

Do This in Remembrance of Me, A Step by Step walk through the Mass
Part 56: Doxology

Today we are in the homestretch of our journey through the Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass! At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest prays some very special words: The Doxology. The glossary of our Catechism defines doxology as a “Christian prayer which gives praise and glory to God, often in a special way to the three divine persons of the Trinity” (CCC, 875). The Catholic Source Book tells us the word doxology comes from the Greek doxa, which means “glory.” In our tradition, the Gloria can be referred to as the “Greater Doxology” and the prayer “Glory Be” the “lesser doxology” (The Catholic Source Book, p. 7). There are many doxologies found throughout our prayer, including those in the Bible. For example: “For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.” (Romans 11:36). Another example is: “To him be glory now and to the day of eternity” (2 Peter 3:18).

Gratitude for Participation in Jesus’ Offering

As for the doxology of the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest raises the chalice and paten, and sings or says: “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.” As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, “These words of praise addressed to the Father summarize well the reality of what has just taken place: the sacrificial offering of the Son to the Father through the Holy Spirit” (A Study of the Mass, p. 16). For me as a priest, this is always a truly special moment where I feel an overlapping mix of unworthiness and joy. Elevating Jesus in the Eucharist above the altar, I am often struck with a sense of being allowed to participate in something truly amazing! Here is Jesus truly present, being offered to the Father through this moment in the Mass. This moment of elevation reminds me of Jesus on the Cross—lifted up, giving everything in love for us. As I hold Jesus up above the altar, I feel that the gesture is saying to God the Father: “Here is Jesus, your Beloved Son; here is the One who loves us perfectly and gave everything for us!”

Fr. Guy Oury mentions this “offering gesture” and how “the offering is that of the Son and at the same time that of the Church. The Mass is inseparably both—an offering made by Christ and by the Church. It is one through the other. The sacrifice of Christ makes possible the sacrifice of the Church and evokes it in response. The Church, to speak in figure, receives the offering from the hands of Christ. He instituted it for the Church, which presents it with him” (The Mass, p. 103). I’m often amazed at the humility of Jesus: in his generosity and love, he invites us through the priest to join in this moment of offering and praise!

United with the Church, Both on Earth and in Heaven

Charles Belmonte breaks down the words of this doxology, highlighting the ways we are invited into this moment through Jesus, “Through him: Through Jesus’ mediation, we have access to God... With him: We are children of God, through the adoption Christ merited for us... In him: There is one and the same life in him and in us... In the unity of the Holy Spirit: The Church is a unity brought together by the Holy Spirit. He joins us together as believers and gives us the life of grace by which we become children of God. He dwells in us, enabling us to offer the sacrifice of praise to God, together with the entire Church” (Understanding the Mass, p. 162).

This moment of the Mass brings us to the great culmination of the Eucharistic Prayer and the one perfect sacrifice of Jesus. As some saints have reminded us, in a very real way we are joined with the angels and saints in the heavenly liturgy. As Jesus is offered to the Father through the Holy Spirit, it seems that all of creation should burst forth together in praise and joy. How can we hold back in the midst of such a wonderful gift? As we will see, we all have a response at this moment that praises God: The Great Amen!

For Reflection:

1. When you pray the “Glory Be,” imagine the elevation of the paten and chalice during the Eucharistic Prayer, and unite your prayer with the offering of Christ.
2. As you make decisions about what you give and what you receive today, consider how these acts of offering do or do not glorify God. At moments when you receive or give human praise, direct your heart to give glory to God.

This article was written by Fr. Luke Spannagel and published on the National Eucharistic Revival Blog Webpage.



Baptisms:	Reconciliation	Marriage	Quincerañeras	Anointing of the Sick	Communion to the Sick / Homebound
By Appointment only Contact Parish office for more information	Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4-5pm and on request	By appointment only: Contact parish office at least 6 months prior to proposed date.	Must be enrolled and actively participating in Religious Education Classes	Anytime: contact the parish office	<i>Pastoral Visit:</i> 1st Friday of the Month / Contact the parish office

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. Mark 8:34"



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 2024



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WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY (Vigil) 5:30PM
SUNDAY (en Español) 8:00AM
10:00AM & 12:00PM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday (en Español) **5:30PM**
Wednesday - Friday **8:30AM**
First Friday of the Month
Eucharistic Adoration 5:30PM
Friday Daily Mass **6:30PM**

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Daily 3:00 pm Chapel

ST. JUDE NOVENA
Tuesdays 6:00 pm

BIBLE STUDY
Tuesdays 7:00PM (Español)
Thursdays 7:00PM (English)
R.E. building

LA HORA DE DIOS PRAYER GROUP
Fridays 6:00 pm Church

NEW TO THE PARISH?
Interested in registering with us? Ask the ushers for a registration form, welcome to the parish. If you would like to become involved with one of the ministries or organizations here, you can find contact numbers on this bulletin

MASS INTENTIONS
ALL Mass intention requests should be submitted to the parish office. For Intentions to appear in the Bulletin they must be submitted by 4:00pm Tuesday.

Donation of \$5 per intention is suggested.
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

The Chapel is available to anyone 24/7 if you would like to spend time to visit with Jesus in the Eucharist. To get the door code contact the parish office or Fr. Andrew.

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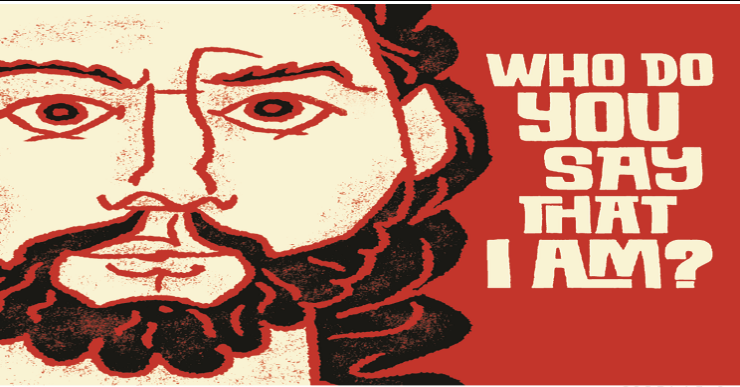
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Mass Intentions For The Week

SATURDAY September 14, 2024
5:30PM: Souls in Purgatory
†Santa Rocha (Lupe & Dora)
†Lydia Zambrano (Jesse Zambrano & Family)
†Guadalupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)
†Mary Elam (Rose De La Cruz)
†Alejandro & †Johnny Lopez (Minerva Lopez)
†John & †Otilia Schicker (Family)
†Concepcion, †Ester & †David Rangel
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez
Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe (Minerva Lopez)
SUNDAY September 15, 2024
8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz (Family)
†Estefana Menchaca (M/M Manuel Menchaca)
10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)
†Santos Garcia (Family)
†Loy Avila (Sanchez Family)
†Eddie Perez (Family)
†Federico & †Arturo Federico Flores (Family)
†Ernest, †Roy & †Meisha Hinojosa (Family)
†Santa Rocha, †Cora Hernandez (Ophelia Avila)
12:00PM: †Janie Galvan (Family)
†Lelia Guzman (Family)
†Adrian G Flores (Family)
†Juan C Flores Jr. (Family)
†Maria Oralia Cavazos (Cavazos Family)
†Emilio Peña Sr. (Family)
TUESDAY September 17, 2024
5:30PM: †Stanislaw Kowal
WEDNESDAY September 18, 2024
8:30AM: Special Intentions of Sue Hartnett
THURSDAY September 19, 2024
8:30AM: Thanksgiving to Blessed Mother, All Angels & Saints
FRIDAY September 20, 2024
8:30AM: for the parishioners of Immaculate Conception



MASS TIME CHANGE

On Saturday, October 5th the Saturday Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 5:00PM for that day only. Please make note of this change. Confessions will also be from 3:30-4:30pm on this day.

DON'T BE LATE!

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP	
Envelope Collection	\$1,766.00
Loose Collection	\$878.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$150.00
Children’s Offering	\$25.00
Online Giving	\$270.00
Collection Total - Sept. 7/8	\$3,089.00
Catholic University of America	\$296.00

Special Collections for the Month of September

14/15 - Disaster Relief Collection

21/22 - Building Maintenance Fund

Special Offering

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† Belief - Trust - Faith †

Prayer is the most powerful against trials, the most effective medicine against sickness and the most valuable gift to someone we care for.

Please pray for the sick of the parish, especially:

Names remain on the prayer list for two (2) months; after which they are removed, to add/remove a name contact the parish office.

Valerie Aleman,	Luis Flores,	Yolanda G. Rodriguez,
Victoria Arredondo,	Esmeralda Hernandez,	San Juanita Saenz,
Paula Avila,	Jorge Hernandez,	Bernice Sanchez,
Rafael Baez	San Juanita Hinojosa,	Adan Salazar,
Rosa Barrera,	Jaime Jimenez,	Gracie Salazar,
Elisa Claudio,	Adolfo Menchaca Jr.,	Raymond Smith,
Johnny Cruz,	Alejandro Mora,	B Solis,
Sandra Davila,	Anastacio Mora,	Dora Tagle,
Adela Escobedo,	Noemilio Mora,	Gloria Treviño,
Aurora Flores,	Angie Ochoa,	Joe Treviño,
Chris Flores,	Anita Peña,	Sara Treviño,
Eudelia Flores,	Jerry Rivera Sr.,	Gerri Zambrano
Guadalupe Flores,	Julia Rodriguez,	
Juanita Flores,	Sergio Rodriguez,	

NEXT WEEK’S MINISTERS SCHEDULE		
Sat. Sept. 21 Sun. Sept. 22	Lector 	Extra Ordinary Ministers 
5:30PM	David	Louis
8:00AM	Armando	Carmen
10:00AM	Gabriel	Cindy
12:00PM	Jesse C.	Lucy

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

LISTENING AND RESPONDING

There are three interwoven themes in today’s readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related?

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don’t always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God’s promptings will lead us in the right way.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian
1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: St. Robert Bellarmine
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday:
1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: St. Januarius
1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: Ss. Andrew Kim Taegŏn and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions
1 Cor 15: 12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8; 15;Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: St. Matthew
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Sunday: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God, you are exactly who you say you are, my redeemer. By death on a Cross, you saved me from my sin and transgressions. Help me to more fully understand the gravity of this sacrifice, to take up my own crosses and follow you. Amen.

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

This week, prayerfully consider one way you can show your faith in God through your works. Consider volunteering at a soup kitchen, collecting food for a food bank, visiting someone in a nursing home, or writing an affirmation letter to a family member or friend.

Special Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for September

For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

ESCUCHANDO Y RESPONDIENDO

En las lecturas de hoy se entrecruzan tres temas: escuchar a Dios, la fe vs. las buenas obras y perder nuestra vida para poder salvarla. ¿De qué manera están relacionados estos temas?

En Isaías, el Siervo Sufriente padece muchos disgustos y burlas, pero puede soportarlos porque ha escuchado los mensajes de Dios día tras día. El salmo nos dice que Dios también escucha. Dios escucha nuestras súplicas y siempre está dispuesto a salvarnos. Cuando nuestra fe se profundiza, también se profundiza nuestro deseo de hacer obras de justicia y caridad que fortalecen el Reino de Dios. Dios guía nuestras acciones de maneras que muchas veces no podemos ver y no siempre vemos los resultados. Se nos llama en fe a confiar en que lo que hacemos es suficiente y que nuestra disposición a escuchar los mensajes de Dios nos guiará por el camino correcto.

TRAVELING IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

In preparation for our centennial celebration in 2026, we have a image of Divine Mercy that will be traveling from home to home over the next several years. The mission of this is to pray for all our parish families. If you would like to have this image visit your home, see the sign-up book in the entry of the church. You are welcomed to sign up for it more than once. The sign-up sheet is currently listed through December. Currently the image is scheduled to be picked up at the church on Saturday or Sunday and dropped off back at the church by Saturday (around the time of confessions).

Pray for the following families that will be hosting the Traveling Divine Image this week

Isidro & Christina Garza

Are you looking to expand your daily prayer life. Try downloading any one of these three apps on your phone or mobile device.

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Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours audio & text for Catholic Christian prayer, gives you the opportunity to participate in

