



The Deacon

December 2021

St. Vincent's Cathedral

We at St. Vincent's are a community of disciples who know Jesus Christ in a personal way, who seek to live by the truth of His Word, and who reach out to others in love.



Birth of Jesus Foretold

And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ...And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:30-33,38)



The Birth of Jesus Christ

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. (Luke 2:1-7)



Advent: Jesus' Arrival

Now is the time to visit [Gifts from God Bookstore](#) at St. Vincent's Cathedral for all your Advent needs: wreaths, candles, books, & more!

Contact Amber Wilkinson: (817) 360-2652.

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Dean's Report: Advent, Stewardship, and Christmas

Greetings in the strong Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Happy New Year!, and happy Advent! This truly is a wonderful time of year as we begin a new Church year, prepare for the season of Christmas, and experience the love, joy, and peace that this season brings. This past month was our annual Stewardship Campaign with the theme of "Returning to the Lord". We enjoyed numerous reminders of the Goodness of God and the Generosity of St. Vincent's.

I'm happy to report that we have had a great start in the returning of pledge cards. From the first Sunday, we have received 79 pledge cards, 8 of which are new. However, this is about 50% of our goal, so there are still opportunities to make a financial commitment to the mission and ministry of St. Vincent's. You can "return" a pledge card in the following ways:

- Return in person and drop pledge card in the offering plate on Sunday
- Mail pledge card to St. Vincent's Cathedral
- Email our Business Administrator, Jennifer Pinney, at jpinney@svacc.org

We thank you for your generosity, and are looking forward to what God will do through us in 2022!

This Season of Advent is about preparing for the Coming of Jesus Christ – both in His first Advent (a baby in a manger), and in His second Advent (as Christ the King). As we prepare with our devotions, Advent wreaths, and even holiday gatherings, it is never too early to invite friends to worship with us on Christmas Eve. Here is our Christmas Eve schedule:



5:00pm – Family Service with Children's Message

10:30pm – Prelude of Carols

11:00pm – Christ Mass with Bp. Reed celebrating and preaching

"O come, let us adore Him."

Thank you, and God bless you,

Dean Mark Polley+

Sundays' 10:30 am Mass will be live-streamed on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAz5v1V4SrTVHsTtuDmPBoQ>

DECEMBER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 am

Holy Eucharist (said)

10:30 am

Holy Eucharist (sung)

WEEKLY MASS

9:00 a.m. Wed Mass in St. Mary's Chapel

MORNING PRAYER

9:00 a.m. Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri

**LET US ADORE OUR SAVIOR LIKE
THE SHEPHERDS DID – WITH OUR
PRESENCE – AND LIKE THE MAGI
DID – WITH OUR GIFTS.**

“Praise our God, all you his servants,
you who fear him, both small and
great!” (Revelation 19:5)



Please join us for

Three Saints Third Sunday Fellowship

With

Mimosas & Bloody Marys

(also with kid friendly/non-alcoholic beverages)

Sunday, December 19th

Immediately following the 10:30 service

If you can't make it in December—that's okay!

We'll see you on January 16th—this will be a recurring

Event the third Sunday of every month

Please join us and bring a guest!



***Three Saints walk
into a Parish Hall...***



Although it is true that our real treasures are in heaven, it is that wonderful time of year when we find ourselves seeking gifts for loved ones. Do you want to find that perfect gift for that extra special someone? Perhaps a delicate cross pendant? A child's first Bible? A cozy mug for a nice hot cup of coffee in the morning? Come visit us at **Gifts from God Bookstore** at St. Vincent's Cathedral. We have some great new items we would love to show you! The bookstore will be open every Sunday between services through Christmas. For Info, contact Amber Wilkinson: (817) 360-2652.

ST. VINCENT'S CATHEDRAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS & REMINDERS

Almighty God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, and healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people: continue in our hospitals his most gracious work especially among those affected by this illness; console and heal the sick, protect the healthy; grant to the physicians, nurses and assisting staff wisdom and skill, diligence and patience: prosper their work, O Lord, and send down your blessing upon this nation that we may respond with compassion to each other in faith to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SAVE THE DATE

Sun, Dec 5	Second Sunday of Advent Jesse Tree Ceremony 10:30 am St. Nicholas Party 11:30 am HQ
Wed, Dec 8	Finance Committee Meeting, Small Conf Room 6 pm
Sun, Dec 12	Third Sunday of Advent Lessons and Carols 10:30 am
Mon, Dec 13	Vestry Meeting, Large Conf Room 6 pm
Sat, Dec 18	Advent Quiet Day 8 am - 12:30 pm
Sun, Dec 19	Fourth Sunday of Advent Bp Iker preaching both services
Tues, Dec 21	St. Thomas the Apostle St. Mary's Chapel 9 am
Fri, Dec 24	The Nativity of Our Lord Children's Service 5 pm Organ Prelude and Hymns 10:30 pm Choral Eucharist with Bp. Reed 11 pm
Sat, Dec 25	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist 10 am
Sun, Dec 26	First Sunday after Christmas
Mon, Dec 27	St. John, Apostle & Evangelist St. Mary's Chapel 9 am
Tues, Dec 28	Holy Innocents of Bethlehem St. Mary's Chapel 9 am

From the Parish Records



DEPARTED
Karen Turner
(Ron Turner's sister)
November 9



*Light your candles quietly,
such candles as you possess,
wherever you are.*

—Alfred Delp

Wait! Before You Meet at SVC

Avoid Schedule Conflicts

Please be sure to check the website calendar
or contact Donna Baker

www.stvincentscathedral.org/calendar

dbaker@svacc.org (817) 354-7911



Brother Steward

Jesus, the Light

Are you waiting for something that seems to be too long in coming? Maybe it's a job promotion or a raise. Maybe it's just employment of any kind! Perhaps you've been praying for someone's salvation, and you don't see any sign of God's working in that person. It's difficult to wait. People in Jesus' day were waiting for a Messiah. It seemed to many that his coming was long overdue, but Paul writes in Galatians 4:4-5, *"When the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons."* Our waiting is over! The Light has come into the world!

Simeon was one who knew that *"the time had fully come,"* and *"moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts"* (Luke 2:27). There he saw the child whose parents brought him there to fulfill what the Law required of them. Simeon knew Jesus was the light. He proclaimed, *"For my eyes have seen your salvation . . . a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel"* (Luke 2:30, 32).

Unfortunately, not all who were waiting for the Messiah recognized him when he came. In John 1:4-5, we read, *"In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it."* Still, today, the darkness misunderstands the Light. Yet, he continues to shine, and, as he shines, he dispels darkness.

And he calls upon us to shine also. Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, described a lamp that is put on a stand so that it lights up the whole house. Then he said, *"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven"* (Matthew 5:16).

The only way to dispel darkness is to fill it with light. As stewards, it is our joyous task to be reflections of Christ's light. So we are *"prepared in season and out of season: [we] correct, rebuke and encourage — with great patience and careful instruction"* (2 Timothy 4:2). We are always prepared *"to give an answer to everyone who ask [us] to give the reason for the hope that [we] have. And we do so "with gentleness and respect keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against [our] good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander"* (1 Peter 3:15-15). In this way, we proclaim that the waiting is over! Jesus, the Light, has come into the world!



It's all about

Generosity 

St. Vincent's Cathedral

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**St. Vincent's Cathedral Nametags
Order today!**

Please call Susan Frey at 817-832-0023 or email at Susan.frey@att.net to order.

Donation: \$10.00 to St. Vincent's upon delivery.
Magnetic back. Pin-on style available (pacemaker).
(See example, left. Super-cool!)

Many Thanks!

Thanks Thanks Thanks Thanks Thanks Thanks Thanks Thanks Thanks

Thank you for your help in Making Jesus Christ known in all we do!

God is so very good! With your help we exceeded our goal of 100 Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes! Through your generous donations the love and hope that only Jesus can provide will be shared with many children and their families throughout the world.

Daughters of the King

PRAYER BEAR TIME!

We are still collecting **new** bears *with tags attached*, for Cook Children's Medical Center. This is our 12th year in this Ministry and each year we have been able to provide more bears than the previous year. Last year was a great success because we collected **153** precious little bears. *[Editor: Wow, that's glorious! Does that number seem familiar? See John 21:11.]* Pastoral Care at Cook Children's was overjoyed!



Our drive this year will continue through **Sunday, December 19th**. A collection box will be placed in the Narthex.

Each hospitalized child is so thrilled to receive a cuddly bear knowing that some stranger is thinking of them. It is so heart-warming to see these children be able to leave the hospital and take their bears home with them.



Many thanks in advance. May God bless you all!

The Prayer Bear Ministry



"Da Bears!"

Interested in Helping With the Sunday Live Stream?

We could use a couple more volunteers for this ministry. No, it isn't hard, but you do need to pay attention to the service! Typically, we have an audio person and a video person (pictured right). While many of us do attend services, there are others that cannot for a variety of reasons. COVID is one reason, but we also have former parish members out of state, as well as local members that are physically not able to attend. This ministry allows them to participate in our weekly worship. No experience is necessary—only a willingness to learn and serve. Remember God does not always call the equipped, many times he equips those he calls!

Email Tom Parham at tcparhamjr@gmail.com if you are interested. We have husband and wives working together, as well as individuals.

Is God calling you?

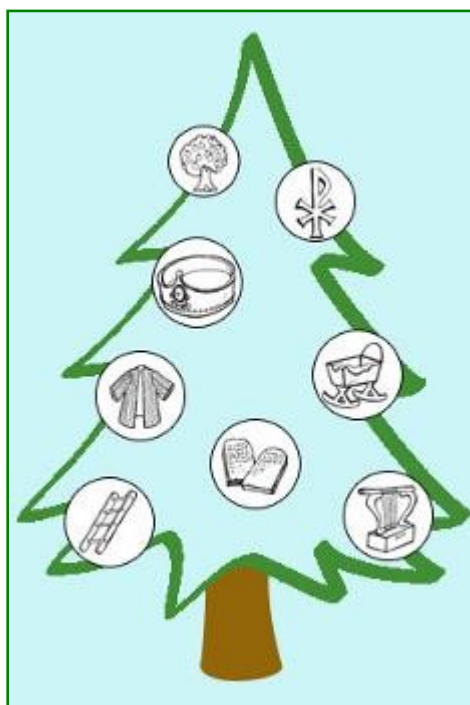


What is a Chrismon?

In preparation for our **Jesse Tree ceremony on Sunday, December 5 at the 10:30 am service**, the Cathedral Kids made Chrismons in Sunday School. Okay, great, but what on earth is a Chrismon? I mean, besides a craft that my child will make and that I will treasure forever?

A Chrismon is an ornament that will be used to decorate the Jesse Tree. The word Chrismon is a combination of the words “Christ” and “monogram,” and they are symbols of Christ. The colors used are gold and white. Gold reminds us of the majesty of Christ, that Jesus is King of Kings. The color white reminds us that he is the pure and sinless Lamb of God.

Each different Chrismon tells us something about Jesus. The shepherd's crook reminds us that He is our Good Shepherd, while the tree Chrismon reminds us that Jesus will come from the “root of Jesse” and will be a descendant of King David. If you want to know the meanings of each of the Chrismons that we make, join us at the 10:30 am service on December 5th for a full explanation with Scripture readings.





Meet Felipe!

Felipe would love to have you as his sponsor! He is 16 years old and is in his first year of High School.

Felipe arrived at La Gran Familia (LGF) in November of 2016. He had stopped attending school because he suffered from bullying from other students. Now that he is living at LGF, he is back in school and he made the Honor Roll because of his good grades! He has also made quite a few new friends!



Before he came to La Gran Familia, Felipe had also been suffering from pain in some of his bones and joints. He is now receiving the proper medical attention that he needs.

If you would like to sponsor Felipe, you may email Barbara Hautanen at the address below or go to the Diocesan mission website at fwworldmission.net and click on "La Gran Familia."

Blessings,

Barbara Hautanen WMC

dbhautanen@msn.com

Sharing God's Light

Throughout Scripture, God has used light to manifest his glory. For example, in announcing the birth of Jesus to the shepherds, God used light. *"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified." (Luke 2:8-9)* As the shepherds were tending their flocks in the field, they experienced what few people have actually seen. They saw the glory of God. Later, the Magi followed the brightness of the star which brought them to the stable in Bethlehem. *"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." (Matthew 2:2)* God's light is in each of us. As his stewards, we are called to share his light with others. Without Jesus, there is only darkness. *"I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." (John 12:46)* We are God's light in a dark world. Jesus said, *"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven." (Matthew 5:16)*

Prayer: Lord, I thank you for your marvelous light that is a lamp to my feet. Help me to reflect your light that is within me to others. Empower me, Lord, to be a light in this dark world. Lord, I give you praise and thanks. In your name I pray. **Amen.**

Blessings on your stewardship journey!

It's all about

Generosity 



Reminders from the Business Office

- If you would like offering envelopes ordered for 2022, please contact the church office by noon on Wednesday, December 1.
- If you are registered for online giving and will be adjusting your pledge for 2022, or wish to discontinue it, you must log in to your online giving account to make any changes.
- **According to IRS regulations**, all donations must be either received in the church office or postmarked by December 31st to be recorded on your 2021 contribution statement.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Pinney at jpinner@svacc.org.



CHOIR REHEARSALS

Cathedral Choir

Wednesdays, 7:15 pm-8:15 pm
Choir Room

Handbell Choir

Mondays, 7:00 pm-7:45 pm
Choir Room

Advent Quiet Day at St. Vincent's Cathedral

Saturday December 18, 2021



Schedule

8:00 am

Morning Prayer
(Cathedral Nave)

9:00 am

Mass
(St. Mary's Chapel)

10:00-10:30 am

Quiet Time I

10:30-11:30 am

The Advent of
our King:
Seasonal
Meditations
in "Stations"
for Advent

11:30-12:00 pm

Quiet Time II

12:00 pm

Light Advent Lunch

Pax

Contact: Dennis Emerick

Advent is a time of anticipation. *It is a season of quiet waiting, expectation and preparation.* We are waiting for our Lord to come into the world as the baby Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem. We are also preparing for the Lord's return as the shepherd-king, to restore harmony to all creation!

Advent is a season yearning for God to come and set the world right with justice, truth and peace. It is a season of hope and a time to emphasize preparation through prayer. While Lent emphasizes a spirit of repentance through prayer and fasting, Advent's prayers are prayers of humble devotion and commitment, prayers for deliverance, prayers of gladness and joyful expectation, prayers that await the light of Christ coming into the world.

Advent scripture readings reveal a strong prophetic tone of accountability and judgment. Christ's disciples expect the Lord to hold them accountable for what has been entrusted to them, just as a spouse, parent, teacher, or supervisor holds us accountable. And just as the steward was found faithful in small matters by the master, we, too, are confident that we will be found faithful and will enter the joy of the master. We have absolute trust in the Lord's countenance.

During Advent, we anticipate the Lord's coming with hope. It is that hope that keeps us from despair and the darkness of sin and its destructiveness. It is a hope that urges us to be kind, loving and compassionate toward one another. It is a hope that encourages our faith in a merciful God who continues to pour grace upon us. We celebrate the great promise of Advent with gladness and we rekindle that positive, joyful spirit within us because we know, as Zechariah prophesied, that the light of Christ will shine on all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, and He will guide our feet into the way of peace.



“Save the Date!”

Fort Worth Men's
Conference

February 11-12, 2022

Bishop Ryan Reed

Registration information will
be made available soon.



43rd Annual Family Festival & Chili Cook-Off

The 43rd Annual Family Festival and Chili Cook-Off was a wonderful success. The turnout was exceptionally good and we had six craft booths. The chili cooks served fantastic chili and they created some very interesting booth sites. What we had was tasty chili, very cool craft booths, and great music. The weather was simply perfect and the kids all loved the bounce houses. A very special thanks is due to all our volunteers, who really stepped-up and helped make the event a success. The Family Festival and the Chili Cook-Off could not happen without them!

Winners

4th Annual Halloween Costume Judging

There were three judged costume competitions throughout the day: 11 am, 1 pm & 2:30 pm. 1st and 2nd place prizes were awarded. Kids were also encouraged to go to each booth and trick or treat.

43rd Annual St. Vincent's Fire & Brimstone Chili Cook Off

Chili

World's Best Chili: "St. Benedict" by Emerick, McDaniel & Jackson

2nd Best Chili: "The Wonderful Chili of Oz" by Diane Moore & Company

3rd Best Chili: "The Wonderful Chili of Oz" by Diane Moore & Company #2

Most Popular Chili: "The Wonderful Chili of Oz" by Diane Moore & Company

Hottest: "The Wonderful Chili of Oz" by Diane Moore & Company

Best Site: "The Wonderful Chili of Oz" by Diane Moore & Company

2nd Best Site: "St. Benedict" by Emerick, McDaniel & Jackson

3rd Best Site: "Fire House Chili" by Tim Bean

Beans

World's Best Beans: "The Minimalist" by Dino Hebb

2nd Best Beans: "The Wonderful Chili of Oz" by Joan E. Miller

8th Annual St. Arnolds Home Brewed Beer Competition

No entrants this year.

43rd Annual Family Festival & Chili Cook-Off



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“It was a fun day and the weather was great. We appeared to bring in more folks from the neighborhood and that's a good thing.”

—Charles Dowden





St. Nicholas Day Party!

Cathedral Kids and their Parents are invited to join us at 11:30 am in the HQ for a St. Nicholas Day Party! Join us for lunch and fun and games and to learn more about the patron saint of children, St. Nicholas!

Please RSVP to Laura West at lw@svacc.org.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ACOLYTE AT ST. VINCENT'S?

CALLING ALL PARISH YOUTH!

We are seeking new Acolytes, also called Altar Servers, to serve at the Altar and on special occasions. To be an acolyte, you should be going into or in the 5th grade and/or age 10, be a baptized member of St. Vincent's, and receive communion. Serving at the Altar is a great way for our youth to get involved in and learn more about our liturgy and worship.

If you are interested in being trained or have any questions, please contact the Cathedral office or email David Johnson - davidpjohnson71@gmail.com.



What does an altar server do?

- Assists the priest and deacon at Mass
- Prepares the altar
- Light candles
- Handles the special items used during Mass

Why be an altar server?

Some reasons are silly...

- You don't have to sit with your parents at Mass
- You get a front row seat
- You'll look really cool in that white robe

But seriously and more importantly...

- You will make a difference by performing an important ministry
- You will become a leader in our parish
- You will learn more about Mass and it will mean more to you
- It can lead to a deeper relationship with God



Sunday School at St. Vincent's takes place each Sunday morning at 9:30 am in the South Hall classrooms. Sunday School is so important for our kids! It gives them an opportunity to learn Biblical truth in both an age-appropriate and sequential way. Plus, they will have a chance to make friends and have fun!

Pre-K-1st grade	Mrs. Bryant and Miss Bryant	Room S-2
2nd-5th Grade	Mrs. Olvey and Mrs. Chapman	Room S-3
Confirmation	Mrs. West and Mrs. Pickering	Room S-5
Jr & Sr High	Stuart Estes	HQ

Can't wait to see you there!

Children's Message

On the second Sunday of each month, we will be having a special message from the Bible for all the Cathedral kids (shown left). On Sunday, December 12th, be ready to come down to the altar for an Advent message as part of our Lessons and Carols at the 10:30 pm service. **Fun!**





Cathedral Kids is a private **Facebook** group for parents, grandparents, and parishioners of St. Vincent's Cathedral. We are there to celebrate our children and their growth and faith in Jesus, to connect with one another, and to communicate important information. If you have not received an invitation and would like to be part of the group, go to the link below and click "Join Group" at the top of the page! We can't wait to welcome you!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/447039483346626>

December 5:

Jesse Tree at 10:30 am service

(no Children's Chapel)

St. Nicholas Party at 11:30 am for all

Cathedral Kids and their families in the HQ

December 12:

Lessons and Carols with Children's Message at 10:30 am service (No Children's Chapel)

December 24:

Christmas Eve Children's Service at 5 pm

January 9:

Epiphany Pageant at 10:30 am service

Our Community in N.E.E.D.

St. Vincent's is one several of churches in Tarrant County that support N.E.E.D. (North East Emergency Distribution), serving our Northern Tarrant County communities. On the first Sunday of each month, members of our parish bring canned goods, non-perishable goods, (including diapers and personal products) to church for the N.E.E.D. Food Pantry. Gently-used clothing and household goods can also be brought to St. Vincent's. These items are appropriate for sale to support the Twice Blessed ReSale Boutique located next door to the N.E.E.D. Food Pantry.

Materials can also be brought when the Twice Blessed ReSale Boutique EAST side is open (Tuesday - Saturday) and is located 424 W. Bedford Euless Road, Hurst, 76053. (N.E.E.D. WEST is located at 5028 Broadway, Haltom City.)





FROM THE VERGER

WHO SAYS CATHOLIC CHRISTIANS DON'T HEAR THE BIBLE DURING MASS?

Perhaps you have heard the common criticisms that “Catholics never read Scripture; don’t have the Bible with them at Mass; the Bible is the Word of God, and they don’t hear it regularly.” Well, I would propose that Christians hear more

Scripture at Catholic or Anglican Mass than in any other form of worship.

The natural “go-to” response from Catholics to the above criticism is a reference to the Liturgy of the Word. This portion of the Mass typically includes a reading from the Old Testament, followed by a (sung) reading from the Book of Psalms, followed by a reading from the New Testament (the Epistles), and completed with a reading from the Gospels. So far, we count four Scripture readings total. However, this is just the beginning. Almost everything the priest, deacon, or member of the assembly says within the liturgy is based in Scripture.

Here are more than **40** instances in which Catholics recite or reference Scripture (by order of appearance) within the context of the Mass. In Anglican liturgy, most of these are familiar; however, some are specific to the Roman Rite:

Introductory Rites

1. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Mt 28:19).
2. Amen (1 Chr 16:36).
3. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all (2 Cor 13:13).
4. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (Eph 1:2).
5. The Lord be with you (Ruth 2:4; 2 Tim 4:22). And with your spirit.

Penitential Acts

1. I confess to almighty God (Jas 5:16), and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned (1 Chr 21:8), in my thoughts and in my words (Psalm 19:15), in what I have done and in what I have failed to do

(Jas 3:5; Jas 4:17), through my own fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault (Jas 5:16); 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 (1 Thess 5:25).

2. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and bring us to everlasting life (1 Jn 1:9). Amen.

3. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy (Tob 8:4; 1 Tim 1:2).

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will (Lk 2:14). We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you (Rev 7:12), we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father (Rev 19:6). Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father (2 Jn 3), you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us (Jn 1:29); you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father (Rom 8:34), have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One (Lk 4:34), you alone are the Lord (Ps 83:19; Rev 15:4), you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ (Lk 1:32) with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen (Jn 14:26).

Profession of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth (Gen 14:19), of all things visible and invisible (Col 1:16). I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God (Jn 1:18), born of the Father before all ages (Lk 1:35), God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made (Jn 1:1-4). For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and became man (Jn 3:13), and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man (Mt 1:18). For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate (Jn 19:16); he suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures (1 Cor 15:3-4). He ascended into heaven (Lk 24:51) and is seated at the right hand of the Father (Col 3:1). He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead (2 Tim. 4:1), and his kingdom will have no end (Lk 1:33). I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father (Jn 15:26) and the Son, who with the Father and the Son he adored and glorified (Jn 14:16), who spoken through the Prophets (1 Pet 1:10-11). I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church (Mt 16:18). I confess one (continued)

baptism for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; Eph 4:4-6), and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come (Rom 6:5). Amen.

Preparation of the Altar

1. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation (1 Chr 29:10; Ps 89:53; Rom 9:5) for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth (Jas 5:7) and work of human hands, (Ecc 3:13), it will become for us the bread of life (Jn 6:35). Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink (Lk 22:17-18).

2. Blessed be God forever (Ps 68:36).

3. Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father (Heb 12:28).

4. May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church (Ps 50:23).

5. The Lord be with you; And with your spirit; Lift up your hearts; We lift them up to the Lord (Lam 3:41).

6. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God (Col 3:17).

7. It is right and just (Col 1:3).

8. It is truly right and just, our duty and salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father most holy, through your beloved Son (Col 1:13), Jesus Christ, your Word through whom you made all things (Jn 1:3), whom you sent as our Savior and Redeemer, incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin (Gal 4:4; Mt 1:18; Lk 1:26-35). Fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people (1 Peter 2:9), he stretched out his hands (Is 65:2; Rom 10:21) as he endures his Passion, so as to break the bonds of death (2 Tim 1:10) and manifest the resurrection. And so, with the Angels and all the Saints we declare your glory, as with one voice we acclaim ...

Sanctus & Eucharistic Prayer

1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God hosts (Is 6:3; Rev 4:8). Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord (Mt 21:9; Mk 11:9-10). Hosanna in the highest (Is 6:3).

2. To you, therefore, most merciful Father, we make humble prayer and petition through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord (Eph 5:20): that you accept and bless these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unblemished sacrifices (2 Macc 1:26), which we offer

firstly for your holy catholic Church. Be pleased to grant her peace, to guard, unite and govern her throughout the whole world, together with your servant Francis our Pope, and N. our Bishop, and all those who, holding to the truth, hand on the catholic and apostolic faith (Jn 17:21; Acts 2:42).

3. Remember, Lord, your servants N. and N. and all gathered here, whose faith and devotion are known to you. For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise or they offer to for themselves and all who are dear to them: for the redemption of their souls, in hope of health and well-being, and paying their homage to you, the eternal God, living and true (Ps 106:4-5; Heb 13:15).

4. In communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ, and blessed Joseph, her spouse, your blessed apostles and martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, and all your saints; we ask that through their merits and prayers (1 Tim 2:1), in all things we may be defended by your protecting help. (Mt 1:2-16; Lk 16:9; 1 Cor 12:12, 20f; Rev 5:8).

5. Therefore, Lord, we pray: graciously accept this oblation of our service, that of your whole family; order our days in your peace, and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation and counted among the flock of those you have chosen (Acts 20:28).

6. Be pleased, O God, we pray, to bless, acknowledge, and approve this offering in every respect (Gen 4:4); make it spiritual and acceptable, so that it may become for us the Body and Blood of your most beloved son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

7. On the day before he was to suffer, he took bread in his holy and venerable hands, and with eyes raised to heaven to you, O God, his almighty Father, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples says: Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you (Mt 26:26-28).

8. In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took this precious chalice in his holy and venerable hands, and once more giving thanks, he said the blessing and gave the chalice to his disciples saying:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me (Mt 26:26-28). (continued)

9. The mystery of faith. Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again (1 Tim 3:16).

10. Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion, the resurrection from the dead, and the glorious ascension into heaven of Christ, your son, our Lord, we, your servants and your holy people, offer to your glorious majesty from the gifts that you have given us, this pure victim, this holy victim, this spotless victim (1 Pet 1:18-21), the holy Bread of eternal life and the chalice of everlasting salvation (Jn 6:54).

11. Be pleased to look upon these offerings with a serene and kindly countenance, and to accept them, as once you were pleased to accept the gifts of your servant Abel (Gen 4:4) the just, the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Gen 22:12), and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek (Gen 14:18), a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim (1 Pet 1: 19).

12. In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God: command that these gifts be borne by the hands of your holy Angel to your altar on high in the sight of your divine majesty (Rev 8:3-4), so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, may be filled with grace and heavenly blessing (Eph 1:3).

13. Though we are sinners, we trust in your mercy and love. Do not consider what we truly deserve, but grant us your forgiveness (Ps 25:7).

14. Through him you give us all these gifts. You fill them with life and goodness, you bless them and make them holy (Ps 104:27-28).

The Our Father & Doxology

1. *The Our Father prayer is recited.* (Mt 6:9-13).

2. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy, keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. (Jn 17:15).

3. Through him, and with him, and in him (Rom 11:36), O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit (Eph 4:3), all glory and honor is yours (Eph 3:20-21; Rev 4:11), for ever and ever. Amen.

Agnus Dei & Sign of Peace

1. Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live forever and ever (Jn 14:27).

The peace of the Lord be with you always (Jn 20:19). Let us offer each other the sign of peace (Rom 6:16; 1 Cor 16:20; 2 Cor 13:12; 1 Thes 5:26; 1 Pet 5:14).

2. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace (Jn 1:29).

The Eucharist

1. May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it (Jn 6:54).

2. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world (Jn 1:29). Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb (Rev 19:9).

3. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed (Mt 8:8; Lk 7:6-7).

Blessing & Dismissal

1. The Lord be with you; And with your spirit (Ruth 2:4).

2. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Lk 24:51).

3. Go in the peace of Christ (Lk 7:50). Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord (Mk 16:15). Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life (1 Cor 10:31; 1 Pet 4:11).

4. Thanks be to God (2 Cor. 9:15).

As you can see from the previous **125** biblical references (which do not include those used in alternate forms of the Mass), the Scriptures are uniquely presented to each congregant.

In addition, specifically for Anglicans, the Prayer of Humble Access is also based on Scripture (Mark 7:28, Luke 7:6, John 6, 1 Cor 10:16)

While it is true, **most Catholics do not participate in the liturgy with a Bible in hand, there is actually a very specific reason for this.**

Hearing the Scriptures within the liturgy and reading the Scriptures in a weekly Bible study group are quite different. The Scriptures are not simply read but *proclaimed* within the liturgy.

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During the Mass, the Holy Spirit is constantly kindling the hearts of the faithful as they listen to the Word of God (the Church actually encourages the faithful to review readings prior to attending the Mass.) **Therefore, the Church recognizes Holy Scripture as a tool intended to cooperate with the reception of Jesus—body, blood, soul and divinity—in the Eucharist.**

Jesus himself is quite clear about how to pass on the faith. Upon founding his Church (Mt. 16:18), Jesus did not actually leave this visible society with a book. What he did leave is a clear set of instructions to “go and make disciples of all nations, **teaching them** everything that I have commanded you (Mt. 28:19).” These instructions are passed on through oral tradition, and through the liturgy (the Mass).

Of course, **The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she venerated the Body of the Lord.**

While the Eucharist is the “source and summit of the Christian life”, the Scriptures are abundant within the very Mass that was instituted by Christ himself (Mt. 26:26-28).

Mark Haas, 2017—aleteia.org

Diocesan Convention Report:

The 39th Annual Diocesan Convention entitled “Building Up the Body” convened on November 12 & 13, 2021, on the campus of the host parish, St. Peter & St. Paul in Arlington. The atmosphere was decidedly positive as delegates prayerfully expressed their profound thankfulness to God and their renewed hopefulness about the future of the Diocese of Fort Worth. The convention was well-attended, including several clergy and parishioner delegates from St. Vincent’s Cathedral.

The delegates in the photo (below) are, left-to-right, Robert Boyer, Father Kalimi, Boima Gailor, Dean Polley, Mark Cleveland and Bob Thornton, with Bishop Reed presiding on the dais above!



Money Matters

Personal Financial Stewardship

Why God's Word Cautions Us About Debt

"A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions"- Luke 12:15

God cautions us from using debt because debt creates bondage to the world and prevents us from allowing God to act freely in our lives! Reverend Bill Hybels in his "Achieving Financial Freedom" audiotapes discusses reasons that God says "no" to debt:

- * Debt obligates a person to earn more money and to earn it constantly. Working two or three jobs just to pay off debt is not the way to live.
- * Debt enslaves a person to a creditor (Proverbs 22:7). When the creditor says, "Jump," we say, "How high?"
- * Debt undermines joy. It is difficult to enjoy a weekend away or a dinner out when we are deep in debt, because money spent for those activities is money not spent on paying off credit card debt, which prolongs the problem.
- * Debt erodes giving opportunities. God gives us the ability and the desire to help others. The lack of money makes it difficult to respond to God's gracious prompting.
- * Debt imperils a Christian witness in two ways. First of all, we can be less effective in our evangelism when we face daily tension and anxiety over debt. Second, our witness to others suffers when they see or hear about our financial difficulty.
- * Debt exaggerates character problems. Experiencing a problem with debt may reveal character weaknesses such as impatience, discontentment, a lack of self-discipline and even failure to trust in the Lord's provisions.

Before you use your credit cards, you should be slow, deliberate, and cautious. Prior to taking on debt, it is advisable to ask yourself some basic questions, such as the following:



- * If I borrow, will I get something of enough value that it's worth the added obligation? Will the asset purchased appreciate in value?
- * Will the taking on of debt allow me to give, save, and maintain my lifestyle?
- * Have I considered giving up expensive activities and/or liquidating valuable possessions?
- * Does the borrowing fit my budget?
- * Will the borrowing cause any tension or anxiety in my family?

St. Vincent's Cathedral

Income Statement 2021

A/C #	Account Description	Month of October			October YTD			Full Year
		Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Budget	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Budget	Budget
Total	Operating Revenue	73,319	73,563	(244)	783,729	714,041	69,688	851,000
Total	Operating Expense	55,410	69,106	(13,696)	712,242	749,727	(37,485)	889,000
Total	Operating Income (Loss)	(17,909)	(4,457)	(13,452)	71,487	(35,686)	107,173	(38,000)

October Operating Revenues were slightly under-budget due primarily to under-budget Pledge Payments of \$9K that were offset by a one-time Non-Pledge Payment of \$12K. YTD Operating Revenues were \$70K over-budget due primarily to the receipt in April of an unbudgeted \$56K donation from AMNET, a non-profit organization, and the one-time Non-Pledge donation of \$12K.

October Operating Expenses were \$14K under-budget due primarily to the transfer of Father Fitzhugh in late September and under-budget Repairs and Maintenance. YTD Operating Expenses were \$37K under-budget driven primarily by under-budget Building and Grounds and under-budget payroll.

Keeping Your Commitment

'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' Matthew 25:21

Please remain faithful to the financial pledge you've made to God and this Parish family.

We're all in this together,
and we need your help!

We don't ask equal giving,
but equal sacrifice!

Pastoral Communication

Dean Polley may be reached through the Cathedral office:
(817) 354-7911 or email: mpolley@svacc.org

If you are going into the hospital, please don't assume one of the clergy is going to hear about it through the grapevine. If you tell one of the clergy something important on Sunday morning after Mass as you exit the church, please don't assume they are going to remember unless they write it down. If you are upset about something or pleased about something, don't assume the clergy know how you are feeling. If you need Communion brought to your home, please don't assume the clergy know.

Please call so we can respond to your pastoral needs!



What better way to remember a loved one or a special event than to be an Altar flower donor!

Multiple donors are needed each Sunday to meet the expense of the flowers. The calendar is located in the office or you may call the office to be listed on the calendar. **Donations are \$50, and it takes two donations to cover the weekly cost.**

If you were unable to sign up to sponsor weekly Altar flowers at the annual parish meeting, it is not too late. Please contact the Cathedral office to have your name put on the altar flowers schedule.

"To make Jesus Christ known in all that we do."

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The Deacon

The deadline for submitting articles or content for publication in *The Deacon* is the **15th of each month**. Send items to **Warren Jackson** (wjackson@svacc.org).

Newsletter
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The Little Deacon

Weekly deadline for prayer requests and announcements for Sunday's service bulletin is **noon on Thursday**. Send items to **Donna Baker** (dbaker@svacc.org).

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PRAYER OF ST. VINCENT OF SARAGOSSA

Almighty God, whose deacon Vincent, upheld by thee, was not terrified by threats nor overcome by torments: Strengthen us, we beseech thee, to endure all adversity with invincible and steadfast faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Benevolence Fund

The Benevolence Fund has assisted families and individuals with car repair bills, rent, utilities, meals, and hospital bills. Requests come in on a weekly basis. Any assistance you can provide would be a blessing to someone else. Tax deductible donations can be made to St. Vincent's Cathedral. Please write **BENEVOLENCE FUND** on the memo line.