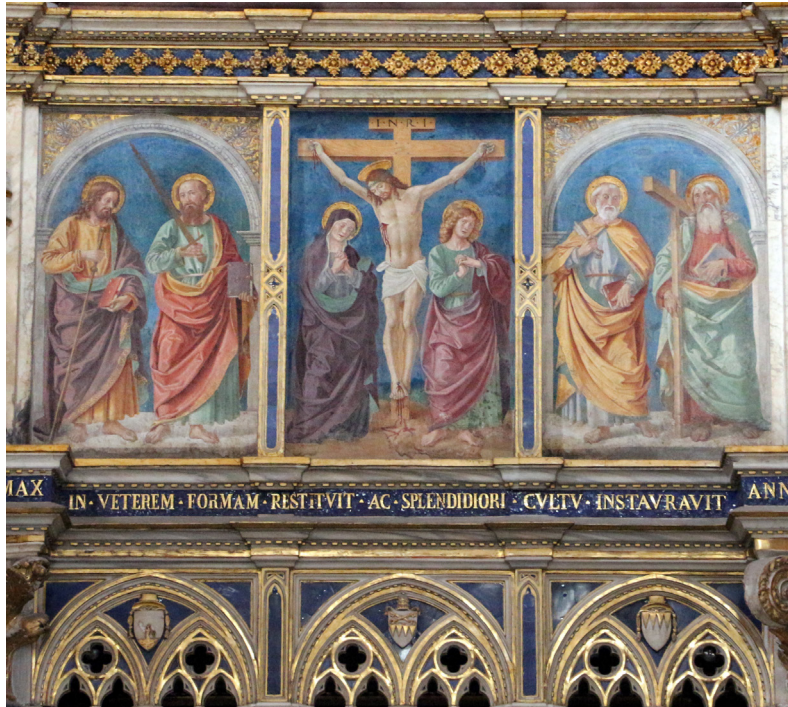


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*feast for the dedication of the
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9 november 2025*

Entrance Antiphon

Revelation 21.2

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

Entrance Hymn

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation



1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2. To this tem - ple where we call you, Come, O Lord of
3. Grant, we pray, to all your peo - ple, All the grace they



cor - ner - stone; Cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
hosts, to - day; With your wont - ed lov - ing kind - ness
ask to gain; What they gain from you for ev - er

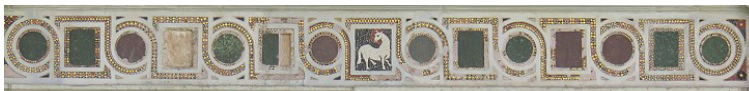


Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
Hear your ser - vants as they pray, And your full - est
With the bless - ed to re - tain, And here - af - ter



help for ev - er, And her con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion Shed in all its bright ar - ray.
in your glo - ry Ev - er - more with you to reign.

Text: *Angularis fundamentum*; 11th C.; Tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, 8 7 8 7 8 7; Adapted from an anthem of Henry Purcell, 1659-1695



Penitential Act

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,

All strike their breast, saying:

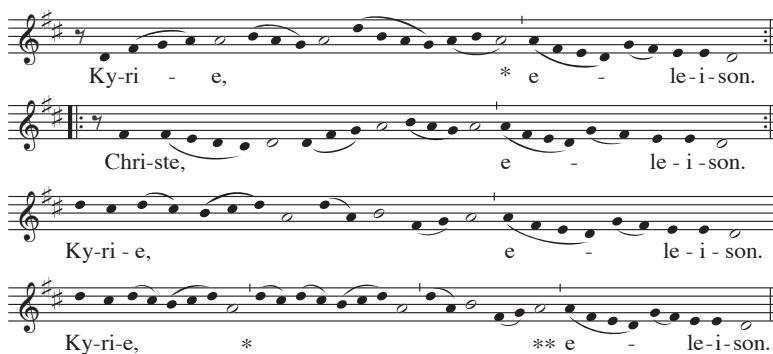
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

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.

Priest May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

People Amen.

Kyrie



Ky-ri - e, * e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e, * ** e - le - i - son.

Music: Vatican Edition VIII; acc. by Richard Proulx



Gloria

Missa VIII

Gló-ri - a in ex-cél-sis De - o. Et in ter-ra pax ho-mí-ni-bus
bo - nae vo - lun - tá - tis. Lau-dá - mus te.
Be-ne-dí-ci-mus te. A-do-rá - mus te.
Gló-ri - fi - cá-mus te. Grá-ti - as á - gi - mus ti - bi
pro-pter ma-gnam gló-ri - am tu - am. Dó-mi-ne De-us, Rex cae-
lé - stis, De-us, Pa-ter om - ní - po - tens.
Dó-mi-ne Fi - li u - ni - gé - ni - te, Je - su Chri - ste.
Dó-mi-ne De-us, A-gnus De - i, Fí-li-us Pa - tris.
Qui tol - lis pec-cá-ta mun - di, mi-se-ré - re no-bis.
Qui tol - lis pec-cá - ta mun - di, sú-sci-pé de-pre-ca - ti - ó -
nem no - stram. Qui se-des ad déx-te-ram Pa-tris,
mi-se-ré-re no - bis. Quó - ni - am tu so - lus San - ctus.
Tu so-lus Dó - mi - nus. Tu so-lus Al - tís - si-mus,
Je - su Chri - ste. Cum San - cto Spí - ri - tu,
in gló-ri - a De - i Pa - tris. A - men.

Collect

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

First Reading

Ezekiel 47.1-2, 8-9, 12

The angel brought me back to the entrance of the temple, and I saw water flowing out from beneath the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the façade of the temple was toward the east; the water flowed down from the southern side of the temple, south of the altar. He led me outside by the north gate, and around to the outer gate facing the east, where I saw water trickling from the southern side. He said to me, “This water flows into the eastern district down upon the Arabah, and empties into the sea, the salt waters, which it makes fresh. Wherever the river flows, every sort of living creature that can multiply shall live, and there shall be abundant fish, for wherever this water comes the sea shall be made fresh. Along both banks of the river, fruit trees of every kind shall grow; their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail. Every month they shall bear fresh fruit, for they shall be watered by the flow from the sanctuary. Their fruit shall serve for food, and their leaves for medicine.”

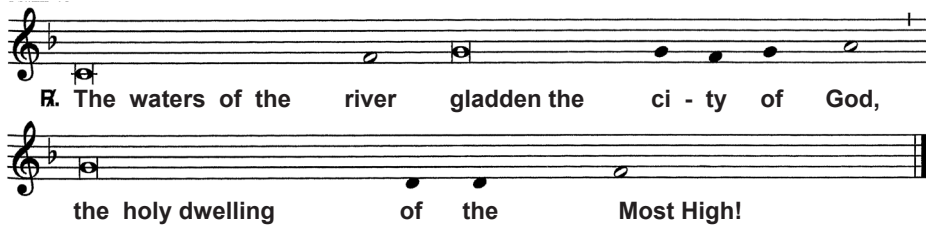
Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 46.2-3, 5-6, 8-9



God is our refuge and our strength,
an ever-present help in distress.
Therefore, we fear not, though the earth be shaken
and mountains plunge into the depths of the sea.

There is a stream whose runlets gladden the city of God,
the holy dwelling of the Most High.
God is in its midst; it shall not be disturbed;
God will help it at the break of dawn.

The LORD of hosts is with us;
our stronghold is the God of Jacob.
Come! behold the deeds of the LORD,
the astounding things he has wrought on earth.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3.9c-11, 16-17

Brothers and sisters: You are God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But each one must be careful how he builds upon it, for no one can lay a foundation other than the one that is there, namely, Jesus Christ.

Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord,
that my name may be there forever. *Response.*

Gospel

John 2.13-22

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

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 overturned 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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily



Profession of Faith *(spoken slowly and reverently)*

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 profoundly during these two lines:

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

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.

The Bidding Prayers

The Collection

The offering is for the support of the parish, and for the Archdiocese of Military Services.

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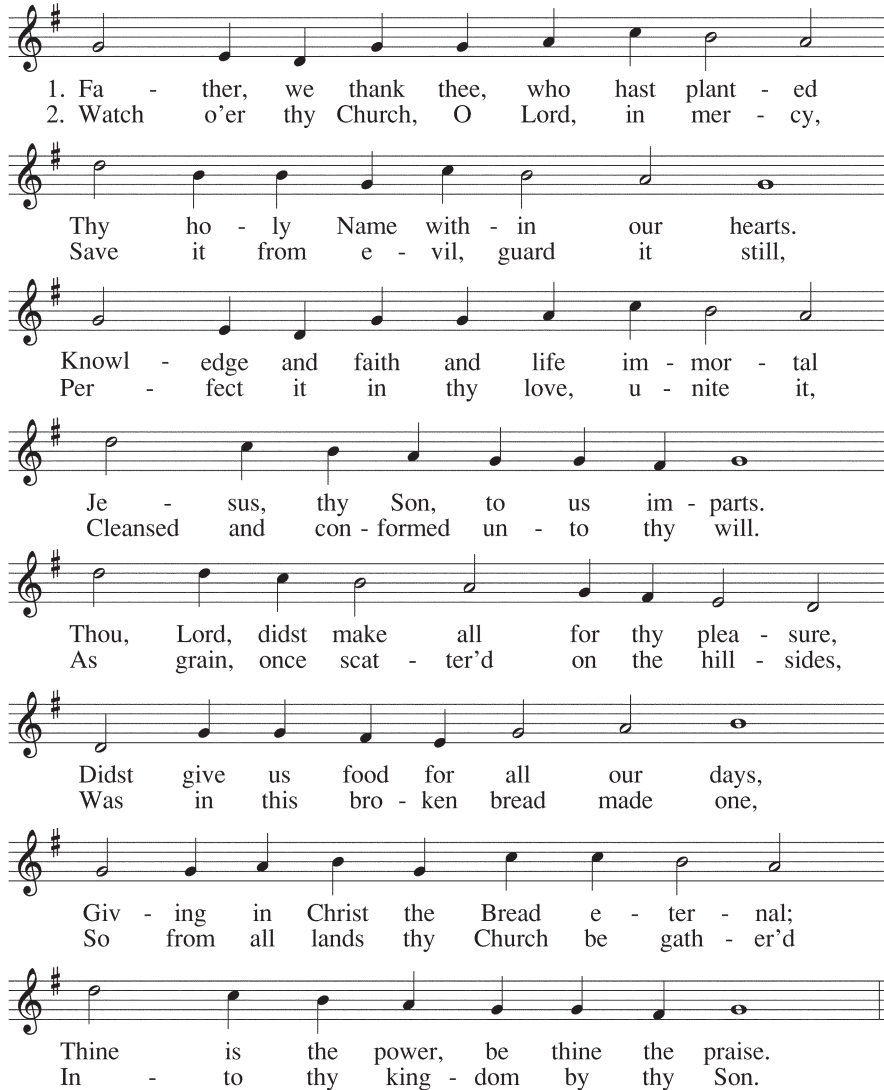
Offertory Antiphon

1 Chronicles 29.17, 18

O Lord God, in the simplicity of my heart I have joyfully offered all these things; and I have seen with great joy your people who are present here. God of Israel, keep this will, O Lord God.

Offertory Hymn

Father, We Thank Thee



1. Fa - ther, we thank thee, who hast plant - ed
 2. Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy,
 Thy ho - ly Name with - in our hearts.
 Save it from e - vil, guard it still,
 Knowl - edge and faith and life im - mor - tal
 Per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it,
 Je - sus, thy Son, to us im - parts.
 Cleansed and con - formed un - to thy will.
 Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
 As grain, once scat - ter'd on the hill - sides,
 Didst give us food for all our days,
 Was in this bro - ken bread made one,
 Giv - ing in Christ the Bread e - ter - nal;
 So from all lands thy Church be gath - er'd
 Thine is the power, be thine the praise.
 In - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

Text: From the *Didache*, c.110; tr. by F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984, alt., © 1940, The Church Pension Fund
 Tune: RENDEZ À DIEU, 9 8 9 8 D; *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; attr. to Louis Bourgeois, c.1510-1561

Offertory Anthem

Locus iste

Anton Bruckner

This place was made by God; a priceless holy place, it is without fault.



Priest Pray, brethren,
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the Almighty Father.

People **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.**

Prayer Over the Offerings

Sanctus

Missa VIII

San - ctus, * San - ctus, San -

ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá -

ba - oth. Ple - ni sunt cae - li et

ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho - sán -

na in ex - cé - sis Be - ne - dí - ctus qui

ve - nit in nó - mi - ne Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán -

na in ex - cé - sis.

Music: Vatican Edition VIII; acc. by Richard Proulx

Mystérium Fidei (The Mystery of Faith)

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your

Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come_ a - gain.

 COMMUNION RITE

Priest At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

***People* Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Priest Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

***People* For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

Priest Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

***People* Amen.**

Priest The peace of the Lord be with you always.

***People* And with your spirit.**

Agnus Dei

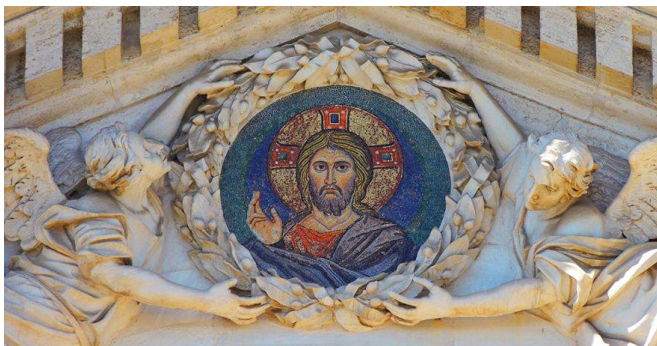
Missa XVIII

A - gnus De - i, * qui tol - lis pec cá - ta mun - di, mi-se - ré - re no - bis.

A - gnus De - i, * qui tol - lis pec-cá - ta mun - di, mi - se - ré - re no - bis.

A - gnus De - i, * qui tol - lis pec-cá - ta mun - di, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Richard Proulx



Priest Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.



AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

LORD JESUS, I LOVE YOU ABOVE ALL THINGS.
HOW I LONG TO RECEIVE YOU WITH MY BROTHERS
AND SISTERS AT THE TABLE YOU HAVE PREPARED.
BUT SINCE I CANNOT AT THIS MOMENT RECEIVE YOU IN
THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF YOUR BODY AND BLOOD,
I ASK YOU TO FEED ME WITH THE MANNA OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT
AND NOURISH ME WITH YOUR HOLY PRESENCE.
I UNITE MYSELF COMPLETELY TO YOU;
NEVER PERMIT ME TO BE SEPARATED FROM YOUR LOVE.
AMEN.

Communion Motets

Behold the Tabernacle of God

William Harris

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you. For the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. For the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

Psalm 122

Anglican Chant

I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the LORD. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself. For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the LORD, to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the LORD. For there is the seat of judgment, even the seat of the house of David. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will wish thee prosperity. Yea, because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do thee good. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



Communion Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Ignaz Franz, 1719-1790
Trans. by Clarence Walworth, 1820-1900

GROSSER GOTT 78. 78. 77
Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, c. 1774



1. Ho - ly God, we praise Thy Name! Lord of all, we
2. Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
3. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee; All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and Ser - a - phim
Three we name Thee, While in es - sence on - ly One,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee; In - fi - nite Thy vast do -
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais-ing, Fill the heav'ns with sweet ac -
Un di - vid - ed God we claim Thee, And a - dor - ing bend the



main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord!
knee, While we own the mys - ter - y.



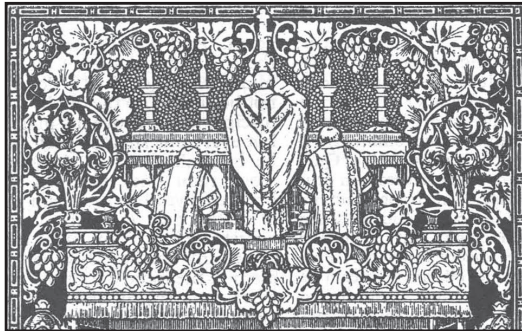
✠ CONCLUDING RITES ✠

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**

Priest May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People **Amen.**

Deacon Go in peace.
People **Thanks be to God.**

During Mass at St Mary's, the priest and people face the same direction at the altar, a custom that was once universal in the Catholic Church but is now rare in the celebration of the modern liturgy. For an explanation of this practice, please visit our parish website, smcgvl.org, and look in the section called *Parish Links* for the essay entitled *Facing East to Pray*.



All images are from St John the Lateran, Rome, consecrated in 324 AD.

Page three: Detail of 13th century cloister wall.

Page seven: Top of Scala Sancta (Holy Stairs).

Page fourteen: Inscription on the façade: “Most Holy Lateran Church, of all the churches in the city and the world, the mother and head.”

*from the office of readings
for the feast for the dedication of
the Lateran Basilica*

My fellow Christians, today is the birthday of this church, an occasion for celebration and rejoicing. We, however, ought to be the true and living temple of God. Nevertheless, Christians rightly commemorate this feast of the church, their mother, for they know that through her they were reborn in the spirit. At our first birth, we were vessels of God's wrath; reborn, we became vessels of his mercy. Our first birth brought death to us, but our second restored us to life.

Indeed, before our baptism we were sanctuaries of the devil; but after our baptism we merited the privilege of being temples of Christ. And if we think more carefully about the meaning of our salvation, we shall realize that we are indeed living and true temples of God.

God does not dwell only in structures made by human hands, in homes of wood and stone, but rather he dwells principally in the soul made according to his own image and fashioned by his own hand. Therefore, the apostle Paul says: The temple of God is holy, and you are that temple.

When Christ came, he banished the devil from our hearts, in order to build in them a temple for himself. Let us therefore do what we can with his help, so that our evil deeds will not deface that temple. For whoever does evil, does injury to Christ. As I said earlier, before Christ redeemed us, we were the house of the devil, but afterward, we merited the privilege of being the house of God. God himself in his loving mercy saw fit to make of us his own home.

My fellow Christians, do we wish to celebrate joyfully the birth of this temple? Then let us not destroy the living temples of God in ourselves by works of evil. I shall speak clearly, so that all can understand. Whenever we come to church, we must prepare our hearts to be as beautiful as we expect this church to be. Do you wish to find this basilica immaculately clean? Then do not soil your soul with the filth of sins. Do you wish this basilica to be full of light? God too wishes that your soul be not in darkness, but that the light of good works shine in us, so that he who dwells in the heavens will be glorified. Just as you enter this church building, so God wishes to enter into your soul, for he promised: I shall live in them, and I shall walk the corridors of their hearts.

- From a sermon by Saint Caesarius of Arle
(d. 27 August 542 AD)

from the pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Seventh Principle of Evangelical Catholicism is: “Being a follower of Christ requires moving from being a Church member by convention to a Christian disciple by conviction. This transformation demands that we consciously accept the Gospel as the measure of our entire lives, rather than attempting to measure the Gospel by our experience. Personal knowledge of and devotion to Sacred Scripture is necessary for this transformation to occur through the obedience of faith, and there is no substitute for personal knowledge of the Bible. Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”

Do you read the Bible at home? Do you consult a Bible dictionary or commentary to help guide your reading? Do you set aside time even once each week to pray with Holy Scripture? Can you recite any verses of Scripture from memory? Do you know that the Catholic Church teaches that every word in the Bible is inspired by God and contains no errors in matters of faith and morals? Do you believe this to be true? If not, do you understand that you are not in full communion with the Catholic Church? These questions help focus our attention on some of the practical consequences of the Sixth Principle of Evangelical Catholicism. Even those who desire to surrender their entire lives to the Lord Jesus in the obedience of faith cannot do this unless they read, believe, and reverence the Bible, because as St. Jerome (who first translated the entire Bible from Hebrew and Greek into Latin) teaches us: Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.

The Second Vatican Council devoted one of its sixteen documents to the subject of divine revelation, and it explores the relationships among Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, and the Magisterium of the Church. This document is called *Dei Verbum* (Latin for “The Word of God”) and is known in English as *The Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation*. *Dei Verbum* is only a few pages in length and is available online. I heartily encourage all Catholics to study *Dei Verbum* as a means to understanding why there is no substitute for personal knowledge of the Bible.

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16) “For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12) The devout reading of Holy Scripture does much more than teach us; it changes us. Reading Holy Scripture changes us in a way that no other form of reading can because when we open the Sacred Page with faith, the Lord speaks to us a word of grace and power unto repentance, conversion, and everlasting life. Immerse yourself in Holy Scripture, and in the Word of God you will come to know, love, and serve ever more perfectly the Word Made Flesh: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Father Newman