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Rite of Dedication

Chapel of the Holy Cross

Jesuit High School

The Most Rev. Michael Barber, S.J.
Bishop of Oakland

August 7, 2018

Laus Deo Semper
Praise God Always
Dear Jesuit families, friends, and benefactors,

The dedication of Jesuit High School’s new student chapel, the Chapel of the Holy Cross, marks an important milestone in school history. It is the fourth Chapel or Church to serve the Jesuit students in Tampa, preceded by St. Louis Church (1899-1905), Sacred Heart Church (1905-1962), and St. Anthony’s Chapel (1962-2016).

The new chapel, named in honor of the Holy Cross, draws from the spirit that animated the origin of the Society of Jesus. In the Formula of the Institute, the founding document of the Jesuit Order (1540), St. Ignatius refers to those wishing to be members of this new Order as soldiers of God “under the banner of the cross” (sub crucis vexillo), serving the Lord alone and the Church, his spouse, under the Roman Pontiff. Thus, St. Ignatius puts the whole Jesuit mission under the standard of the cross. These words from the Formula can be seen inscribed on the statue of St. Ignatius that adorns the façade of Holy Cross Chapel. In addition, the central interior image that confronts the visitor to our new chapel, the painting placed above the high altar, is the famous image of St. Ignatius’s vision at La Storta. In this vision, St. Ignatius is placed by God the Father beneath Christ who carries the cross. From that moment, St. Ignatius knows that he and his companions will be linked intimately in name and mission with the Lord Jesus and His holy cross.

Jesuit’s new student chapel has found an architect in Duncan Stroik who is supremely fluent in this idiom of Catholic faith, tradition, and the liturgical worship of God. For nearly thirty years, Professor Stroik has taught architecture at the University of Notre Dame. He has been a national leader in the recovery of the classical Catholic tradition in ecclesiastical architecture. His masterful design of Holy Cross Chapel, a sacred edifice that evokes the tradition of the Italian Renaissance, will serve, inspire, and instruct thousands of Jesuit Tigers in the coming generations.

The simple brick exterior, with its Palladian Doric portico and four “thermal” windows, references the simplicity of early Christian and Renaissance Churches in Venice and Rome. The octagonal interior echoes the polygonal shape of St. Anthony’s and connects the new chapel with the tradition of pilgrim Churches and baptisteries, including the shrine at Loyola dedicated to St. Ignatius. The American classical tradition, with its emphasis on stained glass interiors, also finds an heir in the new chapel.

The many symbols, inscriptions, altars, and artwork reflect the great contribution of the Jesuit order to the history of sacred art. They remind us of the pedagogical function of ecclesiastical architecture, a function that complements and enhances the primary function of divine worship.

ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DATE CHOSEN
FOR THE DEDICATION OF
HOLY CROSS CHAPEL
AUGUST 7, 2018
IN THE SOCIETY OF JESUS

Today, Jesuits worldwide commemorate the 204th anniversary of the restoration of the Society of Jesus. On Aug. 7, 1814, Pope Pius VII issued the bull Sollicitudo omnium Ecclesiarum, which re-established the Society of Jesus in the universal Church after it had been suppressed by an earlier papal brief for the previous 41 years.

FROM THE PAPAL DEGREE OF RESTORATION

“The Catholic world demands with unanimous voice the re-establishment of the Society of Jesus. We daily receive to this effect the most pressing petitions from our venerable brethren, the archbishops and bishops, and the most distinguished persons, especially since the abundant fruits which this Society has produced... have been generally known.

We declare [therefore] and grant power, that they [the Jesuits] may freely and lawfully attend to the education of youth in the principles of the Catholic faith, to form them to good morals, and to direct colleges and seminaries; we authorize them to hear confessions, to preach the Word of God, and to administer the sacraments in the places of their residence; with the consent and approbation of the local Bishop.

It now remains for us to exhort, with all our heart, and in the name of the Lord, all superiors, provincials, rectors, companies, and pupils of this re-established Society, to show themselves at all times, and in all places, faithful imitators of their father [St. Ignatius]; that they exactly observe the rule prescribed by their founder; that they obey with an always increasing zeal the useful advice and salutary counsels which he has left to his children.”

Given at Rome
St. Mary Major
7 August 1814
PP. Pius VII
Deacon: Go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL CHANT  
Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

RECESSIONAL VOLUNTARY  
Musicians of Jesuit High School


The pedagogical instruction that the Chapel of the Holy Cross imparts to all who worship here is that God’s love for mankind is ultimately cruciform. We, in turn, render him proper gratitude by the beauty of our own worship, most especially the spiritual worship of conforming our lives to the sacrificial love of Christ’s cross. Our prayer is that many future generations of Jesuit students may be formed as disciples of Jesus Christ and his holy cross by their daily prayer in this house of God that we dedicate today.

EXPLANATION OF THE RITE OF DEDICATION

The rites of the anointing, incensation, covering, and lighting of the altar express in visible signs several aspects of that invisible work which the Lord accomplishes through the Church in its celebration of the divine mysteries, especially the Eucharist.

In virtue of the anointing with chrism the altar becomes a symbol of Christ who, before all others, is and is called “The Anointed One”; for the Father anointed him with the Holy Spirit and constituted him the High Priest who on the altar of his body would offer the sacrifice of his life for the salvation of all. The anointing of the Church signifies that it is given over entirely and perpetually to Christian worship. Twelve anointings are made in accordance with liturgical tradition, signifying that the Church is an image of the holy city of Jerusalem.

Incense is burned on the altar to signify that the sacrifice of Christ, which is there perpetuated in mystery, ascends to God as an odor of sweetness, and also as a sign that the prayers of the people rise up pleasing and acceptable, reaching to the throne of God. The incensation of the nave of the Church indicates that the dedication makes it a house of prayer, while the People of God are incensed as a reminder that they are a spiritual altar.

The covering of the altar indicates that the Christian altar is the altar of the Eucharistic Sacrifice and the table of the Lord; standing around it priests and people, in one and the same action but with a difference of function, celebrate the memorial of the death and resurrection of Christ and partake in the Lord's Supper. For this reason the altar is prepared as the table of the sacrificial banquet and adorned as for a feast. Thus the decoration of the altar clearly signifies that it is the Lord’s table at which all God’s people meet with joy to be refreshed with divine food, namely the body and blood of Christ sacrificed.

The lighting of the altar, which is followed by the lighting of the Church, teaches us that Christ is “a light to enlighten the nations,” whose brightness shines out in the Church and through it upon the whole human family.
PART ONE
THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

THE PROCESSION TO THE CHURCH

The relics of the Martyrs and Saints that are to be deposited in the altars are able to be seen and venerated before the Rite of Dedication commences.

Main Altar: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, S.J., Patron of Youth
High Altar: St. Ignatius Loyola & St. Francis Xavier, & other saints of the Society of Jesus
Shrines to the Jesuit Martyrs: St. Edmund Campion, S.J.
St. Paul Miki, S.J.
Bl. Miguel Pro, S.J.
Relics of Jesuit North American Martyrs

Bishop: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

Bishop: Peace be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

Welcome & Words of Gratitude Fr. Richard C. Hermes, S.J.
President of Jesuit High School

Bishop: Beloved brothers and sisters, we have gathered with joy to dedicate a new Church by celebrating the Lord’s Sacrifice. Let us take part in these sacred rites with loving devotion, listening to the Word of God with faith, so that our community, reborn from the one font of Baptism and nourished at the same table, may grow into a spiritual temple and, brought together at one altar, may advance in the love from on high.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Bishop: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

Then the Bishop, with hands extended over the people, blesses them, saying:

Bishop: May God, the Lord of heaven and earth, who has gathered you today for the dedication of this Church, make you abound in heavenly blessings.

All: Amen.

Bishop: May God, who has willed that all his scattered children be gathered in his Son, grant that you become his temple and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Bishop: May you be made thoroughly clean, so that God may dwell within you and you may possess with all the Saints the inheritance of eternal happiness.

All: Amen.

The Bishop takes the pastoral staff and continues:

Bishop: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, * and the Son, * and the Holy Spirit, * come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All: Amen.
He hurls down hailstones like crumbs. 
The waters are frozen at his touch; 
he sends forth his word and it melts them: 
at the breath of his mouth the waters flow.

He makes his word known to Jacob, 
to Israel his laws and decrees. 
He has not dealt thus with other nations; 
he has not taught them his decrees.

When the procession reaches the place of reservation, the Bishop places the ciborium on the High altar, the door of which remains open.

Then he puts incense in the thurible, kneels, and incenses the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Meanwhile the following hymn is sung.

**TANTUM ERGO**

1. Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Venerémur cérnui;
Et antíquum documéntum
Novo cedat rítui;
Prestet fides suppleméntum
Novo cedat rítui;  
Sénsuum deféctui.

2. Genitóri, Genitóque
Laus et iubilátió,
Salus, honor, virtus, quoque
Sit et benedéctio:
Procédentí ab utróque
Compar sit laudátió.
Amen.

*Therefore we, before him bending*

1. Therefore we, before him bending, 
This great Sacrament revere; 
Types and shadows have their ending, 
For the newer Rite is here; 
Faith, our outward sense, befriending, 
Makes the inward vision clear.

2. Glory let us give and blessing, 
To the Father and the Son; 
Honor, might, and praise addressing, 
While eternal ages run; 
Ever too his love confessing, 
Who from Both, with Both, is One. 
Amen.

**PROCESSIONAL CHANT**

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ET us go re-joicing to the house of the Lord.

Choir: I rejoiced when they said to me: 
“Let us go up to the Lord’s house. 
And now our feet are standing within your gates O Jerusalem.

All: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Choir: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
“May they prosper who love you! 
Peace be within your walls, 
and security within your towers! 
For my brethren and companions’ sake 
I will say, “Peace be within you!”

All: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Choir: Glory be to the Father and to the Son, 
and to the Holy Spirit, 
as it was in the beginning, is now, 
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**LITANY OF THE HOLY CROSS**

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of Heaven,  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
God the Holy Ghost, our Advocate,  
Holy Trinity, one God,

Have mercy on us.  
Have mercy on us.  
Have mercy on us.  
Have mercy on us.

Holy Cross where the Lamb of God was offered,

Save us, O Holy Cross.

Hope of Christians,  
Pledge of the resurrection of the dead,  
Shelter of persecuted innocence,  
Guide of the blind,

Way of those who have gone astray,  
Staff of the lame,  
Consolation of the poor,  
Restraint of the powerful,  
 Destruction of the proud,  
Refuge of sinners,  
Trophy of victory over Hell,  
Terror of demons,

Mistress of youth,  
Succor of the distressed,  
Hope of the hopeless,  
Star of the mariner,  
Harbor of the wrecked,  
Rampart of the besieged,  
Father of orphans,  
Defense of widows,  
Counsel of the just,  
Judge of the wicked,  
Rest of the afflicted,  
Safeguard of childhood,  
Strength of manhood,  
Last hope of the aged,  
Light of those who sit in darkness,  
Splendor of kings,  
Civilizer of the world,  
Shield impenetrable,  
Wisdom of the foolish,

Save us, O Holy Cross.

O Salutaris Hostia

1. O salutáris hóstia,  
2. Uni trinóque Dómino  

Quæ cæli pandis óstium  
Sit sempitérna glória:

Bella premunt hostília;  
Qui vitam sine término  
Da robur, fer auxílium.  
Nobis donet in pátria.

Save us, O Holy Cross.

Amen.

1. O Saving Victim opening wide  
2. All praise and thanks to thee ascend  

The gate of hea’n to man below:  
For evermore, blest One in Three;  
Our foes press on from every side  
O grant us life that shall not end  
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestowed.  
In our true native land with thee.

Save us, O Holy Cross.

Amen.

A procession with the Blessed Sacrament through the Church now takes place. As the procession moves through the Church please turn to face the Blessed Sacrament.

PROCESSIONAL CHANT

Laudate Dominum Omnes Gentes

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
2. He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  

Zion, praise your God!  
he has blessed the children within you.

Psalm 147

O praise the Lord all ye nations! Alleluia!

He has established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command.

He showers down snow white as wool,  
he scatters hoar-frost like ashes.
3. Alleluia! bread of angels,
    Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to Thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth’s Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluia! King eternal,
    Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth Thy footstool, heav’n Thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic feast.

POST COMMUNION MOTET

Bishop: Let us pray.
    Through these holy gifts we have received,
    O Lord, we pray,
instil in our minds an increase of your truth,
so that we may constantly adore you
in your holy temple
and glory in your sight with all the Saints.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE INAUGURATION OF THE TABERNACLE OF THE MOST
    BLESSED SACRAMENT

After this prayer, the Bishop returns to the altar, all kneel, and the Bishop
incenses the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Meanwhile the following hymn is sung. Then a moment of silence follows.

Liberty of slaves,
Knowledge of the ignorant,
Sure rule of life,
Heralded by prophets,
Preached by apostles,
Glory of martyrs,
Study of hermits,
Chastity of virgins,
Joy of priests,
Foundation of the Church,
Salvation of the world,
Destruction of idolatry,
Support of the weak,
Medicine of the sick,
Health of the leprous,
Strength of the paralytic,
Bread of the hungry,
Fountain of those who thirst,
Clothing of the naked,
Save us, O Holy Cross.
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Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the world,
Hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us,
Christ, graciously hear us.

We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You,
    Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the
    world.

THE ENTRANCE INTO THE CHURCH

At the threshold of the chapel the procession comes to a halt. Representatives
of those who have been involved in the building of the chapel hand over the
building to the Bishop, offering him the keys and the plan of the building.
The architect briefly addresses the Bishop and the community, illustrating
what the new chapel expresses in its art and in its own special design.
Then the Bishop calls upon Fr. Hermes, S.J. to whom the pastoral office of the Church has been entrusted to open the door of the chapel. When the door is unlocked, the Bishop invites the people to enter the chapel in these words:

**Bishop:** Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving, His courts with songs of praise.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Psalm 24

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things, who has not sworn so as to deceive his neighbor.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is the king of glory?

**CHORAL MOTET**

Psalm 24

1. Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
   His the scepter, His the throne.
   Alleluia! His the triumph,
   His the victory alone.
   Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
   thunder like a mighty flood.
   Jesus out of every nation has
   redeemed us by His blood.

2. Alleluia! not as orphans
   are we left in sorrow now;
   Alleluia! He is near us,
   faith believes, nor questions how;
   Though the cloud
   from sight received Him
   when the forty days were o'er
   Shall our hearts forget His promise,
   “I am with you evermore”? 

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

For those who are unable to receive Holy Communion or who are not Roman Catholic, you are warmly invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by simply crossing your arms over your chest as you approach the priest.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

My house shall be a house of prayer,
says the Lord:
in that house, everyone who asks receives,
and the one who seeks finds,
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.
Mystery of Faith

R.: Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Great Amen

Our Father

Sign of Peace

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi: Miserére nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi: Miserére nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi: Dona nobis pacem.

Bishop: 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.

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

The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war.
O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory.

Processional Hymn

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem
drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

3. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eye
at mysteries so bright.
4. Crown him the Lord of years, 
the potenteate of time, 
creator of the rolling spheres, 
ineffably sublime. 
All hail, Redeemer, hail! 
for thou hast died for me; 
thy praise shall never, 
ever fail throughout eternity.

THE BLESSING OF WATER

The Bishop blesses the water for sprinkling the people as a sign of repentance and as a reminder of Baptism and for purifying the walls and the altar of the new Church. The Bishop invites all to pray in these words:

Bishop: Dear brothers and sisters, 
as we solemnly dedicate this house, 
let us humbly call upon the Lord our God 
to bless this water he has created 
with which we are to be sprinkled 
as a sign of repentance 
and a memorial of Baptism 
and by which the new walls 
and altar will be purified. 
May the Lord support us with his grace 
so that, docile to the Spirit 
whom we have received, 
we may remain faithful in his Church.

And all pray in silence for a while. The Bishop then continues:

Bishop: O God, through whom every creature 
comes forth into the light of life, 
you accompany all people with such great love 
that not only do you nourish them 
with fatherly care, 
but you mercifully cleanse them of their sins 
with the dew of charity and constantly lead them 
back to Christ the Head.

yet you allow us to consecrate to you 
apt places for the divine mysteries.

And so, we dedicate joyfully to your majesty 
this house of prayer, built by human labour. 
Here is foreshadowed the mystery of the true Temple, 
here is prefigured the image of the heavenly Jerusalem.

For you made the Body of your Son, born of the tender Virgin, 
the Temple consecrated to you, 
in which the fullness of the Godhead might dwell.

You also established the Church as a holy city, 
built upon the foundation of the Apostles, 
with Christ Jesus himself the chief cornerstone: 
a city to be built of chosen stones, 
given life by the Spirit and bonded by charity, 
where for endless ages you will be all in all 
and the light of Christ will shine undimmed for ever.

Through him, O Lord, with all the Angels and Saints, 
we give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:

SANCTUS

Please Kneel
Bishop: Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and Yours may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.

All: 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.

Bishop: May the gifts of your joyful Church be acceptable to you, O Lord, so that your people, gathering in this holy house, may come through these mysteries to everlasting salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Preface

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father most holy.

For you have made the whole world a temple of your glory, that your name might everywhere be extolled,

For in your merciful plan you established that those who descend as sinners into the sacred waters to die with Christ should rise free from guilt and be made his members, heirs with him to an eternal reward.

Sanctify therefore with your blessing this water you have created, that, sprinkled on us and on the walls of this Church, it may be a sign of the cleansing waters of salvation, in which we have been washed in Christ and made a temple of your Spirit.

Grant that, with all our brothers and sisters who will celebrate the divine mysteries in this Church, we may come at last to the heavenly Jerusalem. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Bishop, accompanied by assisting priests, passes through the main body of the Church, sprinkling the people and the walls with holy water; then, when he has returned to the sanctuary, he sprinkles the altar.

Meanwhile the following antiphon is sung.

The Sprinkling of Water

Vidi aquam egredientem. Cf. Ez 47: 1-2.9

VIII

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I-di aquam * egre-di-éntem de tem-plo,
Ant.

OUR light has come, Je-ru-sa-lem: * and the glo-ry of
the Lord has ris-en up-on you, and the na-tions will walk in
your light, al-le-lu-ia.

The Canticle of Tobit  13:10; 13-14ab; 14c-15; 17

Bless the Lord, all you his chosen ones,
proclaim a day of gladness and give him glory.

Jerusalem, city of God, you will shine with splendid light,
and all the ends of the earth will pay you homage.
Nations will come from afar
and, bearing gifts, will adore you, Lord.

Your land will be called holy
and your name be invoked as great.
You shall rejoice in your children, for all shall be blessed
and gathered before the Lord.

PRELUDE

Bach’s Prelude & Fugue

PART FOUR

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Representing the faithful, Mr. Ted Couche ’54 and family bring up the
elements for celebrating the Lord’s Sacrifice.
I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, 
you have heard the words of my mouth. 
In the presence of the angels I will bless you. 
I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love 
which excel all we ever knew of you 
On the day I called, you answered; 
you increased the strength of my soul.

All earth's kings shall thank you 
when they hear the words of your mouth. 
They shall sing of the Lord's ways: 
How great is the glory of the Lord!'

The Lord is high 
yet he looks on the lowly 
and the haughty 
he knows from afar.

CHORAL MOTET

Non Nobis

Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sed nomine tua da gloria.

Not to us, Lord, not to us, but to your name give the glory.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR AND THE CHURCH

After the incensation, the altars are prepared with cloths, candles and crucifix 
for the celebration of Mass.

Then the Bishop receives a lit candle and says aloud:

Bishop: Let the light of Christ 
shine brightly in the Church, 
that all nations 
may attain the fullness of truth.

Then the festive lighting takes place.
all who call upon you, that the power of your word and of the Sacraments may strengthen here the hearts of all the faithful. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All:  Amen.

PART TWO
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Bishop:  May the word of God resound always in this building, to open for you the mystery of Christ and to bring about your salvation in the Church.

All:  Amen.

FIRST READING  
Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 8-10
Read by Mr. Joseph Caballero ’86

A Reading from the book of the prophet Nehemiah.

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it — for he was standing higher up than any of the people —; and, as he opened it, all the people rose.

Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, “Amen, amen!” Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to

and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

THE INCENSATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE CHURCH

After the rite of anointing, a heap of incense mixed with wax tapers is made on the altar.

Deacon:  Let us stand.

The Bishop lights the incense saying:

Bishop:  Let our prayer rise, O Lord, like incense in your sight; and as this house is filled with a pleasing fragrance, so let your Church be fragrant with the aroma of Christ.

Then the Bishop puts incense into a number of thuribles and incenses the altar; then he returns to the chair, is incensed, and sits. Priests, walking through the main body of the Church, incense the people and the walls.

ANTIPHON FOR THE INCENSATION

Ant. 2

N  the presence of  the Lord  *  a-  rose clouds of  in-cense
from the hand of  the An-  gel.

Psalm 137 (138)
They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you, in whose hearts are the roads to Zion.

As they go through the Bitter Valley they make it a place of springs the autumn rain covers it with blessings. They walk with ever growing strength, they will see the God of gods in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed.

One day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. The threshold of the house of God I prefer to the dwellings of the wicked.

For the Lord God is a rampart, a shield; he will give us his favor and glory. The Lord will not refuse any good to those who walk without blame.

Lord, God of hosts, happy the man who trusts in you!

HYMN DURING THE ANOINTING O God Beyond all Praising

1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; For we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

2. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our king, the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read.

Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: “Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep”— for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: “Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 18

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; The ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.
Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Let the words of my mouth
and the thought of my heart
find favor before you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

SECOND READING Ephesians 2:19-22
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A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters: You are no longer strangers and sojourners,
but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of
the household of God, built upon the foundation of the Apostles
and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone.

Through him the whole structure is held together and grows into
a temple sacred in the Lord; in him you also are being built
together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Festival Alleluia

Choir: O Lord, open our hearts, to listen to the words of your Son.

Bishop: May the Lord by his power sanctify this altar and
this house, which by our ministry we anoint, so
that as visible signs they may express the mystery
of Christ and the Church.

Then he pours the sacred Chrism on the middle of the altar and on each of
its four corners, upon the five crosses engraved upon the mensa of the altar,
remembering the five wounds of Christ and then anoint the entire mensa. He
then proceeds to anoint the altar that will hold the most Blessed Sacrament.
After this, four Jesuit priests from the community will anoint the altars in the
shrines to the Jesuit martyrs. Other members of the clergy anoint the walls
of the Church.

ANTIPHON FOR THE ANOINTING

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Psalm 83 (84)

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts.
My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the
courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God.

The sparrow herself finds a home
and the swallow a nest for her brood;
she lays her young by your altars,
Lord of hosts, my king and my God.
Therefore, O Lord, we beseech you:
graciously pour forth from heaven your sanctifying power
upon this Church and upon this altar,
to make this for ever a holy place
with a table always prepared for the Sacrifice of Christ.

Here may the flood of divine grace
overwhelm human offenses,
so that your children, Father, being dead to sin,
may be reborn to heavenly life.

Here may your faithful, gathered around the table of the altar,
celebrate the memorial of the Paschal Mystery
and be refreshed by the banquet
of Christ’s Word and his Body.

Here may the joyful offering of praise resound,
with human voices joined to the song of Angels,
and unceasing prayer rise up to you
for the salvation of the world.

Here may the poor find mercy,
the oppressed attain true freedom,
and all people be clothed with the dignity of your children,
until they come exultant to the Jerusalem which is above.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

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GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-19

Deacon: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your Spirit.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked
his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” They
replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others
Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do
you say that I am?” Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God.” Jesus said to him in reply, “Blessed
are you, Simon son of Jonah For flesh and blood has not revealed
this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are
Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates
of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the
keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall
be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be
loosed in heaven.”

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel all remain standing singing for the Alleluia as the Book of
the Gospels is reverenced by the Bishop who then blesses the congregation.

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THE ANOINTING OF THE ALTAR
AND THE WALLS OF THE CHURCH

Then the Bishop, removing the chasuble, yet retaining the Pontifical
dalmatic, the symbol of service, proceeds to anoint the altar. The Bishop says:
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I believe in one God,
the Father, the 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:
and all, now bowing, say
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.

CHORAL MOTET

We adore you O Christ and we praise you,
because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon: Let us stand.

Bishop: O God sanctifier and ruler of your Church,
it is right for us to celebrate your name in joyful proclamation;
for today your faithful people desire to dedicate to you,
solemnly and for all time, this house of prayer,
where they worship you devoutly, are instructed by the word,
and are nourished by the Sacraments.

This house brings to light the mystery of the Church,
which Christ made holy by the shedding of his blood,
so that he might present her to himself as a glorious Bride,
a Virgin resplendent with the integrity of faith,
a Mother made fruitful by the power of the Spirit.

Holy is the Church, the chosen vine of the Lord,
whose branches fill the whole world,
and whose tendrils, borne on the wood of the Cross,
reach upward to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed is the Church,
God’s dwelling-place with the human race,
a holy temple built of living stones,
standing upon the foundation of the Apostles
with Christ Jesus its chief cornerstone.

Exalted is the Church,
a City set high on a mountain for all to see,
resplendent to every eye with the unfading light of the Lamb,
and resounding with the sweet hymn of the Saints.
THE DEPOSITION OF THE RELICS OF THE SAINTS

Then, the Bishop approaches the altar. A Priest brings the relics to the Bishop, who places them in a suitably prepared aperture. Meanwhile, the following antiphon is sung while a stonemason closes the aperture containing the relics.

Let us stand.

THE LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

Bishop: Dearly beloved, let us pray to God the almighty Father, who makes the hearts of the faithful into spiritual temples for himself, and may the supplication of the Saints, our brothers and sisters, be joined with our voices.

Deacon: Let us kneel.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Psalm 14 (15)

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent and dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart;

he who does not slander with his tongue;

he who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbor.

He who holds the godless in disdain but honors those who fear the Lord; he who keeps his pledge, come what may;

who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent.

Such a man will stand firm for ever.
Saint Augustine,  
pray for us.  
Saint Athanasius,  
pray for us.  
Saint Basil,  
pray for us.  
Saint Martin,  
pray for us.  
Saint Benedict,  
pray for us.  
Saint Francis and Saint Dominic,  
pray for us.  
Saint Ignatius Loyola,  
pray for us.  
Saint Francis Xavier,  
pray for us.  
Saint Peter Faber,  
pray for us.  
St. Peter Canisius,  
pray for us.  
St. Robert Bellarmine,  
pray for us.  
St. Stanislaus Kostka,  
pray for us.  
St. Aloysius Gonzaga,  
pray for us.  
St. John Berchmans,  
pray for us.  
Saint Alphonsus [Rodriguez] & Saint Peter [Claver],  
pray for us.  
Saint Edmund Campion,  
pray for us.  
Saint Isaac Jogues,  
pray for us.  
Saint Paul Miki,  
pray for us.  
Blessed Miguel Pro,  
pray for us.  
Saint Vincent de Paul,  
pray for us.  
Saint Francis de Sales,  
pray for us.  
Saint John Vianney,  
pray for us.  
Saint John Bosco,  
pray for us.  
Saint John Paul [II],  
pray for us.  
Saint Therese of the Child Jesus,  
pray for us.  
Saint Catherine of Siena,  
pray for us.  
Saint Teresa of Jesus,  
pray for us.  
Saint Teresa of Calcutta,  
pray for us.  
All holy men and women,  
pray for us.  
Saints of God,  
pray for us.  

Be merciful to us sinners,  
Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.  
Govern and protect your holy Church,  
Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.  
Keep the Pope and all the ordained in faithful service to your Church,  
Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.  
Bring all peoples together in peace and true harmony,  
Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.  
Strengthen us and keep us in your holy service,  
Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.  
Consecrate this Church for your worship,  
Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.  
Jesus, Son of the living God,  
Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.  
Christ, hear us.  
Christ, graciously hear us.  

Then the Bishop, standing alone, says:  

Bishop:  
Mercifully accept our petitions,  
we pray, O Lord, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the Saints,  
so that this building to be dedicated to your name may be a house of salvation and grace where the Christian people, gathering as one, will worship you in spirit and in truth and be built up in charity.  
Through Christ our Lord.  

All:  
Amen.