to convert the Arians and Pagans. He relocated to Spain and was successful in converting many, including the Arian king of the Visigoths. Martin was a respected scholar who penned the treatises Formula Vitae Honestae and De Correctione Rusticorum. He founded the Dumium Monastery. Martin was appointed Bishop of Braga and later served as Metropolitan Bishop of Galicia.
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP IS AN OBLIGATION OF DISCIPLESHIP AND LOVE THAT DERIVES FROM BEING UNITED WITH CHRIST. AT THE CATHEDRAL, ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP IS A REQUIREMENT FOR THE CELEBRATION OF A MARriage OR BAPTISM, FOR ONE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO BE A GODparent OR CONFORMATION SPONSOR, AND FOR SPECIAL BENEFITS SUCH AS TUITION SUBSIDY AT A CATHOLIC SCHOOL. THERE ARE CERTAIN MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR PARISH MEMBERSHIP CALLED THE PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH. THE FOLLOWING ARE THREE OF THOSE PRECEPTS AND HOW WE LOOK UPON THEM IN RELATION TO PARISH MEMBERSHIP.


RECEIPT OF THE SACRAMENTS. THE THIRD AND FOURTH PRECEPT OF THE CHURCH STATE THAT THE FAITHFUL MUST ENSURE PREPARATION FOR THE EUCHARIST BY THE RECEIPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF Penance AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR, AND THE RECEIPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR DURING THE EASTER SEASON (CCC #2042) AND TO JOIN IN FAST AND ABSTINENCE DURING LENT.

SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH. THE FIFTH PRECEPT OF THE CHURCH STATES THAT THE FAITHFUL HAVE THE DUTY OF PROVIDING FOR THE MATERIAL NEEDS OF THE CHURCH, EACH ACCORDING TO THEIR ABILITIES IN A REGULAR, IDENTIFIABLE AND MEANINGFUL WAY.

HOW TO REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER

To register as a parishioner of the Cathedral, please visit www.stpatricks.org/join or scan the QR code to the right, and complete the simple online form. Alternatively, paper registration forms are located near each of the entrances of the Cathedral.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

St. Matthew Catholic Church is delighted to host a virtual presentation, God is not angry at you: Understanding the Father’s love and overcoming fear, by Dr. Denis McNamara via Zoom on March 24, from 6 to 7:30 pm. In the great tradition of the Church, God is love itself, a Father who sent His Son to rescue humanity and bring them back to His heart. Yet, through the centuries, people have seen the Father, at times, as angry, remote and untrustworthy. This illustrated lecture will introduce a biblical and liturgical understanding of both God’s love and His justice. With this understanding, may we see our Lenten practices of conversion and discipline as a delightful movement toward His loving heart. For more information and registration, visit stmatthewcatholic.org/smu.
We’re Going Virtual!

The Rectory Renovation Committee extends our gratitude to our fellow parishioners for their generous response to our initial fundraising campaign outreach. With those donations and pledges in hand, we can continue our campaign by utilizing the existing monthly Capital Improvements envelopes.

Beginning immediately, all contributions collected through the monthly second collection using the Capital Improvements envelopes (or your online donation) will go toward our Rectory Renovation Campaign.

- The rectory has had limited updates since it was built in the early 1940s.
- Age and water damage have created a mold problem that needs remedied.
- The house no longer functions efficiently or effectively for the demands of the priests who serve the parishioners of the Cathedral of St. Patrick.

St. John Vianney wrote that “the priest is not a priest for himself; he does not give himself absolution; he does not administer the Sacraments to himself. He is not for himself, he is for you.”

Just as our priests are for us, we, in turn, can support their holiness and personal needs through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As we journey through this Lenten season, may we continue to care for our shepherds as they lead us closer to the Risen Christ.

We Need You!

Please prayerfully consider:

- Continuing
- Starting, or
- Increasing

your monthly contribution to the Capital Improvements
Readings & Music for the 4th Sunday of Lent

Prelude: Meditation Religieuse—Henri Mulet (1876–1967)

Entrance Hymn:

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Text: ST. FLAVIAN (CM)  
Text: brands of consolations vestrae.

Introt.: Plain Song, Mode V; IS 66:10

Lectare Jerusalem: et convinentium factae omnes qui diligites

Kyrie: (5:30, 9, 12:30) Kyrie XVI

Rejoice, O Jerusalem: and come together all you that love her;

First Reading: (5:30, 7:30, 11, 12:30) 2 Chr 36:14-16, 1923

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD’s temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: “Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled.” In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: “Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!”

(9) 1 Sm 16:14, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel, “Fill your horns with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons.” As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is here before him.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart.” In the same way Jesse
presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any one of these.” Then Samuel asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” Jesse replied, “There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here.” Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, “There—anoint him, for this is the one!” Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

RESPONSOIRAL PSALM: (5:30, 11, 12:30) PS 137:1-2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. On the aspers of that land we hung up our harps. R. For there our captors asked of us the lyrics of our songs, & our despisers urged us to be joyous: “Sing for us the songs of Zion!” R. How could we sing a song of the LORD in a foreign land? If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten! R. May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not, if I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy. R.

(9) PS 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. R. He guides me in right paths for his name’s sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side With your rod and your staff that give me courage. R. You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. R. Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. R.

SECOND READING: (5:30, 7:30, 11, 12:30) EPH 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come he might show the inexpressible riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

(9) EPH 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret, but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of end-less glo-ry.

GOSPEL: (5:30, 7:30, 11, 12:30) JN 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the only name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

(9) JN 9:1-41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam”—which means Sent—So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is, but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.” So they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?” He replied, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went there and washed and was able to see.” And they said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I don’t know.” They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them,
"He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him." So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They reviled him and said, "Are you that man's disciple, we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who see might become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

OFFERTORY HYMN (5:30, 7:30 12:30): Our Father We Have Wandered

1. Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face, And foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace. But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame, As distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.

2. And now at length discerning the evil that we do, Behold us Lord, returning with hope and trust to you. In haste we come to meet you and home rejoicing bring, In gladness there to greet you with calf and robe and ring.

3. O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored, Compassionate, forgiving and ever caring Lord, Grant now that our transgressions, our faithlessness may cease. Stretch your hand in blessing in pardon and in peace.

Words: Kevin Nichols (1929-2006)
Music: PASSION CHORAL, Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (11): Plainsong, Mode II, PS 135. 3, 6

Laudate Dominum, quia benignus est: piallitate nomini ejus, quantum suavitatem et omnia speculacrum volunt, fecit in caelo et in terra.

OFFERTORY MOTET (11): Call to Remembrance. O Lord—Richard Farrant


O good Jesus, have mercy on us. For you have created us, you have redeemed us, with your precious blood.

SANCTUS: (5:30, 9:30 12:30) Sanctus XVIII:


SANCTUS: (11) Sanctus XVII

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

AGNUS DEI (5:30, 9, 12:30) 2x

(11) Agnus Dei XVII

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

I will go,* to the altar of God,
the God of my gladness, the God of my joy.

COMMUNION CHANT (9): Plainsong, Mode VI; JN 9:6, 11, 38
Lutum fecit ex spatio Dominus, et
linivit œculos meos. Et abiti, et lavi, et
vidi, et credidimus

COMMUNION MOTET (11): Voci Mea—Giovanni Croce (1557-1609)
I called to the Lord, and he heard me.

(12:30) Drop, Drop Slow Tears—Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

CLOSING HYMN:

Lift High The Cross

POSTLUDE: Dialogue—Louis Marchand (1669-1732)

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