

DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY- ST. JOSEPH
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*"You are the light of the World."
- Matthew 5:13*

MOST REVEREND JAMES V. JOHNSTON, JR. D.D.
BISHOP OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026
10:00 AM
THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH
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Candidate
Xavier James Vitus Schmidt

Xavier Schmidt, the son of Eric and Christi Schmidt, grew up in Parkville, MO, where he attended St. Therese Parish and School. He has an older brother, who is married with two children, and three younger sisters.

After graduating from St. Pius X High School, he completed his undergraduate degree in Philosophy at Conception Seminary College. From there, he began studies in Theology at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis, MO. He will graduate in December of 2026.

Xavier first responded to the call to become a priest when he was a freshman in high school after watching the short film, “Fishers of Men”. He was supported in his vocational call by the high school’s chaplain, who accompanied him as he prepared to enter the seminary. He requests your prayers as he begins his life as an ordained minister of Jesus Christ.



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Prelude

Ave Maria | Prizeman

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Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring | Bach



The Introductory Rites

Lauda, Jerusalem

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem

Praise thy God, O Zion.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Theodore Decker

Arr. Peter Latona

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.

Verses

He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you.
He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command.
He showers down snow white as wool, he scatters hoar-frost like ashes.

He hurls down hailstones like crumbs. The waters are frozen at his touch;
he sends forth his word and it melts them; at the breath of his mouth the waters flow.

He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has taught them his decrees.

Give praise to the Father Almighty, to his Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord,
to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts, both now and for ever. Amen.



GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

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,

(Striking the breast)

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask the blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

KYRIE

Ký-ri - e, * e - lé - i - son.

Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.

Ký-ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

Ký-ri-e, * ** e - lé-i-son.

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GLORIA

Bishop **All**

Gló-ri - a in ex-cél-sis De - o. Et in ter-ra pax ho-mí-ni-bus
bo - nae vo - lun - tá - tis. Lau - dá - mus te.
Be-ne-dí-ci - mus te. A-do-rá - mus te.
Glo-ri - fi - cá-mus te. Grá-ti - as á - gi - mus ti - bi
pro - pter ma - gnam gló - ri - am tu - am. Dó-mi-ne De-us,
Rex cac-lé - stis, De-us Pa-ter o - mní - po - tens.
Dó-mi-ne Fi - li u - ni - gé - ni - te, Je - su Chri - ste.
Dó-mi-ne De-us, A-gnus De - i, Fí-li-us Pa - tris.
Qui tol - lis pec-cá-ta mun - di, mi-se-ré - re no - bis.
Qui tol - lis pec-cá - ta mun - di, sú - sci - pe de-pre-ca - ti - ó -
nem no - stram. Qui se - des ad déx - te - ram Pa - tris,
mi-se-ré - re no - bis. Quó - ni - am tu so - lus San - ctus.



Tu so-lus Dó - mi - nus. Tu so - lus Al - tís - si - mus,
Je - su Chri - ste. Cum San - cto Spí - ri - tu:
in gló-ri - a De - i Pa - tris. A - men.

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The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

1 Pet 4:7b-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

Bless - ed, bless - ed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. RJB

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts.
My soul is longing and yearning
for the courts of the LORD.
My heart and my flesh cry out
to the living God. *R.*

Blessed are they who dwell in your
house,
forever singing your praise.

Blessed the people whose strength is in
you,
whose heart is set on pilgrim
ways. *R.*

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
look on the face of your anointed. *R.*

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Refrain, *Lectionary for Mass*, © 1969, 1981, 1997, ICEL

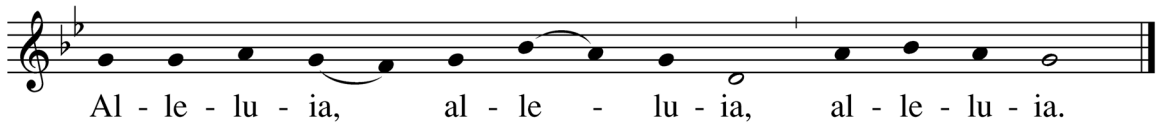
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SECOND READING

Acts 6:1-7b

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Music: O FILII ET FILIAE, Mode II; acc. by Richard Proulx

Matthew 28:19 a, 20b
Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always until the end of the world

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-16

Please remain standing after the Gospel through the Election of the Candidate



The Ordination

THE ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATE

The candidate is presented to the Bishop, who addresses several questions to him.
At the conclusion, the Bishop addresses all present.

Bishop: Relying on the help of the Lord God and of our Savior
Jesus Christ, we choose this our brother for the
Order of the Diaconate.

All: Thanks be to God. (Applause)

The congregation is seated

THE HOMILY

THE PROMISE OF THE ELECT



THE LITANY OF SUPPLICATION Please stand

Cantor Lord, have mer - cy. *ALL* Lord, have mer - cy. *Cantor* Christ, have mer - cy.

ALL Christ, have mer - cy. *Cantor* Lord, have mer - cy. *ALL* Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us.
Saint... pray for us.
All holy men and women, Saints of God, pray for us.

Cantor Lord, be mer - ci - ful, Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.
From all e - vil, Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.
From ev - ery sin, Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.
From ev - er - last - ing death, Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.

Cantor By your In-car - na - tion, Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.
By your Death and Re-sur - rec - tion, Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.
By the outpouring of the Ho - ly Spir - it, Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.

Cantor Be merciful to us sin - ners, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
Govern and protect your ho - ly Church, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
Keep the Pope and all the ordained in faithful ser - vice to your Church, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
Bless this cho - sen man, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
Bless and sanctify this cho - sen man, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
Bless, sanctify, and consecrate this cho - sen man, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
Bring all peoples together in peace and true har - mo - ny, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
Comfort with your mercy the troubled and the af - flic - ted, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
Strengthen all of us and keep us in your ho - - - ly ser - vice, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
Jesus, Son of the liv - ing God, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Cantor Christ, hear us. *ALL* Christ, hear us.

Cantor Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us. *ALL* Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us.



THE LAYING ON OF HANDS AND THE PRAYER OF ORDINATION

The Bishop lays his hands upon the elect, without saying anything.
With the elect kneeling before him, the Bishop prays the Prayer of Ordination.

The newly ordained Deacon is vested in a stole and dalmatic by
Fr. Joseph Cisetti, Diocese of Kansas City- St. Joseph

The congregation is seated

Veni Creator Spiritus

1. Ve - ni Cre - á - tor Spí - ri - tus,
2. Qui dí - ce - ris Pa - rá - cli - tus,
3. Tu se - pti - fór - mis mú - ne - re,
4. Ac - cén - de lu - men sén - si - bus,
5. Hó - stem re - pél - las lón - gi - us,
6. Per te sci - á - mus da Pa - trem,
7. De - o Pa - tri sit gló - ri - a,

Men - tes tu - ó - rum ví - si - ta:
Al - tís - si - mi dó - num De - i,
Di - gi - tus pa - tér - nae déx - te - rae,
In - fun - de - a - mó - rem cór - di - bus,
Pa - cém - que do - nes pró - ti - nus:
No - scá - mus at - que Fí - li - um
Et Fí - li - o, qui a mór - tu - is

Im - ple - su - pér - na grá - ti - a
Fons vi - vus, i - gnis, cá - ri - tas,
Tu ri - te pro - mís - sum Pa - tris,
In - fír - ma no - stri cór - po - ris
Du - ctó - re sic te práe - vi - o,
Te - que u - tri - ús - que Spí - ri - tum
Sur - ré - xit, ac Pa - rá - cli - to,



Quae tu cre - á - sti pé - cto - ra.
 Et spi - ri - tá - lis ún - cti - o.
 Ser - mó - ne di - tans gút - tu - ra.
 Vir - tú - te fír - mans pér - pe - ti.
 Vi - té - mus om - ne nó - xi - um.
 Cre - dá - mus om - ni tém - po - re.
 In sae - cu - ló - rum sae - cu - la. A - men.

Text: Attr. to Rabanus Maurus, 776-856
 Tune: VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS, LM; Mode VIII; acc. by Richard Proulx, b.1937

THE HANDING ON OF THE BOOK OF THE GOSPELS

The newly Ordained goes to the Bishop and kneels before him.
 He places the Book of the Gospels in his hands and says:

Bishop: Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you have become.
 Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach.

THE FRATERNAL KISS

The Bishop gives the newly Ordained the fraternal kiss.
 Those deacons present also share the fraternal kiss with the newly Ordained.

Where True Love and Charity Are Found / Ubi Cáritas

Where true love and char-i - ty are found, God is al-ways there.
 U - bi cá - ri - tas et a - mor, De - us i - bi est.

1. Since the love of Christ has brought us
 2. There fore when we gath - er as one
 3. Bring us with your saints to be - hold
 1. Con - gre - gá - vit nos in u - num
 2. Si - mul er - go cum in u - num
 3. Si - mul quo - que cum be - á - tis



all to - geth - er, Let us all re -
in Christ Je - sus, Let our love en -
your great beau - ty, There to see you,
Chri - sti a - mor. Ex - sul - té - mus
con - gre - gá - mur: Ne nos men - te
vi - de - á - mus. Glo - ri - án - ter

joyce and be glad, now and al - ways.
fold each race, creed, ev - 'ry per - son.
Christ our God, throned in great glo - ry;
et in i - pso ju - cun - dé - mur.
di - vi - dá - mur, ca - ve - á - mus.
vul - tum tu - um, Chri - ste De - us:

Let ev - 'ry - one love the Lord God,
Let en - vy, di - vi - sion and strife
There to pos - sess heav - en's peace and joy,
Ti - me - á - mus et a - mé - mus
Ces - sent júr - gi - a ma - lí - gna,
Gáu - di - um, quod est im - mén - sum

the liv - ing God; And with sin - cere
cease a - mong us; May Christ our Lord
your truth and love, For end - less a -
De - um vi - vum. Et ex cor - de
ces - sent lí - tes. Et in mé - di -
at - que pro - bum. Saé - cu - la per

hearts let us love each oth - er now.
dwell a - mong us in ev - 'ry heart.
ges of a - ges, world with - out end.
dí - lí - gá - mus nos sin - cé - ro.
o no - stri sit Chri - stus De - us.
in - fí - ní - ta saé - cu - ló - rum.

Text: *Ubi caritas et amor*, Latin, 9th C.; tr. by Richard Proulx, 1937–2010, © 1975, 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.
Tune: UBI CARITAS, 12 12 12 12 with refrain; Mode VI; acc. by Richard Proulx, 1937–2010



The Liturgy of the Eucharist

O thou who camest from above

1 O thou who cam - est from a - bove the fire ce -
2 There let it for thy glo - ry burn with ev - er -
3 Je - sus, con - firm my heart's de - sire to work, and
* 4 Still let me prove thy per - fect will, my acts of

les - tial to im - part, kin - dle a flame of
bright, un - dy - ing blaze, and trem - bling to its
speak, and think for thee; still let me guard the
faith and love re - peat, till death thy end - less

sa - cred love up - on the al - tar of my heart.
source re - turn in hum - ble prayer and fer - vent praise.
ho - ly fire and still stir up the gift in me.
mer - cies seal, and make the sac - ri - fice com - plete.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Hereford, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)



SANCTUS

San - ctus, * San - ctus, San -
ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá -
ba - oth. Ple - ni sunt cae - li et
ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho - sán -
na in ex - cél - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui
ve - nit in nó - mi - ne Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán -
na in ex - cél - sis.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION A

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

Text: *The Roman Missal*
Music: *The Roman Missal*
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DOXOLOGY / AMEN

Priest:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, al-might-y
Fa-ther, in the u-ni-ty of the Ho-ly Spir-it,
all glo-ry and hon-or is yours, for ev-er and ev-er.

All:
A-men. A-men. A-men.

Text: *The Roman Missal*, © 2010, ICEL.
Music: *The Roman Missal*, © 2010, ICEL; acc. by Ronald F. Krisman, © 2011, GIA Publications, Inc.

AGNUS DEI

A - gnus De - i, * qui tol - lis pec - cá -
ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis.

A - gnus De - i, * qui tol - lis pec - cá -
ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis.

A - gnus De - i, * qui tol - lis pec - cá -
ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING COMMUNION

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we 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 confession 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 the 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.



Refrain

Musical notation for the first line of the refrain. The staff is in treble clef, key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and 2/2 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes.

Go out to the world and teach all na - tions.

Musical notation for the second line of the refrain. The staff is in treble clef, key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and 2/2 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes.

Go out to the world. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Text: *Lectionary for Mass*, © 1969, 1981, 1997, ICEL
Music: Ronald F. Krisman, © 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

Verses

O sing a new song to the LORD; sing to the LORD, all the earth.	and his wonders among all the peoples. <i>R.</i>
O sing to the LORD; bless his name. <i>R.</i>	Say to the nations, "The LORD is king." The world he made firm in its place;
Proclaim his salvation day by day. Tell among the nations his glory,	he will judge the peoples in fairness. <i>R.</i>

Text: Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 10, *The Revised Grail Psalms*, © 2010, Conception Abbey and The Grail, admin. by GIA Publications, Inc.
Music: Michel Guimont, © 1995, GIA Publications, Inc.



THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

ST. COLUMBA



1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow With
3. Per - verse and fool - ish I have strayed, But
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
5. You spread a ta - ble in my sight, Your
6. And so through all the length of days Your



1. good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
2. gen - tle care he leads me, And where the ver - dant
3. yet in love he sought me, And on his shoul - der
4. you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my
5. sav - ing grace be - stow - ing; And O what joy and
6. good - ness fails me nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I



1. I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.
2. pas - tures grow, With heav'n - ly food he feeds me.
3. gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
4. com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
5. true de - light From your pure chal - ice flow - ing!
6. sing your praise With - in your house for - ev - er.

Text: 87 87; based on Psalm 23; Matthew 18; John 10; Henry Williams Baker, 1821–1877, alt. Music: Trad. Irish Melody.

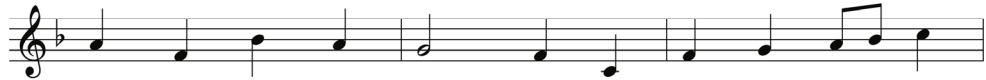


The Concluding Rites

To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King



1. To Je - sus Christ, our sov - 'reign King, Who
2. Your reign ex - tend, O King be - nign, To
3. To you and to your Church, great King, We



is the world's sal - va - tion, All praise and hom - age
ev - 'ry land and na - tion; For in your king - dom,
pledge our hearts' ob - la - tion Un - til be - fore your



do we bring And thanks and ad - o - ra - tion.
Lord di - vine, A - lone we find sal - va - tion.
throne we sing In end - less ju - bi - la - tion.



Christ Je - sus, Vic - tor! Christ Je - sus, Rul - er!



Christ Je - sus, Lord and Re - deem - er!

Text: Martin B. Hellriegel, 1890–1981, alt., © 1941, Irene C. Mueller
Tune: ICH GLAUB AN GOTT, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; Mainz *Gesangbuch*, 1870; harm. by Richard Proulx, 1937–2010

Postlude: Trumpet Tune | Purcell



Please join us for a Reception

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The Coat of Arms of His Excellency
The Most Rev. James V. Johnston, Jr., D.D., J.C.L.,
7th Bishop of Kansas City – Saint Joseph

Episcopal Motto:
“CARITAS CHRISTI URGET NOS.”

This phrase is taken from Saint Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians (2 Cor. 5:14) and expresses the bishop’s firm belief that in every aspect of our life in Christ, as members of His Mystical Body, in all of our thoughts and actions, it is “the Love of Christ that urges us on.” The motto is also an encouragement for all Christians during this earthly pilgrimage.