

**THE RITE OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD  
FOR**

**REVEREND MR. STEVEN GREGORY OETJEN  
REVEREND MR. STEPHEN MICHAEL VACCARO  
REVEREND MR. JORDAN MARK WILLARD**

*As conferred by*

**MOST REVEREND MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE  
BISHOP OF ARLINGTON**

**JUNE 10, 2017  
CATHEDRAL OF ST. THOMAS MORE  
ARLINGTON, VA**





*The Ordination and the First Mass of St. John of Matha, the founder of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity, dedicated to ransoming captive Christians, by artist Carducho.*



# THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

PRELUDE

*Entrada Festiva*  
*Flor Peeters*

PROCESSIONAL

*Go Up to the Altar of God*  
*James J. Chepponis*

*Verses Sung by Choir*  
*Refrain: All*



Go up to the al-tar of God, the God of our glad-ness and  
joy. Raise up the cup of sal-va-tion, and call on the name of the Lord.

GREETING

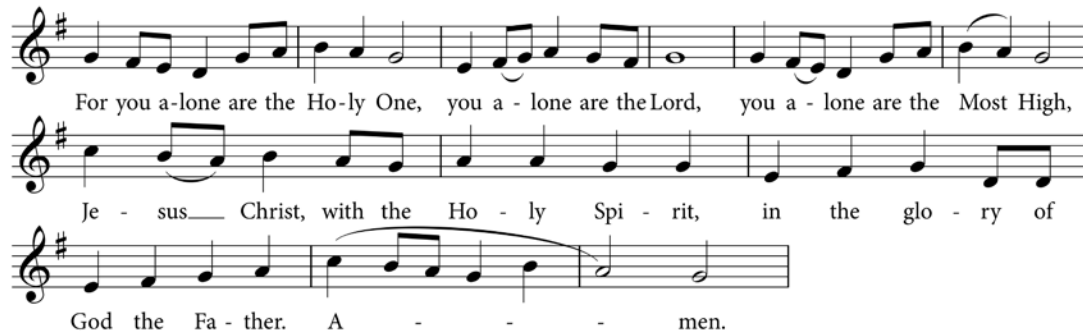
PENITENTIAL ACT

GLORIA

*Carroll T. Andrews / rev. Ronald F. Krisman*



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.



COLLECT

*Please Be Seated*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1: 4-9

In the days of King Josiah, the word of the Lord came to me, saying: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.

"Ah, Lord God!" I said, "I know not how to speak; I am too young." But the Lord answered me, Say not, "I am too young." To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak. Have no fear before them, because I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.

Then the Lord extended his hand and touched my mouth, saying, See, I place my words in your mouth!

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

En tiempo de Josías, el Señor me dirigió estas palabras: "Desde antes de formarte en el seno materno, te conozco; desde antes de que nacieras, te consagré como profeta para las naciones".

Yo le contesté: "Pero, Señor mío, yo no sé expresarme, porque apenas soy un muchacho".

El Señor me dijo: "No digas que eres un muchacho, pues irás a donde yo te envíe y dirás lo que yo te mande. No tengas miedo, porque yo estoy contigo para protegerte", palabra del Señor. El Señor extendió entonces su brazo, con su mano me tocó la boca y me dijo: "Desde hoy pongo mi palabras en tu boca".

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 110  
Richard P. Gibala

Priest for - ev - er like Mel - chiz - e - dek of old, the  
Lord Christ of - fered bread and wine.

SECOND READING *(proclaimed in Spanish)*

2 Corinthians 4: 1-2, 5-7

Brothers and sisters: since we have this ministry through the mercy shown us, we are not discouraged. Rather, we have renounced shameful, hidden things; not acting deceitfully or falsifying the word of God, but by the open declaration of the truth we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your slaves for the sake of Jesus. For God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to bring to light the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of Jesus Christ. But we hold this treasure in earthen vessels that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us.

Hermanos: Puesto que, por la misericordia de Dios, estamos encargados del ministerio de la predicación, no sólo no desfallecemos, since que renunciamos a actuar en forma oculta y vergonzosa, a proceder con astucia o a falsear el mensaje de Dios. Solamente predicamos la verdad, y en esto consiste nuestra recomendación ante el juicio que hagan de nosotros en la presencia de Dios todos los hombres. Porque no nos predicamos a nosotros mismos, sino a Jesucristo, y nos presentamos como servidores de ustedes, por Jesús. Pues el mismo Dios quo dijo: *Brille la luz en medio de las tinieblas*, es el que ha hecho brillar su luz en nuestros corazones, para dar a conocer el resplandor de la gloria de Dios, que se manifiesta en el rostro de Cristo. Pero llevamos este tesoro en vasijas de barro, para que se vea que esta fuerza tan extraordinaria proviene de Dios y no de nosotros mismos.

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

*Please Stand*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Festival Alleluia*  
James J. Chepponis

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "Come el Padre me ama, así los amo yo. Permanezcan en mi amor. Si cumplen mis mandamientos, permanecen en mi amor; lo mismo que yo cumplo los mandamientos de mi Padre y permanezco en su amor. Les he dicho esto para que mi alegría esté en ustedes y su alegría sea plena.

Este es mi mandamiento: que se amen los unos a los otros como yo los he amado. Nadie tiene amor más grande a sus amigos, que el que da la vida por ellos. Ustedes son mis amigos, si hacen lo que yo les mando. Ya no los llamo siervos, porque el siervo no sabe lo que hace su amo; a ustedes los llamo amigos, porque les he dado a conocer todo lo que he oído a mi Padre. No son ustedes los que me han elegido, soy yo quien ha elegido y los ha destinado para que vayan y den fruto y fruto permanezca, de modo que el Padre les conceda cuanto le pidan en mi nombre. Esto es lo que les mando: que se amen los unos a los otros".

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please Remain Standing*

## RITE OF ORDINATION

### PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

*After the Gospel, those to be ordained are called forth by a deacon. After they have come forward, the Director of Vocations presents them to the Church and asks the Bishop to ordain them.*

### ELECTION BY THE BISHOP AND CONSENT OF THE PEOPLE

*After inquiring if they are worthy to be ordained, the Bishop accepts the request.*

### **Bishop**

Relying on the help of the Lord God and our Savior Jesus Christ, we choose these, our brothers, for the Order of the Priesthood.

**All**            **Thanks be to God.** *The people give their assent by applause.*



HOMILY

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge

PROMISES OF THE ELECT

*There are five promises to be made by those who are to be ordained.*

Do you resolve, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to discharge without fail the Office of Priesthood in the presbyteral rank, as a worthy fellow worker with the Order of Bishops in caring for the Lord's flock?

Do you resolve to exercise the ministry of the word worthily and wisely, preaching the Gospel and teaching the Catholic faith?

Do you resolve to celebrate faithfully and reverently, in accord with the Church's tradition, the mysteries of Christ, especially the sacrifice of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, for the glory of God and the sanctification of the Christian people?

Do you resolve to implore with us God's mercy upon the people entrusted to your care by observing the command to pray without ceasing?

Do you resolve to be united more closely every day to Christ the High Priest, who offered himself for us to the Father as a pure sacrifice, and with him to consecrate yourself to God for the salvation of all?

PROMISE OF OBEDIENCE

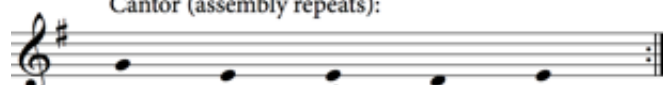
*After having made these promises, those to be ordained go before the Bishop and make a promise of obedience. As each does so, he kneels before the Bishop and places his hands between those of the Bishop. The Bishop asks him: "Do you promise respect and obedience to me and my successors?"*

LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

*The elect (those called to the Sacrament) then prostrate themselves and the Litany of the Saints is sung. This prayer asks for the intercession of the Saints in order that God may look favorably upon those to be ordained. A prayer follows, asking that the Holy Spirit may be poured upon them. While these prayers are being prayed, the faithful are to join their prayers for the elect to those of the Bishop.*


*Please Kneel*

Cantor (assembly repeats):

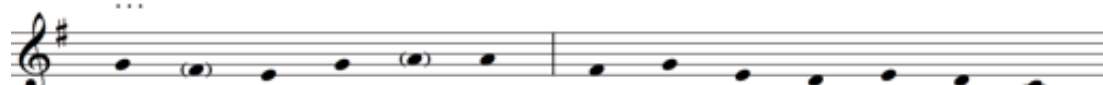


Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Christ, have mer - cy.  
 Lord, have mer - cy.


Cantor: Assembly:



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.  
 Saint Mi - chael, pray for us.  
 ...

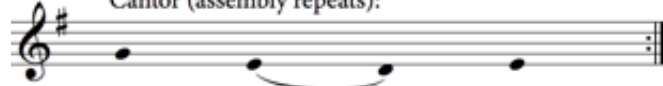


Lord, be mer - ci - ful, Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.  
 ...




Be merciful to us sin - ners, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.  
 ...

Cantor (assembly repeats):



Christ, hear us.



Christ, gra - cious - ly hear us.

## **Bishop**

Hear us, we beseech you, Lord our God, and pour out on these servants of yours the blessing of the Holy Spirit and the power of priestly grace, that they who in the sight of your mercy we offer to be consecrated, may be surrounded by your rich and unfailing gifts. Through Christ our Lord.

*Please Stand*

## **LAYING ON OF HANDS**

*The gift of the Holy Spirit is conferred upon those to be ordained by the laying on of hands and the Prayer of Ordination. At the ordination of a priest, the Bishop lays hands on each of those to be ordained a priest. All the priests then lay hands on the candidates as well. This communal laying on of hands is to ritualize the fact that they are to be ordained into the presbyteral college of the local Church. This is in keeping with an ancient text found in the Apostolic Tradition. It states that this common laying on of hands takes place at a priest's ordination because "they all have a common and similar spirit."*

## PRAYER OF ORDINATION

*The Bishop alone then says the Prayer of Ordination. It alludes to Aaron and the seventy elders called by Moses as Old Testament figures that prefigure the presbyters (priests) who will labor as coworkers of the Bishop. The prayer is directed to the Father, who, by the power of the Holy Spirit, provides for the various forms of ministry within the Church of Christ. After speaking of the various forms of ministry exercised within the Church, it states that the priests are those who, with the Order of Bishops, make Christ present in the Church today. It asks for the spirit of holiness for the new priests so that they may help to sanctify God's people. It also asks that they may be configured to Christ the priest and spotless victim. While this prayer is being prayed, the faithful are to join their prayers silently to those of the Bishop. Once this prayer is concluded, those being ordained are priests.*

*Please be Seated*

## INVESTITURE WITH STOLE AND CHASUBLE

*The proper vesture for a priest to wear for the celebration of the Eucharist is the stole and chasuble. The stole and chasuble are bestowed upon the newly ordained priests. The newly ordained entered the church wearing the deacon stole tied at the side. The stoles are now adjusted to be worn as proper for a priest, hanging down on both sides. Each of the newly ordained is assisted by another priest who helps the new priest adjust his stole and put on the chasuble.*

*Veni Creator*

## ANOINTING OF HANDS

*The Bishop now anoints the palms of the new priests. As he does so, he says: "The Lord Jesus Christ, whom the Father anointed with the Holy Spirit, guard and preserve you, that you may sanctify the Christian people and offer sacrifices to God." This anointing is a sign of the sealing with the Holy Spirit who was called forth through the imposition of hands and the Prayer of Ordination. It is also a sign of the priest's distinctive participation in Christ's Priesthood by the sacrifice he will offer with his hands.*

## HANDING OVER THE BREAD AND WINE

*The bread and the wine are the sign of the priest's duty to offer the sacrifice of the Holy Eucharist at Mass and to follow the example of Christ crucified. They are brought up by family members of the ordinandi and presented to a deacon who takes them to the Bishop. The Bishop then hands them to each new priest saying: "Receive from the Holy People of God the gifts to be offered to God. Know what you do, imitate what you celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord's cross." This gesture ties the Rite of Ordination directly to the Eucharistic context and to the priest's service on behalf of the people of God.*

## SIGN OF PEACE

*The Bishop and all the priests give the kiss of peace to the new priests. This is to seal their admittance to the rank of coworker with the Bishop and the other members of the presbyterate who assist the Bishop in his diocese. The other priests welcome the newly ordained as fellow coworkers in their shared ministry. This does not replace the rite of peace at Communion. It is at the ordinary Rite of Peace that peace is to be exchanged among all the members of the assembly.*

*Festival Canticle  
Richard Hillert*



*Gaelic Blessing  
John Rutter*

*This is My Commandment  
Erik Routley*



# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

*Ubi Caritas*  
*Taižé*

U-bi cá-ri-tas et a - mor, u-bi cá-ri-tas De- us i-bi est.

The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It begins in 2/4 time and changes to 3/4 time for the final measure. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

## SANCTUS

*Community Mass*  
*Richard Proulx*

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.

The musical notation is on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes with some rests.

## MYSTERY OF FAITH

*Community Mass*  
*Richard Proulx*

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res - ur -  
rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

The musical notation is on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (Bb, Eb, Ab) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody uses quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes.

# DOXOLOGY AND THE GREAT AMEN

*Community Mass  
Richard Proulx*



## THE COMMUNION RITE

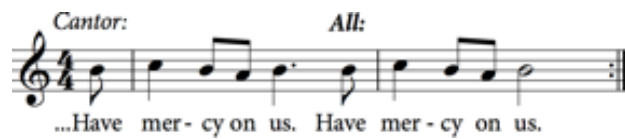
### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### SIGN OF PEACE

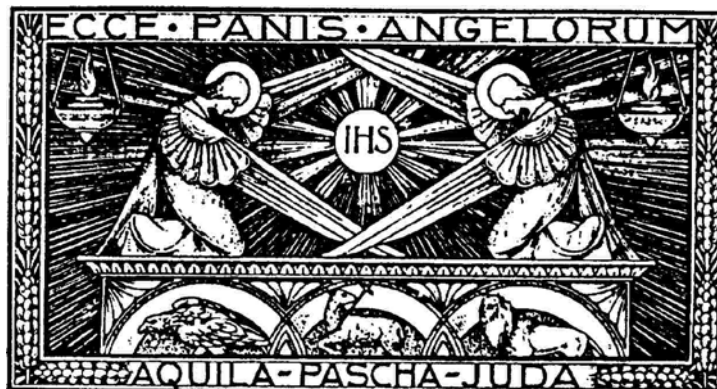
### LAMB OF GOD

*Richard P. Gibala*

**Choir:** Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, ...



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## COMMUNION

*Panis Angelicus*  
*Christopher Walker*

*Commissioned for the Installation of Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge as fourth bishop of the Diocese of Arlington,  
December 2016*

Pa - nis an - ge - li - cus, ——— fit pa - nis ho - mi - num. O res mi -  
ra - bi - lis, O res mi - ra - bi - lis. Ser - vus De - i, man  
du - cat Do - mi - num man - du - cat Do - mi - num.

*The Bread of Angels is become bread of men. O marvel! God's servant partakes of his Lord.*

*Surrexit Pastor Bonus*  
*Orlando di Lasso*

Surrexit pastor bonus,  
qui animam suam posuit,  
et pro grege suo, mori dignatus est,  
Alleluia, alleluia.

The good shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep,  
who humbled himself and died for his flock.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

## REMARKS

## FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL



## Salve Regina

The *Salve Regina* is better known to most Catholics as the *Hail Holy Queen*, which we pray at the end of the Rosary. The Latin chant typically concludes Night Prayer, the last prayer of a priest's day. Since this beautiful chant is so familiar to the priests, it has become a custom to sing it at the end of the ordination Mass. It both unites the priests (and others) in song and also gives honor to our Lady, Mother of the High Priest Himself.



Sal-ve, Re-gi-na, ma-ter mi-se-ri-cor-di-ae; Vi-ta, dul-ce-do,  
etspes no-stra, sal-ve. Ad te cla-ma-mus, ex-su-les fi-li-i He-vae.  
Ad te su-spi-ra-mus, ge-men-tes et flen-tes in hac la-cri-ma-rum val-le.  
E-ia, er-go, Ad-vo-ca-ta no-stra,  
il-los tu-os mi-se-ri-cor-des o-cu-los ad nos con-ver-te.  
Et Je-sum, be-ne-dic-tum fruc-tum ven-tris-tu-i, no-bis post hoc ex-si-li-um os-ten-de.  
O-cle-mens; O-pi-a; O-dul-cis Vir-go Ma-ri-a.





CLOSING HYMN

*O God Beyond All Praising*  
Richard Proulx



1. O God beyond all praising, We worship you to-day And\_  
3. Then hear, O gracious Savior, Accept the love we bring, That\_  
sing the love amazing That songs can-not re-pay; For\_  
we who know your fa-vor May serve you as our king; And\_  
we can on-ly won-der At\_ ev-'ry gift you send, At\_  
wheth-er our to-mor-rows Be\_ filled with good or ill, We'll\_  
bless-ings with-out num-ber And mer-cies with-out end; We\_  
tri-umph through our sor-rows And rise to bless you still; To\_  
lift our hearts be-fore\_ you And wait up-on your word, We\_  
mar-vel at your beau-ty And glo-ry in your ways, And\_  
hon-or and a-dore\_ you, Our great and might-y Lord.  
make a joy-ful du-ty Our sac-ri-fice of praise.



Reverend Steven Gregory Oetjen



Reverend Stephen Michael Vaccaro



Reverend Jordan Mark Willard

**ORDAINED PRIESTS**  
June 10, 2017

## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRIESTS, FR. OETJEN, FR. VACCARO AND FR. WILLARD**

We joyfully acknowledge God's call in our lives, and are humbled to be able to serve Him and His Church as Priests. We are particularly grateful to the Blessed Virgin Mary for her maternal care, Saint Joseph, and all of our patron saints for their intercession. We are grateful especially to our families, relatives, and friends who have provided so much prayer and support during our lives. We also thank the people of our home parishes (St. Lawrence, St. Francis de Sales, St. Michael) as well as all the people of the diocese who have supported and prayed for us over the years.

We thank Bishop Michael Burbidge, Bishop Emeritus Paul S. Loverde for his encouragement and support, Fr. J.D. Jaffe, Director of the Office of Vocations, along with Fr. Brian Bashista, former Director of the Office of Vocations. We would also like to thank the staff of the Office of Vocations: Mrs. Anne-Marie Minnis and Mrs. Lori Koch, as well as the faculty and staff of The Pontifical College Josephinum and The Pontifical North American College, and the priests and parishioners of our summer assignments. In addition, we would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for their generous support over the years and the entire Cathedral staff for their assistance with this morning's liturgy.

We offer our sincere gratitude to Almighty God, who has given to us the gift of Priesthood. We strive and pray every day to be worthy of this most sacred call, and we entrust our ministry to His Providence and to the care of Holy Mary, the Mother of His Son. Finally, we ask for the prayers of all those we will serve. May your prayers obtain for us the graces of fidelity and devotion to God, to His Church, and to all His people.

***You are cordially invited to join the newly ordained and their families at a reception in Monsignor Burke Hall, in the lower level of the Cathedral, immediately following Mass.***

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**

#### **DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON VOCATIONS PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest,  
call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life  
from our diocese and our families.  
Inspire men to imitate Christ the Eternal High Priest  
in sacrificial service to Your Church.  
Move the hearts of men and women  
to offer themselves wholly to You  
in poverty, chastity, and obedience.  
Send them as laborers for Your harvest.  
Inspire the faithful to support them with prayer and sacrifice.  
Raise up holy families who foster openness to Your call.  
We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Mary Immaculate, pray for us  
St. Thomas More, pray for us  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us.

## DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON SEMINARIANS



Rev. Mr. Michael John Folmar



Rev. Mr. Christopher Franklin Tipton



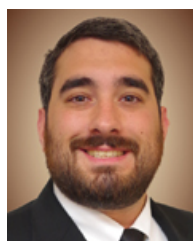
Mr. Nicholas James Schierer  
(will be ordained to the diaconate  
September 28, 2017, in Rome)

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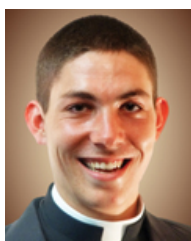
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Brian Accettullo



Tony Bennett



Nicholas Blank



Philip Briggs



Peter Clem



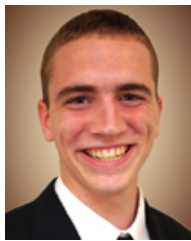
Joseph Connor



Jonathan Fioramonti



Edouard Guilloux



John Paul Heisler



Joseph Jacobeen



Sean Koehr



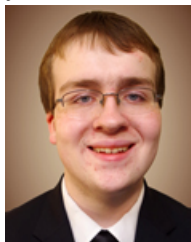
Mike Lewis



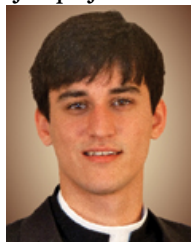
Elder Maldonado



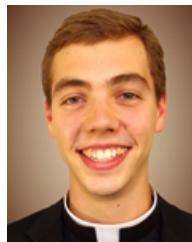
Jacob Mason



Sam McIlheran



Peter McShurley



Joseph Moschetto



Mike Nugent



Will Nyce



John O'Farrell



Charles Pavlick



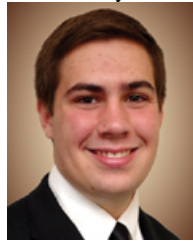
Jeff Petroski



Luke Poczatek



Mauricio Portillo



Ian Radel



Robby Renner



Daniel Reuwer



Daniel Rice



Cory Russman



Jonathan Smith



Peter St. George



Joseph Townsend



James Waalkes



Robert Wagner



David Witherow

MINISTERS OF THE MASS

ORDAINING PRELATE

The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington

CONCELEBRATING PRIESTS

Priests of the Diocese of Arlington  
and Priest Friends of the Ordinandi

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Reverend Christopher Mould  
*for Reverend Mr. Steven Oetjen*  
Reverend Christopher T. Vaccaro  
*for Reverend Mr. Stephen Vaccaro*  
Reverend Brian G. Bashista  
*for Reverend Mr. Jordan Willard*

DEACONS

Deacon Gerard-Marie Anthony  
Reverend Mr. Christopher Tipton

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Mrs. Sarah Reidy  
Mr. Antonio Pérez-Alcalá

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Seminarians of the Diocese of Arlington

MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

Reverend Paul F. deLadurantaye  
Reverend Noah C. Morey  
Reverend Robert J. Wagner  
Reverend Jamie R. Workman

MUSIC

Saint Thomas More Cathedral Choir  
Saint Thomas More Cathedral Brass Ensemble  
Dr. Richard P. Gibala, Director of Music  
Mr. David Mathers, Organist  
Mr. Allan Chan, Cantor  
Arlington Seminarians, Cantors for the Litany of the Saints

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Representative Family Members of the Ordinandi

## 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 unless there is a grave reason and 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 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)

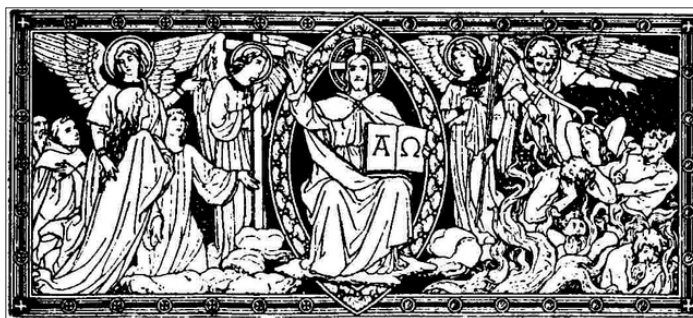
Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844.4). Members of 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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