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INTROIT

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor. Psalm 24

HYMN

1. Christ is made our sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone; Chosen of the Lord and precious, hosts, today; With your wonted loving kindness to the Son, Praise and honor to the Spirit,

2. To this temple where we call you, Come, O Lord of binding all the Church in one, Holy Zion's servants as they pray, And your fullest Ever Three and ever One: Unified in help for ever, And her confidence alone.

3. Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Father.

PENITENTIAL ACT

1., 3. Lord, have mercy. 2. Christ, have mercy.
COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

READING I

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: “I, the LORD am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain. “Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him.”

READING II

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 19
Wisniewski

Lord, you have the words of ever lasting life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. R. The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye. R.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just. R. They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold; sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb. R.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Bower

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.
GOSPEL

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overthrown their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, “Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.” His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

HOMILY

CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. (rise)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, hear our prayer and let our cry come unto You. Bless our Diocese of Savannah with many vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life.

Give the men and women You call the light to understand Your gift and the love to follow always in the footsteps of Your priestly Son.

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

Woe is me that I am a stranger so long, and that I dwell in the tents of Kedar. My soul hath too long dwelt in a strange place. O that I had wings like a dove, then would I fly away and be at rest.
SANCTUS

Cantor, then All:

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts.

Choir: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Cantor, then All:

Ho-san-na in the high-est, in the high-est.

Choir: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Cantor, then All:

Ho-san-na in the high-est, in the high-est.

MYSTERIUM FIDEI

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

AMEN


AGNUS DEI

1., 2. mi-se-re-re no-bis. 3. do-na no-bis pa-cem.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young;
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. Psalm 83

COMMUNION MOTET

Unto you lift I up my eyes: You who dwell in the heavens. Psalm 123
HYMN

1. At the name of Jesus Ev'ry knee shall bow,
   Ev'ry tongue confess him Lord of glory now;
   'Tis the Father's pleasure We should call him Lord,
   Ever to be worshiped, Evermore adored.

2. Name him, Chris-tians, name him— Strong your love as death—
   But with awe and wonder, And with life-filled breath;
   He is God the Sav-ior, He is Christ the Lord,
   Who from the beginning Was the might-y Word.

Vespers & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Join us for a 30-minute service of hymns, psalms, scripture readings and prayers in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Every Sunday in Lent
5:30 pm

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Rector’s Corner

CHAPEL RENOVATION PROJECT

You may be wondering what is happening below the Cathedral, in the undercroft. All of the demolition was completed by the 1st of September. Construction and Renovation were to begin in mid-December. However, we are about three months behind schedule because we needed to make some important decisions regarding the scope and the cost of the project. Now that our plans have been finalized, our architects (Sottile and Associates) and our contractor (West Construction) are submitting the final drawings in order to obtain the permits which the City of Savannah must issue. It is our plan to begin construction and renovation in April. The project is still expected to take twelve months to complete.

We are currently conducting a Capital Campaign to raise $1,000,000 so that we can lessen the burden of our indebtedness going forward. We believe that with this initial amount, we will be able to pay for the project over a period of ten years with the annual distribution from the Cathedral Heritage Endowment Fund. As of this week, we have collected donations and pledges of a little more than $500,000. That is very good, but we are only half way to our goal. If you have not yet made a pledge to this campaign, I urge you to do that as soon as possible.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

While we are in the midst of our Campaign for the Chapel renovation, the Annual Catholic Appeal is also underway. I know that I am asking you to make a significant sacrifice, and all at the same time! But the ACA is something which has become a regular part of our giving. Each year we are asked to support the work of the Catholic Church throughout South Georgia. Please don’t forget to make your donation to support this important appeal. If we all make an attempt to give according to our means, we will have no problem meeting and exceeding our goal of $121,000.

As always, I thank the people of the Cathedral parish for your great generosity and cooperation.

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
We fail. We sin. We fall. We humans are weak, so we turn to God for strength. During this penitential season, we are keenly aware of our need for mercy and forgiveness. God’s mercy and forgiveness came to full fruition in Jesus, who redeemed us by taking on our failings, our sins, our mortality. God has the words of everlasting life, as we sing in the psalm today, so we look to God this day for words of mercy and love as we recommit ourselves to our Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Mass Intentions for the week of March 7, 2021

SUNDAY
Pro Populo
Virginia Aliffi Castilian
Matthew Robert Walden
Poor Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY
John Thang Dang
Jack Stacy (Anni)

TUESDAY
Anna Chuc Nguyen
Arthur Parker (Anni)

WEDNESDAY
Karen Cantwell (Anni)
Larry Warren (Anni)

THURSDAY
Emily & Joseph Kowalski (Anni)
John Szlasa

FRIDAY
Francis E. (Frank) Aliffi (Anni)
Bob Hester (Anni)

SATURDAY
Anna Chuc Nguyen
John Stacy III (MM)

Please Pray For: Ed Arbo, Nancy Bachner, Lola Bacon, Mabel Barba, Gerry and Maureen Bartlein, Jeff Bashus, Randy Beckle, Wendy Beiner, Cynthia Blaschke, Steve Blaschke, Doris Boring, Mike Bowers, Bill Boyle, Aaron Shane Conner, Joan Coules, Donna Cox, Natalie Deriso, Joan Devlin, Carlton Dowdy, Patrick Duffy, Eileen and Bill Dunlop, Erin Dunning, Chris Fernandez, Lance Gambrell, Evelyn Ganem, David Hampton, Jackie Heller, Ryan Helmes, Matt Hunter, Patricia Jarrell, Kathleen Kalagvano, Susan Spillane Lai, Shannon Lancaster, William Leach, Virginia Logan, Lee Marmarus, Hugh Markowsky, Gayle McGhee, Brian Murphy, Cindy Doolan Murphy, Josephine Nasworthy, Mary Peavey, USMC Derek Perez, Jeffrey Powell, Tina Sanders, Tyler Smith, Beverly Verley, Family of Andy Weiss, Beverly Willett, Jan Wilson, and Larson Zekas.

Join us for Stations of the Cross Every Friday During Lent after the Noon Mass.
Social Apostolate
March Food Drive

The need for assistance has never been greater at this time with so many are struggling to provide food for their family. How can we help or make a difference?

We can work with The Social Apostolate right here in Savannah. This mission brings hope and provides support in many ways to the working poor and the homeless here in our community. It is through the grace of God that we are here and it is in that grace we are given opportunities to serve those in need. March is the month for the Cathedral to “stock the pantry” at the Social Apostolate, and with our help we can continue this mission together as one family.

The needed items are:
Tuna, Salmon, Canned Ham, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Breakfast foods, Hearty Canned Soups, Peanut Butter, Jams/Jellies and Canned Vegetables and Fruit.

Food donations can be left in the baskets at the Church entry. Please check expiration dates and no industrial sizes. Thank you from the Christian Service Committee and the Social Apostolate!

Holy Hour for Vocations
This Sunday, March 7th at 3:00 PM, St. John Vianney Vocations Ministry of Savannah celebrates a special Holy Hour at Resurrection of Our Lord Church at 112 Fell St. Deacon Hosea Bennett will preside. Join in person or via Zoom - no password needed. Just click and join! https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88008350820
For more info: Sr. Donna Jo Loeper, SSJ at (912) 484-7860 (call or text)

Happy St. Patrick’ Day
Celebrate with our “Celtic Forest” blend of dried florals and forest treasures created by Cathedral Flowers. Decorated bags of potpourri and sachets are available now at the Cathedral Docent desk and available for office pick via email order caflowers.19@gmail.com

Rejoice! Christ is Risen
College Retreat!
All college students and college-aged young adults are invited to attend our annual intercollegiate retreat where students come together to pray and worship. April 9-11th at Camp Grace Roberta, GA. To Sign up and for more information visit: http://diosav.org/campus-ministry/intercollegiate-retreat

St. Vincent’s Academy’s
Lucky $10,000 Raffle
$100 per ticket wins $10,000 cash or SVA tuition for one year! To Purchase, call or email 912-226-1731 or christina.winters@svaga.net. You may also go to www.svaga.net/lucky or visit the SVA Facebook page or website for a direct link. Fabulous runner-up prizes will be awarded, including a week’s stay beach-front home at Fripp Island, $500 cash, and more! Winner need not be present to win. Winners will be drawn on March 12th. Proceeds support SVA Scholarship and Aid.

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Free U.S. Citizenship Preparation Class and Support Group. Prepare for the USCIS Oral Interview, study US History and Government and improve your English reading, writing and speaking skills. Meets online every Wednesday at 9:30 AM via Zoom. Class is Free. Zoom link and passcode is provided upon registration. Class is taught in a bilingual setting (English/Spanish) To register please call 912-201-4058 or e-mail CatholicCharities@diosav.org
ST. VINCENT’S ACADEMY & BENEDICTINE MILITARY SCHOOL PRESENT

THE

Pajama Game

BOOK BY GEORGE ABBOT AND RICHARD BISSELL
MUSIC AND LYRICS BY RICHARD ADLER AND JERRY ROSS
BASED ON THE NOVEL “7 1/2 CENTS” BY RICHARD BISSELL

MARCH 12TH & 13TH AT 7PM
MARCH 14TH AT 3PM

LOCATION: BENEDICTINE MILITARY SCHOOL
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Offertory Feb. 28, 2021: $20,717.00
Offertory Mar. 1, 2020: $28,347.33

Children's Religious Education Schedule
Mar 7 - CLASS
Mar 14 - CLASS

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NEW PARISHIONERS
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