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MASS TIMES: SAT 4PM, SUN. 7AM, 10AM, 5PM
WEEKDAY MASSES: MON. thru FRI. 7AM, 5:15PM and SAT. 8AM
RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS): MON-FRI 4:15PM- 5PM, SAT. 9AM-10AM, 2:30PM-3:30PM, and SUN. 4PM-4:45PM

New to Cathedral?

Are you new to the Cathedral community? Are you interested in becoming Catholic? We would like to meet you! If you would like to join us formally, you can head to <https://spicathedral.org/new-member-registration-form/>. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Price at kprice@cathedral.dio.org.

Give a Gift this Summer

Did you know that Cathedral has online recurring giving? You can easily set up your generous gift so anytime you are traveling or going to be away from the Cathedral one weekend, your generosity will still be impactful! To set up a recurring gift, please go to <https://spicathedral.org/give-online/> or call the Parish Offices for more information. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

Monday 30 July

7 AM -Joyce Geitz (James Wilfinger) 5:15 PM - Doris Reeve (Friends)

Tuesday 31 July

7 AM -Thelma Judy (Karen Mueller-Fisk) 5:15 PM - Guy R Hunt (Hunt & Kaeding Families)

Wednesday 1 August

7 AM -Patricia Thomas (Marie Padgett) 5:15 PM - Janet Fineshriber (Jim & Helen Lorden)

Thursday 2 August

7 AM -Jacob Shehadeh (Celeste Crowley) 5:15 PM - Barbara McGrath (Helen Guernsey)

Friday 3 August

7 AM - Mary Ann Midden (Cathedral Ushers) 5:15 PM - Gene DeRuntz (Mike & Mary DeRuntz & Family)

Saturday 4 August

8 AM -Patricia Thomas (Marie Padgett) 4 PM - Catherine Staab (Brian & Mckey Lauer)

Sunday 5 August

7 AM - Mary Ann Midden (William Midden) 10 AM - 70th Anniversary Death of Most Rev. James A. Griffin
5 PM - For the People

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The Bishop's Church

In my article in last week's edition of *The Weekly*, I talked about what makes a cathedral a cathedral. Its not about size, beauty, or architecture, which in many cases are prominent features of a cathedral, but what makes a cathedral is one thing: a chair.

Now, it is not just any chair, it is the bishop's chair or cathedra in Latin, from which a cathedral church derives its name and prominence. The cathedra is a symbol of the bishop's authority over a local church (diocese) and because of the location of the cathedra in a cathedral, it gives a cathedral church its special status in a diocese as the mother church of the diocese. The cathedral in each diocese is "the bishop's church." A cathedral's place in the life of a diocese is so special that the anniversary of its dedication is celebrated each year in every parish as a feast. This is true in our diocese on December 2nd, formerly October 14th before the restoration and rededication; in the Cathedral parish, the anniversary of the dedication is a solemnity.



A cathedral being the "mother church" means that, generally, certain special events happen within its walls; this is true of our Cathedral church. Important Masses and celebrations throughout the year occur here such as the Chrism Mass during Holy Week when the new holy oils are blessed for the year and the priests of the diocese renew their priestly commitment to God and the Church. The ordination of deacons and priests takes place in the

Cathedral as well as the ordination and/or installation of a new diocesan bishop. Other special events in the life of the diocese happen in the Cathedral as well, such as the yearly Mass for couples celebrating 50+ years of marriage, the annual Mission Mass celebrated with



school children throughout the diocese, and the Rite of Election for Catechumens and the Call to On-Going Conversion for those who seek to be received into the Church at Easter.

In almost every case, the diocesan bishop celebrates these special celebrations in a cathedral. Having received the sacrament of Holy Orders three-fold, a bishop in his own person is the fullness of the priesthood, being deacon, priest, and bishop. The bishops are the successors of the Apostles and they are the guardians of what is termed "Apostolic Succession," meaning that they hand on from generation to generation the sacrament of Holy Orders to deacons, priests, and other bishops assuring the on-going sacramental life of the Church. The bishops are also the body of authoritative teachers in the Church called the Magisterium. Collegially and individually, they are to strive to protect and preserve the truth of the Faith as given by the Lord Jesus and revealed by the Holy Spirit.

Most bishops are given the ministry of being a diocesan bishop, meaning that they are charged with shepherding a section of the people of God known as a diocese. As our diocesan bishop, Bishop Paprocki is not the pope's representative here, but rather, he is the representative of Christ himself. As a successor of the Apostles and as our diocesan bishop, Bishop Paprocki unites us to the greater Church in his obedience to and communion with the Bishop of Rome, Pope Francis, who is the successor of St. Peter, the apostolic head of the Church as designated by the Lord Jesus.



It is the special ministry of the diocesan bishop, combined with his special relationship with the cathedral church, that gives a cathedral its unique place among other churches, making a cathedral truly the mother church of a diocese

Father Christopher House is the Rector-Pastor of the Cathedral and serves in various leadership roles within the diocesan curia, specifically Chancellor and Vicar Judicial.

STEWARDSHIP



When the Heart Responds



Think about your day yesterday. Did you lead with your heart? Okay, I understand, that is a tough question. But, what would the day look like if we had led every decision, every action, every encounter only through the way our heart would respond?

The Gospel today is one in which many of us learned early on in Catholic formation. Who doesn't remember learning about Jesus' loaves and fishes at a young age? I am not sure if I was impressed by the miracle or equally impressed that Jesus was so generous he had "extras," but this Gospel was easily absorbed by my young mind. When we teach this story to children they hang on to this miraculous miracle, almost in a superhero type of way. I remember thinking, "Wow, the magic," when in my simple childish mind, I couldn't really understand some of the deeper meanings of this Gospel.

Did you notice the invitation Jesus has for us? We are invited to cooperate with Him. Think about it this way, the disciples were pointing out there was not enough food and money to feed everyone. Without having to say it, I can assume the disciples' natural inclination was to disperse the group and have everyone "fend for themselves!" However, that is not Jesus' plan for us. He does not want us dispersed and fending for ourselves, rather to

put our trust in Him and to take what little we have and offer it up, together.

Stewardship is a testament to leading with your heart. For example, the envelope was never made to be a collection device; it wasn't made to just put the check in the magic canister and shoot it up over to the bank teller who then responds with a lollipop. It is a generous and trusting offering. It is a visible sign of our willingness to come to the altar with what little we have and to ask Jesus to multiply these blessings. It does not matter the amount, the type, the time, talent, or treasure sum we place before Him, whatever we have will be abundantly multiplied, large or small. A parish community can either be of the mindset that everyone fends for themselves (and we all get Root Beer flavored lollipops, ew!) or the mindset that when we act together we multiply blessings (yey, a multitude of flavors!) As you can tell, going to the bank as a child was quite an experience for me.

I like to teach Gracey, my daughter, about the saints. These incredibly ordinary people who have all started with what little they had and through making each decision, each sacrifice, and each encounter a response from their heart, their mission grew. When they were willing to give, Jesus multiplied their efforts. There was no movement, no community, no saint that didn't start with a small amount of loaves and fishes and through living out the Gospel found that Jesus multiplied their ministry and blessings.

Let go and let God lead the way. Trust in Him, he will multiply our offerings if we are willing to cooperate and lead from the heart.

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Stewardship Activity

Stewardship of Time & Talent

Summer plans can lead to lower Mass attendance, which leads to a greater need for volunteer and financial support. Please consider stewarding your talents in Liturgical Ministry this summer or sharing an extra gift toward the offertory during these summer months.

Stewardship of Treasure- July 21st & 22nd

Envelopes:	\$4,487.00
Loose:	\$2,243.65
Maintenance:	\$35.00

TOTAL: \$6,765.65

Needed to operate weekly: \$15,907.89

Difference: \$9,142.24

June EFT (\$17,471.55)

Sacramental News

Please pray for Barb McGrath, deceased member of the Cathedral Parish. May she rest in peace.

We will also publish recent Baptisms and Marriages in this section of the *Weekly*. Currently, we have had no recent Baptisms or Marriages.

Parishioner News

Sacred Heart-Griffin named Killian Davis and Evan Wellman as the class of 2018's co-valedictorians. Davis is the son of John and Mary Davis and plans to attend Clemson University to study mathematics. Wellman is the son of Dan and Kris Wellman and plans to attend the University of Notre Dame to study finance.

Congratulations to Cathedral's Evan Wellman on being named Co-Valedictorian!

Have some news you would like to share? Please email Katie Price at kprice@cathedral.dio.org.



All Sinners Are Welcome

While I was in central Georgia, filming the Flannery O'Connor episode of my Pivotal Players series, I saw a sign on the outside of a church, which would have delighted the famously prickly Catholic author: "All Sinners Are Welcome!" I thought it was a wonderfully Christian spin on the etiquette of welcome that is so pervasive in our

culture today. In a time of almost complete ethical relativism, the one value that everyone seems to accept is inclusivity, and the only disvalue that everyone seems to abhor is exclusivity. "Who am I to tell you what to do?" and, of course, everyone gets inside the circle. What I especially liked about the sign in Georgia was that it compels us to make some distinctions and think a bit more precisely about this contemporary moral consensus.

Is it true to say "everyone is welcome"? Well, yes, if we mean welcome into the circle of the human family, welcome as a subject of infinite dignity and deserving love and respect. Christians—and indeed all decent people—stand against the view, pervasive enough in the supposed culture of inclusion, that the unborn, the aged, the unproductive are not particularly welcome. If by "all are welcome," one means that all forms of racism, sexism, and elitism are morally repugnant, then yes, the slogan is quite correct.

But let's consider some other scenarios. Would we claim that everyone is welcome to become a member of the college baseball team? Everyone is welcome to try out, I suppose, but the coach will assess each candidate and will then make a judgment that some are worthy of being on the team and others aren't. Like it or not, he will include some and exclude others. Would we claim that everyone is welcome to play in a symphony orchestra? Again, in principle, anyone is invited to give it a go, but the conductor will make a fairly ruthless determination as to who has what it takes to make music at the highest level and who doesn't, and he will include and exclude accordingly. Would we argue that everyone is welcome to be a free member of our civil society? Well, yes, if we consider the matter in abstraction; but we also acknowledge that certain forms of behavior are incompatible with full participation in the public space. And if misbehavior is sufficiently egregious, we set severe limits to the culprit, restricting his movement, bringing him to trial, perhaps even imprisoning him.

With this basic distinction in mind, let us consider membership in the Church of Jesus Christ. Are all people welcome to the

Church? Yes of course! Everyone and his brother cites James Joyce to the effect that the Catholic Church's motto is "here comes everybody," and this is fundamentally right. Jesus means to bring everyone to union with the Triune God, or to state the same thing, to become a member of his Mystical Body the Church. In John's Gospel, Jesus declares, "When the Son of Man is lifted up, he will draw all people to himself." Bernini's colonnade, reaching out like great in-gathering arms from St. Peter's Basilica, is meant to symbolize this universally inclusive welcome offered by Christ. Is the Church, as Pope Francis says, a field hospital where even the most gravely wounded are invited for treatment? Is the Lord's mercy available to everyone, even to the most hardened of sinners? Yes! And does the Church even go out from itself to care for those who are not explicitly joined to Christ? Yes! In fact, this was one of the reasons the Church was so attractive in the ancient world: when Roman society left the sick to fend for themselves and often cast away the newly-born who were deemed unworthy, the Church included these victims of the "throwaway culture" of that time and place.



However, does this mean that the Church makes no judgments, no discriminations, no demands? Does the Church's welcome imply that everyone is fine just as he or she is? Here we have to answer with a rather resounding no. And that Georgia sign helps us to understand why. The Greek word that we translate as "church" is "ekklesia," which carries the sense of "called out from." Members of the Church have been called out of a certain way of life and into another one, out of conformity with the world and into conformity with Christ. Every ecclesiastical person, therefore, is a welcomed sinner who has been summoned to conversion. She is someone who is, by definition, not

satisfied with who she is. To return to the Pope's famous image, a field hospital receives not those who are doing just great but those who are deeply, even gravely, wounded. The problem is that anytime the Church sets a limit or makes a demand or summons to conversion, she is accused of being "exclusive" or insufficiently "welcoming." But this cannot be right. As Cardinal George once put it, commenting upon the famous liturgical song "All Are Welcome," all are indeed welcome, but on Christ's terms, not their own.

Bishop Robert Barron is the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries and Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Bishop Barron's latest film series and study program, CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players, debuted in September 2016 and has been syndicated for national television.

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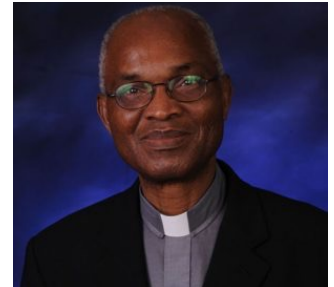
Mission Appeal August 4th and 5th

During the weekend of August 4-5, 2018, Rev. Dr. James Okoye, CSSp, will visit our parish to speak at the Masses about the missionary work of the Church and in particular that of the Spartans (Congregation of the Holy Spirit, previously known as the Holy Ghost Fathers). To learn more about the Spartans, please visit their website at <http://spiritans.org>.

This visit is part of a national program in which annually a representative of one of the missionary groups visits parishes of the Diocese to invite the parish to share in the mission work of the universal Church. The Spartans are an international

community engaged in a wide range of missionary activity in over 60 countries throughout the world.

Fr. Okoye is the Director of the Center for Spartan Studies at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA. His ministry as a priest has included congregational leadership as Provincial of the Nigerian Congregation of Spartans and General Assistant in the Congregation's headquarters in Rome.



When Jesus said: "You shall witness to me in Jerusalem and in Samaria and to the ends of the earth," He made the spread of the Gospel an essential part of our Catholic life.

We urge you to respond generously to Father Okay's appeal. Thank you for your generous support!

For more information please see their website at <http://spiritans.org> and if you have any questions please call the Parish Offices.



Everyday Stewardship

You sit down at a restaurant and order drinks and an appetizer. Then you order an entrée with a salad. When all of that has been consumed, you order a dessert. You leave after having had a good time, but your pants don't fit so well now. You are so full you regret ordering all those courses. Your eyes were bigger than your stomach. You ordered what you wanted and not what you needed.

In our daily lives, we find ourselves wanting many things. We desire outcomes and good fortunes that we think will make all the difference. However, oftentimes when we receive these things, we only find ourselves wanting more. Worse yet, if we do not get them, we can see our lives as incomplete.

God always provides what we need. It may not be what we want. Our eyes can deceive us into believing that what we receive is not enough to fulfill us. If we trust in God and seek to only live with what sustains us rather than dive into excess, we will find that we are happier, healthier, and at peace. No one should ever make himself or herself feel overcome by too much of anything. God knows what we need even if we cannot see it for ourselves.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Scripture Questions

First Reading: 2 KGS 4:42-44

The prophet Elisha performed a feeding miracle in the name of the Lord 700 years before the birth of Christ. What does this teach us about Divine Providence?

Second Reading: EPH 4:1-6

Paul speaks of the marks of a Christian life: humility, gentleness, patience, and love. How well do you live to this standard of the faith?

Gospel Reading: JN 6:1-15

We hear John's account of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes by Jesus. Why do you think this is the only miracle in common between all four evangelists?

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus seemed to be surrounded by crowds a lot, didn't he? That's because no matter where he went, he helped people, he healed them, and he taught them about God. In today's Gospel reading, one crowd was following Jesus all day, and now they were getting hungry for dinner. Instead of sending them back home, Jesus showed everybody's God's amazing power. Jesus took a boy's lunch and made more than enough food for everybody to eat.

JN 6:1-15

Let Us Pray

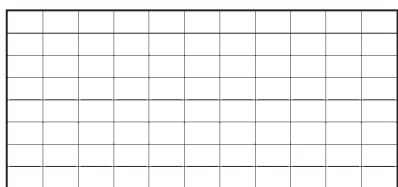
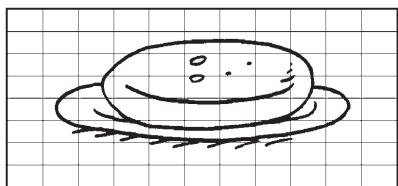
Lord,

Dear God, help me always to remember that you have the power to give us more than we need.

Amen.

Puzzle

Try to draw the same bread by following the grid.



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Mission for the Week

The boy in today's Gospel shared his lunch. You can share food, too. Bring boxed and canned food to a food pantry in your neighborhood, and ask God to bless the people who eat it.

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My Church
My Family and Me

John 6:1-15 ■ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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