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# GRADUATES

of the

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> The Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde, J.C.L. Bishop Emeritus of Arlington

> > & priests present

DEACON Deacon Michael Stankewicz

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# ORDER OF THE MASS

# ENTRANCE ANTIPHON



## THE GREETING

Celebrant:	In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the	
	Holy Spirit.	
Assembly:	Amen.	
Celebrant:	Peace be with you.	
Assembly:	And with your spirit.	

# The Act of Penitence

Assembly:	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, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; 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.
Celebrant:	May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
Assembly:	Amen.
Cantor:	Lord have mercy
Assembly:	Lord have mercy.
Cantor:	Christ have mercy
Assembly:	Christ have mercy.
Cantor:	Lord have mercy
Assembly:	Lord have mercy.

#### Collect

#### Reading I

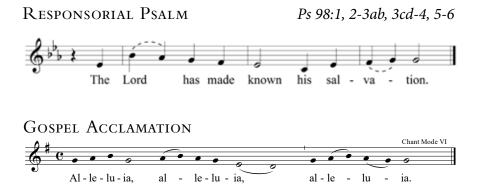
Acts 28:11-16, 30-31 Dr. Clarion Johnson

After three months we set sail on a ship that had wintered at the island [of Malta]. It was an Alexandrian ship with the Dioscuri as its figurehead. We put in at Syracuse and stayed there three days, and from there we sailed round the coast and arrived at Rhegium. After a day, a south wind came up and in two days we reached Puteoli. There we found some brothers and were urged to stay with them for seven days. And thus we came to Rome. The brothers from there heard about us and came as far as the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them, Paul gave thanks to God and took courage. When he entered Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him.

He remained for two full years in his lodgings. He received all who came to him, and with complete assurance and without hindrance he proclaimed the Kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

Assembly: Thanks be to God.



Cantor: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord: the glorious company of Apostles praise you.

Gospel

Mt 14:22-33

After the crowd had eaten their fill, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it.

During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear.

At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

He said, "Come."

Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.

But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

Assembly: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Homily

#### General Intercessions

Deacon Michael Stankewicz

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Offertory

# *Be Unto Me*, O *Lord* William Byrd (1543-1623)

Be unto me, O Lord, a tower of strength Against my mortal foe, O guard and ward me with thy power Which way so ever I shall go. Then shall my heart and soul rejoice In God my Lord, with cheerful voice.

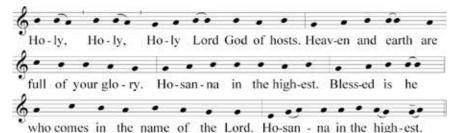
#### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Celebrant:	Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
Assembly:	May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

# PREFACE DIALOGUE

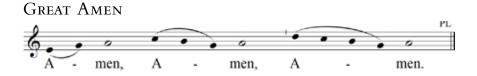
God.

#### PREFACE ACCLAMATION



## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: The mystery of faith.



# COMMUNION RITE

### LORD'S PRAYER

#### Doxology

### SIGN OF PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Litany at the	Lamb of God
Breaking of the Bread	Modal Mass, Calvert Shank

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.

Celebrant: 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.

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

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Anima Christi, sanctifica me. Corpus Christi, salva me. Sanguis Christi, inebria me. Aqua lateris Christi, lava me. Soul of Christ, sanctify me, Body of Christ, save me, Blood of Christ, refresh me, Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

# Guidelines for the Reception of Communion

#### For Catholics

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

#### For Our Fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

#### For 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. 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.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1996

### COMMUNION MOTET

Verily, verily, I say unto you: except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood,

hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

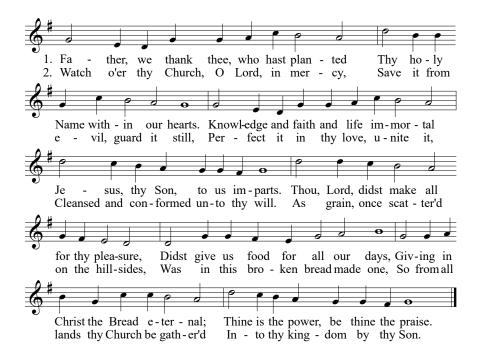
### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### Solemn Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
Assembly:	And with your spirit.
Celebrant:	Blessed be the name of the Lord.
Assembly:	Now and for ever.
Celebrant:	Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Assembly:	Who made heaven and earth.
Celebrant:	May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Assembly:	Amen.
Deacon:	Go in peace.
Assembly:	Thanks be to God.

# DIPLOMA CEREMONY

#### Recessional Hymn



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# ABOUT the GRADUATES IN ATTENDANCE

#### **Edward Paul Becker**

#### Graduate Certificate in Sacred Scripture

With a family, an engineering career, and an active music ministry (edbeckermusic.org), Edward was blessed to discover Catholic Distance University, where he could complete a graduate certificate in Sacred Scripture with both the rigor and the flexibility he desired. Edward is currently excited to be applying what he has learned by teaching the Old Testament in his parish CCD program. Having recently retired, he looks forward to doing more teaching for both children and adults. Edward also serves as a part-time parish music director and continues to write, record, and publish contemporary Catholic music that is deeply rooted in the Word of God.

#### Thomas R. Bender, Jr.

#### Master of Arts in Theology

Thomas Bender (aka Randy) is a retired information technology specialist from the Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice. He lives in Arlington, Virginia, with his wife of 28 years, Andrea. They are both Secular Franciscans and belong to St. Charles Borromeo Parish. They have two adult children and two grandchildren. Joe is a high school English teacher at St. John Paul the Great High School in Dumfries, Virginia, and Ginny is a full-time mom with children with her husband Patrick. Thanks are due to Joe, Patrick, and Andrea for expert proofreading of the numerous papers submitted for this degree. Randy was challenged in the 1980s by a professor in college to pursue graduate theological studies; a seed had been planted. He settled on CDU because distance learning was a better fit with work and family life and CDU had demonstrable expertise in teaching the distance learner. He found that he loved the orthodoxy, the balance of his classes, and the enthusiasm of his professors and fellow students. However, writing papers and preparing for comprehensive exams drove everyone nuts at home. Randy entered CDU thinking most of his electives would be in Church History and instead, Sacred Scripture became his area of focus. Currently, Randy is using his degree as a catechist and Bible study facilitator in his parish and as formation minister in his Secular Franciscan Fraternity. What the future holds is still to be determined.

#### Joseph E. Bercik

#### Master of Arts in Theology

Joe is a lifelong resident of Cleveland, Ohio and lives with his wife, Debbie, and a lazy pitbull, Lily, nine miles from Jacobs Field. He is a renowned baseball fan and a depository of worthless baseball trivia. After serving over five years in the U.S. Coast Guard, Joe earned a BS in Physical Therapy and a Law degree from Cleveland State University and now works as an outpatient physical therapist while operating a small law practice out of his home. Joe says, "Though I had not previously attended church, I had always felt drawn to gaining an understanding of God and the Catholic Church. I am very grateful to CDU, its faculty, and supporting staff for the opportunity to come to an understanding of God, the Holy Trinity, and the Catholic Church and have started to attend weekly Mass."

#### Brian Neil Bobick

#### Master of Arts in Theology

Brian Bobick attends St. William of York Parish in Stafford, Virginia with his wife and two young children. He has worked in law enforcement in Washington, D.C. for the past 20 years. He received his BA degree in Theology from CDU in 2017 and is excited to have received an MA degree in Theology from CDU as well.

#### **R.** Thomas Bright

#### Master of Arts in Theology

R. Thomas Bright is married to Katie, and they have two sons and three grandchildren. Tom entered the MA in Theology program in 2014 and completed the degree in August of 2021. This roughly seven year journey has been the highlight of Tom's educational and spiritual growth. The CDU program has been extremely flexible, and the support from the professors and administrative staff has been invaluable and exceptional along the way.

#### Rev. Christopher Bragg Etheridge, IVE

#### Master of Arts in Theology

Rev. Christopher Bragg Etheridge, IVE, a priest of the Institute of the Incarnate Word, serves as the Dean of Studies at the Ven. Fulton Sheen Seminary and the Parochial Vicar at St. John Baptist de la Salle in Chillum, Maryland. He earned his BA in Theology degree at CDU in 2016, and his MA in Theology in 2020. Father Etheridge says, "One of the great advantages of studying through CDU is that I know for sure that what my professors have taught me is the same truth that has been handed on and guarded by the Church for centuries. CDU helped to form that foundation in my life. It provided me with an opportunity to study the truths of the Faith in all their beauty and richness, without compromise. At CDU you do not simply learn the truth, but you get to know Truth Himself. St. Philip Neri once said, 'those who seek for anything but Christ do not know what they are looking for.'"

#### Jonathan Edward Gadomski

#### Master of Arts in Theology and Educational Ministry

Jonathan Gadomski was raised in a Christian home, but his life was changed forever when he answered God's call to come into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil of 2017. On that night, Jonathan and his wife Tricia both received their first Holy Communion and watched their four children receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Since then, he has dived into the Church as both a youth minister as well as a Catholic school teacher. God has also blessed Jonathan and Tricia with two more children for His Kingdom, bringing their total to six. With his MA degree in Theology and Educational Ministry he is now teaching high school Theology at a Catholic high school. He is excited about the opportunities that have opened to him thanks to his studies at Catholic Distance University.

#### M. Elizabeth Gillson

#### Master of Arts in Theology

Elizabeth Gillson is a wife and mother. She and her husband have been raising their 10 children in the Northern Virginia Diocese of Arlington. She is currently homeschooling her three youngest and continuing her study of Vatican II documents and Liturgy. She is interested in a career in writing and research.

#### Erik Reed Huff

#### Bachelor of Arts in Theology

Erik was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. He and his wife Gabrielle are eagerly awaiting their first child, which is due in early 2022. He is a friendly fixture around his home parish of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Louisville, Kentucky. Erik is also a proud graduate of the University of Cincinnati, where he majored in business management technology. He holds a BA in Theology from Catholic Distance University and is working towards an MA at the Athenaeum of Ohio. His primary mission is the evangelization of souls living in his current region of central Kentucky.

### Cynthia Lilienthal

#### Master of Arts in Theology

Cynthia Lilienthal graduated from the University of Waterloo in 1999 with a degree in Environmental Studies. She felt the pull of the Church in 2014 and began her ministry of religious education at Our Lady of Peace, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado. In 2017, upon returning to Canada, she continued as sacramental preparation coordinator at All Saints Parish, Lethbridge, Alberta. Striving for more formation, she embarked on her MA (Theology) in 2019 at the same time her husband of 34 years, Peter, began his formation in the diaconate. Cynthia continues an active parish life and ministry in sacramental preparation and lives in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, with Peter and daughter Elaura.

#### Becky Lutz\*

Bachelor of Arts in Theology

#### Lan Ngoc Thi Nguyen

#### Master of Arts in Theology and Educational Ministry Master of Arts in Theology

For Lan, this journey has been long and challenging. "The reward of this experience exceeds my expectation and imagination. I seek our Lord's wisdom, insight, and truth, and the Lord returns love. God's love is so rich, pure, and priceless that it embraces me in His heart through happiness and difficult times." She offers encouragement. "Just don't give up! 'Remain in Him, and He will remain in you.' I am grateful and feel very blessed throughout this journey. Thank you, CDU."

#### Monica Anne Spencer

#### Master of Arts in Theology

Monica Spencer is a parishioner at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in Fredericksburg, Virginia. She works in Quantico for NTT DATA Federal Services as an eLearning specialist, so she feels right at home in the realm of online learning! In addition to receiving the MA degree in Theology from CDU, Monica also holds a BA degree in International Affairs from the University of Mary Washington (class of 2010). She thanks her family, relatives, coworkers, and friends who supported and encouraged her while she was working on her MA.

#### Frances Cimini Stadler

#### Master of Arts in Theology

Frances Stadler is the director of faith formation and family life in her parish, Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, in Oviedo, Florida. She is a founding member of her parish and began as the marriage preparation coordinator when it first opened 16 years ago. Prior to working for the Church, Frances was an aerospace engineer, with undergraduate degrees in Aerospace Engineering and Physics, working for a NASA contractor at the Kennedy Space Center for several years. She currently directs a faith formation program for children in first through twelfth grades. In addition to her work in children's formation, Frances prepares couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. She has a passion for families and youth ministry. Frances and her husband Ed celebrated 27 years of marriage this year and have three children.

#### Cynthia M. Stalcup

#### Master of Arts in Theology and Educational Ministry

Cindy Stalcup lives in Ashburn, Virginia, and is a member of St. Theresa Catholic Church. She and her husband Dana have five adult sons, a daughter making her way through high school, and two granddaughters. Cindy volunteers as a catechist for middle school-aged students, including those preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation. She also serves for Catholic Distance University as a catechetical subject specialist and student life coordinator. Cindy thanks her fellow students and the CDU professors and staff for their support and her husband for his tireless proofreading.

#### Marjorie D. Vaz

#### Graduate Certificate in Catholic Education

Marjorie D. Vaz is a catechist, lector, and VIRTUS facilitator at the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Jamaica, Queens, New York. She has worked in the hotel industry for many years and is currently the director of human resources for Hotel Edison in New York City. Marjorie says, "I have considered myself to be a 'cradle Catholic.' Attending the Catholic Distance University has been an experience of anxiety, excitement, fulfillment, and encouragement. CDU has equipped me with a broader spectrum to maintain mature, comprehensive, disciplined, and thought-provoking dialogues with Christians and non-Christians alike. It has also gifted me with a sense of peace and courage to evangelize without having that fear of retaliation and backlash. This has propelled me to reach out to children (and adults to a point) to expose them to our Catholic Christian faith and the importance of who we are as Catholics. From the words of Jesus to his disciples (Mark 20:28), 'For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.' CDU has reminded me of the importance of providing service from the heart to our fellow human beings. This I will certainly continue."

#### Gloria Vela Moser

#### Bachelor of Arts in Theology

A parishioner at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Selma, Texas, Gloria Vela Moser and her husband raised five children and continue the formation of the youngest two, in their last years of high school and college, at home. After pursuing a degree several times over a few decades, CDU made it possible to achieve that goal. Gloria is the full-time religion teacher at the middle school and leads the Catholic Social Teachings elective at the parish school. She is a pre-school catechist for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, an RCIA team member, and co-facilitator of a women's Bible study group. She is blessed by her time at CDU and grateful for the journey with classmates, professors, and staff.

#### William Thomas White

#### Master of Arts in Theology and Educational Ministry

Tom is married, has two daughters, Jennifer and Elizabeth, two great sonsin-law, and three really cute grandchildren. He is a parishioner of St. Rita of Cascia Catholic Church, where he is a lector and a catechist working with Confirmation and RCIA students. A professed Third Order Franciscan in a secular world, Tom is committed to teaching the truth, which is our Catholic Faith.

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