

LENTEN PRESENTATION AT SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

Sundays March 12, 19 and 26 at 10:00 AM

By Father William Cullen

HAVE WE LOST THE GOSPEL MESSAGE? DOCTRINE AND DISCIPLINE IN THE CHURCH

The claim that our modern church has lost or cast aside the Gospel message of Jesus is heard more frequently in our time. Our Lenten presentation will examine this claim and the evidence to support or refute it.

Sunday March 12, 2017

THE CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES

Our presentation will examine the history of the church of the Apostolic Times - its writings and practices especially the Didache, the earliest of non-scriptural writings. We will also examine the interplay of faith and experience, of philosophy and theology at the very beginning of our Church.

Sunday March 19, 2017

THE DEVELOPMENT OF UNIFORM DOCTRINE/DISCIPLINE

Our presentation will examine the growth of the church in the midst of post Apostolic times. We will review the development of nation states and the onslaught of new and radical philosophies and forms of government. We will reflect on the effects on the church and her response to these challenges.

Sunday March 26, 2017

THE CHURCH OF OUR TIMES

In our final presentation, we will attempt to discover where the gospel message is to be found and practiced in the church of our times as well as the great challenges this gospel faces.

About Father William Cullen

He has been a priest of the Diocese of Jackson for the past 35 years. Prior to that, he was a member of the Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn, New York. As a brother he worked on every level of education, from elementary to graduate school. He obtained degrees in Political Science, International Relations, and Educational Administration, Supervision and Divinity.

As a priest of the Diocese of Jackson, Father Bill has served as an associate pastor and also as a pastor of two culturally diverse parishes in the same town. He also served in the Chancery in the capacity of Director of Educational Services and Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Defender of the Bond, Vocation Director and Director of Pastoral Planning for the diocese. He has completed a three years term as a missionary to Saltillo, Mexico (a mission of the Diocese of Jackson). He is presently in residence at St. John Vianney Villa and serve at St. Joseph Parish, Downers Grove.

Father Bill has given parish mission in his home diocese. He also has given parish mission in the Diocese of Joliet at Visitation Parish (Elmhurst), Corpus Christi (Carol Stream), St. Elizabeth Seton Parish (Naperville), and St. Mary of Gostyn (Downers Grove).