

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept. 26, 2021 – 12Noon Dedication Mass

Celebrant - Bishop Barry C. Knestout Fr. Jim Msgr. Walter Barrett Deacon Calvin Bailey Deacon Mike Brown		E.M. Ebyn Brinkley	KPC JC Gardner James D. Howell Isaiah Robinson Rudy Holmes Robert Laing Raymond Stanislaus Chris Lamb
Musician - S. Logan Cantor/Choir Vivian Johnson/Barbara Wright BMC	Organist - Ralph Spoettle	Ushers: Mark Lawson, Sam Cook, Stephen Taylor, Christine Newby, Clay. Brown, Lillie Lucas	Ladies of the Covenant Ronda Fraizer Judy James Jackie Davis Lisa McGriff
Lectors Dana Dixon Joe McMahan (<i>S. Bickham</i>)		Health Dr. Davis	Photographer(s) Eric Labat Isaiah Robinson
Altar Servers Meriah Cannon Mel Rollins Mariah Mitchell Mary Berberich Angela Harris		Video Kara Dixon Audio Sam Bruce	Relic Bearer Robert Martinez

ENTRANCE: Entrance Song:

SPECIAL GREETING BY THE BISHOP

Fr. James P. Curran Msgr. Walter Barrett Deacon Calvin Bailey Deacon Mike Brown Dr. Ruth Nichols Jones Hon. Jay Jones Hon. Kenneth Alexander Hon. Mamie Johnson Clergy of Neighboring Faith Communities	Pastor, Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Pastor of St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Joseph in Hampton Basilica of St. Mary Christ the King CEO & President Food Bank of Southeastern VA & the Eastern Shore VA House of Delegates, 89 th District Mayor, City of Norfolk Norfolk City Council Member Dr. Robert G. Murray, Historic First Baptist Church, Bute Street Dr. Glenn E. Porter, Queen Street Baptist Church Rev. Cannon Win Lewis, Christ and St. Luke Pastor & Members of Congregation, First Lutheran Church Dr. Cassandra Newby-Alexander Dean, NSU College of Liberal Arts
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Bishop: May grace and peace be with you all in the holy Church of God.

All: And with your Spirit.

Fr. Curran: I call forward those who are making presentations to the Bishop.

Will McCadden construction documents of our church.

Eric Brown and **Robert Pretlow** names of those workers of trades

Arcino Quiero and **Dr. Alvin Schnexnider** contributors

Dana Dixon and **James Gray** devoted parishioners

Mrs. Elaine Ward, an elder of the church - the keys to the church

THE BLESSING AND SPRINKLING OF WATER

THE GLORIA (sung)

THE COLLECT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Dana Dixon

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 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 saddened, 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 is your strength!" ***The word of the Lord.***

Psalm 122

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:19-22

Joseph McMahon

A reading from the letter of Saint 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 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.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-19

Deacon Bailey

****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.***

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 Messiah, 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

HOMILY: Bishop Knestout

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND ANOINTINGS

THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS

CANTOR

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

Holy Mary, Mother of God

R. Pray for us.

Saint Michael

Holy angels of God

Saint John the Baptist

Saint Joseph

Saint Peter and Saint Paul

Saint Andrew

Saint John

Saint Mary Magdalene

Saint Stephen

Saint Ignatius

Saint Perpetua & Saint Felicity

Saint Agnes

Saint Gregory

Saint Augustine

Saint Athanasius

Saint Basil

Saint Martin

Saint Benedict

Jesus, Son of the living God.

Christ, hear us

R. Christ, hear us.

Saint Francis & Saint Dominic

Saint Francis Xavier

Saint John Vianney

Saint Catherine

Saint Teresa

All holy men and women

Lord, be merciful

R. Lord, save your people

From all evil

From every sin

From everlasting death

By your coming as man

By your death and rising to new life

By your gift of the Holy Spirit

Be merciful to us sinners

R. Lord, hear our prayer

Govern and protect your holy Church

Keep Pope and all the ordained in faithful service to your Church

Bring all peoples together in peace and true harmony

Strengthen us and keep us in your holy service

Consecrate this church for your worship

Christ, graciously hear us.

R. Christ, graciously hear us

THE DEPOSITION OF THE RELIC

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE INCENSATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE CHURCH

THE LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR AND THE CHURCH

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Gift Bearers: Deborah Lamb , Dora Livingston , Sam Cook

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMN(S)

MEDITATION HYMN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE CONCLUDING RITES

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/REMARKS BY THE PASTOR

FINAL BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace. **All:** Thanks be to God.

BLESSING OF FOOD TRUCK (Mobile Market Vehicle)

Following 12:00 PM Mass

- **The Bishop will greet parishioners following the conclusion of the blessing of the food truck.**
- **The Bishop will stand in front of the food truck with the faithful gathered in front of the doors of the Basilica.**
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Bishop:

Following the celebration of the rededication of this Basilica named in honor of Our Lady who generously departed in haste to come to the assistance of her cousin Elizabeth, we gather now to bless this vessel that will serve as a means of charity and bountiful blessing for those in need throughout this region. May it be a beacon of hope and a witness to the vibrant faith of those who contribute with great personal sacrifice to lift those burdened and without the means to support themselves.

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.

Bishop:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of mercy, who through your Son gave us a marvelous example of charity and the great commandment of love for one another. Send down your blessing on this vessel, upon all who aid in this service of bringing sustenance to those in need. May your grace extend also to those who receive sustenance from the generosity of the food borne from this place, may they be strengthened to fix their hearts more firmly on the heart of the Savior and seek that salvation that is the Promise given to those who submit themselves under His yoke.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord. **All:** Amen

Bishop: The Lord be with you. **All:** And with your Spirit.

Bishop: May almighty God bless you, the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit.

All: Amen.

Bishop: Go in peace. **All:** Thanks be to God.

The Bishop remains outside to greet the faithful for a little while after Mass.