

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

SOLEMN MASS

Sunday, February 4, 2024, 11:00 AM

The Church of Saint Mary the Virgin in the City of New York

A Vision for Saint Mary's

Saint Mary's is a vibrant Anglo-Catholic witness in the heart of New York City. With our identity in Christ and a preference for the poor, we are an inclusive, diverse community called to love God and each other for the life of the world.

Our Guest Preacher

Brother Ephrem Arcement, OHC, is a monk of the Order of the Holy Cross and lives at his order's monastery in West Park, New York, where he is the Guestmaster. He is originally from Lockport, Louisiana, and entered monastic life in 2010. He earned his PhD in spirituality from the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. His first book, *Intimacy in Prayer: Wisdom from Bernard of Clairvaux,* appeared in 2013. His second, *In the School of Prophets: The Formation of Thomas Merton's Prophetic Spirituality,* was published in 2015. In addition to preaching at the Solemn Mass this morning, Brother Ephrem also led the Adult Formation Class at 9:45 AM. We are grateful to him and are pleased to be able to welcome him to Saint Mary's.

About the Liturgy

This is the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany. During the weeks between Christmastide and the beginning of Lent—known as the Epiphany season—the Gospel passages at Mass focus on the beginning of Jesus' ministry and how he is revealed to the world as the Christ. This year, which is the second year, or Year B, in the three-year lectionary cycle, most, though not all, of the Gospel passages are taken from the Gospel according to Mark. The Old Testament lesson and the psalm are chosen because they usually relate in some way to the words and message of Jesus contained in the day's gospel. The New Testament lesson is independent of those readings and is almost always taken from one of the letters in the New Testament that discuss the common life and mission of the first Christian communities.

About the Music

The voluntaries today are two of the four organ *Praeludien* in the key of G minor by Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707). Danish-born Dieterich Buxtehude has long been recognized as one of the most significant and influential musicians of the generation before Johann Sebastian Bach. Musicological studies in the past several decades have contributed greatly to the increasing general knowledge and appreciation of his musical contribution. Most of Buxtehude's organ works are thought to date from his earlier years at the Marienkirche in Lübeck where he served as organist from 1668 until his death. There is very little surviving manuscript material, and currently available printed editions vary significantly in their presentation of many of these pieces. This increases the challenge to the performer and the possibility of surprise for the listener. Buxtehude's *Praeludium in G minor*, BuxWV 148, played as the prelude, well exemplifies the high-baroque "fantastic style" of keyboard writing. Its opening section establishes the G-minor tonality in free *fantasia* interrupted briefly by a patch of tight chromatic imitation.

Three contrasting fugal sections follow. Buxtehude finishes this *Praeludium* with a set of variations on a repeating ground bass. *Praeludium in G minor*, BuxWV 150, played for the postlude, follows a typical pattern with its free fantasia opening section, this time played above a G pedal point, followed by several sections of fugal counterpoint. The final fugue of this *Praeludium* has a strong and angular theme with syncopated counter countermelodies.

The setting of the Mass today is *Communion Service* by Leonard Raver (1927–1993). Dr. Raver's musical life in New York City included serving on the faculties of The General Theological Seminary and The Juilliard School, and at various times as parish musician at All Saints Episcopal Church and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Manhattan's East Side. He was organist of the New York Philharmonic from 1977 until 1990. A native of Wenatchee, Washington, his undergraduate studies were at the University of Puget Sound. Graduate studies brought him first to Syracuse University and finally to Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Dr. Raver was an avid champion of contemporary music and especially of new music which incorporated the organ. In his career as a recitalist, he commissioned or premiered major works by distinguished American composers including Ned Rorem, Daniel Pinkham, Vincent Persichetti, William Albright, Gardiner Reed, and David Diamond. The source of Dr. Raver's unpublished *Communion Service* is an undated manuscript which probably originated in the late 1960s while he concurrently taught at General Seminary and directed music at All Saints Church. The text is essentially the Order of Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer 1928, and the scoring is for unaccompanied voices in four parts. The performing edition of this setting sung this morning was prepared by David Hurd. Notations were made in this newly created edition to reconcile the music with the customary liturgical texts as we know them. As such, the choir will omit the ritually irregular Amens with which Dr. Raver had ended both his Sanctus and Benedictus. (It is interesting to note that the text of The Book of Common Prayer 1928 did not include Benedictus qui venit but did end Sanctus with Amen.) Also, the text underlay at the end of Agnus Dei has been altered to resolve another Amen which the standard liturgical text does not include.

The beloved English priest and poet George Herbert (1593–1633) offered his reflection and prayer to Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and Life (John 14) in "The Call" (*The Temple*, 1633). While the setting of Herbert's prayer-poem for solo voice from *Five Mystical Songs* by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)—distilled into many modern hymnals, including our own—is probably best known, Herbert's poem has also inspired a great many fine choral settings. British organist and composer, Richard Lloyd was a chorister at Lichfield Cathedral, organ scholar at Jesus College, Cambridge, assistant organist at Salisbury Cathedral, and organist and choirmaster at Hereford and later Durham Cathedral. His setting of George Herbert's famous poem was composed in 1994 in honor of Philip Moore and the Choir of York Minster. It is an attractive strophic setting in four voices, but in which the second stanza is topped with an additional soprano part. — *David Hurd*

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The Prelude

Praeludium in G minor, BuxWV 148

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Venite, adoremus Deum, et procedamus ante Dominum: ploremus ante eum, qui fecit nos: quia ipse est Dominus Deus noster. Venite, exsultemus Domino: iubilemus Deo salutari nostro. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Come, let us worship God and bow down before the Lord; let us shed tears before the Lord who created us, for he is the Lord our God. Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the God of our salvation. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

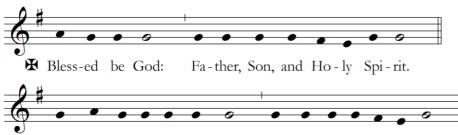
The Sprinkling of Holy Water

The assembly is sprinkled with holy water while Asperges me is sung.

Asperges me, Domine, hyssopo,	You will sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord,
et mundabor: lavabis me,	and I shall be cleansed; you will wash me
et super nivem dealbabor.	and I shall be made whiter than snow.
Miserere mei, Deus,	Have mercy upon me, O Lord,
secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.	according to your great mercy.
Gloria Patri,	Glory to the Father,
et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.	and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc,	as it was in the beginning, is now,
et semper, et in saecula saeculorum.	and will be for ever.
Amen	Amen

The Opening Acclamation

The Celebrant sings



People And bless-ed be his king-dom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

Setting: Louis Weil (1935-2022)

The Song of Praise

The Choir sings Gloria in excelsis Deo. The setting is Communion Service by Leonard Raver (1927–1992).

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in 承 the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant sings

PeopleThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All AMEN.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Lessons

All are seated for the Lessons. The first Lesson, 2 Kings 4:18–21, 32–37, is now read.

When the child born to the woman of Shū'nem according to Elī'sha's promise had grown, he went out one day to his father among the reapers. And he said to his father, "Oh, my head, my head!" The father said to his servant, "Carry him to his mother." And when he had lifted him, and brought him to his mother, the child sat on her lap till noon, and then he died. And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out. When Elī'sha came into the house, he saw the child lying dead on his bed. So he went in and shut the door upon the two of them, and prayed to the LORD. Then he went up and lay upon the child, putting his mouth upon his mouth, his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands; and as he stretched himself upon him, the flesh of the child became warm. Then he got up again, and walked once to and fro in the house, and went up, and stretched himself upon him; the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. Then he summoned Gehā'zī and said, "Call this Shū'nammīte." So he called her. And when she came to him, he said, "Take up your son." She came and fell at his feet, bowing to the ground; then she took up her son and went out.

After the Lesson, the Reader says

PeopleThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm 142

The Congregation remains seated. The Cantor sings the Refrain. The Congregation then repeats the Refrain. Then the Choir sings the psalm verses to an Anglican chant by David Hurd (b. 1950) and the Congregation sings the Refrain following the appointed verses.



The s second Lesson, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, is now read.

For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my preaching I may make the gospel free of charge, not making full use of my right in the gospel. For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews; to those under the law I became as one under the law —though not being myself under the law—that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law—not being without law toward God but under the law of Christ —that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. *After the Lesson, the Reader says*

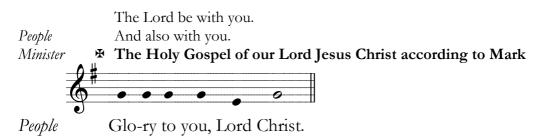
The Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

All stand. The ministers of the assembly prepare for the Gospel while the appointed antiphon is sung.

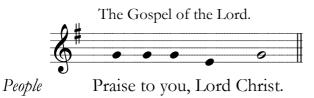
Alleluia, alleluia. Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes: et collaudate eum, omnes populi. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Praise the Lord, all nations; praise him in unison, all peoples. Alleluia.

A Minister proclaims the Gospel, first singing



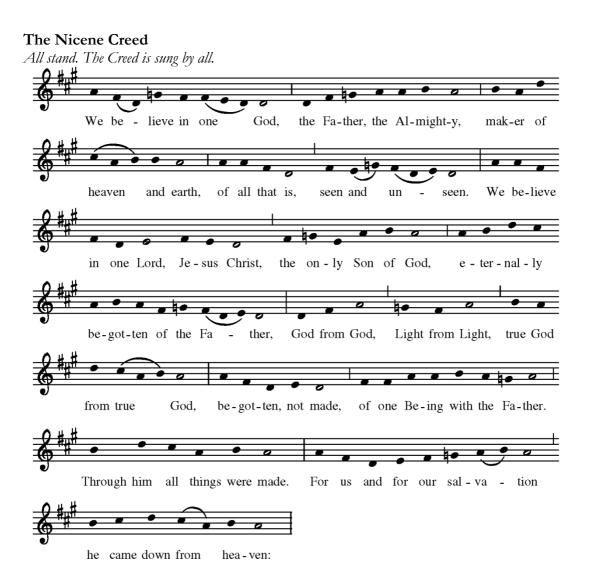
The appointed Gospel, Mark 1:29-39, is now proclaimed.

Immediately Jesus left the synagogue in Caper'na-um and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever, and immediately they told him of her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her; and she served them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered together about the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose and went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him pursued him, and they found him and said to him, "Every one is searching for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also; for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. After the Gospel, the Minister sings

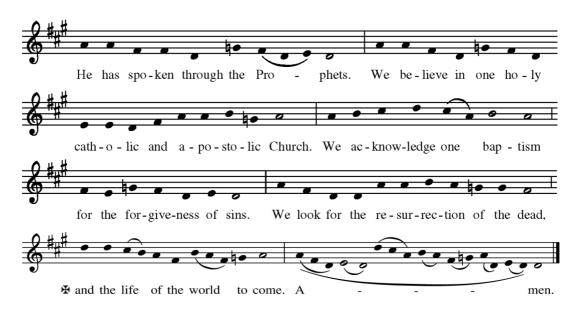


The Sermon

Brother Ephrem Arcement, OHC







Setting: Plainsong Mode 5; Credo 3; adapted by Bruce Ford (b. 1947). Copyright © Bruce Ford. Used with permission

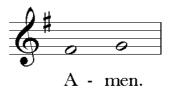
The Prayers of the People

A Minister bids the prayers of the assembly. At the end of each petition the People sing



Setting: David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect. The People respond



The Confession of Sin

The Minister says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People kneel. Silence is observed.

Celebrant and People

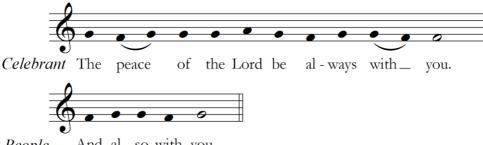
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, \blacksquare forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People AMEN.

The Peace



People And al - so with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Preparation of the Gifts

All are seated as the appointed antiphon is sung. The ministers prepare for the Offertory procession, while an offering is taken. If you would like to make an offering online, you may do so by using this code:



Perfice gressus meos in semitis tuis, ut non moveantur vestigia mea: inclina aurem tuam, et exaudi verba mea: mirifica misericordias tuas, qui salvos facis sperantes in te, Domine. Render secure my footsteps in your paths so that my feet do not slip; incline your ear and hear my words; display your wonderful mercies, O Lord, Savior of those who place their hope in you.

The Hymnal 1982 #443

Hymn: From God Christ's deity came forth

All stand and sing the hymn.

The Great Thanksgiving

All remain standing. The Celebrant faces the People and sings



Celerant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Choir sings Sanctus and Benedictus. The setting is by Leonard Raver.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
✤ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

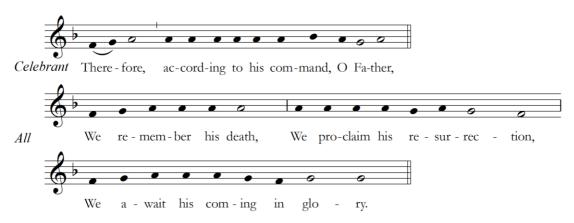
Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being \clubsuit sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



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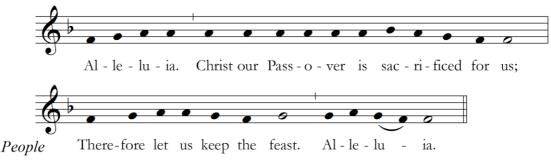


Then all sing the Lord's Prayer.

Setting: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and sings



Setting: Ambrosian Chant adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

The Choir sings Agnus Dei. The setting is by Leonard Raver.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Invitation

The Celebrant invites the People to receive the Holy Communion.

We are all invited to the Lord's Table

Those who wish to receive Communion should proceed to the Communion rail, guided by the ushers. At the rail, you may either stand or kneel.

In the Episcopal Church all baptized persons are invited to receive the Holy Communion. Members of other Christian churches who are baptized are also invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

Persons who do not wish to receive the Holy Communion are also invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

If you would like someone to bring you Communion at your seat, please notify an usher. We would be happy to accommodate you.

The Communion Song and Motet

As the ministration of Communion begins, the appointed antiphon is sung.

Multitudo languentium,	A multitude with diseases,
et qui vexabantur	and those who were troubled
a spiritibus immundis,	by unclean spirits,
veniebant ad eum:	came to him,
quia virtus de illo exibat,	for a power came forth from him
et sanabat omnes.	and healed them all.

During the ministration of Communion, the Choir sings the motet, The Call. The setting is by Richard Lloyd (1933–2021).

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life! Such a Way as gives us breath: Such a Truth as ends all strife, Such a Life as killeth Death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength! Such a Light as shows a feast, Such a Feast as mends in length, Such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart! Such a Joy as none can move, Such a Love as none can part, Such a Heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Hymn: From thee all skill and science flow

All stand and sing the hymn.

The Hymnal 1982 #566

The Postcommunion Prayer

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant	Almighty and everliving God,
<i>A</i>]]	we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant says

People	The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Celebrant	The blessing of God Almighty, \blacksquare the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
People	Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

All are seated for the announcements.

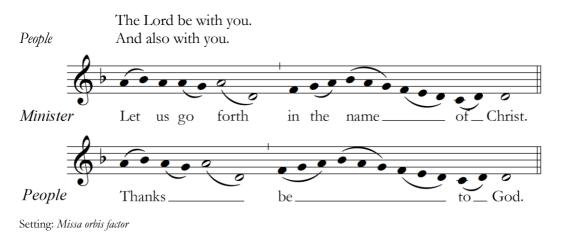
Hymn: Thou, whose almighty Word

All stand and sing the hymn.

The Hymnal 1982 #371

The Dismissal

A Minister dismisses the assembly, first singing



The Postlude

Praeludium in G minor, BuxWV 150

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

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THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR, IN THE CHAPELS, AND AT THE SHRINES ARE GIVEN BY ELIZABETH NISBET, DALE REYNOLDS, AND THEIR DAUGHTER, JOANNA. THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD, IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST, AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOANNA'S GRANDPARENTS, MARGARET JOANN REYNOLDS & JAY HOWARD REYNOLDS.

> THE FLOWERS WERE ARRANGED BY A MEMBER OF THE FLOWER GUILD OF THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN.

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Please join us in Saint Joseph's Hall following Mass for refreshments.

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024

Mass 8:00 AM Sung Mass 12:10 PM Solemn Mass 6:00 PM

Ashes are also imposed in the Mercy Chapel 8:30–9:30 AM, 12:45–1:30 PM, 5:00–5:45 PM & 6:45–8:00 PM

Fridays in Lent

Evening Prayer 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM

Lenten Quiet Day

Saturday, February 24, 2024 10:00 AM–3:00 PM

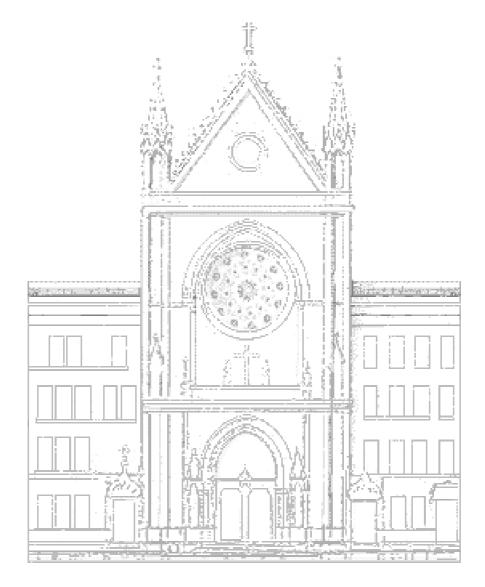
Confessions 11:00 AM Mass 12:10 PM

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