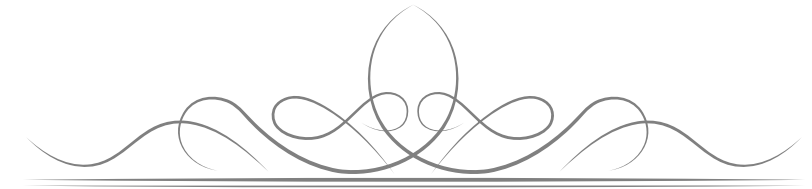


THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
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Chrism Mass 2024



The Chrism Mass
&
Jubilee Celebration
for
Priesthood Ordination Anniversaries

Presiding

His Excellency

The Most Reverend Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv.
Archbishop of Atlanta

Tuesday, the Twenty-Sixth of March
In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty Four
Four O'Clock in the Afternoon

Cathedral of Christ the King
Atlanta, Georgia



The Introductory Rites

Opening Antiphons

Servants of God

Ser - vants of God, bless the Lord; praise the Lord,
praise and ex - ult him a - bove all for - ev - er.
Lau - da - te Do - mi - num.

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Lauda Jerusalem

Lau - da, Je - ru - sa - lem, Do - mi - num,
lau - da De - um tu - um Si - on:
Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na!
Ho - san - na Fi - li - o Da - vid.

Antiphon: Theodore Decker (1851-1930)
Psalm Tone: Peter Latona (b. 1968)

Greeting

The Penitential Act

All: I confess to Almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

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.

Archbishop: May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: **Amen.**



Kyrie Eleison

from Missa Secunda

Hans Leo Hassler

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

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

Glory to God

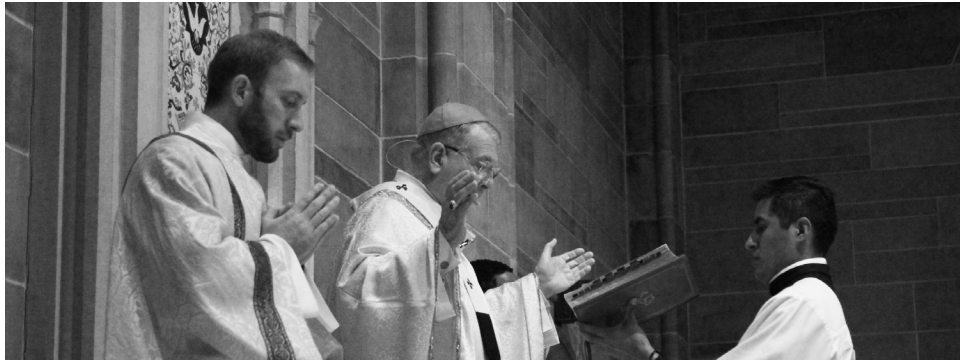
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on
earth peace to peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we
bless you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we
give you thanks for your great glo - ry.
Lord God, heav'n - ly King, O God, al-might - y
Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten
Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Fa - ther, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re -
ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the
Fa - ther. A - men, a - men.

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Collect





The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Read in Vietnamese

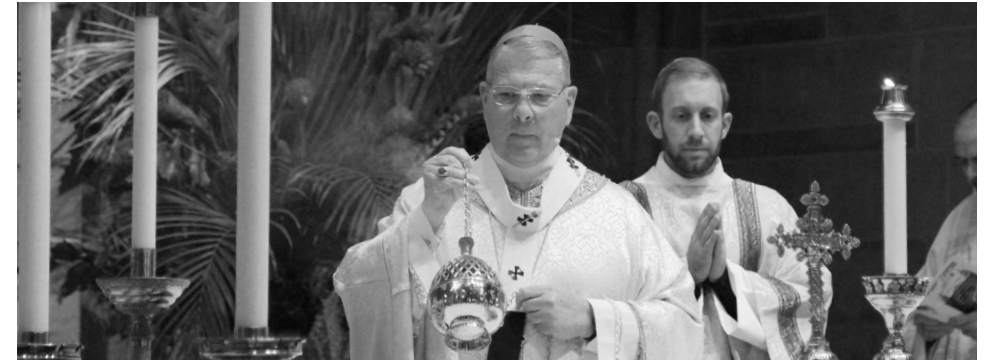
Isaiah 61: 1-3, 6, 8-9

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly,
to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
to announce a year of favor from the LORD
and a day of vindication by our God,
to comfort all who mourn;
to place on those who mourn in Zion
a diadem instead of ashes,
to give them oil of gladness in place of mourning,
a glorious mantle instead of a listless spirit.

You yourselves shall be named priests of the LORD,
ministers of our God shall you be called.

I will give them their recompense faithfully,
a lasting covenant I will make with them.
Their descendants shall be renowned among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge them
as a race the LORD has blessed.

The Word of The Lord. **Thanks Be to God.**



Primera Lectura

Isaías 61, 1-3, 6, 8-9

El espíritu del Señor está sobre mí,
porque me ha ungido
y me ha enviado para anunciar la buena nueva a los pobres,
a curar a los de corazón quebrantado,
a proclamar el perdón a los cautivos,
la libertad a los prisioneros,
y a pregonar el año de gracia del Señor,
el día de la venganza de nuestro Dios.

El Señor me ha enviado a consolar a los afligidos,
los afligidos de Sión,
a cambiar su ceniza en diadema,
sus lágrimas en aceite perfumado de alegría
y su abatimiento, en cánticos.
Ustedes serán llamados “sacerdotes del Señor”;
“ministros de nuestro Dios” se les llamará.

Esto dice el Señor:
“Yo les daré su recompensa fielmente
y haré con ellos un pacto perpetuo.
Su estirpe será célebre entre las naciones,
y sus vástagos, entre los pueblos.
Cuantos los vean reconocerán
que son la estirpe que bendijo el Señor”.

Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89: 21-22, 25 and 27



For - ev - er I will sing, I will sing the good-ness of the Lord.

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Đáp: Lạy Chúa, con sẽ ca ngợi tình
thương của Chúa tới muôn đời.

Proclamaré sin cesar la misericordia del Señor.



Second Reading

Revelation 1: 5-8

[Grace to you and peace] from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a Kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the one who is and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

The Word of The Lord. **Thanks Be to God.**

Read in Portuguese

Segunda Lectura

Apocalipsis 1, 5-8

Hermanos míos: Gracia y paz a ustedes, de parte de Jesucristo, el testigo fiel, el primogénito de los muertos, el soberano de los reyes de la tierra; aquel que nos amó y nos purificó de nuestros pecados con su sangre y ha hecho de nosotros un reino de sacerdotes para su Dios y Padre. A él la gloria y el poder por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

Miren: él viene entre las nubes, y todos lo verán, aun aquellos que lo traspasaron. Todos los pueblos de la tierra harán duelo por su causa.

“Yo soy el Alfa y la Omega, dice el Señor Dios, el que es, el que era y el que ha de venir, el todopoderoso”.

Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

Bài Đọc II

Kh 1, 5-8

Trích sách Khải Huyền của Thánh Gioan.

Nguyện chúc cho anh em được ân sủng và bình an của Chúa Giêsu Kitô, là chứng tá trung thành, là trưởng tử kẻ chết, là thủ lãnh các vua trần thế, là Đấng đã yêu thương chúng ta, Người đã dùng máu Người mà rửa chúng ta sạch mọi tội lỗi, và đã làm cho chúng ta trở nên vương quốc và tư tế của Thiên Chúa, Cha của Người. Nguyện chúc Người được vinh quang và quyền lực muôn đời. Amen.

Kìa, Người đến trong đám mây, mọi con mắt sẽ nhìn thấy Người, và cả những kẻ đã đâm Người cũng nhìn thấy Người, các chủng tộc trên địa cầu sẽ than khóc Người. Thật như vậy. Amen.

Chúa là Thiên Chúa, Đấng đang có, đã có, và sẽ đến, là Đấng Toàn Năng phán: “Ta là Alpha và Ômêga, là nguyên thủy và là cứu cánh”.

Đó là lời Chúa.



Gospel Acclamation



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*The spirit of the Lord is upon me,
Because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.*

Câu Xướng Trước Phúc Âm
Thánh Thần Chúa ngự trên tôi:
Người đã sai tôi đem tin mừng cho người nghèo khó.

Honor y gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.
El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí.
Me ha enviado para anunciar la buena nueva a los pobres.

Gospel

Proclaimed in Spanish

Luke 4: 16-21

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.”

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, “Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Gospel of The Lord. **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Tin Mừng Chúa Giêsu Kitô theo Thánh Luca.

Lu-ca 4, 16-21

Khi ấy, Chúa Giêsu trở về Nadarét, nơi Người sinh trưởng, và theo thói quen của Người, thì ngày Sabbat, Người vào hội đường. Người đứng dậy để đọc sách. Người ta trao cho Người sách tiên tri Isaia. Mở sách ra, Người gấp ngay đoạn chép rằng: Thánh Thần Chúa ngự trên tôi, vì Ngài xúc dầu cho tôi, sai tôi đi rao giảng Tin Mừng cho người nghèo khó, thuyên chữa những tâm hồn sám hối, loan truyền sự giải thoát cho kẻ bị giam cầm, cho người mù được trông thấy, trả tự do cho những kẻ bị áp bức, công bố năm hồng ân và ngày khen thưởng. Người gấp sách lại, trao cho thừa tác viên, và ngồi xuống. Mọi người trong hội đường đều chăm chú nhìn Người. Người bắt đầu nói với họ: “Hôm nay ứng nghiệm đoạn Kinh Thánh mà tai các ngươi vừa nghe”.

Đó là lời Chúa.

Homily

Archbishop Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv.

Incardination of Rev. Adam Blatt into the Archdiocese of Atlanta



The Renewal of Priestly Promises

Priests stand while the rest of the assembly remains seated.

Archbishop: Beloved sons,
are you resolved to renew,
in the presence of your bishop and God's holy people,
the promises you once made?

Priests: **I am.**

Archbishop: Are you resolved to be more united with the Lord Jesus
and more closely conformed to Him,
denying yourselves and confirming those promises
about sacred duties towards Christ's Church
which, prompted by love of Him,
you willingly and joyfully pledged
on the day of your priestly ordination?

Priests: **I am.**

Archbishop: Are you resolved to be faithful stewards of the mysteries
of God in the Holy Eucharist and the other liturgical
rites, and to discharge faithfully the sacred office of
teaching, following Christ the Head and Shepherd,
not seeking any gain,
but moved only by zeal for souls?

Priests: **I am.**

Then, towards the people, the Archbishop continues

Archbishop: As for you, dearest sons and daughters,
pray for your priests, that the Lord may pour out His
gifts abundantly upon them, and keep them faithful as
ministers of Christ, the High Priest, so that they may
lead you to Him, who is the source of salvation.

People: **Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.**

Archbishop: And pray also for me,
that I may be faithful to the apostolic office
entrusted to me in my lowliness
and that in your midst I may be made day by day
a living and more perfect image of Christ,
the Priest, the Good Shepherd,
the Teacher and Servant of all.

All: **Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.**

Archbishop: May the Lord keep us all in His charity
and lead all of us,
shepherds and flock
to eternal life.

All: **Amen.**

Please sit.



The Blessing of Oils and Consecration of the Chrism

Procession of Oils

O Redeemer

H. Hamilton Smith



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Blessing of the Oil of the Sick

Archbishop: O God, Father of all consolation, who willed to heal the infirmities of the weak through your Son, listen favorably to the prayer of faith: send forth from the heavens, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, upon this oil in all its richness, which you have graciously brought forth from the verdant tree to restore the body, so that by your holy blessing everyone anointed with this oil as a safeguard for body, soul and spirit may be freed from all pain, all infirmity and all sickness. May your holy oil, O Lord, be blessed by you for our sake in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Blessing of the Oil of the Catechumens

Archbishop: O God, strength and protection of your people, who have made the oil you created a sign of strength, graciously bless this oil, and grant courage to the catechumens who will be anointed with it, so that, receiving divine wisdom and power, they may understand more deeply the Gospel of your Christ, they may undertake with a generous heart the labors of the Christian life, and, made worthy of adoption as your sons and daughters, they may rejoice to be born anew and to live in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Consecration of the Chrism

*The Archbishop pours balsam in the oil and mixes the Chrism in silence.
Priests stand while the rest of the congregation remains seated.*

Archbishop: Let us pray, dear brothers and sisters, to God the almighty Father, that he bless and sanctify this oil, so that all who are outwardly anointed with it may be inwardly transformed and come to share in eternal salvation.

The Archbishop breathes over the opening of the vessels of Chrism.

With hands extended, he prays:

Archbishop: O God, author of all growth and spiritual progress, receive in your goodness the grateful homage that the Church joyfully offers to you through our voice.

For in the beginning you commanded the earth to bring forth fruit-bearing trees, among which olive trees would arise as providers of this most rich oil, so that their fruit might serve for sacred Chrism.

In the spirit of prophecy,
David foresaw the sacraments of your grace
and sang of the oil that would gladden our faces.

After the world's offenses were washed away by the flood, a dove announced the restoration of peace on earth with the olive branch, foreshadowing the gift to come. In the last days all this has been clearly revealed: when every offense is removed through the waters of Baptism, the anointing with this oil causes our faces to be joyful and serene.

You also commanded your servant Moses to make his brother Aaron a priest, by pouring this oil upon him after he had been washed in water.

Still greater dignity was added to this when your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, insisted that he be washed by John in the waters of the Jordan: you sent the Holy Spirit from on high in the likeness of a dove; you



declared by the witness of the voice that followed, that you were well pleased in him, your Only Begotten Son; and you were seen to confirm clearly what the prophet David had foretold in song, that Christ would be anointed with the oil of gladness above his companions.

All the priests stand and extend their right hand toward the Chrism, without saying anything, until the end of the prayer.

Archbishop: Therefore we beseech you, Lord: be pleased to sanctify with your blessing this oil in its richness, and to pour into it the strength of the Holy Spirit, with the powerful working of your Christ. From his holy name it has received the name of Chrism, and with it you have anointed your priests, prophets, kings and martyrs.

May you confirm the Chrism you have created as a sacred sign of perfect salvation and life for those to be made new in the spiritual waters of Baptism.

May those formed into a temple of your majesty by the holiness infused through this anointing and by the cleansing of the stain of their first birth be made fragrant with the innocence of a life pleasing to you.

May those anointed with royal, priestly and prophetic dignity be clothed with the garment of an incorruptible gift in keeping with the sacrament you have established.

May this oil be the Chrism of salvation for those born again of water and the Holy Spirit, and may it make them partakers of eternal life and sharers of heavenly glory.

Through Christ our Lord.

All:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me

Philip Stopford

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor:
He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance
to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind – to preach
the acceptable year of the Lord; to give unto them that mourn
a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of
praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called the
trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord,
that He might be glorified.

For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,
and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring
forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to
spring forth before all the nations.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Preface Acclamation

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.

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Memorial Acclamation / Amen

When we eat this Bread and drink this
 Cup, we pro - claim your Death, O Lord, un -
 til you come a - gain.

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The Communion Rite

Our Father

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

from Missa Secunda

Hans Leo Hassler

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

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, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 grant us peace.

Archbishop: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**



Communion

A New Commandment

Thomas Tallis

A new commandment give I unto you, saith the Lord,
that ye love together, as I have loved you,
that e'en so ye love one another.

By this shall ev'ry man know that ye are my disciples,
if ye have love one to another.

Este mandamiento nuevo les doy:

que se amen los unos a los otros. Así como yo los he amado,
también ustedes deben amarse los unos a los otros.

De este modo todos sabrán que son mis discípulos,
si se aman los unos a los otros.

Antiphon



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The Concluding Rites

O Christ, High Priest Eternal



1. O Christ, High Priest E - ter - nal You call un - to your side Good
2. O Christ, be - fore your Pas - sion, The night be - fore you died, You
3. O Christ, Great Pas - chal Vic - tim, You give a new com - mand, To
Choir Only: 4. The Church, your pil - grim peo - ple, Now fol - lows on your Way, Through
5. In the face of hu - man hat - red, In - jus - tice, en - vy's spite, You



men of your own choo - sing To serve you and your Bride; They will
shared with your dis - ci - ples The gifts of bread and wine: Re -
love as you have loved us, In your re - deem - ing plan. Not that
faith, and hope, and cha - ri - ty, A - gainst this world's dis - play Of
of - fered no re - sis - tance, Laid down your earth - ly life, Lea - ving



of - fer to your glo - ry Your sac - ri - fice of Love: Draw - ing
main - ing not mere sym - bols These gifts, your life di - vine, Your
we can do so sole - ly Nor a - part from your great grace, But we
pow - er, wealth and plea - sure, And the i - dols we cre - ate, Show us
us the per - fect pat - tern Of pure Love's re - deem - ing might, The



strength to tend your vine - yard From the Lit - ur - gy a - bove, Where
Bo - dy and your Blood Poured out for us in time, May
pledge our - selves here bold - ly, Your com - mand we now em - brace: Give us
now your gen - tle mer - cy, The price your love has paid: The
tri - umph of your Mer - cy, O'er - com - ing sin's dark night! To



Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit Are praised e - ter - nal - ly, While the
we, your new dis - ci - ples, E - nact in our own lives, The
strength to car - ry on - ward In the face of this world's strife, And in
tree of our own fol - ly Be - comes the Tree of Life, Trans -
Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit E - ter - nal praise is due, Make us,



Church on earth is nou - rished By your great Mys - ter - y!
love you have made known to us, Your Cha - ri - ty Sub - lime!
ser - vice to your King - dom We of - fer you our life!
fixed u - pon its aw - ful wood, Our Sa - vior, Je - sus Christ!
Lord, your hum - ble ser - vants, Your sons and daugh - ters true!

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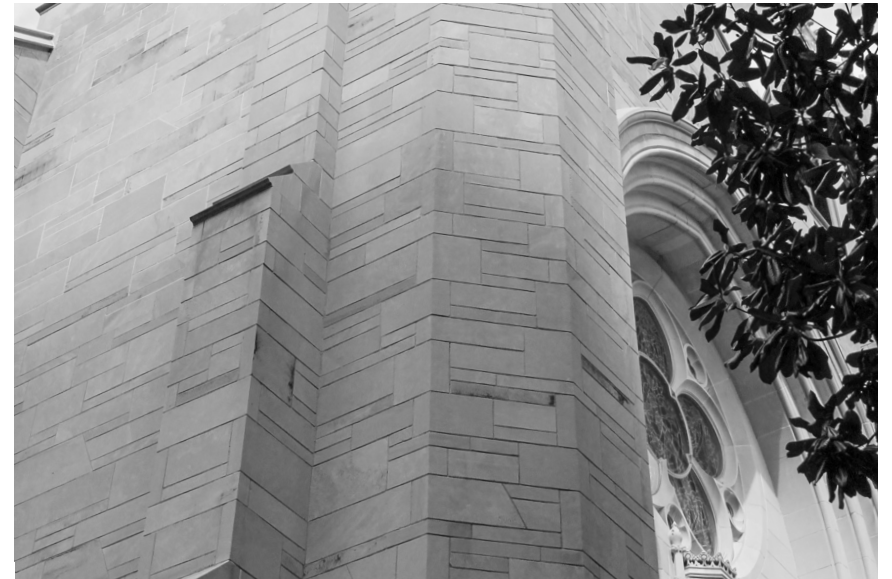
Cathedral Choir of Christ the King

Atlanta Symphony Brass Quintet

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Jubilee Celebration
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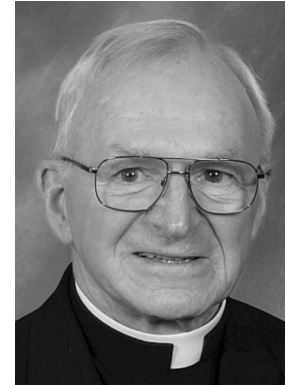
The Reverend
Adam Blatt

Father Adam Blatt will be formally incardinated into the Archdiocese of Atlanta at this afternoon's Mass. Incardination refers to the practice of transferring allegiance from one diocesan church to another. Father Blatt was born in West Virginia and raised in Georgia.

He spent six years in the Air Force before attending seminary in Chicago. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago in 2015. He spent four years at a Chicago parish, before returning to Georgia.

Since his return, Father Blatt has ministered to the communities of St. Pius X Church in Conyers and Prince of Peace Church in Flowery Branch. He was assigned administrator of Christ Our King and Savior Church in Greensboro in May 2023.

Sapphire Jubilarian



The Reverend
Gregory D. Kenny, CMF

Father Gregory Kenny, a priest of the Claretian order (CMF), was ordained on Sept. 19, 1959. The son of Margaret and Michael Kenny, he grew up in the Chicago area. He first began discerning a vocation to the priesthood at age 13 when a priest came to his school to talk about the Claretian congregation. He attended a seminary high school, St. Jude Seminary in Momence, Illinois. After high school, Father

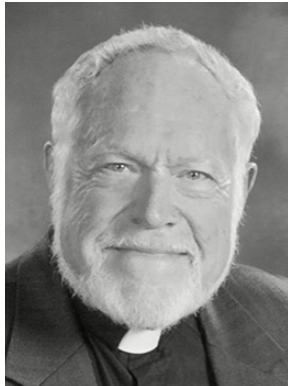
Kenny entered a Claretian seminary in California, followed by college, post-graduate study, a year of novitiate and then his doctorate. He was drawn to the Claretians' missionary work, an aspect of the faith that intrigued him from a young age.

Father Kenny's work has led him down many paths, from serving as an auxiliary chaplain at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland and as a hospital chaplain in Illinois, to time as a teacher, including positions at Fordham University and Adelphi University in New York. He served as his order's provincial treasurer for 16 years.

Father Kenny is the pastor emeritus of Corpus Christi Church, Stone Mountain, where he has been a beloved participant in parish life for many years. He served as pastor there from 1992 to 2018 and is now its priest in residence. He hiked most of the Appalachian Trail, and enjoyed hiking in California, Colorado and North Georgia. He took annual trips to Guatemala for missions.

Father Kenny says the most rewarding part of his ministry was "to love and be loved."

Diamond Jubilarian



The Reverend
Edward D. Danneker

Father Edward Danneker is a senior retired priest. He was born in September 1937, in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. He attended St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1964.

His first Georgia parish was St. Thomas More Church, Decatur, where he served as an associate pastor for several years and then as pastor of several other parishes. He retired as pastor from St. Luke Church, Dahlonega, in 2002.

Father Danneker continues to help in parishes. He attended seminary initially to be ordained for a diocese in Pennsylvania, but he, along with two seminary friends, wanted to be priests here once they learned about the formation of the then-Diocese of Atlanta. Father Danneker remembered a religious sister in school talked "always in praise" about serving in the South, and so he applied to be a seminarian for the diocese. One of his ministries was—for a dozen years—to serve as the liaison between the archdiocese and Atlanta's interfaith and ecumenical community, which helped to deepen his own faith.

Father Danneker's fellow priests and friends called him a thoughtful minister who has touched many people's lives.

Golden Jubilarian



The Reverend Monsignor
Patrick A. Bishop

Msgr. Patrick A. Bishop is a native of Marietta. The son of Pat and Lucy Bishop, he attended Saint Meinrad Seminary in St. Meinrad, Indiana, for college, and St. Mary's in Baltimore to study theology. Msgr. Bishop was ordained to the priesthood on May 18, 1974.

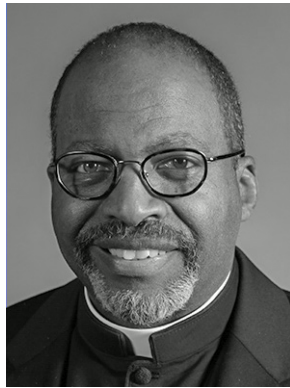
He began his ministry as a parochial vicar at Holy Cross Church in Atlanta, transferred to St. Thomas More Church in Decatur and then to Sts. Peter and Paul Church. From 1978 to 1983, he served as the director of pastoral ministry St. Pius X High School, Atlanta, the school he had attended as a freshman.

In 1983, he began his first pastorate at St. Bernadette Church in Cedartown, where he also wrote a column for the local newspaper and worked tirelessly in the community as a leader of ecumenical ministries. He served there for more than six years. In 1989, Msgr. Bishop began his final pastorate at Transfiguration Church, Marietta, where he led parishioners for 25 years. He retired from active ministry in 2014.

His hobbies include electric trains, video editing and caring for his Basset Hounds: Peanut, Pipsqueak and Pumpkin. He was involved with Basset Hound Rescue and found it rewarding to save neglected dogs.

Msgr. Bishop said the most rewarding part of his ministry is the Mass. "It has been a huge blessing to me to be a priest," he said.

Golden Jubilarian



The Reverend Monsignor
Edward B. Branch

A native of Washington, D.C., Msgr. Edward Branch was born to Christine and Wadsworth Branch. He attended St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. Ordained for the Diocese of Louisville, Kentucky, in 1974, he was assigned to churches within Louisville from 1974-79. He then became pastor and director of St. Benedict the Black Church and the Newman Center for Grambling State University in Grambling,

Louisiana, from 1979-82. He spent eight years as a member of the Congregation of Xaverian Brothers, involved in secondary education.

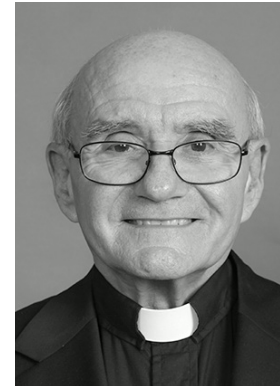
In 1991, he completed the doctorate program in ministry at Howard University School of Divinity in Washington, D.C., following a six-year tenure as university chaplain and director of campus ministry at the Catholic University of America.

He was the chaplain for the Atlanta University Center, serving Morehouse, Morris Brown and Spelman Colleges and Clark Atlanta University for 30 years before retiring. He oversaw the construction of a permanent Catholic center there, The Lyke House.

His hobbies are reading and listening to audio books. He also enjoys travel, calling a trip to Kenya very memorable.

For Msgr. Branch, campus ministry was always fulfilling and rewarding. "I think I really knew that campus ministry was for me soon after I was ordained," he said.

Golden Jubilarian



The Reverend
Ralph F. Olek, SM

Father Ralph Francis Olek, SM, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, to Benjamin and Emily Olek. He entered the seminary to become a Marist priest as a sophomore in high school. He earned a bachelor of arts in education from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and a master's degree in education at Georgia State University.

He was ordained for the Society of Mary at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Cleveland, Ohio, on May 15, 1974.

Father Olek's first assignment was at Marist School in Atlanta. He has served as a teacher and campus minister there. He also taught at St. Bede's College in Christchurch, New Zealand, and ministered in parishes in Hawaii while on summer breaks. Father Olek also served as campus minister for the University of La Verne in California from 1989 to 1991.

Currently an English teacher at Marist School, Father Olek said teaching seventh-grade students keeps him young, and that he's loved his 46 years in education. "I knew I was supposed to teach all my life, and it has been a true blessing," he said.

While not in the classroom, he enjoys watching movies, reading and power walking.

Golden Jubilarian



The Reverend
Steven L. Yander

Father Steven Yander was born in Middle Village, Queens, New York, to Milton and Dorothy Yander. He attended St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore and then Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans for his master's degree. After ordination on June 7, 1974, Father Yander began serving at Holy Family Church, Marietta, as a parochial vicar. From there he was assigned to St. John the Evangelist Church

in Hapeville, and later, to Transfiguration Church, Marietta, and St. John Vianney Church, Lithia Springs.

Father Yander's first pastorate was at St. Anthony's Church in Blue Ridge and its mission of Good Samaritan Church in Ellijay. During his seven years of service there, a new church was constructed. Father Yander served as pastor of Sacred Heart Church in downtown Atlanta for three years. He was a chaplain at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Atlanta for 25 years, where he introduced a grief support system.

His hobbies include hiking and travel. He plans to go to Normandy, France, soon.

Father Yander says the most rewarding part of his priestly life has been "working with those who are terminally ill and comforting their families." He first became interested in hospital chaplaincy after working with AIDS patients at Sacred Heart.

Silver Jubilarian



The Reverend
Carlos Mario Bustamante Agudelo

Father Carlos Mario Bustamante Agudelo was born in Medellín, Colombia, and was ordained a priest of the Salesians of St. John Bosco. He is the son of José Rodrigo Bustamante Muñoz and Maria Yolanda Bustamante Agudelo. He was ordained to the priesthood on March 27, 1999. After ordination he served parishes and schools in Colombia until arriving in Atlanta in 2006.

He was formally incardinated into the Archdiocese of Atlanta in September 2014. He is currently a parochial vicar at Our Lady of Americas Mission in Lilburn, where he has served since July 2010. He previously was a parochial vicar at St. John Neumann Church, Lilburn; St. Benedict Church, Duluth, and served as administrator of Divino Niño Jesús Mission in Duluth for three years.

Father Bustamante Agudelo enjoys reading and taking strolls.

He finds many aspects of the priesthood rewarding, particularly "the celebration of the Eucharist and the peace that I can see in the penitent after confession."

Silver Jubilarian



The Reverend
John F. Durkin, Jr.

Father John Francis Durkin Jr. is a native of Suwanee. He is the son of Jack and Claire Durkin. He attended seminary at Mount St. Mary in Maryland. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Atlanta in June 1999.

He began his ministry as a parochial vicar at St. John Neumann Church, Lilburn, and then served as pastor of Christ Our Hope Church in Lithonia from 2002-2004. Father Durkin was chaplain at St. Pius X High School, Atlanta, for four years.

He is currently pastor of St. Monica Church, Duluth, where he was assigned in 2006. Father Durkin's undertakings there have included a campaign to renovate the sanctuary, narthex and nave to draw the focus to Christ, the altar and the tabernacle. Under his leadership, the community also built a parish center and the Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, chapel for adoration.

He enjoys reading, walking and watching sports.

As a priest, he finds "celebrating the sacraments, teaching, praying, conversing and recreating with God's people," the most rewarding aspects of ministry.

Silver Jubilarian



The Reverend
Kevin J. Hargaden

Father Kevin J. Hargaden was born in Milledgeville to John and Mary Hargaden. He attended Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Atlanta on June 12, 1999.

He began his ministry in the archdiocese as a parochial vicar at St. Joseph Church, Marietta. He was also a parochial vicar at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Atlanta; and St. Lawrence Church, Lawrenceville. Father Hargaden was chaplain for Blessed Trinity High School, Roswell. His first pastorate was at St. Peter Church, LaGrange, and its mission St. Elizabeth Seton in Warm Springs. He also led the parish communities of Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Decatur; and St. Matthew Church in Tyrone, where he was pastor for more than a decade.

He is the current pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Cartersville. Father Hargaden is an instructor for the diaconate formation program, was an advocate for the Province of Atlanta Court of Appeals and currently ministers as the spiritual assistant for the Secular Carmelites.

His hobbies include hiking, reading and being a pilgrim.

"Blessing people," is the most rewarding part of being a priest, says Father Hargaden.

Silver Jubilarian



The Reverend
Brian J. Higgins

Father Brian J. Higgins was born in Kansas City, Missouri, and raised in Dunwoody. He is the son of Thomas and Mary Ellen Higgins. The priest earned a bachelor's degree in English and secondary education in 1989 from Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas. Father Higgins then studied at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Maryland, obtaining a Master of Divinity.

He was ordained to the priesthood on June 5, 1999. He is currently the pastor of Christ the Redeemer Church in Dawsonville, having served there since 2010. He previously was the chaplain for Southern Catholic College. He also led the Office of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Atlanta from 2001-2007. Father Higgins began his ministry in the archdiocese as a parochial vicar at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Atlanta.

He enjoys camping, hunting and fishing as hobbies. He finds the "sacraments and the people" the most fulfilling part of his priestly ministry.

Silver Jubilarian



The Reverend
Cyriac C. Mattathilanickal, MS

Father Cyriac Chandy Mattathilanickal, a Missionary of Our Lady of La Salette, was born in Kerlala, India. He is the son of Joseph and Mariam and has six brothers and two sisters. After initial formation in India, Father Mattathilanickal went to the Philippines to complete major seminary studies.

He was ordained on Feb. 5, 1999, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette. After ordination, he served as associate pastor of St. James Catholic Church in Santiago City, Philippines. In 2002, he was appointed associate pastor of St. James Catholic Church in Danielson, Connecticut.

His next assignment was at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette in Attleboro, Massachusetts, to lead retreats. He eventually served as director of La Salette Retreat Center and the shrine. Father Mattathilanickal earned a master's degree in pastoral ministry and spirituality from Boston College. He was chaplain of the Filipino community of the Archdiocese of Boston. After 12 years at the shrine, he was assigned to the Archdiocese of Atlanta at St. Oliver Plunkett Church, Snellville, where he has been the pastor since 2017. He is a member of the consultative body of La Salette Provincial Administration.

"Reconciliation is the charism of my community, and I believe that God has called me to preach the Good News and draw everyone closer to God through my life and ministry," he said.

Silver Jubilarian



The Reverend
Thanh Liem Nguyen

Father Thanh Liem Nguyen is a native of Vietnam. He is the son of Thanh Long Nguyen and Kim Phan Thi Tran. His seminary studies were at St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois; and at Mount St. Mary's in Maryland. Following his June 1999 ordination, Father Nguyen served at St. Michael Church, Gainesville, as a parochial vicar.

He was pastor of St. Mary's Church, Toccoa, and St. Catherine Labouré Mission from 2005-2009. He served as president of the Federation of Vietnamese Catholics in the USA from 2007-2011. He also conducted a special fundraising mission for retired priests of Vietnam for two years. His pastorates have included leading St. Francis of Assisi in Blairsville and St. Peter the Rock Church in Thomaston.

Father Nguyen is the current pastor of St. James Church in Madison, appointed in 2020. Reading, gardening and haircutting are among the priest's hobbies.

Father Nguyen expressed gratitude for the support and love of his family and parishioners for 25 years. "Celebrating holy Mass and other sacraments and being with parishioners at their good times and bad," are the most worthwhile parts of his priestly life.

Silver Jubilarian



The Reverend
Adrian C. H. Pleus

Father Adrian C.H. Pleus was born in Plandome, New York, to Albert Werner Pleus and Julie H. Pleus. He earned a bachelor's degree in history, 1990, from University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee; a master's degree in education, 1994, from University of Georgia, and then, a Master of Divinity degree from St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, in 1998.

He was ordained a priest on June 5, 1999, in Atlanta. After ordination, Father Pleus was assigned as a parochial vicar at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Kennesaw, from 1999 to 2002. He then became pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church in Dallas, where he currently serves.

The priest's hobbies include hiking, sailing, skiing and cooking.

For Father Pleus the most worthwhile aspects of his priesthood are "celebrating holy Mass, preaching, teaching and encouraging and awakening hope."

Silver Jubilarian



The Reverend

Fernando Molina Restrepo

Father Fernando Molina Restrepo was born in Anserma, Caldas, Colombia, to María Enoe Restrepo and Gildardo Luis Molina. He studied at Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and was ordained to the priesthood on June 12, 1999.

He began his ministry in the Archdiocese of Atlanta at Holy Trinity Church in Peachtree City. He also was a parochial vicar at St. Michael Church, Gainesville, and St. Joseph Church, Marietta. Father Molina Restrepo was administrator at Our Lady of the Americas Mission, Lilburn, and pastor at Christ Our King and Savior Church, Greensboro; St. Theresa Church, Douglasville; Transfiguration Church, Marietta; and most recently at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Alpharetta.

As a priest, he has enjoyed helping people solve problems, especially married couples, and visiting the sick. “It is really touching,” he said about ministering to the sick and those in nursing homes. A bilingual priest, he loves being able to celebrate sacraments in two languages.

Father Molina Restrepo’s hobbies include travel, movies, exercise, reading, parties and “all activities that build community.”

