

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 26, 2023—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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.

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him.” (Mt 25:31-32)



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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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 19 will be included next week. Thank you for your patience.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory Income — November 12, 2023

	<u>11/12/23</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Sunday Mass Envelope Collection:	\$3,126	\$273,861
Loose Collection:	\$804	\$66,938
Electronic Giving (Sunday Collection):	\$2,429	\$348,966
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:	\$185	\$11,809
Christmas/Easter Flowers:	\$0	\$5,332
Votive Candles:	\$0	\$630
Memorials:	\$0	\$350
Total Collection for This Week:	\$6,544	\$651,592
Average Weekly Budgeted Operating Expenses:	\$14,071	
Surplus (Shortfall) for This Week and Year-to-Date:	(\$7,527)	
Archdiocese of the Military	\$145	

We anticipate an operating loss for this fiscal year.

Please note a digit was inadvertently left off the envelope collection some months ago. The figures have been corrected.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: NOVEMBER 27–DECEMBER 3

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 27

5:30 p.m. MASS: Wilda Vanek by Jan Topoleski

6:00 p.m. Movie Night

Tuesday, November 28

9:00 a.m. MASS: Our Parishioners

10:30 a.m. MASS AT BROOKDALE SENIOR LIVING

6:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.

6:30 p.m. Beyond the Plate Committee

7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, November 29

9:00 a.m. MASS: Peace in the Holy Land

7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, November 30

St. Andrew, Apostle

9:00 a.m. Meeting Christ in Prayer

6:00 p.m. First Reconciliation Class

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 1

9:00 a.m. MASS: Living and Deceased Members of the Doyle and Leclere Families by Jeff & Jane Doyle

9:30 a.m. Pietra Fitness

Saturday, December 2

9:00 a.m. AA

9:00 a.m. Children's Choir

4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, December 2 (continued)

5:00 p.m. MASS: Anne Hens by Lisa Hens and Our Parishioners

6:00 p.m. Reception with Fr. Ron Gaesser

Sunday, December 3—First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. MASS: Kenneth Francis Geigel by Irma Almirall-Padamsee

10:00 a.m. Children's Faith Formation

11:30 a.m. MASS: Edward Smith by Mary Lou Bailey-Smith

Daily Readings

Mon., Nov. 27: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4

Tues., Nov. 28: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11

Wed., Nov. 29: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19

Thurs., Nov. 30: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22

Fri., Dec. 1: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33

Sat., Dec. 2: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36

Sun., Dec. 3: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

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Parish Information

GIVING TREE

Our annual Giving Tree is underway! You can choose a gift from the tags on the trees in the Parish Center or online at signup.com/go/WicvaPE. When you return your gifts, please attach the tag or label them with the description listed on the website as well as your name and email. You can place your gifts in the labeled bins in the atrium before or after Mass during the weekends of **December 2/3 and 9/10**, or bring them to the Parish Office during business hours. Volunteers will also be available to accept your gifts on **Sunday, December 10, from 12-2 p.m., and Tuesday, December 12, from 6-7 p.m.** Thank you for your continued generosity!

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.

COME TO DINNER WITH FR. JOHN

We are pleased to announce there will be a series of small group dinners with Fr. John to be held over the coming year. The first one will be hosted by the Pastoral Council on **Saturday, December 9, following the 5 p.m. Mass**. There will be no charge for the dinner, and space will be limited to 14 people. You can register by emailing John Bradac at jbradac@ithaca.edu by **December 1**. Please be sure to let him know of any dietary restrictions. Please also email John if you are able to help out that evening, before, during, or after the dinner. Don't worry if you're not able to attend this one! Others will be coming, to be held at different times. Watch the bulletin for announcements.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE DECEMBER 9

We will hold a Reconciliation Service on **Saturday, December 9, at 3:30 p.m.**, followed by individual confessions at 4 p.m. All are welcome!

POINSETTIA PROJECT

We are seeking donations toward the poinsettias for our annual Poinsettia Project. Please bring donations to the Parish Office or drop them in the collection basket.

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, and Roy Dexheimer.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers that grace our altar for Christmas are supplied through generous donations given by parishioners in memory of deceased loved ones or in honor of the living. Envelopes for the flower memorials are available in the atrium and from the Parish Office. Please return your envelope by **Monday, December 11**, by dropping it off at the Parish Office or putting it in the collection basket. The names of those memorialized will be printed in the bulletin on December 24 and 31.

MIDNIGHT MASS COMMUNITY CHOIR

Starting **Thursday, November 30**, parishioners are invited to join choir rehearsals in preparation for Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. We will have regular Thursday rehearsals from **7:15-8:15 p.m.** in the church. Midnight Mass will be held **Sunday, December 24, at 11 p.m.** For questions, please contact our music director, Alejandro Bernard, at alejandro.bernard@dor.org.

BEYOND THE PLATE UPDATE

We are excited to once again host Beyond the Plate to raise funds for the Ithaca MobilePack! Beyond the Plate is a five-course meal prepared by local expert chefs donating their time and artistry, with wine pairings by Triphammer Wine & Spirits. The event will take place on **Sunday, February 4, from 5-9 p.m.** in the Parish Center. Ticket sales will open in early January—more details to come! For information on becoming a sponsor, please contact Lisa LiVigne at lmlivigne@hotmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CLOW

We are still seeking a team of volunteers to offer our Children's Liturgy of the Word program **during the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass**. If you can help, or for more information, please contact Rich Rasmussen at rich.rasmussen@dor.org.



FR. JOHN'S HOMILY FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

On this last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year, we celebrate Jesus Christ as the King of the Universe. We get a sense of the awesome fullness of his reign from today's second reading, where St. Paul tells us that Christ must reign "until he has put all his enemies under his feet," and "everything is subjected to him," including "every sovereignty and every authority and power." He is the supreme King and Lord, ruling over all.

If we reflect on this deeply, we might find some fear or at least anxiety stirring in our hearts. We are used to seeing how powerful people operate. Even when we are dealing with someone who only has a bit of power, like our boss or local politician, we tend to be careful about how we act and talk around that person. After all, they can benefit us or hurt us if they wish to do so. Even more so if the person is very rich or very powerful — they have the potential to change our situation for better or worse depending on how they feel about us.

How much more, then, might we be worried about how Jesus will treat us, since he has absolute power over our very lives and even our eternal condition? St. Paul tells us that Jesus will destroy all his enemies in the end, even death itself. Knowing our sinfulness and our unworthiness, we might worry that Jesus will judge us as his "enemies," as he seems to be doing with the "goats" in the Gospel.

To begin to alleviate this concern, the liturgy first gives us an assuring passage from the prophet Ezekiel. God makes it clear that he is like a shepherd who is guarding over his sheep; he rescues them from where they were scattered. He pastures them and gives them rest. He promises: "The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal." If we are lost, if we have strayed, if we are sick, we need not fear, because we have a Divine Shepherd who does not consider us his enemies but rather is only concerned with our welfare and will always reach out to save us.

The psalm teaches us the same thing. The Lord is our Shepherd, leading and guiding us from all enemies, bringing us home to dwell in his house with him "for years to come." And we know that Jesus clearly identified himself as the Good Shepherd.

What then do we make of the statement of God in the first reading, where he says, "the sleek and the strong I will destroy"? And how can this loving Shepherd pronounce such seemingly harsh judgment on the "goats" in the Gospel, when he says to them, "Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels"?

We can begin to understand this by considering what kind of judge Jesus is, and what kind of judgment he makes on sinners. We know that, throughout this life, he drew close to sinners, eating and drinking with them and never drawing back from them. In fact, the "holy ones" of the time often criticized him for his compassion for sinners. In the end, the "judgment" he made on sin was that he suffered terrible torture and crucifixion to overcome it. He did not inflict condemnation on sinners; rather, he took condemnation on himself. The Lord Jesus did not make light of sin — he judged it as deadly — but he took the deadly consequences of sin on himself. He was wounded so that others might be healed. He died that others might have life. That is the kind of King we have, and that is the kind of Kingdom over which he rules.

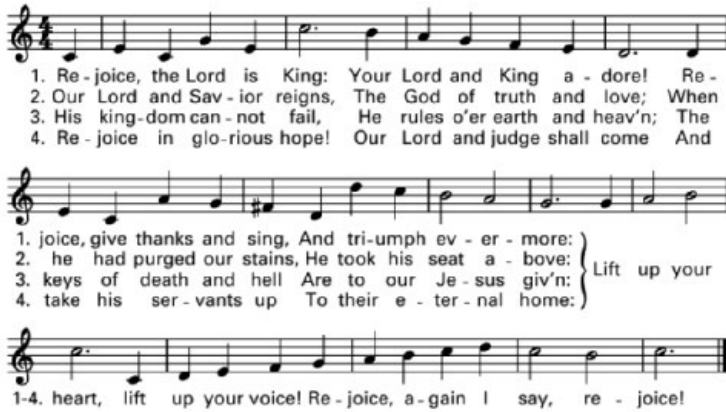
Now we can understand that the "sleek and the strong" in the reading from Ezekiel are those who are concerned only with making themselves strong. They will not suffer in order to help another. They are like the priest and the Levite in the parable of the Good Samaritan, who went over to the other side of the road to avoid the man who had been robbed and beaten. They are concerned with gaining as much strength and health as they can for themselves rather than reaching out to help others. But there is no place for this kind of attitude in Jesus' Kingdom. It is opposite of who he is and what he does. And so such people make themselves enemies of Jesus, not because he wants that, but because they have chosen a way which is opposed to his way.

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MUSIC, READINGS, AND PRAYERS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Our cantors are: Mary Martin (5 p.m.), Jane Doyle (9 a.m.), and Juan/Michelle Arroyo (11:30 a.m.).

Processional Hymn: *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* (Breaking Bread #735)



1. Re-joice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
 2. Our Lord and Sav - ior reigns, The God of truth and love; When
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; The
 4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come And

1. jice, give thanks and sing, And tri - umph ev - er - more;
 2. he had purged our stains, He took his seat a - bove;
 3. keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus giv'n; } Lift up your
 4. take his ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal home:

1-4. heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

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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



Refrain
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and on earth peace, on earth peace to
 peo - ple of good will. A - men.

To repeat Last time

(continued)

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

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: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm



The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.

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Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

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 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and

say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily**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:** *Hymn to Christ the King* (Breaking Bread #738)

Verses



1. Oh, we were wan - d'ring in the dark; ♪ we had
2. The Word made flesh, the light from light, a cry that
3. Though heav - en's glo - ry he had shown, ♪ all our
4. And though they laid him in the tomb, ♪ in the

1. lost our hope and way. And we were rest - less in our
2. pierced our end - less noise. A child to speak in - to our
3. prais - es turned to scorn. The gift of mer - cy that he
4. si - lence of the grave; no stone could keep the love of

1. hearts; ♪ how we need - ed to be saved. And so to
2. pain, re - stor - ing un - to us our joy. To teach our
3. gave, ♪ we re - turned with cross and thorn. Yet to the
4. God ♪ from the ones he came to save. And so in

1. res - cue all your own you sent to us your on - ly
2. hearts and heal our wounds, re - place our doubt with heav - en's
3. end he loved us still, sur - ren - dered to the Fa - ther's
4. pow'r and ra - diant light he van - quished death and rose to

1. son. A light to fall, a peace to bring: the
2. truth. The bro - ken, healed, the lost, re - deemed: the
3. will. For - give - ness was his of - fer - ing: the
4. life. Now with the heav - ens I shall sing the

1. com - ing of our Christ, the King.
2. beau - ty of our Christ, the King.
3. mer - cy of our Christ, the King.
4. glo - ry of our Christ, the King.

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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**


Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the

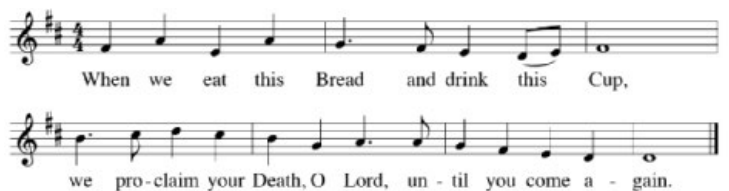
high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the

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Priest: The mystery of faith.**Memorial Acclamation – Mass of Joy and Peace**


When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

we pro - claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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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.

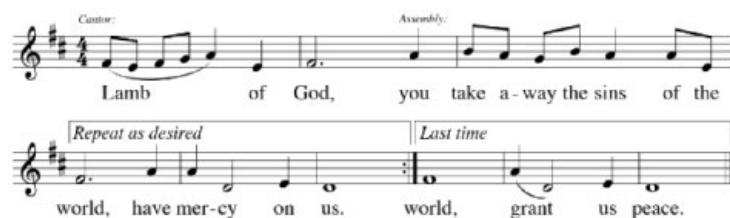
People: Amen.

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.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

(for those joining us virtually)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Jesus; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot physically receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I join myself spiritually to You and your Church.

Communion Hymn—*Bread for the World* (Breaking Bread #346)



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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 — To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King
(Gather #573)



1. To Je - sus Christ, our sov - 'reign King. Who
 2. Your reign ex - tend, O King be - nign, To
 3. To you and to your Church, great King, We

is the world's sal - va - tion, All praise and hom - age
 ev - 'ry land and na - tion; For in your king - dom,
 pledge our hearts' ob - la - tion Un - til be - fore your

do we bring And thanks and ad - o - ra - tion.
 Lord di - vine, A - lone we find sal - va - tion.
 throne we sing In end - less ju - bi - la - tion.

Christ Je - sus, Vic - tor! Christ Je - sus, Ru - ler!

Christ Je - sus, Lord and Re - deem - er!

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FR. JOHN'S HOMILY (CONTINUED)

St. Paul tells us that “in Christ shall all be brought to life.” To be “in Christ” means to be a branch on the Vine, allowing his Spirit to fill us with his own life and to continue his mission in us. If we strive to do this, dying to self to bring life to others, then we will one day hear the most amazing words: “Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” Our King is preparing a Kingdom for us! He does not want simply to reign over us, but to raise us up to reign with him in eternal glory! Let us thank and praise him for his unfathomable mercy and love, and acclaim him as our glorious King and Lord!

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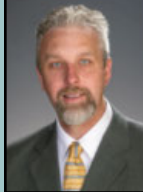


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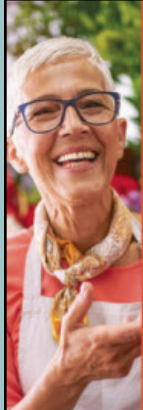


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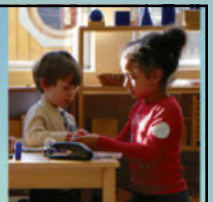
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