

# Christ THE Divine SHEPHERD PARISH

The Catholic Community of  
Penn Hills and Monroeville



THERE WAS A LANDOWNER  
WHO PLANTED A VINEYARD,  
PUT A HEDGE AROUND IT,  
DUG A WINE PRESS IN IT,  
AND BUILT A TOWER.  
THEN HE LEASED IT TO TENANTS  
AND WENT ON A JOURNEY.

MATTHEW 21:33

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 4, 2020

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### Welcome to our Parish!

We are happy you have joined us today and want you to know that you are always welcome at Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish. We invite you to participate in our many parish activities and ministries mentioned in this bulletin. We all have different gifts and talents that we can use to serve God and each other.

### Mass Schedule

#### Monday, Wednesday, Friday

St. Bernadette 9:30am

#### Tuesday, Thursday

St. Susanna 9:30am

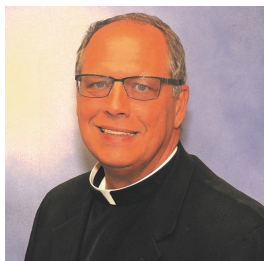
#### Saturday

St. Bernadette 4:00pm  
St. Susanna 5:00pm

#### Sunday

St. Bernadette 8:00am  
St. Susanna 9:00am  
St. Bernadette 11:00am  
St. Susanna 11:30am

To Save your Seat for Mass log on to our website at  
[cdsmph.org/rsvp](https://cdsmph.org/rsvp) or call the office at 412-373-0050.



## From Father Thom

Why do so few people go to church today? Could it be that the churches are emptying because they are too slow to change, too caught up in old

traditions that no longer make sense. There are many speculations. One man suggested that the real issue was not whether the church was too progressive or regressive. Rather, in his view, less and less people were going to church because “basically people treat their churches exactly the way they treat their own families; they want them around, but they don’t go home to visit them all that much!” Sociologist Reginald Bibby wisecracks: “People aren’t leaving their churches, they just aren’t going to them – and that is a difference that needs to be understood.”

There is a difference between leaving a family and just not showing up regularly for its celebrations. This distinction in fact needs to shape the way we answer a number of important questions: Who belongs to the church? What makes for a practicing Catholic? When is someone’s relationship to the church mortally terminated? What does it mean to be outside the church? As well, this distinction impacts on the question as to who is entitled to receive the rites of baptism, Eucharist, confirmation, marriage, and Christian burial.

People are treating their churches just like they treat their families. Isn’t that as it should be? Theologically the church is family – it’s not like family, it is family. A good ecclesiology then has to look to family life to properly understand itself. Now if we place the questions we just posed within the context of family life, we have there the best perspective within which to answer them. Thus, inside of our families: Who is in and who is out? When does someone cease being a “practicing” member of a family? Does someone cease to be a member of a family because he or she doesn’t come home much any more? Do we refuse to give a wedding for a son or daughter just because he or she, caught up in youth and self-interest, hasn’t come home the last couple of years for Easter and Christmas? Not exactly abstract questions!

Many of us have children and siblings who for various reasons, at this stage of their lives, largely use the family for their own needs and convenience. They want the family around, but on their terms. They want the family for valued contact at key moments (weddings, births of children, funerals, anniversaries, birthdays, and so on) but they don’t want a relationship to it that is really committed and regular. A lot of families are like that. They understand this, accept it, swallow hard sometimes, and remain a family despite it. In any extended family, it’s natural that, while everyone is a member of the family, there will be different levels of participation. Some will give more, others will take more. Some, by virtue of maturity, will carry most of the burden – they will arrange the dinners, pay for them, keep inviting the others, do most of the work, and take on the task of trying to preserve the family bond and ethos. Others, because of youthful restlessness, immaturity, self-interest, confusion, peer-pressure, laziness, anger, whatever, will carry less, take the family for granted, and buy in largely on their own terms. That describes most families and is also a pretty accurate description of most churches. There are different levels of participation and maturity, but there is only one church and that church, like any family, survives precisely because some members are willing to carry more of the burden than others. Those others, however, except for more exceptional circumstances, do not cease being members of the family. They ride on the grace of the others, literally. It’s how family works; how grace works; how church works.

Church must be understood as family: Certain things can put you out of the family, true. However, in most families, simple immaturity, hurt, confusion, distraction, laziness, youthful restlessness, and self-preoccupation – the reasons why most people who do not go to church stay away – do not mortally sever your connection. You remain a family member. You don’t cease being “a practicing member” of the family because for a time you aren’t home very much. Families understand this. Ecclesial family, church, needs to be just as understanding.

## Our Parish Community

### St Michael Feast Day—September 29, 2020



**Our Christ the Divine Shepherd Family gathered for Holy Mass on September 29th at St. Michael Church in Pitcairn to celebrate the feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels.**

### Flocknote

Christ the Divine Shepherd is now on Flocknote! We will provide updates and announcements that may come directly to you via email and/or text. To sign up, go to [flocknote.com](https://flocknote.com). Our URL for Flocknote is [ChristTheDivineShepherd.flocknote.com](https://ChristTheDivineShepherd.flocknote.com). We will begin providing information through this portal in the near future. Stay connected to Christ the Divine Shepherd to remain current on Mass schedules, events and other important information.

## Our Parish Community

### Blood Drive Update

The September 27th Blood Drive netted 15 units of blood. Thank you to all participants for coming in and for your generosity in donating the gift of life. A 3rd Quarter and YTD 2020 summary will be published in the near future.

### RCIA

Do you know someone who might want to join the Catholic Church? Consider joining us for RCIA. It's open to anyone who is curious about our Church and wants to be initiated into the Faith. We are looking at ways to develop new approaches that will allow us to continue even during the current restrictions. The RCIA Program will begin in the fall. Contact Deacon Mike (412-373-0050 x 112) or by email ([mkelly@cdsmph.org](mailto:mkelly@cdsmph.org)) for more details.

### All Souls Remembrance Services



Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish Community will remember our dearly departed in two services on Monday, November 2. We invite you to choose the service that is most convenient for you:

- North American Martyrs 7 pm
- St. Gerard Majella 7 pm

We will celebrate the Liturgy of the Word and light candles for each of our departed whose funerals were held in our parish in the past year. Personal invitations will be sent soon to the next of kin on record. The SAVE-A-SEAT option will be available on Monday October 19 at 9 AM. Due to the seating capacity limitations in our church buildings due to the pandemic, we ask that the number of attendees from any one family be limited to four.

### Patronal Feast Days at Christ the Divine Shepherd

*Celebrate their Example and Witness*

October 16: St Gerard Majella  
October 19: NAM  
April 16: St Bernadette

Mark your calendars for these special dates in our parish life and plan to join us for Holy Mass in the churches whose name honors these special saints!

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*St. Gerard Majella*  
**FEAST DAY MASS**

October 16, 2020  
9:30 am  
St. Gerard Majella Church

*Save a Seat beginning October 5*  
[cdsmph.org/rsvp](https://cdsmph.org/rsvp)

## Our Parish Community

### General Visits CDS



Brigadier General Robert Pleczkowski, son-in-law of parishioner Betty Mitlo visited Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish for Mass this past week. Brigadier General Pleczkowski joined the Army in 1991 and has served in many chaplain positions in the Army Reserve. In 2006, he transferred to the Active Guard and Reserve Program and continued to serve in various positions. In 2017, he was selected as the Deputy Chief of Chaplains, Reserve Component at the Office of the Chief of Chaplains. In this position, he also served as the director of the U.S. Army Institute for Religious Leadership at Fort Jackson. He also deployed to Afghanistan with the 10th Mountain Division. Brigadier General Pleczkowski was honored at a retirement ceremony at Fort Jackson at the end of August where he received the Distinguished Service Medal and other honors. Our parish family wishes him well in his retirement and continues to pray for all those who serve our country in the military.



### Polling Locations



Please note **our church sites at Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish are not being used as polling locations** for the general election this year. To find your polling place, visit:

<https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/pollingplaceinfo.aspx>

### **Updates to Mass Seating Capacity and Distribution of Eucharist**

This week, Bishop Zubik issued a press release with his recommendations for church seating capacity and the distribution of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. He asked that we continue to observe the precautions of "social distancing" (six feet between Mass attendees from different households) and mask-wearing. In addition, he noted that, as long as these precautions are in place, church seating capacity can be increased beyond the current "25% of seating capacity" limit. With this in mind, beginning Saturday, October 10, we'll be able to increase our capacity at our Masses: rather than two family groups per pew, we should be able to accommodate up to three groups per pew. This will allow up to 50% more seating capacity at our Masses! We'll increase the number of RSVPs available for our weekend Masses accordingly.

Also, Bishop Zubik encouraged the return to distribution of the Eucharist at its normal place within the Mass.

We're still working out the details of how we'll implement that change; nevertheless, beginning Saturday, October 10, we'll distribute the Eucharist during Mass, rather than at the conclusion of Mass.

Bishop Zubik also mentioned that, at present, "the COVID restrictions of not offering the Blood of Christ and of not sharing the sign of peace remain unchanged."

## Our Parish Community

### Mass Intentions

#### Mass Intentions for 2020

A number of Mass intentions still remain open for 2020. We invite you to visit our parish office (located at 245 Azalea Dr, Monroeville, on the site of St Bernadette church) during regular business hours.

#### Mass Intentions for 2021

We will begin taking Mass intentions for 2021 on November 14, with an event at one of our church sites. Please stay tuned for more information!

### Envisioning Ministry

For five years we were preparing for the culmination of the *On Mission for the Church Alive!* initiative. Who would have envisioned the pandemic of 2020? Who would have thought we would be separated from almost everything that we did in our daily lives, our loved ones, our jobs, but most importantly worshipping our God together. With gratitude we are moving forward to not only envisioning but enacting the reality of becoming an alive and vibrant parish. Our predecessor parishes had many vital ministries, and perhaps you were blessed and touched by some of them. The Leadership Team wants to hear from you what ministries are important to you and what you may want to participate in such as Funeral and Bereavement Ministry, support groups, outreach such as St. Vincent de Paul, Ladies of Charity, Men's groups, Women's groups to name a few. Please email us, sign up for Flock Notes or call the Parish Office (412-373-0050 ext. 111) to tell us what ministry is close to your heart. Together, as the Body of Christ, we are a Parish Alive!



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### Pray for the Repose of Souls

**Donna Clemente  
Elizabeth Robson  
Mary Collinger**

<https://christthedivineshepherd.org/funerals>



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## TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

October 27, 2020  
7:00pm  
St. Bartholomew Church

## From the Ladies of Charity



### Praise Letter

A new season of fall is upon us. Be not sad to see the season end, but take joy in the cooler temperatures, the new colors of gold, yellow and orange, all in preparation for another cycle. Take the time to thank God for the beauty of His handiwork. Be thankful that you can see it, hear it, touch it and smell it.

We remember many saints this month including Sts. Therese of Lisieux and Avella, Francis of Assisi, Mark, Peter, Jude, Raphael, Martha, Faustina, Ursula and Cyprian, among others. As we pray for their intercession and the intercession of all the saints, remember to pray for the grace to live holy lives.

Keep in your prayers all our military personnel. Give thanks for all the freedoms we have as Americans, those fought for and preserved by our brave men and women in the military. Pray for all those who work at keeping us safe, police, firefighters and EMS. May they be protected from harm so that they may protect us. Keep in your prayers Pope Francis, Bishop Zubik, Fr. Rick, Fr. Thom and Fr. Larry and all the leaders of the church. May the Holy Spirit be with them and bestow upon them the gifts necessary for good and honest stewardship of the church.

For Pope Francis' intentions for October, that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Pray the rosary every day for Mary's intercession for the protection of the church, for all who are persecuted because of their faith and for all who need our prayers.

Please pray for all of those that are heavily burdened. May they place their burdens in God's hands and trust that He will see them through. May God strengthen all of us so that we may bear our crosses as Jesus did. Remember to pray for all those who are suffering physically, spiritually and mentally. May God's healing touch be upon them and may they be strengthened by their faith and His presence.

Pray for those in need, those who are homeless, hungry, thirsty or in need of medical care. For those who are jobless and alone. May we open our hands and our hearts and with the grace of God, may their needs be met.

Please pray for all parents around the world that they may be strong and wise to raise their children in love, kindness and in faith so that they may grow in Christ and perhaps one day, the peace of the Lord will shine upon the earth.

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, October 4, 2020

8:00AM, St Bernadette, (TM), For the People of our Parish  
 9:00AM, St Susanna, (LA), Thomas Jarzynka -- Family  
 11:00AM, St Bernadette, (TM ), Edward & Irene Hudale -- Staub Family  
 11:30AM, St Susanna, (RT )\*, Bella Seachrist -- Kay Wharton

### Monday, October 5, 2020

9:30AM, St Bernadette, (RT), Vic & Vee Ludovici -- Family

### Tuesday, October 6, 2020

9:30AM, St Susanna, (LA), Deceased Members of the DeFinis Family -- Pat De Finios

### Wednesday, October 7, 2020

9:30AM, St Bernadette, (TM ), Sister Jerome Eustance -- Chris Matis

### Thursday, October 8, 2020

9:30AM, St Susanna, (RT), Evelyn Tedesco -- Debbie & Mary

### Friday, October 9, 2020

9:30AM, St Bernadette, (TM ), Deceased of the Hudale & Lukas Family -- Staub Family

### Saturday, October 10, 2020

4:00PM, St Bernadette, (TM), Jim Meyers -- Family  
 5:00PM, St Susanna, (RT ), -- Conlan Rheingrover—Rev. Christopher D. Donley

### Sunday, October 11, 2020

8:00AM, St Bernadette, (LA ), -- Jean Pernick from Alycia & Bill Iski  
 9:00AM, St Susanna, (RT ), For the People of our Parish  
 11:00AM, St Bernadette, (LA )\*, Charles Porter -- Joy  
 11:30AM, St Susanna, (TM ), -- Bill Storch from Ladies of Charity

#### Legend

LA Fr Larry Adams  
 TM Fr Thom Miller  
 RT Fr Rick Thompson

\* Incense will be used at Mass.

**A reminder that our Church Buildings open a half-hour prior to the start of Mass.**

#### Readings for the Week

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37  
 Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42  
 Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4  
 Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13  
 Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26

Our Live-stream Masses continue every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, at 9:30am.

**Sunday we live-stream at 9:00am and 11:00am.**

Please like us on Facebook @ ChristTheDivineShepherd, we post important updates on Facebook along with on our website at [www.ChristtheDivineShepherd.org](http://www.ChristtheDivineShepherd.org).



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### SAVING YOUR SEAT FOR MASS

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [CDSMPH.ORG/RSVP](http://CDSMPH.ORG/RSVP) OR CALL 412-373-0050 (M-F 9AM UNTIL 1:00 PM)

A reminder everyone is required to wear face masks in our Church buildings!

Thank you for your continued faithfulness to the Christ the Divine Shepherd Family.

Christ the Divine Shepherd

**SAVE - A - SEAT**

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### Office Hours and Phones

The Parish Office, located at **245 Azalea Dr, Monroeville PA**, has reopened for walk-in visits. Our office hours will be:

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 9am to 1pm

Thurs: 9am to 4pm

Sat: 3:30 to 5:30pm

Sun: 9am to 12:30pm

Our email address is [parishoffice@cdsmph.org](mailto:parishoffice@cdsmph.org)

### Confessions

At Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on **Saturdays at noon at St Bartholomew Church**. It will be celebrated in "drive-through" style in your car (no confessions will be celebrated inside the church), following all applicable standards put in place by civil authority (i.e., social distancing, use of masks in public places, etc).

### Baptism

Baptisms will be celebrated following the Sunday 11:00 am Mass at St. Bernadette and the Sunday 11:30am Mass at St. Susanna. Please call Deacon Mike at the parish office at 412-373-0050 X112 to plan your celebration of Baptism!

### Private Prayer

A Reminder that Private Prayer will be held alternately in both Monroeville and Penn Hills.

- **St. Bernadette will be open for Private Prayer Monday, Wednesday and Friday for a half-hour before and after the 9:30am Mass and Thursdays from 5pm-7pm**
- **St. Susanna will be open for Private Prayer Tuesday and Thursday for a half-hour before and after the 9:30am Mass and Wednesdays from 5pm-7pm**
- **Quiet prayer and adoration will take place from 6pm till 7pm during our private prayer times**

St. Vincent dePaul assistance line: 412-436-9208

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: 412-456-3093 (Office) 1-888- 808-1235 (Hot Line)  
PA Child Line: 1-800-932-0313

## The Order of Mass

### Introit

#### INTROIT

*In voluntate tua*

*Esther 13: 9, 10, 11*

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**A** LL things are submitted to your will, O Lord, \*

and no one can resist your de-cisions; you have made

all things, heaven and earth, and all that is contained un-

der the vault of the sky; you are the master of the u-

niverse.

### Processional Song

#### O God Beyond All Praising

1.) O God beyond all praising we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

2.) Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our king; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

### Greeting

**Priest:** The Lord be with you

**All:** And with your spirit

### Penitential Rite

Lord Have Mercy, Christ Have Mercy, Lord Have Mercy

### Glory to God

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.

### Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading :** Isaiah 5:1-7

**Responsorial Psalm :** The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading:** Philippians 4:6-9

## The Order of Mass

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-43

**Priest:** *"The Lord be with you"*

**All:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** *"A reading from the holy Gospel according to ..."*

**All:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the Gospel, the Priest says "The Gospel of the Lord"*

**All:** **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

### Homily

### Profession of Faith

**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 (*all bow*) 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.**

### Prayer of the Faithful

### Offertory

[These Alone are Enough](#)

**1.) Take my heart O Lord take my hopes and dreams. Take my mind with all its plans and schemes. Give me nothing more than your love and grace. These alone, O God, are enough for me.**

**2.) Take my thoughts O Lord and my memory. Take my tears, my joys, my liberty. Give me nothing more than your love and grace. These alone, O God, are enough for me.**

# The Order of Mass

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Invitation to Prayer

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

*All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands** for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.*

*Priest: The Lord be with you.*

*All: **And with your spirit.***

*Priest: Lift up your hearts.*

*All: **We lift them up to the Lord.***

*Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God*

*All: **It is right and just***

### Sanctus



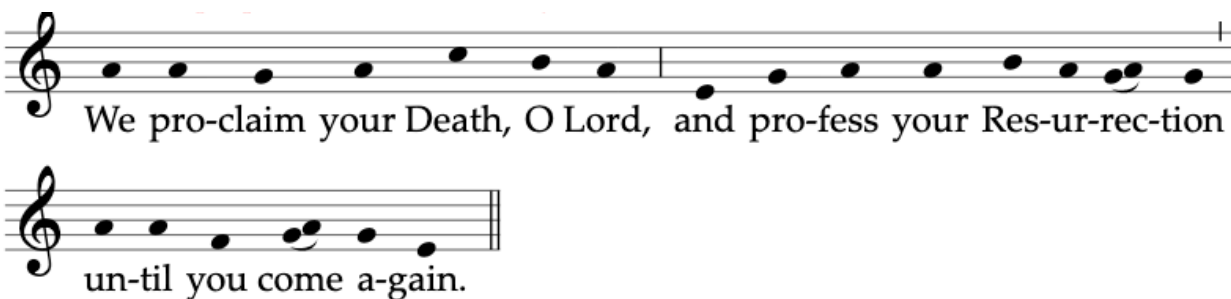
San-ctus, San-ctus, San-ctus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá-ba-oth.

Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et ter-ra gló-ri-a tu-a. Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.

Be-ne-dí-ctus qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni. Ho-sán-na in

ex-cél - sis.

### Mystery of Faith



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion

un-til you come a-gain.

### Great Amen

### The Lord's Prayer

**Sign of Peace** *At the present time, the optional "sign of peace" has been suspended at our liturgies.*

## The Order of Mass

### Agnus Dei



**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.

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

### Spiritual Communion Prayer

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 in 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.

### Communion Chant

My souls aspires after your salvation; I hope in your word; when will you judge those who persecute me?  
The wicked are persecuting me; come to my assistance O Lord my God!

### Final Blessing

**Priest:** *The Mass is ended, go in peace.*

**All:** Thanks be to God.

### Closing Song

### [For the Beauty of the Earth](#)

For the beauty of the earth.  
For the beauty of the skies. For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies Over and around us lies  
Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise

**\*Communion will be distributed to the congregation following Mass\***