

Reflections of the Rector

Very Rev. J. David Esquiliano, JCL



“Many, many people hereabouts are not becoming Christians for one reason only: there is nobody to make them Christians”

Saint Francis de Xavier

A priest friend of mine recently recommended the book “Essentialism: The Disciplined Pursuit of Less” by Gregg McKeown. This book had been recommended to him by another priest. With that double endorsement, I decided to check it out. I may be oversimplifying it, but what I got from the book is that we need to stop trying to do everything, and focus on what is essential. But before we can do that, we first need to know what our priority is, and stay away from what could distract us from it.

In an unrelated conversation I recently had with priests from the diocese, we discussed about what

the mission of our parishes is, and how many times we priests have prioritized other activities, relegating the mission to an afterthought. This may have been ok when there was an abundance of priests, so a priest coaching basketball, or going on social visits every day did not affect the mission. But times have changed, and we priests have to make a better use of our time.

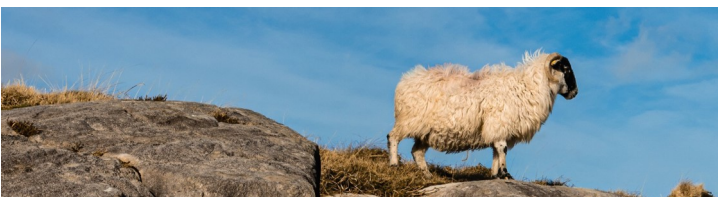
So what is that mission that we have to focus on? After His Resurrection, the Lord gave the Apostles the Great Commission, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have

commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” (Mt 28:19-20) That is still our mission, to make disciples.

This mission is not only for priests, but for every member of the Church. Pope Benedict XVI, speaking about Saint Mary Magdalene said, “a disciple of Christ is one who, in the experience of human weakness, has had the humility to ask for his help, has been healed by him and has set out following closely after him, becoming a witness of the power of his merciful love that is stronger than sin and death.” I think that define all of us. We have been healed by Christ, therefore becoming His disciples, His witnesses. The Catechism of the Catholic Church adds, “The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it.” (CCC 1816)

This has been the mission of the Church since the beginning, so we just need to look at the two millennia of Church history to see what the essentials that we need to keep are. The first one is liturgy. Many Christians, including saints, have had deep healing encounters with Christ at Mass, and we need to make sure that keeps happening. In fact, for many Catholics today, the Sunday Mass is the only experience of Christ they have. The second one is teaching, either through our homilies, our religious education program, or Bible studies. We need to help others know who God is, and what His plan is for them. The third one is charity; many people see the loving face of Christ when they are loved and helped by the Church. Think for example of St. Theresa of Calcutta.

Our mission, should we decide to accept it, is to make disciples.



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Sacred Liturgy

Rev. Andrew Galles



Hello! My name is Fr. Andrew Galles and I am excited to arrive in July as your new parochial vicar at Cathedral Parish. For those of you who remember, I was the parochial vicar at Cathedral from July 2017 to July 2018 before I moved to Mater Dei Parish in Morning-side. Cathedral is the parish where I got my feet wet as a brand-new priest and I am happy to return and serve all the good people of this diverse parish.

A little bit about me: I was raised on a family farm just up the road near Remsen, Iowa, the youngest of seven children. I attended Remsen St. Mary's Schools for 12 years and then went on to earn a bachelor's degree in Architecture from Iowa State University. During my time in college, I was strongly discerning a call to the priesthood. I attended Conception Seminary for two years at Conception Abbey in Missouri, followed by five years of major theological seminary at St. John Vianney in Denver. I like to work with my hands, and I enjoy returning back home to help my parents on the farm. I also enjoy antique

tractors, farming, good mystery tv shows, reading, singing, playing the organ, and traveling to see friends and family.

In July 2019, I was assigned as the director of the Diocesan Office of Worship and the Episcopal Master of Ceremonies to Bishop Nickless. In this role, I oversee several major diocesan liturgies and deal with liturgical law. As Fr. Esquiliano notes in this month's newsletter, the Holy Mass is a significant source of nourishment to all who go and truly encounter and experience the healing grace and mercy of Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest. Part of my duties here as parochial vicar will include overseeing the liturgical and musical details of the liturgy. One of the ways we will further the essential mission of Christ here at the Cathedral, as mentioned in Fr. Esquiliano's article, is allowing people to truly *experience the sacred*. The Mass is where heaven and earth meet and where we are fed with the Body and Blood of Jesus, and the character of the liturgy should always reflect this divine reality. Here at Cathedral Parish, displaying the truth, beauty, and goodness of the Mass will always be one of our primary goals, acknowledging that the liturgy always has a missionary character to "go and make disciples of all nations."

Faith and Sacramental Formation

Mrs. Santa Fernandez



July! Really? Time seems to really fly by, it has been a couple of months since the students have celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation and some have celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Marriage.

Now is the time to start preparing everything for the next Religious Education course for children in preparation to celebrate the Holy

Eucharist, youth for Confirmation and adults (RCIA) to celebrate some or all The Sacraments of Initiation.

What a great blessing for the community of the Cathedral of the Epiphany that many have decided to continue living in the Grace of God through the Sacraments, and this could not be possible if we did not have committed and faithful catechists to God, who each year prepare hard to be able to transmit the teachings of Jesus to all those who come thirsty to know God through catechesis.

At the end of each course I always ask the catechists: Will you teach catechism again next year? And I always pray to God to answer me that yes, I remember that a couple of young people who were taking the children's prayer exam, approached me and asked if they could give catechism again the following year. The Religious Education program is pleased to hear that young people are eager and interested to be a part of our program and are willing to volunteer their time as catechists.

When I am preparing everything for the next course, I sometimes get restless and impatient, and I ask myself: Will we have enough catechists? so as not to have to reject children for lack of them. We still have a great need for catechists for children (Holy Eucharist), youth (Confirmation) and adults (RCIA) or (Pre-Baptismal classes), since some catechists have retired or due to their work they have had to leave. Hopefully you feel the call of God and you decide to be part of the voice of the Lord to teach in His name. It is always a great satisfaction to help someone to receive a Sacrament as we bring them closer to receiving the Grace of God through them.

Parish Updates

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In this month of July we will begin with the registrations for the new year of Religious Education (children, youth and Adults), Check our media for the date when we will start. For more information email santa.fernandez@sccathedral.org or call the office at 712 255-1637 ext. 111, if there is not answer, leave your number, your name and a brief message, and someone will respond as soon as possible.

JULY 5—INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED

This is a holiday, so there is only one Mass at 9:00 am. Office will be closed.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intention may be offered for a deceased love one or a close family member or friend who is in need of prayers due to illness or other struggle. In order to offer the opportunity for all parishioners to schedule a Mass Intention for their loved ones and to accommodate recently deceased individuals, please go to sccathedral.org/mass-stipends or call the office at 712-255-1637 ext. 116.

The Financial Corner

INCOME		May 2021
Weekly Offerings	\$	46,766.16
Loose Offerings	\$	12,084.80
Prog. Support	\$	7,533.33
Other income	\$	11,820.11
Total Parish Income	\$	78,204.40
EXPENSE		
Salaries & Wages	\$	30,342.40
Administrative Expenses	\$	3,983.92
Ministry Expenses	\$	453.50
Utility Bills & Repairs	\$	17,557.09
Assessments	\$	7,809.00
Other Expenses	\$	1,078.12
Total Expenses	\$	61,224.03
NET INCOME	\$	16,980.37

PRAYER LINE

We have started a parish prayer line. If you would like to sign up to receive alerts when parishioners need prayers, or you would like to request a prayer, go to sccathedral.org/oremus.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

We need catechists for Religious Education classes in Spanish and English for children (Holy Eucharist), youth (Confirmation) and adults (RCIA or Pre-Baptismal classes) For more information email santa.fernandez@sccathedral.org, or call at 712 255-1637 ext. 111.

MEET FELLOW PARISHIONERS

Meet fellow parishioners over lunch at 12:30 pm at Olive Garden on Thursday, July 8.

ADORATION CHAPEL

We need people to sign up for hours of Adoration on Mondays so our chapel can reopen permanently once again. Contact Fr. Wind at jwind@sccathedral.org or at 712-255-1637 ext. 110 if you are able to sign up for a hour of Adoration.

July 2021 Events

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

3-4, Buildings Fund
10-11, Together As One (Spanish only)
31, Buildings Fund

BAPTISMS

3, 17, Spanish (11:00 am, Cathedral)
11, 18, 25, Pre-Baptismal Spanish Classes (9:00 am, Cathedral Conference Room)

MEETINGS

8, Knights of Columbus (6:30 pm, Cathedral Hall)

OTHER EVENTS

5, Independence Day observed. Office closed, and Mass only at 9:00 am.
8, Parishioners lunch (12:30 pm, Olive Garden)
15, Deadline to submit items for August Newsletter



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MASS SCHEDULE

MON.-SAT.: 12:00 pm Cathedral *English*
MON.-FRI.: 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*

HOLIDAYS: 9:00 am Cathedral *Bilingual*

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

ANTICIPATED / VIGIL:
5:30 pm St. Boniface *English*
5:30 pm Cathedral *Spanish*

THE DAY OF THE SOLEMNITY:

7:00 am St. Joseph *English*
12:00 pm Cathedral *English*
5:30 pm Cathedral *Spanish*
7:00 pm Cathedral *Latin*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

TUES.-SUN.: 24-Hour
MONDAY: 4:00 pm-10:00 pm
Adoration Chapel - Epiphany Center

CONFESSIONS

SUNDAY: 8:00 am-8:30 am Cathedral
8:00 am-8:30 am St. Joseph
MON.-FRI.: 4:30 pm-5:30 pm Cathedral
FRIDAY: 11:30 am-12:00 pm Cathedral
SATURDAY: 3:00 pm-4:00 pm St. Boniface
5:00 pm-6:00 pm Cathedral

BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at 11:00 am in Spanish.
Other Saturdays of the month at 11:00 am in English or Latin (EF or OF).
Check website for changes.