

Dedication Mass for St. Joseph's Chapel



*St. John's Academy
October 7, 2020
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary*

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Celebrant *Most Reverend John T. Folda, Bishop of Fargo*

Concelebrants *Monsignor Jeffrey Wald*
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Father Paul Kuhn

Deacon *Rev. Mr. Thomas Geffre*

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Cliff Kropp
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Alex Schweitzer
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Gift Bearers *Paul & Claudia Sharp*

Ushers *Steve & Bonnie Laber*

Order of Service

Introductory Rites

Greeting

“May grace and peace be with you all in the holy Church of God.”

R. And with your spirit.

Procession to Chapel Doors

Psalm 122

Presentation of Chapel to the Bishop

Procession into Chapel

Psalm 24

Blessing and Sprinkling of Water

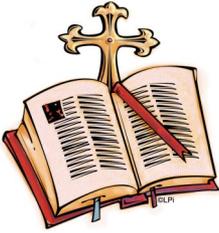
“I saw water flowing...”

“May God, the Father of mercies, dwell in this house of prayer and, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, cleanse us who are the temple where he dwells.”

R. Amen.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, Heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



The Liturgy of the Word

Presentation of Sacred Scripture

“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.”

R. Amen

First Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 8-10

A reading from the Book of 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 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-scribe 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!”

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 19B:8-9, 10, 15

“Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.”

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
The decree of the Lord is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.
The precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
The command of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eye.
2. The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;
The ordinances of the Lord are true,
all of them just.
3. Let the words of my mouth
and the thought of my heart
find favor before you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Chronicles 7:16

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

Gospel Reading

John 2:13-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Homily

Nicene 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,

*At the words that follow, up to and including "and became man," all bow.
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 Prayer of Dedication and the Anointings

Litany of Saints

“Mercifully accept our petitions...through Christ our Lord.”

R. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Anointing of the Altar and Walls of the Chapel

Psalm 84

By the anointing with Chrism the Altar is made 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 High Priest, who on the Altar of his Body would offer the sacrifice of his life for the salvation of all; Moreover, the anointing of the church signifies that it is given over entirely and perpetually to Christian worship. [...]Four anointings signify that the church is an image of the holy city of Jerusalem.

Incensation of the Altar and Chapel

Psalm 138

Incense is burned on the Altar to signify that the Sacrifice of Christ, which is there perpetuated in mystery, ascends to God as a pleasing fragrance; this is also a sign that the pleasing and acceptable prayers of the faithful rise up to the throne of God. Moreover, the incensation of the main body of the church indicates that the dedication makes it a house of prayer; but the People of God are incensed first, for they are the living temple in which each faithful member is a spiritual Altar.

Lighting of the Altar and Chapel

Canticle of Tobit

The covering of the Altar indicates that the Christian Altar is the Altar of the Eucharistic Sacrifice and the table of the Lord; the Priests and the faithful stand around it and, in one and the same action but with a difference of office, celebrate the Memorial of the Death and Resurrection of Christ and eat 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 the faithful 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, reminds us that Christ is “a light for revelation to the Gentiles,” whose brightness shines out in the Church and through her upon the whole human family.



Elizabeth Ann Seton was born in New York City in the late 1700s and was raised Episcopalian. She married William Seton and they had five children. He fell ill, and the family moved to Italy for his health. While there, Elizabeth discovered Catholicism. When her husband passed away, God had more plans for the Seton family. Elizabeth felt a further stirring in her heart. She opened a school for girls in 1808. The calling grew. Within a year, Elizabeth had founded the Sisters of Charity, the first community for religious women established in the United States. Their work established the first Catholic school system in the country.

Thank you to Gary and Mary Fox for donating a relic of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton to St. John’s Academy. The relic has been placed in the Altar of St. Joseph’s Chapel. Mary taught at St. John’s for many years and Gary served on the Capital Campaign Building Committee.



The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Reception of Gifts

Antiphon

*“Lord God, in the simplicity of my heart I have gladly offered everything;
and I have looked with surpassing joy upon your people, present here.
God of Israel, Lord God, keep this resolve in their hearts. Alleluia.”*

Sanctus

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

The Lord’s Prayer

Agnus Dei

Holy Communion

*Please allow for social distancing as you come
forward to receive Communion.*

Communion Hymns

*Psalm 128
Panis Angelicus*

Closing Prayer

Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Thank you to Bishop Folda for being here today for this celebration and especially for his continual support of Catholic Education and our ambitious Capital Campaign.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this day possible: St. John’s Academy and St. James Basilica Staff, the Diocese of Fargo, Roers Construction, MBA Architects, Henning Church and Historical Restoration, all the subcontractors, all who participated in this beautiful Dedication Mass, and most especially our generous benefactors who have given so selflessly to ensure that Christ is at the center of the Catholic Education provided at our school.

The Chapel is named in honor of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet who founded St. John’s Academy in 1890. We are eternally grateful for their vision and devotion.