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Holy Name Cathedral

Mission Statement

As missionary disciples of Jesus Christ we celebrate, transform, and engage our diverse Cathedral parish through worship, life-long formation and service to one another.

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 am, 12:10, 5:15 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am, 12:10 pm

Vigil Masses: 5:15 pm and 7:30 pm

Sunday: 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 am; 12:30, 5:15 pm

Saturday Reconciliation: 3:00-5:00 pm; 6:15-7:15 pm

Message from the Rector



Dear Advent People,

Christmas is one week away! Our Advent Season is moving much too quickly! So much left to do and so little time remains! Wait a minute! Catch your breath! The birth of Jesus is the inbreaking of God into our midst. This presence of the Christ-child speaks of the joy of life in unexpected ways.

Prayerfully read this beautiful story and take the time this Advent, Christmas and New Year to “see” the gift of life through unexpected moments.

We were the only family with children in the restaurant. I sat Erik in a high chair and noticed everyone was quietly eating and talking. Suddenly, Erik squealed with glee and said, “Hi there.” He pounded fat baby hands on the high-chair tray. His eyes were wide with excitement and his mouth was bared in a toothless grin. He wriggled and giggled with merriment.

I looked around and saw the source of his merriment. It was a man with a tattered rag of a coat, dirty, greasy and worn. His pants were baggy with a zipper at half-mast and his toes poked out of would-be shoes. His shirt was dirty and his hair was uncombed and unwashed. His whiskers were too short to be called a beard and his nose was so varicose it looked like a road map.

We were too far from him to smell, but I was sure he smelled. His hands waved and flapped on loose wrists. “Hi there, baby; hi there, big boy. I see ya, buster,” the man said to Erik.

My husband and I exchanged looks, “What do we do?”

Erik continued to laugh and answer, “Hi, hi there.” Everyone in the restaurant noticed and looked at us and then at the man. The old geezer was creating a nuisance with my beautiful baby.

Our meal came and the man began shouting from across the room, “Do you know patty cake?” Do you know peek-a-boo? Hey, look, he knows peek-a-boo.”

Nobody thought the old man was cute. My husband and I were embarrassed. We ate in silence; all except for Erik, who was running through his repertoire for his homeless man who, in turn, reciprocated with his cute comments. We finally got through the meal and headed for the door. My husband went to pay the check and told me to meet him in the parking lot. The old man sat poised between me and the door.

“Lord, just let me out of here before he speaks to me or Erik,” I prayed. As I drew closer to the man, I turned my back trying to side-step him and avoid any air he might be breathing. As I did, Erik leaned over my arm, reaching with both arms in a baby’s pick-me-up position.

Before I could stop him, Erik had propelled himself from my arms to the man’s. Suddenly a very old, smelly man and a very young baby consummated their love relationship.

Erik, in an act of total trust, love and submission, laid his tiny head upon the man’s ragged shoulder. The man’s eyes closed, and I saw tears hover beneath his lashes. His aged hands—full of grime, pain and hard labor—gently, so gently cradled my boy’s bottom and stroked his back. No two human beings have ever loved so deeply for so short a time. I stood awestruck. The old man rocked and cradled Erik in his arms for a moment, and then his eyes opened and set squarely on mine. He said in a firm, commanding voice, “You take care of this baby.” Somehow I managed, “I will,” from a throat that contained a stone.

He pried Erik from his chest unwillingly, longingly, as though he were in pain. I received my baby, and the man said, “God bless you, ma’am, you’ve given me my Christmas gift.”

I said nothing more than a muttered thanks. With Erik in my arms, I ran for the car. My husband was wondering why I was crying and holding Erik so tightly, and why I was saying, “My God, my God, forgive me.”

I had just witnessed Christ’s love shown through the innocence of a tiny child who saw no sin, who made no judgment; a child who saw a soul, and a mother who saw a suit of ragged clothes. I was a Christian who was blind, holding a child who was not.



Life is what happened while I was making other plans! As we continue our Advent Season, may we open our eyes and slow down long enough to see God’s presence in ways we least expect.

On the Advent journey with you,

Fr. Greg

We Remember and Celebrate

Upcoming Weddings at the Cathedral



II. Brandon Kmiecik & Heater Manno

Welcomed Into Our Family of Faith

Wyatt James Casper

Abigail Oliva Franco

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord

Hubert Lewis

Leticia Saludaes Floreza

Barbara Hoyt, Mother of Trisha Hockings

Sr. Anne Marie Dolan, BVM



Let Us Continue to Pray for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 18

6:00 a.m. Ruby Rudica
7:00 a.m. Clark Pleiss
8:00 a.m. Luke Besser
12:10 p.m. Janet Magnussen
5:15 p.m. Helen Marie Welsh

Tuesday, December 19

6:00 a.m. Jean Hoffmaster
7:00 a.m. Patrick Hockings
8:00 a.m. Rev. Robert A. Goedert
12:10 p.m. John R. Blair
5:15 p.m. His Excellency Tikmehdash

Wednesday, December 20

6:00 a.m. S. Clifford Brown
7:00 a.m. Perla Mercado
8:00 a.m. *Special Intention*
12:10 p.m. Marita Salvi
5:15 p.m. Andy Carioto

Thursday, December 21 - St. Peter Canisius

6:00 a.m. Al and Mary Starshak
7:00 a.m. Deacon John W. McMahon
8:00 a.m. Gerri Ploskonka
12:10 p.m. Weissensel Family
5:15 p.m. Frank Scire

Friday, December 22

6:00 a.m. Priests & Staff of Holy Name Cathedral
7:00 a.m. Illinois Club for Catholic Women
8:00 a.m. Anthony Ciszewski
12:10 p.m. Fr. Brad Zamora
5:15 p.m. Lady Fatima Gitty

Saturday, December 23 - St. John of Kanty

8:00 a.m. Betty Ann Mc Andrews
12:10 p.m. *Special Intention*

Dear People of God,

The generosity of the Parish Community of Holy Name Cathedral is humbling and mind boggling to me.

I'm confident our Christmas Collections will reflect your generous hearts and support of our parish.

There are some outstanding expenses related to our Advent and Christmas Celebrations this year. Please see me or call me at the rectory (312-787-8040) if you want to consider a special gift to underwrite these expenses as your Christmas gift to all!

God's Blessings always!



With much gratitude,

Fr. Greg



Order of Worship

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Re - jice in the Lord always;
again I say re - jice.

Phil 4:4-5
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ENTRANCE HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Worship Hymnal #386

VENI EMMANUEL

PENITENTIAL RITE

Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Lord have mer - cy
Christ have mer - cy
Lord have mer - cy.

Repeat after Cantor
Base on "Creator siderum"

READINGS

Worship Hymnal #1008

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mode VI

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Saturday

5:15 pm

Rejoice Greatly

HEALEY WILLAN

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, thy king cometh unto thee.

Sunday

9:30 & 11:00 Masses

Vox clamantis in deserto

JUAN ESQUIVAL

Vox clamantis in deserto: parate viam Domini, rectas facite semitas eius. – A voice was heard crying in the desert in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight his paths.

Rejoice, O Daughter Zion

H. RICARDO RAMIREZ

Rejoice, O daughter Zion. Shout for joy, O daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; Rejoice O heartily, a just Savior is he, Meek and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. He shall banish the chariots from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem. The warrior's bow shall be banished, he shall proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. Rejoice, rejoice, O daughter of Zion. Rejoice, heartily!

All other Masses

My Soul in Stillness Waits

Worship Hymnal #404

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Missa Emmanuel

Worship Hymnal #347

RICHARD PROULX

Order of Worship

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Missa Emmanuel

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
claim your death O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

AMEN

Missa Emmanuel

Worship Hymnal #349
RICHARD PROULX

LAMB OF GOD

Missa Emmanuel

RICHARD PROULX

Cantor:
Lamb of God, Lamb of God: you take a-way the sins of the
Assembly:
world, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
Cantor:
Lamb of God, Lamb of God: you take a-way the sins of the
Assembly:
world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Come, O Lord Expected Jesus

NB STUTTGART

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1. Come, O long - ex - pec - ted Je - sus, Born to set your peo - ple free;
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope to all the earth im - part;
3. Born your peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child, and yet a king;
4. By your own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;

From our fears and sins re - lease us; Christ, in you our rest shall be.
Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now your grac - ious king - dom bring.
By your all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to your glo - rious throne.

Text: Hag. 2:7; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
Tune: STUTTGART, 8 7 8 7; Christian F. Witt, 1660-1716; Harm. by Kenneth D. Smith, b. 1928. © National Christian Education Council

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to those who are frightened: Be of great comfort, and do not be afraid;

Behold our God shall soon come, and bring us salvation.

V. The desert and the parched land will rejoice;
They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song.

Saturday

5:15 pm

I Will Magnify Thee, O Lord

JOSEPH CORFE

I will magnify thee, O Lord: for thou, O Lord hast set me up, and made me to triumph in thy salvation.

Sunday

9:30 & 11:00 Masses

Prepare the Way

ANDRES ORHWALL

COMMUNION HYMN

I Receive the Living God

Worship Hymnal #923

LIVING GOD



Christmas Mass Schedule



December 24 and 25:

Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Day

The Vigil for Christmas, and not the Fourth Sunday of Advent, should be celebrated at evening Masses on December 24 this year, each of these days of obligation must be fulfilled with a separate Mass.

- Sat 23 Dec evening: *Sunday anticipated Mass for Fourth Sunday of Advent – 5:15 pm, 7:30 pm*
- Sun 24 Dec morning: *Mass for Fourth Sunday of Advent – 7:00 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.,*
- Sun 24 Dec evening: *vigil Mass for Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) – 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.*
- Mon 25 Dec morning: *Mass for Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) – 12:00 a.m (by tickets only) 7:00 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m.*

Advent Reconciliation Service

On Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m. we invite you to experience God’s mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. After a brief prayer service, all be welcomed to come forward for individual confessions.

Oplatki” – Christmas Wafers

Now available at the rectory during office hours.

Holy Hour For Vocations

Please join the Oblate Sisters of Jesus the Priest for Holy Hour every Thursday form 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the Cathedral.

Advent Vespers

Join our Cathedral Choirs for this unique opportunity of prayer this Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Each celebration of Vespers is preceded by an organ concert at 3:30 p.m

National Migration Week Mass

On Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. - Feast of the Epiphany Cardinal Blase Cupich will be the main presider for this special mass. For more information please visit www.catholicsandimmigrants.org

Women of Holy Name Cathedral

are invited to attend an

Epiphany Retreat

Saturday, January 6, 2018 in the Parish Center
9AM – 5 PM (with option to attend 5:15 Mass)

Walking the Way of Hope

think, pray and find comfort in Sabbath time



A retreat day based on the work of Jan Richardson facilitated by parishioner Linda Nardone

Space is limited. Cost is \$35

payable with registration mailed (or delivered) to the HNC Rectory

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/tiny-hope>

Questions? Contact Julie Berggren at julieRberggren@gmail.com

Faith Formation

BOOST YOUR BELIEFS:

*Doctrine and Devotions:
Art of the Religious
Orders in the
Spanish Andes*



Facilitator: **Rebecca Long**
Associate Curator, Art Institute of Chicago

Based on a current exhibition at the Art Institute of Chicago, this presentation features images promoted by Catholic religious orders working in the Spanish Andes. While their ultimate goals were the same, each order promoted images specific to their own histories, identities and goals.

Tuesday, December 19

6:30 p.m.

Parish Center Cafeteria

Sponsored by the Faith Formation Commission

VISIT JESUS' BIRTHPLACE

*Holy Land Pilgrimage
April 9– 19, 2018*

Most people make a bucket list in their lifetime, and a pilgrimage to the Holy Land is surely among them. It is something that is not to be missed! It is not just an ordinary, usual kind of pilgrimage, but a life-changing one. Join us for an 11 day journey retracing where Jesus walked. Let this be a moment of transforming encounter as the Gospels come alive.

Full details including the itinerary and registration form, can be found on the cathedral website., or contact Fr. Don Cambe, 312– 573-4438



Birthplace of Jesus,
Church of the Nativity,
Bethlehem

ARTISTIC IMPRESSIONS OF ADVENT Thank You!

The Faith Formation Commission conducted a truly inspiring Art Fair to commence the Advent Season, December 2.



Thank you to all participants mingling and viewing the artwork submitted by 20 local artists.

It was remarkable to see the varying media of art on display, designed to express Advent: A Journey of Hope.

Special thanks to all those who volunteered, especially Jill McLean, who served as our curator.



Human Concerns

Do you work in a restaurant? Thursday and Friday Suppers

For over 11 years our parish has sponsored Thursday and Friday Suppers at Catholic Charities, each night serving a warm meal to 130 sit down guests and providing another 80 people with a bag-lunch-to-go. We are currently seeking restaurants that may be willing to provide the 130 dine-in suppers one or more nights each year.

Consider joining local restaurants like Chicago Chop House, Hackney's, Flaco's Tacos, Italian Village, and Joe's Stone Crab in giving back to the people in our community who are in greatest need.

To find out more details, contact Fr. John Boivin at 312-787-8040.

Can you assist in filing income tax?

With the New Year approaching, Holy Name is pleased to announce it will continue to sponsor the Volunteer Income Tax program in 2018 and is seeking volunteers. Every Saturday, from February 3 through April 14, 2018, volunteers will assist clients in preparing their tax returns. The site is open from 10AM to 2PM. Volunteers may assist as many Saturdays as they wish and no prior professional experience is needed.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact hncvita@yahoo.com



Every Thursday and Friday at 4:45 PM

What: A free, warm meal
Where: Catholic Charities
LaSalle And Superior

For Whom: 130 local hungry dine-in guests, plus 80 bag lunches to go = 210 people fed each night.

Cost: Free for the guests; almost \$1,000 for the parish

Funded by: Donors like you

Make a donation to support this important ministry of the Cathedral by dropping off a check addressed to Holy Name Cathedral in an envelope marked Thursday-Friday Suppers.

Sponsored by our Cathedral Human Concerns Commission

An Unusual Christmas Gift

Looking for something different as a Christmas Gift? Consider a donation to our *Thursday-Friday Suppers* in the name of a family member who has everything or a friend who is hard to shop for or a co-worker. A letter of announcement is mailed to the honoree and a letter of acknowledgement to the donor.



2018 Appeal for Mothers and Children in Need

For over 15 years, our Human Concerns Commission has turned to our parish to seek support for those who promote the cause of life. Each January, worthwhile causes have been presented to you for your material and financial help.

On the weekend of January 6 & 7, volunteers will be at the State Street doors collecting diapers of all sizes as well as cash donations to assist the following two local charities.

Casa Catalina Basic Needs Center

is located on the campus of Holy Cross parish, 4500 S. Ashland, serving a predominately Mexican American community. In addition to providing a food pantry, there is an outreach to expectant and new mothers who may be in need of diapers and other baby items, especially important for working mothers with children in day care.

St. Joseph Services is a north side ministry of the Daughters of Charity. Offering many services such as after school programs, safe haven for children, open gym, citizenship and English classes, it also supports expectant and new mothers in need of resources for care for their children.

Please consider helping these two causes.

Cathedral Events

Resurrection Cross

Perhaps the most striking feature of the Cathedral, the Resurrection Cross, created by artist Ivo Demetz, in 1969, is a powerful interpretation of this universal sign of Christianity. The wooden Cross depicts Christ as he is today and always - not a figure in agony, but the risen and triumphant Lord who died for our salvation.



You can own an 8 inch replica to display in your home or give as Christmas gifts. Purchase price is \$20.00 each. Cash or checks (made payable to Holy Name Cathedral).

Crosses are available in the rectory office or fill out and mail the form found on our website.

French Toast Breakfast

Our Parish Life Commission invites you to our annual French Toast Breakfast on Sunday, January 21, from 9:00AM to 12:30 PM. For a bargain price of \$5 for adults and \$3 for those 12 and younger, you can enjoy this treat from the kitchen of our neighbor, **Sunny Side Up**.

French toast, sausage, orange juice and coffee are included as well as a copy of the *Little Black Book for Lent* and a take-home art project for children. Note that high chairs are available.

Other upcoming events from your Parish Life Commission are our annual Mardi Gras on Saturday, February 10 (catered by *Heaven on Seven*) and our Lenten Fish Dinner on Friday, March 23 (catered by *Kasia's Deli*).

Simbang Gabi 2017

The Cathedral Filipino Network invites you to our annual *Simbang Gabi* celebration on Monday, December 18 at 7PM in the Cathedral.

Simbang Gabi literally means “Mass in the Dark” traditionally taking place at dawn before the cock crows. There are two symbols associated with *Simbang Gabi*. The **Belen** is the nativity set introduced by St. Francis Assisi in 1223. The Belen is found in churches and affluent homes; however the Parol is everywhere.

The **Parol** is a lantern, representing the Star of Bethlehem. It is set in the windows to serve as a guiding light, and a sign for Mary, Joseph and Jesus that they are welcome in this home.

This year 3 parishes will be represented in our Parol parade.

Our Rector will be our presider and homilist.

Our Cathedral Filipino Singers will lead us in song. A reception will follow in the cafeteria.

Our Santo Nino celebration is Saturday, January 13, at 11:00 AM.



Santo Nino/Infant of Prague



Our Cathedral Filipino Network invites you to join our annual celebration to honor the image of Our Lord as a child.

Whether you knew him as Santo Nino or as the Infant of Prague, come pray with us at the 11:00 AM Mass on Saturday morning, January 13, 2018. Bring your personal statue to be blessed.

As in the past, Fr. Lou Cameli will be our presider and homilist. Our Cathedral Filipino Singers will lead us in song and a light reception will follow in the parish center.

Chicago Shares



Chicago Shares are \$1 vouchers sold in books of five, making it a convenient, safe and constructive means to provide meals and other necessities for hungry people.

Chicago Shares will be sold this Sunday, December 17 from 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM in the Cathedral vestibule.

To learn more about the program visit, www.chicagoshares.org

Cathedral Events

ACT II . . . For Everyone 40 and Over

WANT TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN 2018?

The following **ONGOING GROUPS** invite your participation...contact coordinators for more details. (Below are 8 of the 16; the rest to follow next week)

SOCIAL DINING

Meeting once a month, nine months of the year, attendees enjoy fine dining at local restaurants for the special pricing of about \$35.

Margarette Alfaro: 312-280-0006 or margarette.alfaro@sbcglobal.net

FIRST FRIDAY SUPPERS

Thanks to the generosity of Holy Name parishioners & local restaurant donors, a hot meal is provided at **Catholic Charities** every Thursday and Friday. ACT II members are the hosts on the first Friday of each month at 3:30 - 6 PM.

Margaret Owens: firstfridaysupper@gmail.com

EVENING THEATER GROUP

Members subscribe to the Wednesday 7:30 PM series at **Lookingglass Theater** in the Water Tower but you may be able to join them for an individual play.

Charlene Conarty: APJA@att.net or 312-915-0423

PINOCLÉ GROUP

Meeting 6 - 8 PM on the third Monday of the month in a room in the rectory. Extending an open invitation to new members.

Ginny & Roy Smolky: smolkyg@gmail.com; 248-375-1437

EVENING SOCIAL BRIDGE

Looking for new couples to complete the group of two tables of Rubber Bridge. Meets about every 3 weeks at participants' homes. The group is also looking to expand its "sub" list with either couples or singles, especially men.

Kathy Hayden: Kathleen.hayden@att.net or 312-944-7430

BOOKS TO FILM

Meeting for 4-5 sessions during the year, the members read a previously chosen book on their own, watch the movie DVD that evening, and discuss both over supper provided by the host. Members take turns being the discussion leader.

Carol & Bob Haney: haneyhomes@yahoo.com or 312-649-6849

SCRIPTURE READING & DISCUSSION GROUP

Meeting weekly in the rectory from 10:30 AM until noon on Thursday mornings. In addition to scriptural readings, they take occasional day trips to nearby places chosen for their spiritual significance. OPEN to all interested parties.

Tonie Kieres: 312-280-4797

EVENING BOOK GROUP

On selected Thursday evenings at 7 PM the group meets monthly at the coordinator's home to discuss member-selected books. Open to another 2-3 participants.

Sonia Reardon: reardon229@comcast.net or 224-659-0246

EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS TOGETHER

Holy Name Cathedral Young Adults

welcome everyone in their 20's and 30's to share companionship in Christ.

HNCYA Christmas Party

Saturday, December 16th at 7:00pm at Chestnut Place

Details: Join us for our annual Christmas Party! This year we will be hosting at the party room at Chestnut Place (8 West Chestnut) just a few blocks away from Holy Name.

Dinner and drinks will be served. **Tickets can be purchased at the door following the 5:15pm Saturday mass.** Come join us for a Christmas celebration with your fellow young adult parishioners



Advent Prayers With Mary

Thursdays at 6:00pm at Catholic Charities

Join our Blessed Mother and Catholics from around Chicago every Thursday, praying for peace and celebrating our relationship with Mary and Advent, as Holy Name Cathedral Young Adults and the Catholic Charities Junior Board host Prayers with Mary!

Prayers with Mary takes place Thursdays at 6:00 PM on the third floor of Catholic Charities at 721 N. LaSalle in the chapel.

Upcoming Dates:

December 21 - Glorious Mysteries



December Book Club Meeting

Thursday December 21st at 6:30pm in the Rectory

Book: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

Details: Four adventurous siblings step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia, a land frozen in eternal winter and enslaved by the power of the White Witch. But when almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change... and a great sacrifice. BYOB and pot-luck snacks to share. Enter the Rectory through the entrance on Wabash Avenue. All ages welcome.

Next Meeting (1/25/18): The Case for Jesus by Brant Pitre



For more information about any activities email youngadults@holynamcathedral.org or check out the HNC Young Adults Facebook page <http://facebook.com/hncyA>.

Stewardship

“Jesus can meet our every need.”

A key facet of stewardship has always been personal witness. Today’s readings deal in large part with the witness of John the Baptist. St. John the Baptist, according to historians, was a few months older than Jesus. It is also generally accepted that he began preaching about six months before Jesus came to him to be baptized and to begin His ministry.

St. John the Baptist pointed to Jesus as the Messiah. John the Baptist, through personal witness, raised a great sense of expectancy and excitement, the kind of expectancy and excitement that we associate with this season of Advent. John tries to awaken in people a consciousness of sin, the importance of conversion and change, and the need to become more holy in God’s eyes.

Those are the same goals we should have during this Advent season. The matter of witness is a serious and important thing. It establishes truth and a solid foundation for faith. When we personally witness, it means we make a commitment. We cannot be neutral when it comes to our faith. We are called to be disciples, witnesses of and for Christ. We best accomplish that by the ways we live our own lives and how we relate to and treat others.

Jesus can meet our every need. Now is the time for us to accept that and to place our total trust in Him. We can do that best by making our own commitment to be His disciple, a witness to Who He is and what He means to us and all people.

Parish Stewardship Sunday Offertory

<i>FY18 Annual Collection Budget</i>	\$ 40,000 / week (\$2 million annually)
<i>Sustaining Donors Weekly Average</i>	\$ 7,766 (automatic electronic giving—thank you!)
<i>Collection Weekend of December 10</i>	\$27,600
<i>Weekly Collection Total</i>	\$35,366 (\$4,634) surplus / <i>shortfall</i> to budget
<i>Religious Retirement Fund</i>	\$15,801
<i>Immaculate Conception</i>	\$6,407

Thank you to those who regularly and generously give of their treasure as well as those who give of their time and talent to support the work of our Cathedral.



Now is the season we give thanks to God for all He has done for us this past year and throughout our lives. It is also a good time to begin considering how we might give back to Him through His Church with a special year-end gift of cash or appreciated assets such as shares of stock. You can designate such a gift or simply to Holy Name Cathedral’s general operating fund. A one-time gift makes a great difference. A recurring gift means we can count on you all year long. And every dollar counts. Please contact Maureen McInerney at 312-573-4425 or mmcinerney@holynamecathedral.org for more information.



This Week at the Cathedral

Sunday, December 17

EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Chicago Shares	8:30 AM	Church Vestibule
Religious Education Classes	9:15 AM	FXW Classrooms
RCIA	9:30 AM	Parish Center Cafeteria
Parish Baptisms	2:00 PM	Cathedral
Choir Concert	3:30 PM	Cathedral
Advent Vespers	4:00 PM	Cathedral

Monday, December 18

EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Act II/Bridge	12:30 PM	Rm 204
Rosary	5:45 PM	Cathedral
Commissions/PPC Mtg.	6:30 PM	Rm 209
Young Adults Board Mtg.	6:30 PM	Rm 201
Simbang Gabi	7:00 PM	Cathedral

Tuesday, December 19

EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Rosary	5:45 PM	Cathedral
Boost Your Beliefs	6:30 PM	Cafeteria

Wednesday, December 20

EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Rosary	5:45 PM	Cathedral
Rainbows	6:00 PM	Rm 208
Bible Study	6:30 PM	Rm 201
Advent Reconciliation Service	7:00 PM	Cathedral

Thursday, December 21

EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Act II/Bible Study	10:30 AM	Rm 204
Blessings-in-a-Backpack	11:30 AM	Rm 201 & 208
Holy Hour for Vocations	3:00 PM	Cathedral
Young Adults Book Discussion	6:00 PM	Rm 201
Centering Prayer	6:45 PM	Rm 116

Friday, December 22

EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
No Scheduled Events		

Saturday, December 23

EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
No Scheduled Events		

Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Mass Schedule: Vigil Masses 4 PM and 6 PM
 Christmas Caroling - 11:20 PM
 Midnight Mass with Cardinal Cupich

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Mass Schedule: 7:00 AM, 8:15 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM
 12:30 PM and 5:15 PM

Humor from the Rector



“A whale swims all day, only eats fish, and drinks water, but is still fat. Exercise and healthy diet?
 I don’t think so!”





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Register as a Parishioner: If you regularly pray with us at the Cathedral, we want to welcome you as a member of our Faith Community. You can register on our website, or stop by the Cathedral Administrative Offices.

Keep Us Informed: Help us keep our database up-to-date by sending us any changes in address, email, phone number or name.

Private Prayer: The Cathedral is open throughout the day for private prayer and devotions.

Volunteer Opportunities: Find yourself looking for that perfect opportunity to volunteer at the Cathedral? Send an e-mail to hncvolunteercommunity@gmail.com and become a member of our volunteer community.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you looking to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation? Contact Don Cambe at dcambe@holynamecathedral.org

Mass Intentions: Weekday Mass intentions are available for parishioners who would like their intentions to be remembered at Mass. Intentions are available for those who have died or through a Spiritual Bouquet for someone who is living. Stop by the Cathedral Administrative Offices to obtain a date and time.

Eucharistic Adoration: Join in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the First and Third Friday of the month in the Chapel. Adoration takes place following the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 5:45 p.m.

Rosary: The Rosary is prayed Monday through Wednesday after the 5:15 p.m. Mass. On the first Wednesday, our Rosary honors Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Tours: Want to know more about the Cathedral of the Archdiocese of Chicago and this historic landmark in our city? Schedule a tour through our website with one of our Cathedral Docents.

Baptisms: Infant baptisms are celebrated on designated Sundays throughout the year at 2:00 p.m. Parents of infants are asked to participate in a one-time baptism preparation class before the baptism. Consult our website to register for the class and to schedule the baptism. Baptisms for children over the age of six are coordinated through our Children's Faith Formation program. You can contact Thomas Aspell, Director of Children's Faith Formation, via e-mail at taspell@holynamecathedral.org for more information. Baptisms for adults are a part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. You can contact Fr. Don Cambe, via email at dcambe@holynamecathedral.org

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