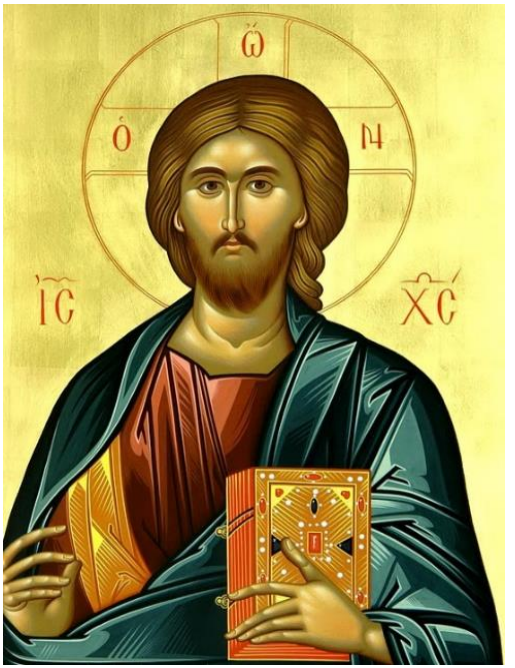
Holy Apostles
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Baccalaureate Mass

Saturday
May 4, 2024

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Organist & Cantor	Mrs. Emma Belske
Choir	Seminarians and Students



Out of respect for the Holy Mass,
we request that you turn off or mute your cell phones.

MAIN CELEBRANT

MOST REVEREND MICHAEL R. COTE, DD

Bishop of the Diocese of Norwich

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VERY REVEREND MARTIN ROONEY, MSA

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VERY REVEREND PETER S. KUCER, MSA, STD

President-Rector



ORGAN PRELUDE

Variations on Hyfrydol (Russel Schultz-Widma)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven (John Goss)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever, slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

Words of Welcome

Very Reverend Peter S. Kucer, MSA, STD

President-Rector

Greeting

Bishop: **In the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

R. **Amen.**

Bishop: **Peace be with you.**

R. **And with your spirit.**

Penitential Act

V. Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Kyrie, eleison.
R. Kyrie, eleison.

V. Christe, eleison.
R. Christe, eleison.

V. Kyrie, eleison.
R. Kyrie, eleison.

Collect



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Acts 16:1-10*

Paul reached also Derbe and Lystra
where there was a disciple named Timothy,
the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer,
but his father was a Greek.
The brothers in Lystra and Iconium spoke highly of him,
and Paul wanted him to come along with him.
On account of the Jews of that region, Paul had him circumcised,
for they all knew that his father was a Greek.
As they traveled from city to city,
they handed on to the people for observance the decisions
reached by the Apostles and presbyters in Jerusalem.
Day after day the churches grew stronger in faith
and increased in number.

They traveled through the Phrygian and Galatian territory
because they had been prevented by the Holy Spirit
from preaching the message in the province of Asia.
When they came to Mysia, they tried to go on into Bithynia,
but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them,
so they crossed through Mysia and came down to Troas.
During the night Paul had a vision.
A Macedonian stood before him and implored him with these words,
"Come over to Macedonia and help us."
When he had seen the vision,
we sought passage to Macedonia at once,
concluding that God had called us to proclaim the Good News to them.

The Word of the Lord.

R. **Thanks Be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5*

R. (2a) **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;

serve the LORD with gladness;

come before him with joyful song.

R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Know that the LORD is God;

he made us, his we are;

his people, the flock he tends.

R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

The LORD is good:

his kindness endures forever,

and his faithfulness, to all generations.

R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

ALLELUIA *Col 3:1*

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

If then you were raised with Christ,

seek what is above,

where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL *Jn 15:18-21*

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first.

If you belonged to the world, the world would love its own;

but because you do not belong to the world,

and I have chosen you out of the world,

the world hates you.

Remember the word I spoke to you,

'No slave is greater than his master.'

If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you.

If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.

And they will do all these things to you on account of my name,

because they do not know the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, DD

UNIVERSAL PRAYER



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Thượng Tiến Lên Ba Ngôi *"Respectfully Offer to the Holy Trinity."*

(Nguyen Quang Hung)

Refrain:

We respectfully offer this pure bread and wine to the Holy Trinity. We reverently dedicate our entire existence to the Blessed Trinity. We present to the Sacred Trinity this magnificent sacrifice, like morning dew spreading over the fields or fragrant incense rising to the sacred, mystic altar. Please accept our gift and bless us with your grace and peace.



Unite us all, Lord, in Your love. Unify us in Your love, so that we may then love one another. Like this single loaf made from thousands of wheat grains, and this pure wine made from thousands of ripe, fragrant grapes.

May Your love spread throughout the world. May the life-giving grace of the Holy Spirit bless and help us. Believe in the one God, whose immense love erases hatred and resentment. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Praise the Father, Creator of the world. Praise the Son, Redeemer, and Savior of souls. Praise the Holy Spirit, who constantly sanctifies and purifies us. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Oh, the sacred night when the Word became flesh; on this joyful night, God came to dwell among us. Let us respectfully offer our hymn with fragrance incense, and offer reverent sacrifice to the Divine Child, our Redeemer.

May our love for each other be steadfast in God. May God's grace and mercy be upon the world. May our love never fade as we build our family together. May the lives of those far from home be constantly supported and uplifted by God.

Invitation to Prayer

Bishop: Pray, brothers and sisters,

that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Eucharistic Prayer II

Preface Dialogue

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

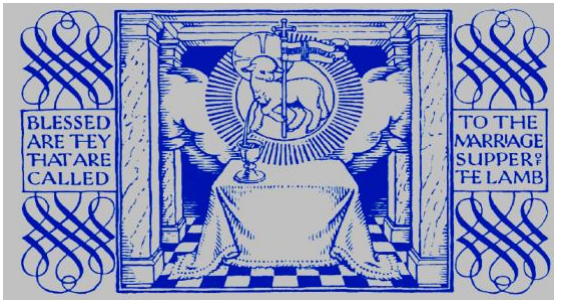
R. **And with your spirit.**

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

R. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

R. **It is right and just.**



COMMUNION HYMNS

Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All

(Frederick Faber)

Jesus, my Lord, my God, my All,
How can I love thee as I ought?
And how revere this wondrous gift,
So far surpassing hope or thought?
Sweet Sacrament, we Thee adore;
Oh, make us love thee more and more.
Oh, make us love thee more and more.

Had I but Mary's sinless heart
To love Thee with, my dearest King,
Oh, with what bursts of fervent praise
Thy goodness, Jesus, would I sing.
Sweet Sacrament, we Thee adore;
Oh, make us love Thee more and more.
Oh, make us love Thee more and more.

Oh, see up on the altar placed
The victim of divinest love!
Let all the earth below adore
And join the choirs of heav'n above.
Sweet Sacrament, we thee adore;
Oh, make us love thee more and more.
Oh, make us love thee more and more.

Ave Verum Corpus (Edward Elgar)

Ave verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine,
cujus latus perforatum vero fluxit et sanguine,
esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine.
O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.

English translation:
Jesus, Word of God Incarnate, of the virgin Mary born,
On the cross thy sacred body for us men with nails was torn
Cleanse us, by thy blood and water Streaming from thy pierced side;
Feed us with thy body broken, Now in death's agony!
O Jesu, hear us Son of Mary.



RECESSIONAL HYMN

Be Thou My Vision (translation by Mary E. Byrne)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Born of thy love, thy child may I be,
Thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Be thou my buckler, my sword for the fight.
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r.
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Ruler of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Organ Postlude

Organ variation on *Be Thou My Vision* (Noel Jones)

We hope you enjoy the Mass setting of *A Community Mass* by Richard Proulx.

GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For our fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan Bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844.4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844.3).

For those not receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

For non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

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Immediately following Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be removed from the Chapel Tabernacle and reposed in another on-campus Chapel in preparation of the Commencement Exercises.

When you leave the Chapel after Mass, please take all your belongings with you as the reserved seating sections will be modified. Light refreshments will be available in the Chapel Basement at that time.

Thank you for joining us to worship Our Lord on this meaningful day as we celebrate the achievements of our students.



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