ALL SAINTS CATHEDRAL PARISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

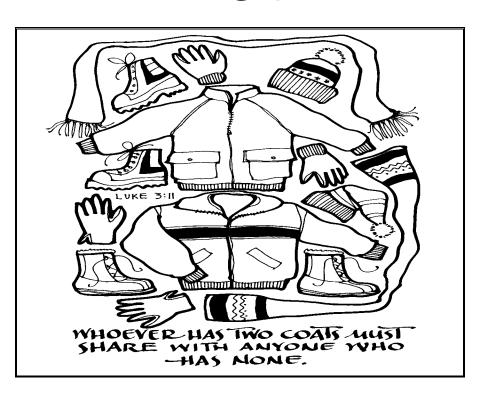
9201 West Higgins Road Chicago, Illinois 60631

Catholic In Faith

A People Empowered

December 12, 2021

WELCOME





All Saints Cathedral Parish is a community of the Polish National Catholic Church that welcomes and serves the spiritual needs of all people who wish to follow Christ in the Catholic tradition.



We are blessed by your participation in our celebration of God's presence among us and we hope you will continue to join us as we worship together.



December 12, 2021

9AM - Lighting of the Third Candle of the Advent Wreath

Holy Mass (English)

† Martha Szymaniak; Int. Daughter Adeline Kozak

11AM – Holy Mass (Polish)

11:45AM – Gingerbread House Party

READING I: Zephaniah 3:14-18 **READING II**: Philippians 4:4-7

GOSPEL: Luke 3:10-18

CITY OF CHICAGO mandates that masks covering the nose and mouth must be worn, regardless of vaccination status, at all indoor settings.

Are You ready for Christmas??
House decorated and tree up and decorated?
Cards sent out?
Gift shopping all done?
Cookies baked?
Menu planned?
Yes??

But are <u>you</u> really <u>prepared</u> in the really important sense of the word "prepared"???

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 16 at 7:30PM via Zoom – Choir Rehearsal ALL ARE WELCOME! To be added to the choir mailing list (to receive the music and Zoom info), you can contact Lori Scott

Saturday, December 18, <u>5PM</u> – Pray the Holy Rosary

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, As we ready our hearts and minds for the celebration of Jesus' birth, may we reach out in charity and kindness to those most in need. May our Advent prayers and worship increase our confidence in Your holy Word so that sin and evil never lead us to despair. Amen.



December 19, 2021

9AM - Lighting of the Fourth Candle of the Advent Wreath

Holy Mass (English)

10:30AM - School of Christian Living Classes 11AM - Holy Mass - (Polish)

PRAYER REQUESTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES are extended to the following parishioners celebrating birthdays this week:

Leslie Rafalko	12/13
Dana Banicki	12/16
Father David Rowinski	12/16
Diane Hughes	12/16
Janet Schumacher	12/17
Khloe Medrano	12/17
Irene Migdalek	12/18

May God bless you and grant you a very Happy Birthday!



PARISHIONERS: Mary Andersen, Mary Scott, Adeline Kozak, Don Pagels, Barbara Heath, Stephen Scott, Harold & Phyllis Collinet, Lorraine Truskolaski, Roberta Bednarowicz

FAMILY & FRIENDS: Emma Freshwater, David Petrosky, Carmen Cordero, Andrew Bear, Karen Ream, Vicky Bergstrom, Tina Tziolas, Donald Andrew, Allison Bertlet, Ann Zalak, Carol Kay, Michael Campanelli, Clark Pagels, Donald Overby, Dorothy Lichthardt, Nan Cramer, Moira Dobrovolskis, Walter Trujillo, Halina Pilarska, Glen Adams, Carol Doherty, Austin Rose, Sheree Peck, Joseph Zawistowski

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: Dolores Urban, Gene Paprocki, Richard Stark, Jerry Maycan **PRAY FOR ALL OUR TROOPS DEFENDING**

FREEDOM but especially for: Martin Venegas (USAF), Michael Warren Sobczyk (USAF), Hannah Milliman (USAF)

• ADVENT WREATH CEREMONY – School of Christian Living families will participate in this ceremony each Sunday of Advent with the lighting of the Candle and offering of prayers.

The participants for today are:

9AM Mass – Glen Bialasik and Ashley

- ADVENT BOOKLETS containing meditations and daily readings are available in the vestibule. Please take one and use it daily as part of your personal preparation for Christmas.
- **CHRISTMAS WAFERS** (Oplatki) are available in the vestibule for a free will offering. We should all strive to uphold the beautiful Church tradition of sharing of the "oplatek" at the Christmas Eve Vigil Supper or on Christmas Day with our family and friends.
- ADVENT COMMUNION VISITS will be made by the clergy to all of the sick and homebound of the Parish during the month of December. Anyone who cannot attend either of the Christmas Masses is asked to contact the clergy to arrange an Advent Communion visit.
- CHRISTMAS FLOWERS Christmas flower contributions may be made in memory or honor of someone by using the "Special Fund Contribution" envelopes which are available in the vestibule. They may be placed in the Sunday offering basket.

• **PRAYER REQUESTS** – Effective January 1, the current Prayer Request List will be purged. To relist a name or add a name to this list, a Prayer Request, available in the vestibule and at the Mary altar must be completed and deposited in the prayer request box at the Mary altar. The contents of this box will be monitored weekly.

• STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

applications are now available in the Parish office or by contacting Chairman Gary Kurzynski. College-aged children of our members who are currently enrolled in college or in a college equivalent program, are encouraged to apply for a scholarship award which ranges from \$600-\$1,000 per academic year. Applications are due by DECEMBER 31. Applicants are required to submit a 500 word essay on "How All Saints Parish Has Influenced My Life". Essays are due by JANUARY 15, 2022. For further information, please contact Gary Kurzynski.

• The new **OUR DAILY BREAD BOOKLET** is now available with daily devotions and scripture readings for December through February. Pick one up from the basket in the vestibule or, if you wish to have one mailed to you, call Judie at 630-222-0334.

• **CONGRATULATIONS** to the following parishioners who were elected to a Parish Office or the Parish Committee for 2022 last week:

Chairman – Gary Kurzynski

Vice Chairman/Chairman of Cemetery Trustees – Phillip Smolka

Recording Secretary – Katy Scott

Financial Secretary – Judie Szydlowski

Assistant Financial Secretary – Christine Turner

Treasurer – Janet Schumacher

Directors at Large – Theresa Heath, Steve

Lindenmuth, Robert Maycan

Director of Maintenance - Cleric Douglas Scott

Director of Special Events – OPEN

2022 PARISH SUB-COMMITTEES

Auditors – Christopher Bogzevitz, Julia Smolka, Sylvia Smolka

Communications/Web Site – Judie Szydlowski

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Jerry Gap, Mark Kowalsky, Rev. David Rowinski,

Judie Szydlowski, Dean Turner

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Budget & Finance Committee –Parish Chairman,

Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Director of

Maintenance

Real Estate Oversight Committee – Parish Chairman,

Cleric Douglas Scott

Parish Tribunal – Dian Maycan

Seniorate Representative – Judie Szydlowski

Installation will take place on a to-be-announced date in January.

Coming Soon! A new and different kind of bible study based on a teaching series entitled "Heroes of the Bible". Join us as we take a six-week journey through the Bible's Hall of Faith: the heroes of the Old Testament whose acts of trusting God are spotlighted in the Book of Hebrews chapter 11. As you study the stories of people like Noah, Abraham, and Rahab, you'll discover the life-changing confidence God asks you to have in Him – and how He uses that faith to transform you.

This study will help you:

- understand what it means to give God your very best
- remove any limits you may have placed on God's power
- live out your faith so that it grows stronger each day

Get ready to radically rely on God – and be amazed as you experience the fullness of His blessing!

Dr. Tony Evans is founder and senior pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, Tx. and founder and president of The Urban Alternative. He is a much sought speaker in Christian circles nationally and internationally and author of The Power of God's Names, Victory in Spiritual Warfare, and many other books. Dr. Evans is the first African American to earn a doctorate of theology from Dallas Theological Seminary, as well as the first African American to author both a study Bible and full Bible commentary. His radio broadcast, The Alternative with Dr. Tony Evans, can be heard on more than 1,400 US outlets daily and in more than 130 countries. More details to follow. - Fr. David

ALL SAINTS CATHEDRAL CEMETERY NEW COLUMBARIUM



Our new Columbarium has been installed.

"Pre-construction" discounts are still available!

Four Year Payment Plan Option Available Credit Card Payments Accepted

Contact
Phil Smolka or Jill Lindenmuth
773-380-7131 x 4

Reflection on the Gospel of Luke 3:10-18 "What are we to do?" Suppose we were asking John the Baptist for a formula to change our lives, what would he say? Using today's language, he might say that conversion begins by "getting over yourself!" What the Baptist would mean is: "OK, so you have had some mistakes throughout your life - you were in a bad marriage, your kids did not turn out exactly the way you had hoped, you have carried anger at a family member – well, get over yourself!" Turning your life around begins by letting the past truly be the past, so that you can move freely into the future. If you are stuck dwelling on your problems or your sins, try thinking about the needs of someone else for awhile.

THE HOLY MASS - The Lord's Prayer

We begin the Communion part of the Mass by saying the most beautiful prayer we know. This prayer is called the 'Lord's Prayer' or the "Our Father" and is the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples. We stand out of love and respect for the words that Jesus taught us.

One day after praying alone on a hill, Jesus returned to His disciples. Some of them had been watching Him as He prayer and wished they could pray as Jesus did. They asked Him, "Lord, teach us to pray."

Jesus said to his disciples: "When you pray say this: 'Our Father, Who art in heaven . . ." We say this prayer during the Mass. It has been said in every part of the world in all languages for over two thousand years.

The Lord's Prayer tells us that God is our Father and it praises and glorifies His name. "Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

This prayer asks God for our daily needs. "Give us this day our daily bread."

We also ask God to forgive us as we are to forgive others. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Lastly, we ask God to keep us from temptation and sin and to help us live in the way He wants us to live. "Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil."

The "Our Father" is a perfect prayer because it was given us by our Lord Himself and in it we offer our whole self to God.

THE HOLY MASS - Lamb of God

The **Lamb of God** is a prayer that comes just before the communion prayers. Here we ask God to have mercy on us and for the gift of peace. We strike our breast three times to show that we are humble before God as we say these words:

"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."

These are the words that Saint John the Baptist spoke as he saw Jesus coming toward him to be baptized. He said: "Here is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world." In the Old Testament, the coming Savior is spoken of as a lamb, the animal used as a sacrifice by the people.

After saying the **Lamb of God** with the priest, we offer a Communion Prayer. There are three communion prayers in our Mass Book. This is one of them:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, Your death brought life to the world. By Your holy Body and Blood free me from all my sins and from every evil. Keep me faithful to Your teaching and never let me be parted from You.

This section of the Mass prepares us to receive Holy Communion.

Need an exciting present for someone?

How about tickets to a

Chicago Wolves Hockey Game?



PNU District Six Family Night

Chicago Wolves Hockey Game All State Arena - Rosemont, IL Chicago Wolves vs. Iowa Wild



Saturday, February 19, 2022 @ 7 p.m.

Only 30 Tickets Available . . . Center Ice Section...
Order Your Tickets Today!

Contact Christine Wachna by January 23rd with your reservation and make arrangements for payment: 847-927-9534 or pnuofadist6@att.net

Game Ticket Pricing 30 Tickets Available

Adult (17 & up)\$30 each

Youth PNU Member (16 & under) ...Free

Youth Non-member (16 & under) ...\$30 each

Ticket Order Deadline January 23, 2022

Parking fee is \$15 per car at the All State Arena.

Family Night Schedule

6:00 p.m. All State Arena Doors Open 7:00 p.m. Chicago Wolves vs. Iowa Wild

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

PARISH ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

10:30 AM Every Sunday (September through May) Superintendent: Margaret Rowinski (630-885-0167)

YOUTH ASSOCIATION (Age 8 and up are welcome)

Next Meeting: TBA

Advisors: Cleric Doug Scott, Jennifer Gradowski,

Katy Scott

MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Next Meeting: TBA

Chairman: Father David Rowinski (773-875-1438)

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 14, 7PM Chairman: Phillip Smolka (773-380-7131)

PARISH COMMITTEE

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 18, 7PM Chairman: Gary Kurzynski (630-924-7504)

PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Next Meeting: TBA

President: Doug Scott (312-623-6825)

Childcare is provided during PTO Meetings.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY

Next Meeting: TBA

President: Barbara Bratkowski (224-558-9846)

POLISH NATIONAL UNION OF AMERICA

Interim Branch Sec: Rev. David Rowinski (773-875-1438)

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH / CEMETERY OFFICE:

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Cemetery Trustees Chairman: Phil Smolka 630-669-9956

Treasurer: Barbara Bratkowski

Financial Secretary: Jean Kurzynski <u>finsec@ascpncc.org</u>

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Parish Organist/Choir Director: Christopher Waz

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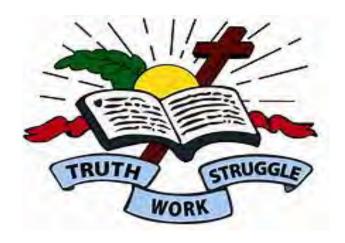
Cemetery Visiting Hours: 8:00AM – 5:00PM Spring & Summer Decorations: April 1 – September 30 Fall & Winter Decorations: November 1 – February 28

SUNDAY MASS: 9AM (English) 11AM (Polish)
DAILY MASSES as announced in the weekly bulletin.
HOLY DAY MASSES as announced in weekly bulletin.
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM arrangements should be made with the Pastor as soon as possible or at least 30 days prior to the ceremony.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Contact the Pastor before setting a date or making final plans.

EMERGENCIES, SICKNESS AND DEATH should be reported to Bishop Jerry immediately.

The Celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of The MASS



Third Sunday in Advent

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The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

The celebrant and other ministers enter the sanctuary and genuflect before the tabernacle.

OPENING HYMN:

(Please stand)

"He Comes! He Comes!"

Refrain:

He comes! He comes! He comes in the name of the Lord, our God! He comes! He comes! He comes in the name of the Lord, our God!

- Let all rejoice with heart and voice, And thankful be!
 The chosen one, God's only Son, O blest is He!
 Refrain
- Light for Him a candle, He is drawing near! Sing for Him a carol, Loud and clear! Refrain



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READER 1: As we come together on this Third Sunday of Advent, we come to encourage one another in our spiritual preparations to stay alert and ready for the second coming of Christ.

We also gather today in joy as we anxiously anticipate the celebration of Christmas, planning and preparing to honor the birth of our Lord and Savior.

ALL: "We shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God."

READER 2: In today's Scripture readings and Mass prayers, we shall hear that Jesus IS the Christ promised by God through His prophets, Who came to save us: "the eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped' and "the lame shall leap like deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy" and He came to "bring us pardon and freedom from the burden of our sins."

ALL: "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God."

READER 3: On this Third Sunday of Advent, we light * the first candle to remember to walk in the light of the Lord.

We light * the second candle to remember that He Who is the Light of the world baptizes us with the Holy Spirit and fire.

We light * the third candle to remember to carry the light of Christ and His salvation as the prophets had carried God's promise of a savior.

ALL: "See, the Judge is standing at the doors!"

READER 4: Dearest Jesus, You are the One Who was foretold by the prophets. And You are the One Who will return to save us for Your kingdom.

Through the Sacrament of Penance "strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees," so that we may be ready for You.

By the Sacraments of the Word and the Eucharist, may we be strengthened to work together as the Body of Christ, ministering to a suffering world.

ALL: Amen.

ADMNISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF ADVENT PENANCE

Celebrant: We have gathered as a parish family to celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent and to begin our final preparations for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us.

All:

Let us turn our hearts to the Lord, whose mercy knows no end.

Celebrant:

Let Us Pray: God of all ages, Your Son became flesh to free us from the bondage of sin. Help us now to cleanse our souls and to prepare room in our hearts, that we may be ready to meet Him when He comes to judge both the living and the dead. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Amen.

Celebrant:

O merciful God! We thank you that You have not summoned us out of this world burdened with mortal sin but that You have called us, through the Holy Season of Advent, to repent and amend our lives. Assist us, O God, in the performance of this important task, that our confession may truly be the means of cleansing ourselves of sin, the beginning of a new spiritual life and a step toward an even more personal relationship with You.

Before You, we desire to make a confession of all our sins, but we realize that we each are unable to do this of ourselves; therefore, we invoke Your divine help.

All:

O Holy Spirit, enlighten my mind with heavenly light, that I may perceive all my sins. Refresh my memory, that I may recall all my transgressions. Kindle in my heart a

true sorrow for my sins. Assist me in confessing those sins, with deep humility, before You, my confessor and my Church.

(The celebrant will now lead you in an examination of your conscience, Confession of your sins and act of contrition.)

Celebrant: May Almighty God be merciful to you, grant you

remission of your sins and lead you to life

everlasting!

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Our Lord, Jesus Christ, absolve you and through

the power given to me by Him, I do absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father, the Son

+ and the Holy Spirit!

All: Amen.

Celebrant: May the passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the

merits of the Blessed Mother Mary and all the

Saints show you the way of eternal life!

Remember this sacred moment of your life and

sin no more.

All: Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN:

"Come, O Long Expected Jesus"





ENTRANCE VERSE

- V. Will You be angry with us forever, drag out Your anger for all generations? Please give us life again, that Your people my rejoice in You.
- R. Fill us at daybreak with Your love, that all our days we may sing for joy.
- **V.** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



C: Lord have mercy.

R: Lord have mercy.

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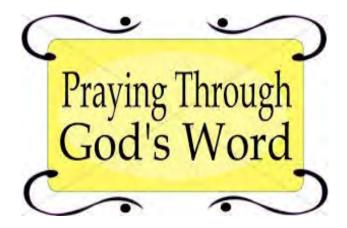
R: Lord have mercy.

OPENING PRAYER

(Remain standing)

C: Let us pray. Loving Father, as we prepare for the coming of your Son, teach us what we are to do so that we, who joyously await Him, may serve You faithfully. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R: Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

The celebrant, deacon or other minister now reads the first reading.

READING I: Zephaniah 3:14

(Please be seated)

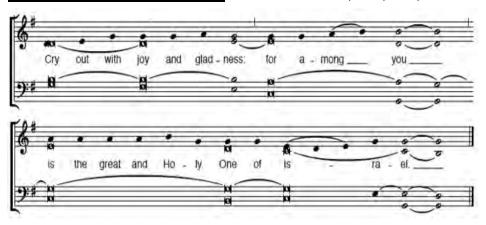
A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah:

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has removed the judgment against you he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6



Verses (Cantor)

Sing to the Lord a new song, For He has done wondrous deeds. His right hand has won victory for him, His holy arm.

Response: (ALL)

The Lord has made His salvation known:

In the sight of the nations, he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness

Toward the house of Israel

Response: (ALL)

All the ends of the earth have seen The salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands;

Break into song; sing praise.

Response: (ALL)

Second Reading is then read in the same manner as the First.

READING II: Philippians 1:4-6,08-11 (*Please be seated*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians:

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Luke 3:4, 6 (*Please stand*)



Verse: (Cantor)

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; [blessed] blessed are you among women

GOSPEL: Luke 3:10-18 (*Remain standing*)

If the Bishop is present, the celebrant kneels before the Bishop and in a low voice asks his blessing.

C: Bishop, give me your blessing.

B: The Lord be in your heart and on your lips that you may worthily proclaim His holy Gospel.

C: Amen.

If the Bishop is not present, the celebrant bows before the altar and says quietly:

C: Almighty God, cleanse my heart and my lips that I may worthily proclaim Your holy Gospel.

The celebrant then goes to the lectern to proclaim the Gospel.

C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

The faithful sign their foreheads, lips and hearts with the sign of the cross asking that the Word of God be in their minds, spoken with their lips and forever be in their hearts.

C: A reading from the Holy + Gospel according to Luke:

R: Glory be to you, Lord.

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preahed good news to the people.

C: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ



THE HOMILY

(Please be seated)

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed)

The Profession of Faith shall be said on Sundays and all major feasts of the Church year as prescribed in the liturgical calendar

Please stand

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, He was born of the Virgin Mary

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AND BECAME MAN.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life Who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son, He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the + life of the world to come. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

(Please stand)

The Celebrant introduces the intercessions:

C: Let us ask God to pour the Spirit of love into our hearts as we prepare for the coming of Christ.

then the Lector begins by saying:

L: Messiah Jesus, guard our hearts and minds from all

- selfishness and greed, especially as we prepare for Christmas. We pray . . .
- R: Messiah Jesus, fill us.
- L: Messiah Jesus, turn any discouragement in us into a confident faith in God's saving power. We pray . . .
- R: Messiah Jesus, fill us.
- L: Messiah Jesus, renew in us a firm dedication to work for greater peace in our families, our personal relationships, our society. Remember in a special way all the youth from our Parish, especially those who are away at school. We pray . . .
- R: Messiah Jesus, fill us.
- L: Messiah Jesus, help us to abandon behaviors that intimidate and humiliate others. We pray . . .
- R: Messiah Jesus, fill us.
- L: Messiah Jesus, remove all fear and anxiety from the hearts of those who are seriously ill and dying. Remembering especially all of the sick, homebound, and those in nursing homes from our Parish and families. We pray . . .
- R: Messiah Jesus, fill us.
- L: Messiah Jesus, raise up our beloved dead that they may exult with joy in the city of God. We pray . . .
- R: Messiah Jesus, fill us.

 The Celebrant will now offer the concluding prayer.

- C: With wisdom and peace, guide us by the light of God's word. Fill us with gratitude and trust, and prepare us to receive Christ, who lives and reigns forever.
- R: Amen.

Following the General Intercessions, the Offertory Verse is read and an Offertory Hymn may be sung.

OFFERTORY <u>VERSE</u> (Please be seated)

C: Do unto others as you would have them do to you.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

(Please remain seated)



The celebrant takes the paten with the bread, holds it raised above the altar and says: Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation. Through Your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given, and human hands have made. May it become for us the bread of life.

The celebrant places the paten with the bread on the corporal. The celebrant pours wine, and after blessing it, a little water into the chalice saying:

By the mystery of this wine and + water, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity.

The celebrant takes the chalice and holds it above the altar saying:

Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation. Through Your goodness, we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. May it become our spiritual drink.

He places the chalice on the corporal. Bowing, he says:

Lord God, we ask You to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer You with humble and contrite hearts.

Extending his hands, he continues:

Come, Holy Spirit and bless + this sacrifice which we have prepared for the glory of Your Holy Name.

The celebrant stands to the side of the altar, washes his hands and says quietly: Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin.

He returns to the center of the altar, bows, and says:

Receive this offering, most Holy Trinity, which we make in memory of the Passion, Resurrection and Ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ and in honor of the Blessed Virgin May and all the saints. May they, whose memory we honor on earth, intercede for us in heaven.

(Please stand)

Addressing the congregation with hands extended, the celebrant says:

- **C:** Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
- R: May the Lord accept this sacrifice from your hands, for the praise and glory of His Name for our good and for the benefit of His holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (Secret)

The Celebrant sings or says the prayer from the proper Oof the Mass.

C: O God, our Father, as we await the coming of Your Son, receive these gifts we offer. Teach us to use them Your glory in service to all. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Preface)

The celebrant sings or says:

C: The Lord be with you.R: And also with you.

He lifts up his hands and continues:

C: Lift up your hearts.

R: We lift them up to the Lord.

He joins his hands, bows slightly and continues:

C: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

R: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

At the end of the preface, he joins his hands and, together with the people, they sing or say aloud:

(Please stand)





EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

The Canon of St. Hippolytus

(KNEEL)

The priest with hands extended, says:

We give thanks to You, God our Father, through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, Whom in these last days You have sent us as Savior, Redeemer and Messenger of Your will.

He is Your Word, inseparable from you. Through Him You have made all things and in Him You were well pleased.

You sent Him from Heaven to a virgin's womb. There He dwelt and was made flesh. He was revealed as Your Son born though the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin.

When He suffered, He fulfilled Your will and gained for you a holy people. He stretched out His hands to free from suffering those who believed in You.

When He was betrayed to His freely chosen suffering thereby to destroy death, to break the chains of darkness, to crush hell beneath His feet, to give light to the just, to make a covenant and to manifest His resurrection, He took bread; He gave You thanks and said:

The priest takes the bread, raises it a little above the altar and continues:

TAKE AND EAT! THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS BROKEN FOR YOU.

He elevates the consecrated Host, replaces it on the paten, and then genuflects in adoration. He continues:

(During Easter Season, GENUFLECT)

In like manner, He took the cup and said:

He takes the chalice, raising it slightly above the altar, saying:

THIS IS MY BLOOD WHICH IS POURED OUT FOR YOU. Whenever you do this, do it in memory of me.

The priest elevates the chalice, replaces it on the corporal and then genuflects in adoration.

(During Easter Season, GENUFLECT)

With hands joined, he then says the following WITH THE CONGREGATION:

Calling then, His death and resurrection to mind, we offer You the Bread and the Cup.

We thank You for allowing us to come before You and to serve You.

He extends his hands over the Oblation, saying:

We ask You to send Your Holy Spirit upon the offering of Your Holy Church to gather all in unity.

Grant to all who partake of these Holy Mysteries the fullness of the Holy Spirit for the strengthening of their faith in the truth. So may we praise and glorify You through Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Holding the host above the chalice and lifting them up, the priest says or sings:

Through Him may glory and honor be Yours, with the Holy Spirit, in Your Holy Church, now and for ever and ever.





COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

The celebrant introduces the Lord's Prayer.

C: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

(Please stand)

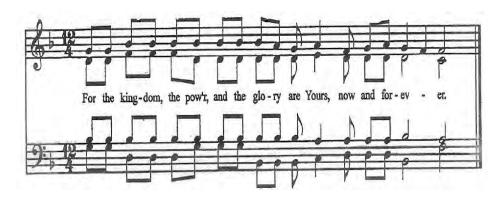
The celebrant extends his hands and says or sings with the congregation:



With hands extended, the celebrant says or sings:

Deliver us Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In Your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The celebrant joins his hands and the people conclude the prayer by singing the acclamation:



POWER GOMERY

praising the Risen Christ

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

(Remain standing)

Holding the Sacred Host over the chalice, the celebrant divides it into two parts. He places one half on the paten and breaks a particle from the other half and says:

C: The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ?

The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?

R: Because there is one bread, we who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread

Dropping the particle of the host into the chalice, the priest says:

C: May the union of Divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ bring us sanctification and eternal life.

R: Amen.

The celebrant, with hands extended, says aloud:

Lord, Jesus Christ, You said to Your apostles: I leave you peace, My peace I give you. Do not look at our sins, but on the faith of Your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of Your kingdom where You live forever and ever.

R: Amen.

Extending and joining his hands, the celebrant says or sings:

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

R: And also with you.

Then the celebrant may add:

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

DURING THIS TIME OF THE PANDEMIC, WE ASK THAT YOU REFRAIN FROM HUGGING OR HANDSHAKING AND LIMIT YOUR SIGN OF PEACE TO A NOD OR WAVE.

The celebrant, striking his breast, joins the congregation in saying or singing:



COMMUNION PRAYER

(Please kneel)

The celebrant joins his hands and says:

C: Let us pray together:

The celebrant and congregation continue together with the following:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, Your death brought life to the world. By Your holy Body and Blood, free me from all my sins and from every evil. Keep me faithful to Your teaching and never let me be parted from You.

The celebrant takes the Host saying:

I will take the bread of heaven and call upon the name of the Lord.

The celebrant and congregation continue together only once:

Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The celebrant then says:

May the Body of Christ bring me to everlasting life.

He reverently consumes the Sacred Host. Taking the chalice, he says: May the Blood of Christ bring me to everlasting life.

He consumes the Blood of Christ. Facing the people, holding a host above the chalice or intinctorium, the celebrant says:

This is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to the table of the Lord.

Taking the ciborium or intinctorium, the celebrant distributes Holy Communion. Holding the Host before each communicant, he says:

C: The Body and Blood of Christ.

R: Amen.

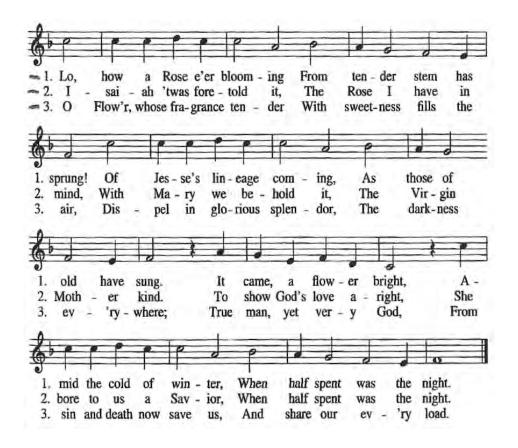
The ciborium is placed into the tabernacle and the chalice and the celebrant's fingers are purified with wine and water. He consumes the ablution and quietly says:

Lord, may I possess with a pure heart that which I have taken as food, and may the gift I have received bring me healing and strength now and forever.



COMMUNION HYMN:

"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"





<u>POST COMMUNION HYMN</u>: (Please be seated)

"In The Bleak Mid Winter"
Gary Kurzynski, Dean Turner, Glen Bialasik, Ashley Bialasik



COMMUNION VERSE

C: Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the holy one of Israel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Postcommunion)

(Please stand)

C: Let us pray, Almighty God, through this Holy Eucharist give us the grace to properly for the celebration of the birth of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Open our eyes that we may see His presence; open our ears that we may hear His call; open our hearts that we may rejoice in Him. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R: Amen.



CONCLUDING RITE

(Please kneel)

The celebrant sings or says:

C: The Lord be with you. (Bp: Peace be with you.)

R: And also with you.

C: May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father and + the Son and the Holy Spirit come upon you and remain with

you forever.

(*or*)

C: May almighty God bless you; the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

THE BISHOP'S BLESSING (Please kneel)

B: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

R: Now and forever.

B: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R: Who made heaven and earth.

B: May almighty God bless you; the + Father, the + Son and the Holy + Spirit.

(or)

B: May the blessing of almighty God, the + Father, the + Son and the Holy + Spirit, come upon you and remain with you forever.

R: Amen.

Facing the people, the celebrant sings or says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

(or)

Go in the peace of Christ.

(or)

Go in peace, the sacrifice is offered.

(or)

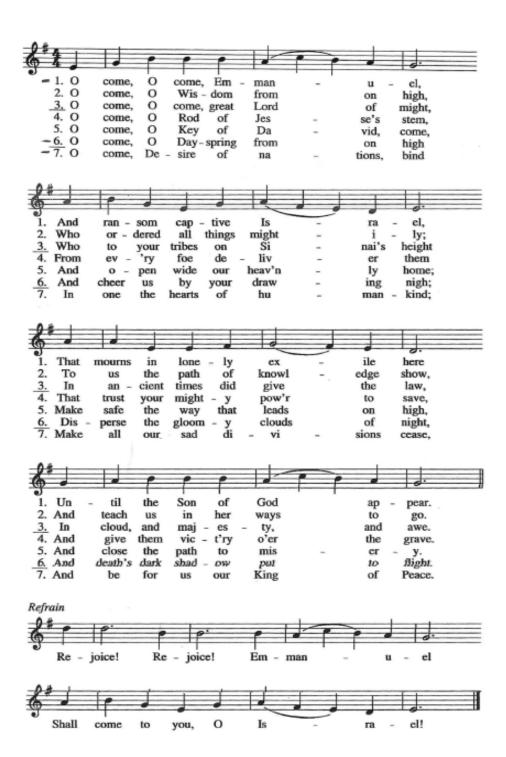
Let us bless the Lord.

In Paschaltide, Alleluia, Alleluia is added to the dismissal.

R: Thanks be to God. (In Paschaltide,) Alleluia, Alleluia is added)

CLOSING HYMN:

(Please stand)



Please join in the Fellowship Time following Mass in the lower level hall.



PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING IN THE PEW OR IN THE VESTIBULE.

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THANK YOU!