

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul And the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia



December 12, 2021

Parish Mission Statement

With Jesus Christ as our Head and Foundation, the Cathedral Parish of Saints Peter and Paul forms a vibrant Roman Catholic community in Center City and serves all those who come to the Cathedral Basilica, the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Our parish community professes our Catholic Faith, ministers to others and welcomes all, as rooted in the Word of God and the celebration of the Sacraments of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Adopted by the Parish Council, August 10, 2021

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill
Rector

Reverend Monsignor Arthur E. Rodgers
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Reverend Matthew K. Biedrzycki
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Charlene Angelini
Director of Cathedral Parish Music

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Principal Organist

The Cathedral Shop is open
Wed. 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM / Sat. 11:00 AM - 5:15 PM
Sun. 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM / 215-665-9032

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass on Saturday
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM in Basilica
12:30 PM Spanish in Cathedral Chapel
Sta. Misa en español, en la Capilla
6:30 PM in Basilica

Weekdays: 7:15 AM, 12:05 PM in Cathedral Chapel

Saturdays: 12:05 PM in Cathedral Chapel

Holy Days: See website

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE SCHEDULE

Sunday: 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM in Basilica
12:00 PM (español) en la Capilla

Weekdays: 11:30 AM in Basilica

Saturday: 4:15 PM in Basilica

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the:
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE,
SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK,
AND HOLY COMMUNION OF THE SICK
AND HOMEBOUND**

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul 
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Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
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Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel <https://www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com/>

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 12, 2021

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.” IS 61:1

R. Alleluia, alleluia



December 11 Saturday, Advent Weekday

St. Damasus I

12:05 Clair Gillespie
5:15 Eileen Maher
9:00 Intentions of the Priest Celebrant

December 12 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Charles & Mary McGinnis
11:00 Helen Timlin
12:30 Eduvigis Rodríguez
6:30 Kenneth C. Sweeney

December 13 Monday

St. Lucy

7:15 Essie Mae Rubin
12:05 Mr. & Mrs. Haggerty

December 14 Tuesday

St. John of the Cross

7:15 Intentions of Thomas
Chandy & Family
12:05 Jack Pfeffer

December 15 Wednesday

Advent Weekday

7:15 Intentions of Mathai &
Mariamma Thomas
12:05 Tina Sfrisi

December 16 Thursday

Advent Weekday

7:15 Intentions of Melissa
Thomas
12:05 Beverly Lukawski

December 17 Friday

Late Advent Weekday

7:15 Rosamarie Cuccurullo
12:05 Leone, Cuccurullo & Kenny
Families

December 18 Saturday

Late Advent Weekday

12:05 Jtalo & Teresa Pagliacci
5:15 Peg Gene, Maureen Janda,
Sean Fisher and Uncle Joe

December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Anthony & Carmela
Cardona
11:00 Frank Bruni
12:30 Ester Torres
6:30 Carmela Bursillo

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday! This Sunday is filled with the sound and color (rose) of rejoicing that the Birth of the Savior is near. At the same time, this Third Sunday of Advent offers the practical advice of Saint John the Baptist in response to the question of the crowds, “What should we do?” (Luke 3: 10), in preparation for the Savior. The Baptist directs those experiencing his baptism to do tangible things, to treat their neighbors in concrete ways of charity and justice. This is in preparation for the One who is mightier and will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. Likewise, we must ask ourselves the question, what should we do to prepare, even with Advent passed the halfway mark, for the Birth of Jesus? Our preparation must include tangible things—a renewed sense of conversion from sin, a greater awareness of God among us, and a focused concern for our neighbor. *Nothing Compares to Being There* - with its focus on the irreplaceable need to be *in person* for the celebration of Holy Mass - reminds us that with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we receive *in person* the grace, the divine gift, to turn way from sin, to turn toward God, and to serve more generously our neighbor.

An Advent Confession is a very important part of our preparation for Christmas. We have Confessions every day of the week at the Cathedral Basilica—on Sunday at 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM, on Saturday at 4:15 PM and Monday through Friday at 11:30 AM. Parents bring your children, children bring your parents, neighbors bring your neighbors, to the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. The Lord is kind and merciful!

The Nativity Scene on the lawn outside of the Cathedral Basilica - at 18th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway—once again has been erected by the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. I am so grateful to them for this gesture. This outdoor Nativity Scene invites countless numbers of people passing by on foot or in cars to look upon the Birth of the Savior and see the wonderful Christmas Gift of our Heavenly Father to all of us. The blessing of this Nativity Scene will take place this Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 3:00 PM. All are welcome.

The Giving Tree has been most successful again this year. Many children and adults will benefit from the generosity of those who provided gifts. If you still have a gift to return, you can bring it this week to the Cathedral Parish Office.

Thank you to all our parishioners who so generously responded to the Annual Fall Collection. I am so very grateful for your donation. It goes a long way to assist with the financial demands on the operation fund of the Parish.

Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to the religious education programs of the Cathedral Parish. You can mail your Sunday offerings to the Cathedral Parish Office or make use of the many ways to give electronically. Please see <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Thank you so very much for your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish.

God bless you, Father Dennis Gill, Rector

NOTHING
COMPARES
to Being There



What's Happening at the Parish Outside the Liturgical Schedule

- Dec. 12** Thanksgiving Mass - Beatification of Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, Basilica, 6:30PM. See website
Advent Giving Tree-Drop-off last day
Advent Visiting Day. See P.5
- Dec. 16** Catechetical Session , NR, 7PM
Perpetual Novena to Saint Katharine Drexel,
following the 7:15 AM and 12:05 PM Masses.
- Dec. 17** Divine Mercy Chaplet, Zoom, 3PM

ADVENT GIVING TREE



Please participate in the
Advent Giving Tree!

If you forgot to bring your gift today, Sunday, December 12, please bring it to the Parish Office (1723 Race St.) between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, **no later than December 15th.** This will allow for the distribution of the gifts for Christmas. Thank you for your generosity to the many men, women and children who will benefit from your kindness this Christmas.
Please do not leave the presents under the tree.



Prayer for your third week of Advent

Dear Lord, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we be reminded of the joy you bring into our lives. We aim to find you in everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

Adapted from DynamicCatholic.org

EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER

Office for New Evangelization

CLICK HERE.

<https://phillyevang.flocknote.com/note/14064968>



LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS AT 11:00 AM

Click **Here**, or go to: <https://vimeo.com/event/17522>

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PRAYER PARTICIPATION GENEROSITY

Let us prepare our hearts during this time of Advent to welcome the Messiah. His mother, Mary, the woman of the YES, made the plan of God her own without reservation. Let us ask Mary to become a clear light for our steps and the highest model for our inspiration.

The spirit of giving is most evident during the Advent season. Please consider a gift to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul through your will or a planned gift.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Pray for us.

And let us remember to always pray for each other!

Your generosity on 12/05 was:

Regular \$4,272

Special 1,364 (for Retired Religious)

Total \$5,636

**We hope that your generosity will exceed
\$10,000 this week.** Thank you!

Please consider a gift to support the good works of our Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

- You are invited to become a member of our parish family and take part in our ministries, programs, events, and worship. Please speak with Father Gill, Father Biedrzycki, Deacon Burgos or Sr. Eleanor McCann after any Sunday Mass and one of them can help you register
- **Planned Gifts** – call and leave a message for Rose at 215-561-1313, so she may discuss with you long-term ways that may be best for you such as annuities, life insurance, stock, estate planning and memorial gifts
- **Text to Give** anytime, especially for your Sunday Mass offering – text “Cathedral” to 215-709-9955
- **Venmo us @cathedralbasilica**
- **Donate on-line** at <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/> or scan this QR code:



The Divine Mercy Chaplet

We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
each Friday at 3:00 PM

Join Via Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87567068541pwd=Wmo1V0lXWEIQLzRuZ0JnOWU2T3Rsdz09>

Meeting ID: 875 6706 8541

Passcode: Mercy

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Ora por los enfermos:
Mary Goudsward, Nancy Rice, Edward McCarty, Paige Bednarsky, Loyalty, Lucila C. Castor, Mark Louie Castor, Judy Miller, Marie Rizzi, Daniel Damon, Nancy, Jacqueline and her intentions, Anthony Pelle, Jr., Baby Ava Hope, David Blue, Jeannette Argir, Judy Day, Wally Dalton, Baby Benjamin Summers, and those in nursing homes or hospitals and all the sick.
To add or remove parishioners, friends or family members to the prayer list, please send an email to: sr.mrparadis@archphila.org, or call Sister Mary Raphael, Parish Outreach Coordinator, at the Cathedral Parish Office, 215-561-1313 Monday through Thursday. Por favor envíe un email o llame a la oficina parroquial para añadir o remover los nombres de la lista de personas que estén enfermas.

**Declaración de la Misión de la
Parroquia Catedral de los Santos
Pedro y Pablo**

Con Jesucristo como nuestra Cabeza y Fundamento, la Parroquia Catedral de los Santos Pedro y Pablo forma una vibrante comunidad Católica Romana en el centro de la ciudad y sirve a todos aquellos que vienen a la Catedral Basílica, la Iglesia Madre de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia. Nuestra comunidad parroquial profesa nuestra fe católica, ministra a los demás y da la bienvenida a todos, enraizada en la Palabra de Dios y la celebración de los sacramentos de Jesucristo, nuestro Señor y Salvador.

*Adoptado por el Consejo Pastoral
Parroquial, agosto 10, 2021*

BOLETIN INFORMATIVO

Oficina para Católicos Hispanos

CLICK HERE

<https://oficinahispanacatolica.org/wp-content/>



Guadalupe: El Milagro y el Mensaje

El evento más importante de la evangelización del Nuevo Mundo sucedió en diciembre de 1531. En el transcurso de cuatro días, la Virgen María, bajo la advocación de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, se le apareció a un indígena convertido llamado Juan Diego.

Visite FORMED.org o vaya a

<https://watch.formed.org/guadalupe>

Misa Televisada en Español

En UNIVISIÓN 65 - Todos los domingos a las
6:30 AM

La Santa Misa Grabada en línea

SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN

Los domingos a las 12:00 PM en la Capilla

NSE Radio,

excelente estación de Radio Católica

Programas de información y formación para adultos y niños, Santa Misa, Santo Rosario, Horas Litúrgicas, y devociones.

Programas en vivo y podcasts.

nseradio.com <https://www.youtube.com/user/nsetvradio>

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

*¡Hoy es el tercer domingo de Adviento, domingo Gaudete! Este domingo está lleno del sonido y el color (rosa) del regocijo de que el nacimiento del Salvador está cerca. Al mismo tiempo, este tercer domingo de Adviento ofrece los consejos prácticos de San Juan Bautista en respuesta a la pregunta de las multitudes: "¿Qué nosotros tenemos que hacer?" (Lucas 3: 10), en preparación para el Salvador. El Bautista dirige a quienes experimentan su bautismo a hacer cosas tangibles, a tratar al prójimo en formas concretas de caridad y justicia. Esto es en preparación para aquel que es más poderoso y bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y el fuego. Del mismo modo, debemos preguntarnos, ¿qué debemos hacer para prepararnos, incluso aunque haya pasado la mitad del tiempo de Adviento, para el nacimiento de Jesús? Nuestra preparación debe incluir cosas tangibles: un sentido renovado de conversión del pecado, una mayor conciencia de Dios entre nosotros y una preocupación enfocada por nuestro prójimo. Nada se compara con estar ahí, con su enfoque en la necesidad insustituible de estar en persona para la celebración de la Santa Misa, nos recuerda que, con la celebración de la Sagrada Eucaristía, recibimos *en persona* la gracia, el don divino, para dar la espalda a pecado, volvernos hacia Dios y servir más generosamente al prójimo.*

Una Confesión de Adviento es una parte muy importante de nuestra preparación para la Navidad. Tenemos confesiones todos los días de la semana en la Basílica Catedral: el domingo a las 9:00AM y a las 5:30PM, El sábado a las 4:15PM y de lunes a viernes a las 11:30AM. Los padres traen a sus hijos, los niños traen a sus padres, los vecinos traen a sus vecinos, al Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación. ¡El Señor es bondadoso y misericordioso!

El Nacimiento en el césped de afuera de la Catedral Basílica, en la calle 18^{va} y Benjamin Franklin Parkway, una vez más ha sido erigido por los Caballeros de Colón y la Antigua Orden de Hibernianos. Les estoy muy agradecido por este gesto. Este Nacimiento al aire libre invita a innumerables personas que pasan a pie o en automóviles a contemplar el Nacimiento del Salvador y ver el maravilloso regalo de navidad de nuestro Padre Celestial para todos nosotros. La bendición de este Nacimiento tendrá lugar este miércoles 15 de diciembre del 2021 a las 3PM. Todos son bienvenidos.

El Árbol de Donaciones «The Giving Tree por sus siglas en inglés» ha vuelto a tener más éxito este año. Muchos niños y adultos se beneficiarán de la generosidad de quienes proporcionaron regalos. Si aún tiene un regalo para devolver, puede traerlo esta semana a la oficina parroquial de la Catedral.

Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses que respondieron tan generosamente a la Colecta Anual de Otoño. Estoy muy agradecido por su donación. Es de gran ayuda para ayudar con las demandas financieras sobre el fondo de operaciones de la parroquia.

El próximo domingo, la segunda colecta irá dirigida a los programas de educación religiosa de la Parroquia Catedral. Puede enviar sus ofrendas dominicales a la oficina parroquial de la Catedral o hacer uso de las muchas formas de donar electrónicamente. Consulte <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/> Muchas gracias por su bondad y generosidad con la Parroquia Catedral.

Dios te bendiga,
Padre Dennis Gill
Rector

**NADA SE
COMPARA
con estar ahí**



Spiritual Direction

Offered by: Sister Eleanor McCann, RSM, Parish Pastoral Associate

Part 3 of 4:

What might I expect from the spiritual director?

Every directee should clearly understand that whatever s/he shares in spiritual direction remains completely private. You are to expect confidentiality, and a professional person who listens respectfully to your heart-felt thoughts and questions. It is the usual practice for many spiritual directors to participate in supervision. They share with an individual or group of Spiritual Directors, what is going on within themselves after dialogues with a directee/s. This is a checkpoint for growth in the director and usually happens each month. The only thing shared is what the director is experiencing personally: what is God saying to him or her? In this prayerful context, they / we often receive clarity. It is also reasonable to expect the director to be familiar with Scripture and with sound spiritual authors because of extensive training in this Pastoral Field.

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

-Adult faith formation-

The Sacrament of Matrimony

Thursday, December 16 2021, 7:00 PM

Meeting in the Neumann Room

The weekly catechetical session is primarily for the adults among us who are preparing to receive the Easter Sacraments. However, **anyone** interested in the topic for better understanding and faith formation is most welcome to attend. Anyone, especially our parishioners, seeking more information on the reception of the Sacraments or assisting as a sponsor, please call the Parish Office at 215-561-1313 or email Father Dennis Gill at fr.dgill@archphila.org

Welcome Home For Christmas!

Thursday, December 16th, 2021 – 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Theology on Tap

Join us for an evening to socialize, seek answers, and to learn about ways to return to the Catholic Church after being away or navigating through the pandemic. **More info:** Please email Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. at staugustineparish09@gmail.com or call (215) 627-1838 to submit your questions.

Parish Website: www.st-augustinechurch.com

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About

The Mass But Were Afraid To Ask!

(Presented on Zoom) @ 7-8:30PM

December 14, 2021 - Liturgy of the Word
(The Scriptures)

Dr. Kelly Anderson, Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

Register at the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZwvc-GsrTwtG9ffkkoCbrYUTyNEkLA94xYP>

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL AND SHRINE OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS 2021

Sundays of Advent

9:00 AM, 12 Noon (in Spanish in the Chapel),
and 5:30 PM in the Basilica

Monday through Friday, at 11:30 AM in the Basilica
Saturdays of Advent 4:15 PM in the Basilica

Resources for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

can be found on the website of the ODW,
[http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/sacred-liturgy/
archdiocesan-guidelines/](http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/sacred-liturgy/archdiocesan-guidelines/)

MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS 2021

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord,
December 25

A Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, Christmas Eve, December 24, 2021

5:00 PM Solemn Vigil Mass
and 7:30 PM Vigil Mass in the Basilica

Saturday, Christmas Day, December 25, 2021

12:00 AM Midnight

Solemn Mass in the Basilica

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM – Solemn Mass, and
12:00 PM Noon - Solemn Mass in the Basilica.

There is no evening Mass.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 26, 2021

Follows the regular Sunday Mass schedule

Sunday, December 26, 2021

8:00 AM Mass, 9:30 AM Mass,
11:00 AM Solemn Mass, 12:30 PM Mass
(in Spanish in the Cathedral Chapel)
and 6:30 PM Mass in the Basilica

*Confessions on Sunday, December 26, 2021
9:00 AM, 12 Noon (in Spanish in the Chapel)
and 5:30 PM in the Basilica*

ADVENT VISITING DAY

This Advent, as you prepare for the coming of the Lord, please consider giving some time on **Sunday, December 12, the Third Sunday of Advent**, to visit one of our home bound parishioners at one of the congregate living facilities within our parish borders. Let our home bound brothers and sisters know what an important part of our parish they are! Please call Sarah Contrucci at 724-664-3947 with any questions or to sign up to help.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is the doorway to the Christian life and to all the other Sacraments. As such, preparation of the parents and for the Baptism itself deserve very special attention. The celebration of Baptism at the Cathedral Parish takes place on the **FIRST Sunday** of each month at 12:30 PM after the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. Everyone is welcome. The celebration will be carried out with liturgical music and with a great sense of hospitality.

Upcoming Baptisms: January 2, 2022; February 6, 2022

A *Baptism Preparation Session* takes place on the **THIRD Sunday** of each month at 12:30 PM in anticipation of the celebration of the Sacrament. Parents in the Cathedral Parish are obligated to participate. The session is open to all of our neighbor parishes and to godparents as well. Parents are encouraged to participate during pregnancy, if at all possible. Please call Sister Mary Marta at the rectory by calling 215-561-1313 to **register for the Baptism Preparation Session provide your phone number, parish, and names of people attending.** Also note if you would like to schedule the baptism at the Cathedral.

Upcoming prep sessions: December 19, 2021; January 16, 2022.

For details on requirements for the parents and sponsors please visit our website:
cathedralphila.org/sacraments/baptism

SISTERS OF LIFE

DECEMBER 16



CAROLING
IN THE CITY

COME ENJOY
THE HOPE & LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS

WALKING CHRISTMAS CAROLING
5:00pm Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul
5:40pm Love Park
6:20pm City Hall

*Hot chocolate, cookies and confession provided



Hearing Devices

If you or someone you know is in need of a hearing device at Mass, please ask one of the Greeters to assist you. They may be borrowed from the sacristy and returned after Mass.

EVANGELIZATION

“What should we do?” Advent Series (Pt. 3)

“What should we do?” This simple question is posed to St. John the Baptist by the crowds gathered around him listening to the good news he preached. It is a question that occurs to many who hear the good news. For instance, at Pentecost, the people who listened to Peter preach the good news of the risen Lord asked him, **“What are we to do my brothers?”** Peter’s response sums up John the Baptist’s response to the people he preaches to in the Gospel this Third Sunday of Advent: **“Repent and be baptized every one of you...”**

Repentance means to turn away from sin and to turn back to God. The word for “repent” means to **“change one’s mind.”** This is part of Jesus’ first words to Israel: **“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”** Advent has a penitential character to it as we prepare to turn our heads and hearts toward Jesus who comes to save us from our sins.

In this Advent series we have focused on two acts of repentance (Sacramental Confession and Prayer) that can help us prepare well for Christ’s coming at the end of time and as we remember his first coming at Christmas. Today let us consider a third: almsgiving.

Almsgiving consists of any material favor prompted by charity to assist the needy. The spiritual discipline of almsgiving is well established in the Old Testament. It was expected of the Israelites that they would be conscious of the poor and needy, especially those among their own people. We see an example of this regard in the book of Tobit:

“Almsgiving with righteousness is better than wealth with wickedness. It is better to give alms than to store up gold, for almsgiving saves from death, and purges all sin. Those who give alms will enjoy a full life, but those who commit sin and do evil are their own worst enemies.”

John the Baptist seems to encourage the people asking him how they might prepare for the Messiah’s advent by way of giving alms. **“Who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.”** This consciousness of the poor and needy does not need to be restricted to Advent and Lent – it ought to be a part of our life all year long. These seasons do however present many opportunities alongside our fellow men and women in the world to exercise this tried and true spiritual discipline in order to prepare for Christ’s coming.

Jesus says: **“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”** Consider this week where you may offer an extra alms this Advent Season. Almsgiving frees the heart to possess the one thing truly necessary, the Word of God, who saves us from our sins.
Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

Fr. Matthew Biedrzycki

¹ Lk 3:10

² Acts 2:37

³ Mt 4:17

⁴ Catholic Encyclopedia: Alms and Almsgiving

⁵ Tbt 12:8b-10

⁶ Lk 3:11

⁷ Mt 25:40