

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 19, 2023—Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



ALL ARE WELCOMED TO OUR PARISH!

We are so pleased that you chose to celebrate with us this weekend. We warmly invite you to active participation in our liturgical celebration. Please feel free to approach one of our Ministers of Hospitality if you are in need of any assistance. No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, your current family or marital situation, your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, sexual orientation, gender, race, or color; no matter what your self-image or self-esteem: YOU are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Ithaca, New York.

GIVING TREE 2023

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Each Christmas season brings with it a level of joy that enters our hearts and lifts us up. Spreading this joy to the community around us is at the core of the Giving Tree, and we are happy to continue this beloved tradition.

The Giving Tree has been a project for many years at St. Catherine's. Each year we receive many wonderful cards and letters of gratitude from those who have received our gifts. As the years pass by, we like to reflect on how the Giving Tree affects our parish and our community and make sure we are helping the community surrounding us in positive and joyful ways.

The Giving Tree supports many groups and agencies in our local community and beyond. These groups include local nursing homes, groups that support marginalized youth and adults in our communities, the youth of the Dominican Republic, and individuals in our community. Each group has different needs in this season and throughout the year. Your gifts will help support the agencies and families in each of their own unique needs. The Giving Tree is also the main support for St. Catherine's Helping Hands—a supply of grocery cards available for people in times of need throughout the year.



We are excited to have both online signups and tags on the trees again this year! Volunteers will be available after Masses to assist as needed. The link for the online signup is signup.com/go/WicvaPE. At this site you will see the list of available item requests, and you can simply sign up for those that speak to you. Gifts can be returned to the Parish Center. **There will be bins available for your gifts at all Masses the weekends of December 2-3 and 9-10, or during parish office hours.** We will also have the following dropoff times during which volunteers will be there to accept your gifts: **Sunday, December 10, from 12 p.m.-2 p.m., and Tuesday, December 12, from 6-7 p.m.** The gifts will be sorted and delivered to agencies in a safe manner.

It will be very important that gifts are labeled with the description listed on the signup site, as well as your email, for any clarification needed. If you take a tag from the tree, please make sure the tag is attached to the gift when you return it.

Please take a few minutes to look through the signup sheet or the trees at church and prayerfully consider what works best for you and your family. Know that these gifts, no matter the size, bring joy to many in this Christmas season and beyond. We hope this brings you a feeling of joy and connection to our community!

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of St. Catherine of Siena Parish
is to inspire, engage, and nurture our community
through worship, witness, and service.*

St. Catherine of Siena Church is a Tompkins County Living Wage Employer

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

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Office Hours: Monday 1–4 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.; and Friday 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

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Pastoral Council minutes available at stcathofsiena.org/pastoral-council-minutes

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our parish community! Registration forms are available on our website or through the Parish Office.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Clothing for the Needy

Clean used clothing in good condition accepted 24/7 at the shed adjacent to the parking lot.

Blue Mutual Aid Food Cabinet

We host a blue food cabinet in front of the church, which functions as a small food pantry that is available for all community members. Anyone is invited to donate or take food from the cabinet.

Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard

St. Catherine's, as a member of Area Churches Together (ACT), supports the Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard Food Pantry with food donated by parishioners and volunteer hours.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9 and 11:30 a.m.

All Masses available to attend in person or via livestream; also archived and available anytime at www.tinyurl.com/StCatLivestream.

Accommodations: *Gluten-reduced hosts* are available; please go to the presiding priest during Communion.

Personal listening receivers are available in the Atrium.

Daily Mass Schedule

We offer daily Mass on Mondays at 5:30 p.m.; on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9 a.m.; and on the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. We also celebrate Mass at Kendal of Ithaca (2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.); Bridges Cornell Heights (3rd Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.); and Brookdale Senior Living (4th Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.).

Church Hours

The church is open for prayer when the Parish Office is open: Monday 1–4 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.; and Friday 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the church on Wednesday evenings from 7–8 p.m. Please enter through the east door.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 4–4:50 p.m. and by appointment.

Infant Baptisms

We're so happy about the new addition to your family. Parents participate in a preparation program prior to baptism. Please contact the office three months prior to the baptism. Please fill out the Baptism Registration Form on our website.

Marriage

Congratulations on your engagement! As with the other sacraments, prior preparation is necessary. Please contact the office **at least six months** before the wedding. If you do not live in New York State, you must do your preparation in your home state. Please fill out the Marriage Registration Form on our website.

Anointing of the Sick/Visitation

Please contact the office for arrangements for individual anointing or for a visitation to someone who is sick or homebound. For emergencies, please contact Fr. John directly at 607-302-0143. Please alert the Parish Office when family members are in the hospital. If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Corner, please call the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.):

For information on becoming Catholic, or questions about the Catholic faith, contact Fr. John.

Holy Orders:

For information about vocations, contact the Diocesan Office of Vocation Awareness at 585-461-2890 or vocations@dor.org.

The collection numbers for November 12 will be included next week. Thank you for your patience.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory Income — November 5, 2023

	<u>11/5/23</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Sunday Mass Envelope Collection:	\$3,007	\$65,360
Loose Collection:	\$772	\$66,134
Electronic Giving (Sunday Collection):	\$6,164	\$346,537
Holy Days:	\$0	\$6,727
Christmas:	\$0	\$8,800
Easter:	\$0	\$1,546
Collection to Support Schools:	\$0	\$2,560
Collection for Buildings and Grounds:	\$327	\$11,624
Christmas/Easter Flowers:	\$0	\$5,332
Votive Candles:	\$0	\$630
Memorials:	\$0	\$350
Total Collection for This Week:	\$10,270	\$690,203
Average Weekly Budgeted Operating Expenses:	\$14,071	
Surplus (Shortfall) for This Week and Year-to-Date:	(\$3,801)	
All Saints Day	\$574	
Military	\$531	

We anticipate an operating loss for this fiscal year.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: NOVEMBER 20–26

All liturgies are available both in person and via livestream. You can reach our livestream feed via the Boxcast link on St. Catherine's website (stcathofsiena.org) or at tinyurl.com/StCatLivestream.

Monday, November 20

5:30 p.m. MASS: Michelle Chloe by Amy Garcia
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council

Tuesday, November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 a.m. MASS: Peace in the Holy Land
10:30 a.m. MASS AT BRIDGES CORNELL HEIGHTS
6:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.

Wednesday, November 22

St. Cecelia

Parish Office Closed

9:00 a.m. MASS: Our Parishioners
7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, November 23 — Thanksgiving

St. Clement I, St. Columban, Bl. Miguel Pro
Parish Office Closed
10:00 a.m. MASS: Our Parishioners

Friday, November 24

St. Andrew Dũng-Lac and Companions
Parish Office Closed
9:00 a.m. MASS: Our Parishioners

Saturday, November 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria

9:00 a.m. AA
9:10 a.m. Children's Choir
4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. MASS: James Joseph John by the Twomey Family

Sunday, November 26

9:00 a.m. MASS: Edward Steh by the Steh Family
11:30 a.m. MASS: Tom Gilligan by the Gilligan Family and
Our Parishioners

Daily Readings

Mon., Nov. 20: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tues., Nov. 21: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wed., Nov. 22: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; Lk 19:11-28
Thurs., Nov. 23: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Fri., Nov. 24: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Lk 19:45-48
Sat., Nov. 25: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sun., Nov. 26: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

A vibrant Catholic Community where all are welcomed, challenged, and supported in their life's journey.

Parish Information

GOSPEL OF MARK BIBLE STUDY

This Sunday, November 19, is the last meeting of the Adult Faith Enrichment Committee series on the Gospel of Mark, held in the conference room from 10:15-11:15 a.m. All are welcome whether or not you have attended the previous discussions.

TRIVIA NIGHT PLANNING MEETING

Trivia Night is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 20. The first planning meeting will be Monday, November 20, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. All are welcome! Contact Bob Brown at LCODC@aol.com with questions.

OFFICE HOURS AND MASS SCHEDULE FOR THANKSGIVING

The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, November 22, through Friday, November 24, for Thanksgiving. Fr. John will celebrate 9 a.m. Mass that Wednesday and Friday. In addition, there will be Mass at 10 a.m. on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 23.

MOVIE NIGHT NOVEMBER 27

Please join us for dinner and the next two episodes of *The Chosen*, on Monday, November 27, from 6-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. We will be viewing season 3, episodes 1 and 2. Bring your own drinks and a few dollars to contribute to pizza, and other movie snacks for yourself or to share. All are welcome!

FR. RON GAESSER MASS AND RECEPTION

Every week we pray for our sister parish in Monte Plata, the Dominican Republic. This relationship was established in 2000 by our former pastor, Fr. Ron Gaesser, who will celebrate Mass with us on Saturday, December 2, at 5 p.m., followed by a reception. Join us at Mass and afterward to hear about his mission work.

MIGRANT SANCTUARY FUNDRAISER

The Ithaca Sanctuary Alliance (which includes St. Catherine's) is sponsoring an evening of food and music on Saturday, December 2, at 5:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Ithaca. Donations will benefit a local Peruvian family of four seeking asylum. To RSVP, please email fccsanctuary@gmail.com.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH REDEDICATION

Bishop Salvatore Matano will celebrate Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Ithaca on Friday, December 8, at 6 p.m. for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The bishop will consecrate the sacrificial altar and rededicate the church after its renovation. A reception will follow the Mass.

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold in prayer those who are sick:

Michael Gifford, June Haynor, Caryl Funke, Paul Bates, Michael Luzzi, Susanne Lorbeer, Chloe Wetzel, Kathy Teeter, Ramona Forney, Donna Dutton, Emily O'Mara, Cindy Horner, Ruth Horner, Joan Dalbano, Stephanie Hawkins, Beth Hawkins, Burt Allen, Danny Palardy, Lee Miller, Ruthe Bruen, Dale Bathe, Jack Colangelo, Kathy Boice, Julian Kuczma, James Bilinski, Elizabeth Colangelo, Ron Ross, Dee Loreda, Cara Wynn, David Sirois, Lonnie Slape, Andrea Caraccilo, Mary Mulvanerton, Bruce Bland, and Roy Dexheimer.

BOOK CLUB VOTE

St. Catherine's Book Club needs you! We are voting for the books we will read in 2024, and you don't need to have attended any book club meetings to vote. Please see the link on our website (stcathofsiena.org) to vote by November 30. We will announce the winners in early December!

POINSETTIA PROJECT

Help us send Christmas flowers to those who can't join us! We are seeking donations to help us buy small poinsettia plants to distribute at Christmas in our annual Poinsettia Project. If you can help, please mark your check for the Poinsettia Project and put it in the collection basket or mail or bring it to the Parish Office. Thank you for your kindness!

VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED

We are working hard to be able to offer our Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) program during our 9 a.m. Sunday Mass for children ages pre-K to 1st grade. We need a core group of volunteers—4 or 5 adults/teens—so that we can offer CLOW on a weekly basis and rotate the schedule between volunteers. If you have a desire to pass on our faith to children and feel called to help, please contact Rich at rich.rasmussen@dor.org or 607-257-2493. Thank you!

BEYOND THE PLATE UPDATE

The Beyond the Plate fundraising dinner will take place on Sunday, February 4. This is a change from the previously announced date. More information will be coming soon!

PIETRA FITNESS

Women are welcome to join Pietra Fitness, a class that combines stretching, strengthening, and toning with prayer, here in Mahler Hall after daily Mass on Fridays now through December.



FR. JOHN'S HOMILY FOR THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In 2016, Pope Francis declared that the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time should be celebrated each year as the World Day of the Poor. This day gives us an opportunity for deeper reflection on how we can show solidarity and compassion for our brothers and sisters who are materially and spiritually poor. Today we also acknowledge our own poverty before God. Quite appropriately for this day, the readings that our Holy Mother Church invites us to ponder speak about the deeper meaning of poverty and true wealth, and the connection between them.

The treasure that today's Gospel speaks of is referred to as "talents." In the time when the Gospel was written, one talent was equivalent to about fifteen years of a daily laborer's wages—a significant sum! A master who is willing to entrust his servants with talents is a sign of God's generosity and willingness to trust us. But while God is lavish, he is also just. Thus, he distributes his gifts "to each according to ability." There are two inter-related elements at work here: divine providence and human receptivity. God, by his nature, is abundance. He made and sustains the whole of the vast creation. And for each of his creatures, God entrusts his gifts "to each according to his ability." Our receptivity to God's gifts is what makes us rich or poor.

Differences in how we might receive our "talents" are revealed in the examples of the three servants. Two of them receive their talents with a prompt sense of responsibility. The enormous treasure entrusted to them does not intimidate them or make them feel self-important. Rather, they focus on the life-giving purpose behind their master's generosity; they want to do what he wants done.

The third servant chooses to be overwhelmed with fear. What is worse, he justifies himself by blaming his fear on his generous master, accusing him of being unfair and exploitative: "I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter." This blatant untruth becomes the basis for the worst possible attitude. The third servant, a recipient of a huge treasure, impoverishes himself, making himself into a "wicked, lazy servant." If we want to be spiritually rich, the starting point is acknowledging the gifts of God with gratitude.

But acknowledging and appreciating God's gifts of grace can have pitfalls, too. One danger is complacency. When we are blessed with abilities and wealth, we tend to get too comfortable. We start to focus too much on ourselves and on the good life that we have. We welcome the gifts and forget about the giver. St. Paul warns us of this today through his letter to the Thessalonians, where he highlights the need for vigilance: "Let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober." In this exhortation, Paul calls us to practice the virtue of poverty of spirit. We are never right to sit back and say, "Peace and security," as if we can rely on material wealth or even on spiritual advantages. We are to live our lives soberly, that is, with healthy detachment from whatever advantages and gifts we may have. We are to be poor before God, totally relying on his providence and not on ourselves and our abilities.

For us to live and grow in the virtue of poverty, today's psalm prescribes for us fear of the Lord. "Blessed are you who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways!" This is not the servile fear that characterized the third servant in the Gospel, the fear that fosters antagonism and crippling inaction. The gift of fear that the psalm refers to is childlike and grateful awe and wonder. "Fear of the Lord" is one of the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is a fear that animates rather than cripples. It brings out in us a sense of deep gratitude that compels us to share our abundance with others. Fear in this sense helps us to grow in the virtue of poverty because it justly reminds us that all that we have comes from God and that the right use of our talents is to promptly help others as God would have us do.

We can learn a similar lesson on the proper use of what we have received as we ponder the Book of Proverbs' beautiful description of "a worthy wife." Like the two faithful servants in the Gospel, this praiseworthy woman is not afraid. She dedicates herself to doing good, investing her talents for the benefit of all. She herself becomes a treasure for her family—"her value is far beyond pearls"—precisely because she is poor in

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MUSIC, READINGS, AND PRAYERS FOR THE 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our cantors are: Lisa Hens (5 p.m.), Grace Demerath (9 a.m.), and Bob Talda (11:30 a.m.).

Processional Hymn: God of Day and God of Darkness
(Gather #859)

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Greeting

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **People: Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you. **People: And with your spirit.**

Penitential Act

Priest: Let us call to mind our sins. ... Lord, have mercy. **People: Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: ... Christ, have mercy. **People: Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: ... Lord, have mercy. **People: Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **People: Amen.**

Gloria—Mass of Joy and Peace

Verses:

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

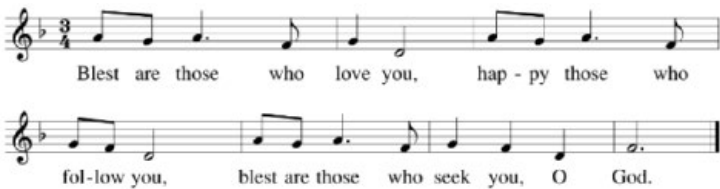
People: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm



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Second Reading: 1 Thes 5:1-6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation — *Mass of Joy and Peace*



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Gospel Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mt 25:14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

A vibrant Catholic Community where all are welcomed, challenged, and supported in their life's journey.

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with 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, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer

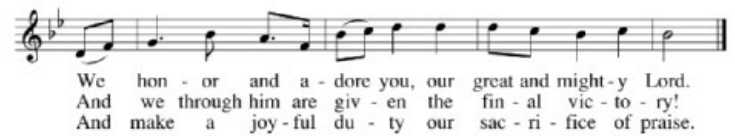
People's Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist**Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts**

Offertory Hymn: O God Beyond All Praising (Gather #598)



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Invitation to Prayer

Priest: Pray ... that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: May the Lord accept 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

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

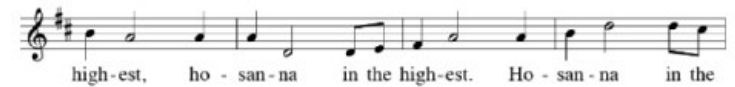
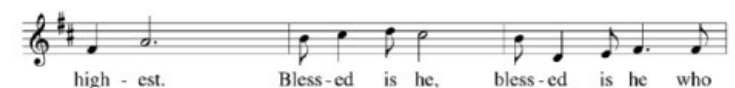
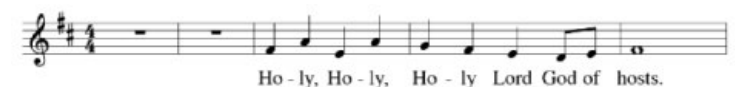
Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

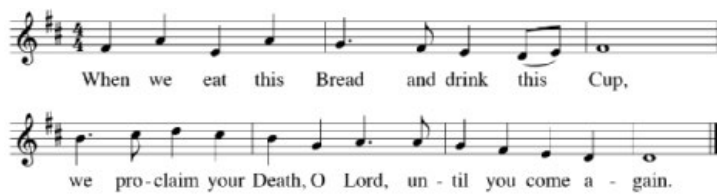
Priest: ... we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy – Mass of Joy and Peace

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Priest: The mystery of faith.

Memorial Acclamation—*Mass of Joy and Peace*



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Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

Great Amen—*Mass of Joy and Peace*



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Priest: ... we dare to say:

The Lord's Prayer

People: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Sign of Peace

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles, peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Lamb of God—*Mass of Joy and Peace*



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Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

Communion Hymn— *I Received the Living God* (Breaking Bread #320)



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Prayer after Communion

Priest: Let us pray. ... Through Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Concluding Rites

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Priest: Go in peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn—Soon and Very Soon (Gather #865)

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King.

No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
 No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
 No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King.

No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
 No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
 No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King.

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King.

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FR. JOHN'S HOMILY (CONTINUED)

spirit. We must set aside the objection that this description is unrealistic; that no one is so perfect. Such reactions arise from our tendency to focus on ourselves and compare ourselves with others. Like the third servant, we can fall into blaming God for being too demanding!

In fact, this "worthy wife" represents each of us; she represents the whole Church, the Bride of Christ, in joyful service of her Groom, the Lord. Each of us brings honor to the Lord when we serve him freely, joyfully, generously, diligently. We can only truly help our brothers and sisters who are spiritually and materially poor if we gratefully receive God's gifts and promptly put them to good use. We are not to be concerned with saving for ourselves, for we have a Husband who provides everything for us and entrusts his heart to us. He has loved us first. Therefore we can, without fear, in genuine poverty of spirit, spend his abundant love for the sake of others, joyfully looking forward to seeing him face to face.

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MASS ATTENDANCE, NOVEMBER 11/12

	<i>In person</i>	<i>Virtual</i>
November 11, 5 p.m.	73	70
November 12, 9 a.m.:	149	53
November 12, 11:30 a.m.	102	34
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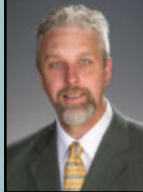


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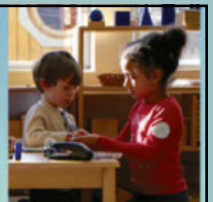
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