

# St. Patrick Parish

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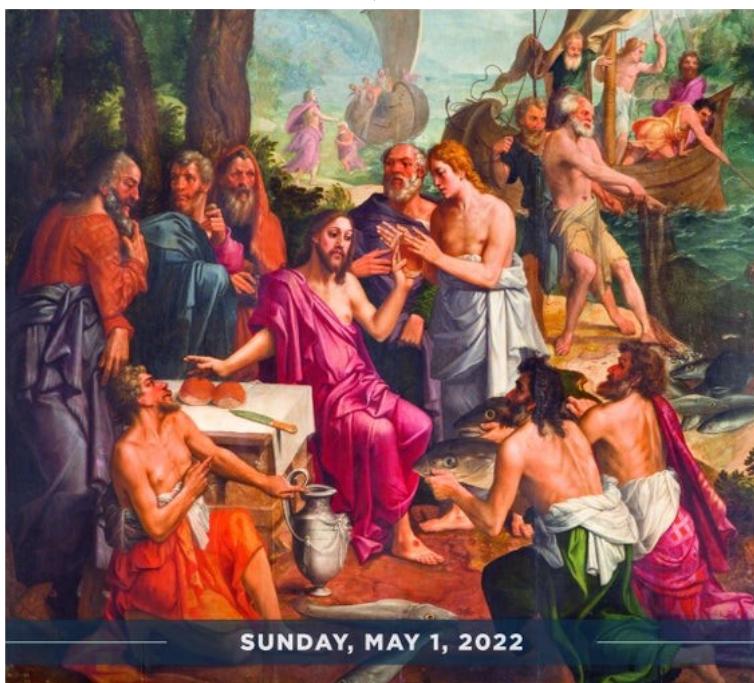
### EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Mass Schedule is: **Only 8am Mass Livestreamed\***

Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 pm

Sunday \***8:00 am and 10:30 am**

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
8:00 am



SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022

### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. - Jn 21:12-13

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PRAY  
THE  
ROSARY

### PROTECTING OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you want to share feelings of hurt or betrayal, call Judith Audette, Victim Services Coordinator, Office of Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363 (confidential line).



Handicap accessibility by the elevator entrance on the left driveway side of the Church building.





# Mass Intentions

FAMILIES REQUESTING A MASS ARE WELCOMED TO  
BRING UP THE GIFTS AT THE OFFERTORY.  
PLEASE LET THE SACRISTAN KNOW YOU ARE AT MASS.

TO SCHEDULE A MASS INTENTION OR  
REQUEST A TABERNACLE LAMP,  
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE: 508-886-4984  
(\*Living Intention)

## Saturday, April 30:

**5:00 pm** All Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday, May 1:** *8 am Livestreamed Mass* †

**8:00 am** Pauline Piscitelli  
Requested by the Totas Family

**10:30 am** Lawrence "Larry" Harris  
Requested by the Parish

## Monday, May 2:

**8:00 am** (\*Living Intention) Deacon Pierre Gemme on  
the 14th Anniversary of Ordination (April 12)  
Requested by the Parish

## Tuesday, May 3:

**8:00 am** Vickie Mailhot  
Requested by the Parish  
*Divine Mercy Chaplet following Mass*

## Wednesday, May 4:

**8:00 am** (\*Living Intention) Fr. Derek Borer on the 23rd  
Anniversary of Ordination  
Requested by Lauren Maldonado

## Saturday, April 7:

**5:00 pm** Joseph Kaminski, 17th Anniversary  
Requested by the Stidson Family

**Sunday, May 1:** *8 am Livestreamed Mass* †

**8:00 am** Ann Croteau  
Requested by the McMahon Family  
**10:30 am** Francis P. Luca  
Requested by Joe Luca



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**May 1:** Rosary following the 10:30 am Mass

**May 2:** Holy Hour, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

**May 3:** Scripture Study & Faith Sharing, around 9am,  
in the Church Hall (Every Tuesday) following the Divine  
Mercy Chaplet

**May 3:** Light of the World Follow Up Meeting -  
Growing with Christ, 7:00-8:30 pm, in the Parish Center  
Hall (Every Tuesday through May 24th)

**May 7:** Walk & Talk Resumes, 9:00 am, meet at Miles  
Road entrance to the Rail Trail

**May 7:** Confessions, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

**May 16:** Holy Hour, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

**May 25:** Rosary with the Knights of Columbus,  
7:00 pm, in the Church & Livestreamed



## 2022 Appeal

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Please prayerfully consider the ways  
in which you can pledge or donate  
to the 2022 Partners in Charity  
appeal through St. Patrick's Parish  
or directly on the secure website: [partners-charity.net](http://partners-charity.net).

Your pledge is a tangible way to be a "face of Christ" to  
the world through the support of the 27 agencies and  
ministries which rely on this appeal for funding each year.  
Thank you for your support.

## April 24, 2022 Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Weekly Offering	\$ 3,776.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,676.00
Higher Utilities	\$ 290.00
Easter Offering	\$ 225.00
Mother's Day	\$ 95.00
Holy Day-Ascension	\$ 20.00
	\$ 6,082.00

### Special Collections:

**Holy Land (Good Friday)** \$ 70.00  
**Catholic Relief Services** \$ 50.00

We are grateful to all who have been able  
to make their weekly offering or make use  
of on-line giving during this time.



### TABERNACLE LAMP

**Joseph Kaminski**

May 1 - May 7, 2022



## A Message from our Pastor...

Dear Friends,

Over these last weeks, I have led some of our parishioners through classes on prayer. Having started with Dan Burke's *Into the Deep* and Fr. Jacques Philippe's *Time for God*, we were able to lay the foundations for greater depth. We then took up a relatively new book: *Personal Prayer: A Guide for Receiving the Father's Love* by Fr. Thomas Acklin and Fr. Boniface Hicks. It has been extremely powerful in opening the depths of God's love to us through prayer. Below is an excerpt from the beginning of our latest chapter, entitled *Poverty*, which calls us to a new radical openness before the Lord. Let us pray we all dare to respond generously to this call:

*"A fundamental building block in our prayer life consists in the interior movement of allowing God into the different internal parts of us. Our interior life is fragmented. For example, we act differently around strangers than around friends. A different part of us emerges in a formal setting than in an informal setting. We behave differently when we are in crisis or in pain than when everything is calm and peaceful. Transformation takes place when we allow God to shine His Light and pour His Love into all the different parts of our interior life. The deeper and darker the interior places, the more profound the transformation will be."*

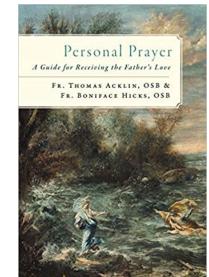
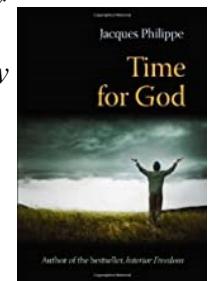
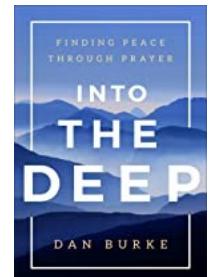
*"The beginner in prayer generally brings his or her best self-presentation to God. Many people learned this as small children. Their parents taught them to be quiet, sit up, fold their hands, and look holy. At first, our behavior in prayer tends to imitate our behavior in the most formal settings. There is a purpose to this, and sometimes it helps us feel better to know that we can at least behave well in Church. On the other hand, our formal self-presentation is often superficial. We behave in Church in a pious way, and yet we know there are broken and sinful parts of us that lie underneath this pious appearance. This hypocrisy is hard to handle, and if we do not learn how to expose our deeper and darker parts to God, we may simply quit praying as a result. Furthermore, as we pray for more extended periods, we have a hard time keeping up the pious exterior. It tends to disintegrate into restlessness, fidgeting, and falling asleep. At best, we learn how to substitute in some other respectable behavior, such as reading, in order to pass the time in prayer, but we do not allow God's love to transform the deeper parts of us."*

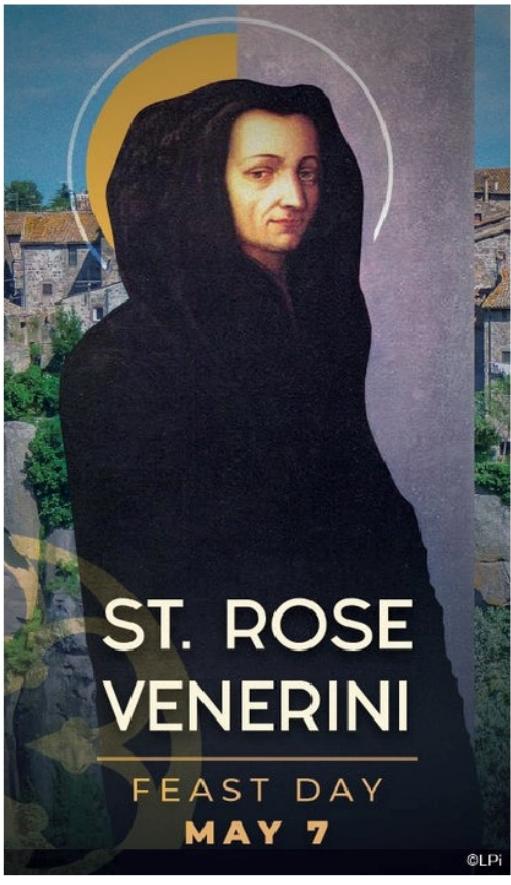
*"Even if we move beyond a formal, superficial prayer and let God into some parts of our lives, we may struggle to let Him into the deeper parts. In fact, simply finding the deeper parts of our interior lives can be challenging for us. What do the deepest parts look like? How do we find them? How do we bring God into them and bring them into God? In this chapter, we look at the areas of every human heart that come to the forefront as we persevere in prayer. The most terrifying is the dark abyss of our sinfulness. Due to original sin, we are capable of horrible things, and we must learn to face that and let God love us there. We must also learn to face our poverty, starting with the basic limitations of our contingent existence and then looking at all the unique limitations each of us has. Finally, we can learn from St. Therese how to believe that God can love us in our poverty by seeing it as the limitations of a little child who always remains infinitely loved by her father."*

*"The process of opening up ourselves completely to God, laying everything bare and remaining vulnerably naked before Him is the only way to discover how totally and unconditionally He loves us. As long as we keep something hidden from Him, we will always wonder, consciously or subconsciously, whether He really loves us or whether He simply loves the persona we have presented to Him. The deepest intimacy between lovers happens when they let each other into their deepest secrets. At that point the intimacy even becomes an unbreakable union. That is what God wants for us and that is the deepest longing of our hearts as well. It is the highest consummation of prayer, but it must first go all the way to the depths of our souls."\**

God Bless, *Fr. Jim*

\*- Acklin, Thomas, and Boniface Hicks. "Chapter 6: Poverty." In *Personal Prayer: A Guide for Receiving the Father's Love*, 155–57. Steubenville, OH: Emmaus Road Publishing, 2020.





## SAINT OF THE WEEK

The story of St. Rose of Venerini (February 9, 1656 – May 7, 1728) is one of having faith in God and his calling in your life. Born in Italy in 1656, she was the daughter of a doctor. Following the death of her fiancé, she entered a convent in the hopes of becoming a nun, but soon returned home to care for her mother after the death of her father. In an effort to keep up her spiritual side, St. Rose invited women of the neighborhood to recite the rosary in her home, and together they formed a sodality.

Unsure of where her life was headed, she sought the spiritual guidance of a Jesuit priest. After much contemplation, she admitted to feeling called to be a teacher in the world, rather than a nun in a convent. Eventually, she moved ahead and opened a free school for girls in 1685. Eventually, she was invited to oversee the training of teachers and the administration of schools in the Diocese of Montefiascone, which then led to being called upon to organize schools in many parts of Italy, including Rome.

St. Rose died in Rome in 1728 amid a number of miracles that many credit to her. The group of women she first prayed with in her home eventually became known as the Venerini Sisters, found in the United States and working among Italian immigrants. St. Rose was beatified in 1952 and canonized in 2006. © LPi



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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



## Spring is Here!

**Hope to see you Next Saturday, May 7th!**



St. Patrick's walking group will meet on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 am at the Miles Rd. entrance to the Rail Trail Starting on May 7

You can walk for as short or as long a distance as you prefer. For questions, please **text Robin at 508-210-6761.**

## Dismas Farm Dinner Ministry by St. Patrick's is Coming Back!

After a long COVID hiatus, we are reconstituting our Meal Teams from St. Patrick's to help feed our brothers and sisters at Dismas Farm.

We hope to have at least 8 teams of three people, each team will provide 3 meals per year.

If you would like to help or need more information, please contact **Deacon Brian Stidsen** at **bstidsen51@gmail.com** or **774-696-3000.**

The Dismas Family Farm provides housing and services to homeless former prisoners on a 12-bed, working farm in Oakham, where residents learn critical vocational skills to reintegrate positively and meaningfully with society. Residents and staff work together to tend the farm and grow food for the summer program and local food pantries. The residential program revolves around the Dismas motto 'Dismas is family', and community volunteers join residents for family-style dinners.



## **Say NO to Physician Assisted Suicide in Massachusetts**

### **LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD NOW!**

The Massachusetts State Legislature is considering passing into law two deeply troubling bills this session which would legalize Physician Assisted Suicide. The bills, House 2381 and Senate 1384, are identical in text and titled “*An Act relative to end of life options*”.

*“The Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts stand united in our strong opposition to Physician Assisted Suicide. It is an affront to life and a dangerous precedent for determining end of life issues. Physicians are trained to care for the ill, not to hasten death.”<sup>1</sup>*

Here are some troubling facts to consider before you act:

- 1) The bills would allow a physician to provide a deadly drug mixture to an individual diagnosed with less than 6 months to live that, when consumed, would cause death.  
**NOTE-** The diagnosis could be wrong. Countless individuals have outlived that 6-month diagnosis and enjoyed many more precious months and years with family and friends.
- 2) No Real Safeguards - A vulnerable individual who is physically disabled, depressed, or fears being a “burden” may be subject to undue influence by others to take the drug mixture, especially if there is a financial benefit as an incentive.
- 3) The primary focus of elected officials should be dedicated to legislation providing quality health care, mental health care and palliative care to the sick and dying – particularly in the underserved, poor and minority communities that suffer the most at the time of need.

### **How can your voice be heard?**

Call or email your legislators, let them know you are a Massachusetts voter, and say NO to Physician Assisted Suicide! Log on to [www.macatholic.org](http://www.macatholic.org) and follow the links to find contact information for:

- Members of the legislative Joint Committee on Health Care Finance who will be considering these bills.
- Your individual State Senator and Representative via address and zip code link.

**For individuals without internet access, please call the Massachusetts Catholic Conference at 617-746-5630 for legislative contact information.**



<sup>1</sup> Boston Pilot - Statement of the four Roman Catholic Bishops of Boston, Fall River, Springfield, and Worcester (December 8, 2017)



## Third Sunday of Easter

*...Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "feed my sheep."* JOHN 21:17

How often do you actually say the words "I love you" to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We all crave



**Knights of  
Columbus**

**St Patrick's Knights  
of Columbus Council 16001**

*will be conducting a drive  
for new members during the Masses on 5/14 and 5/15.*

*The Knights are a key part in bringing a culture of faith to our Parishioners, community, and Parish.  
Come join the over 2 million members around the world!  
Learn more about what we do by talking with current  
Knights after the Masses on 5/14 and 5/15.*

*We welcome any interested men , 18 years or older who are seeking an opportunity to assist the Parish and surrounding communities in a number of different ways.*

*For questions or additional information, please send an email to Scott Duncan - [scott.w.duncan603@gmail.com](mailto:scott.w.duncan603@gmail.com).*

### Rutland Food Pantry

#### *Upcoming Distribution Dates*

##### *May*

Thursday, May 12, 2022	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, May 28, 2022	9:00 - 10:30 AM

#### *Our current Wish List includes:*

- Boxed Pasta/Spaghetti
- Mustard – Mayo – Ketchup – Relish
- Salad Dressing
- Suddenly Salads
- Cookies - Crackers - Snacks
- Coffee/Tea
- Low Salt/Sugar Free/Gluten Free items



Thank you for all your help, support and continued prayers for this important ministry.

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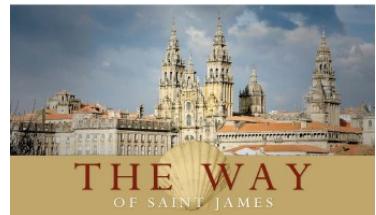
PICK OF THE WEEK

**May 1, 2022**

### THE WAY OF ST. JAMES

## WATCH

"This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith but are united in their journey across the Camino de Santiago. Each of them is traveling toward the shrine of St. James the Apostle, whose feast day we celebrate this week. "



<https://watch.formed.org/the-way-of-saint-james/videos/the-way-of-saint-james>



### ACTS OF THE APOSTLES WITH MARK HART



The feast day of Saints Philip and James reminds us of the impact that the Apostles made on the whole world. With Philip, James, and all the Apostles in mind, join Mark Hart in this refresher on the Book of Acts.

<https://watch.formed.org/acts-of-the-apostles-with-mark-hart>



### REACHING OUT TO TODAY'S CULTURE BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

## LISTEN

Saints Philip and James each lived extraordinary lives of missionary zeal. In this insightful talk, Bishop Barron shares his advice on how to live similar lives of mission within a culture dominated by media and misconceptions about faith.



<https://watch.formed.org/reaching-out-to-today-s-culture-answering-the-four-youtube-heresies-by-bp-robert-barron/>



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# Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022

## Reading I: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

When the captain and the court officers had brought the apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, “We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man’s blood upon us.” But Peter and the apostles said in reply, “We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.” The Sanhedrin ordered the apostles to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

R I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will extol you, O LORD, for you drew me clear  
and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O LORD, you brought me up from the netherworld;  
you preserved me from among those going down  
into the pit. R

Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger lasts but a moment;  
a lifetime, his good will.

At nightfall, weeping enters in,  
but with the dawn, rejoicing. R

Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me;  
O LORD, be my helper.

You changed my mourning into dancing;  
O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks. R

## Reading 2: Rev 5:11-14

I, John, looked and heard the voices of many angels who surrounded the throne and the living creatures and the elders. They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice: “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing.” Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe, cry out: “To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever.” The four living creatures answered, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ is risen, creator of all; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia, Alleluia.

## Gospel: Jn 21:1-19 (Short Form Bold Jn 21:1-14)

At that time, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee’s sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We also will come with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, have you caught anything to eat?” They answered him, “No.” So he said to them, “Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something.” So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord.” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you just caught.” So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come, have breakfast.” And none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” Simon Peter answered him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” He then said to Simon Peter a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Simon Peter answered him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” Jesus said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, “Follow me.”

# Select Mass Prayers

## Penitential Act Form A (Confiteor)

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault,  
through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

## Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
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

## 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.

## Preface Acclamation

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.



## Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen

## Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our protection  
against the wickedness  
and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him,  
we humbly pray; and do Thou,  
O Prince of the Heavenly Host,  
by the Power of God, cast into hell  
Satan and all the evil spirits  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



## The Memorare

REMEMBER, O most gracious  
Virgin Mary, that never was it known  
that anyone who fled to thy protection,  
implored thy help,  
or sought thy intercession  
was left unaided.



Inspired by this confidence,  
I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins,  
my Mother; to thee do I come;  
before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.  
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,  
despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy  
hear and answer me. Amen.

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