

Christ THE Divine SHEPHERD PARISH

The Catholic Community of
Penn Hills and Monroeville



FEBRUARY 21, 2021

*Jesus came to Galilee
proclaiming the gospel of God:
“This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”*

Mark 1:14-15

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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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 or call the office at 412-373-0050.



From Father Larry

This week, we begin the season of Lent, and turn our minds to acts of prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. These 40 days call us to strengthen our relationship with God, to reach out to others in the Body of Christ who need our support, and to re-commit to a focus on the needs of our soul (and not just our body). I'd like to talk about two of these Lenten pillars: the way we utilize our resources and our prayer lives.

In terms of our charitable giving, I'd like to encourage you to consider donating to PSP this year. We're working on a PSP letter that we'll be mailing to you in the next week or two. This year, we won't be asking you to make a 'pledge', but we *will* be asking you to utilize the monthly PSP envelopes that come in your envelope packet every other month. Our goal dropped from around \$300,000 last year to \$196,000 this year. Please keep an eye out for the mailing that will be arriving in your mailbox soon!

Sometimes, people decide to skip donating to PSP for one reason or another:

- "They use that money to pay off predator priests!", they claim. (None of the money you donate to PSP is used to address the crisis – those funds come from other sources.)
- "We don't see any of that money coming back to us here in Penn Hills and Monroeville!", others assert. (In fact, the services that PSP supports is helping us address the electricity outage at St Gerard Majella as well as the receipt of the PPP loan that was a great help to us in 2020.)
- Some folks say, "well, why should I donate? It doesn't go towards helping anyone who I know!" (Actually, your PSP donations funded CDS parishioner Frank Bursic's formation leading to his ordination as a deacon last year, and it funds the on-going priestly formation of Brian Myler, son of CDS parishioners Bonnie and Jack Myler.)

Please prayerfully consider participating in our parish's PSP campaign this year!

Our prayer lives are important to our Lenten commitment, too! During this time of pandemic, many have become accustomed to staying at home on Sunday instead of going to Mass. Some have been critical of the decision of the bishops to waive the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Recently, the archbishop of Detroit announced that in his diocese, the waiver of the obligation is being removed. What many are unaware of, though, is that this obligation has never been absolute: if you're too sick to attend Mass, or it's unsafe for you to leave the house (due to weather or road conditions), or if you might infect someone with your cold or flu... then the Church has always said that you should discern staying at home! And, in that case, the obligation is lifted for you!

From my personal point of view, the archbishop's statement boils down to a simple observation: if you feel comfortable going out to restaurants for sit-down dinners, shouldn't you feel comfortable going to Mass? Moreover, shouldn't you do so out of a personal commitment to your faith, rather than being told by the Church, "Hey! You're required to do this!" The whole thrust of the Second Vatican Council, in a sense, was to ask us as Catholics to take ownership of our commitment to Christ, rather than doing so only because someone was telling us it was a requirement! In any case, let me echo the archbishop's message: if you feel comfortable going out and about – shopping, to restaurants and hair-dressers and other activities, would you please prayerfully discern whether it's time to return to Mass? Even at our reduced seating capacity due to the pandemic, our available pews still aren't full on Sundays. We'd love to welcome you back to Sunday worship at Mass!

Please continue to support our parish through your prayers and generosity! Christ the Divine Shepherd, have mercy on us! St Bartholomew, St Bernadette, St Gerard Majella, St John de Brebeuf and companions (the North American martyrs), St Michael, and St Susanna, pray for us!

Blessings,

Fr Larry

Our Parish Community

Sacrament of Confirmation



Michael DeVinney was confirmed at St. Susanna Church on February 11 by Fr Thom. His sponsor was his wife, Courtney, who was herself received into the Church through RCIA in 2016.



Stations of the Cross will begin on Friday February 19, 2021. This year Stations of the Cross will be held at 4:00 pm and alternate between Monroeville and Penn Hills. We will also broadcast Stations of the Cross via on our website and media platforms each Friday at 6:00pm.

In-Person Stations of the Cross Schedule

February 26, 2021	4:00pm St. Bernadette		
March 5, 2021	4:00pm St. Susanna	March 12, 2021	4:00pm St. Bernadette
March 19, 2021	4:00pm St. Susanna	March 26, 2021	4:00pm St. Bernadette

2021 Christ the Divine Shepherd Fish Fry

• 245 Azalea Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146 • <http://cdsfishfry.org> •

Due to the current pandemic, all orders will be **TAKE-OUT ONLY**

Try our famous **Gargotta** (Pittsburgh-Style Sandwich: fish/cheese/fries/coleslaw) \$10

Fried/Baked Fish \$8 • Fried Shrimp \$8

Saber Spuds (Fresh-Cut Fries) \$3 • Coleslaw \$1

ALL orders must be placed via our drive-thru on the St. Bernadette campus



Drive-thru open 4:30PM-7:00PM the following Fridays:

February 19 February 26 March 5

March 12 March 19 March 26



**Thank you for your continued support
and understanding during these difficult times!**

**EXPERIENCE OUR TOUCHLESS PAYMENT METHOD USING
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Our Parish Community

Thank You!

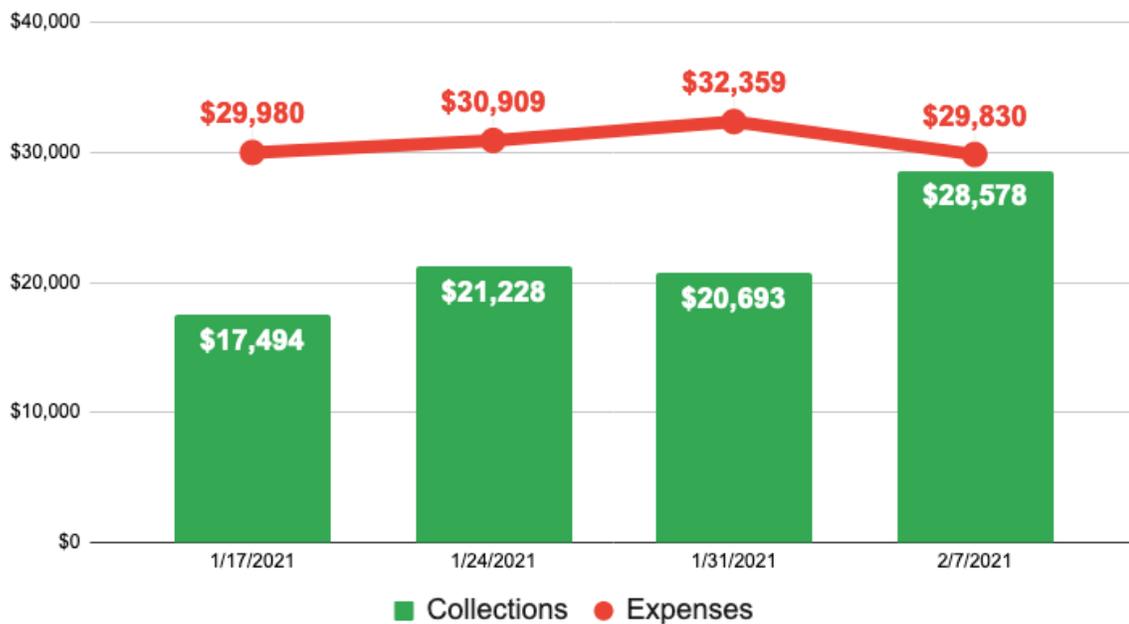
Thank you to those who donated to the collection for Birthright of Pittsburgh at our Holy Hour for Life. We raised \$226.00 for the organization.



Spring Virtual Men's Group Meetings

Join the new and refreshed CMF CDS men's parish group meeting - Virtual Catholic Men's Fellowship TMIY Group Meeting through the Lenten season! Join us by the ZOOM - at 7:00 AM each Saturday. We listen to insightful video reflections followed by small group breakout discussions. Please email Joe Birsa at cmfcdsmph@gmail.com for information about how to log on.

CDS Weekly Financial Update



CHRIST THE DIVINE SHEPHERD

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

Tuesday, February 23, 2021
7:00 pm
St. Bartholomew Church



Our Parish Community

Parish Share Program

Families in our parish will soon be learning more about the upcoming parish share program in an upcoming mailing. The season of Lent gives each of us a chance to grow in our relationship with Jesus, and one way is by sharing our gifts.

This year, recognizing a serious decline in parish revenue due to COVID-19 restrictions, Bishop Zubik is offering a new incentive program.



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Parishes that raise between 80% and 89% of their Parish Share goal will receive a 1% discount. Parishes that raise between 90% and 94% of their goal will receive a 2.5% discount. Parishes that raise between 95% and 100% of their goal will receive a 5% discount. Parishes will still keep 100% of monies raised in excess of their goal.

Parish Share offers a wonderful opportunity to say “Yes!” to Jesus’ call to follow him. This is especially important during these difficult times, as many of our fellow parishioners and neighbors need our help. Thank you in advance for your support.

Around the Diocese

Marriage Preparation Class Opportunity



St. Joseph the Worker Parish will be offering a Marriage Preparation class (also known as Pre Cana) for engaged couples who are interested in being married in the Catholic Church on Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 9am till 4pm at St. Maurice Church in Forest Hills, Pennsylvania. Our Marriage Preparation class will fulfill the Diocese of Pittsburgh's guidelines for being married in the Catholic Church and include talks from our clergy team and qualified couples on having a Sacramental Marriage, Finances, Parenting and Communication. The interactive day is run by our successful team and

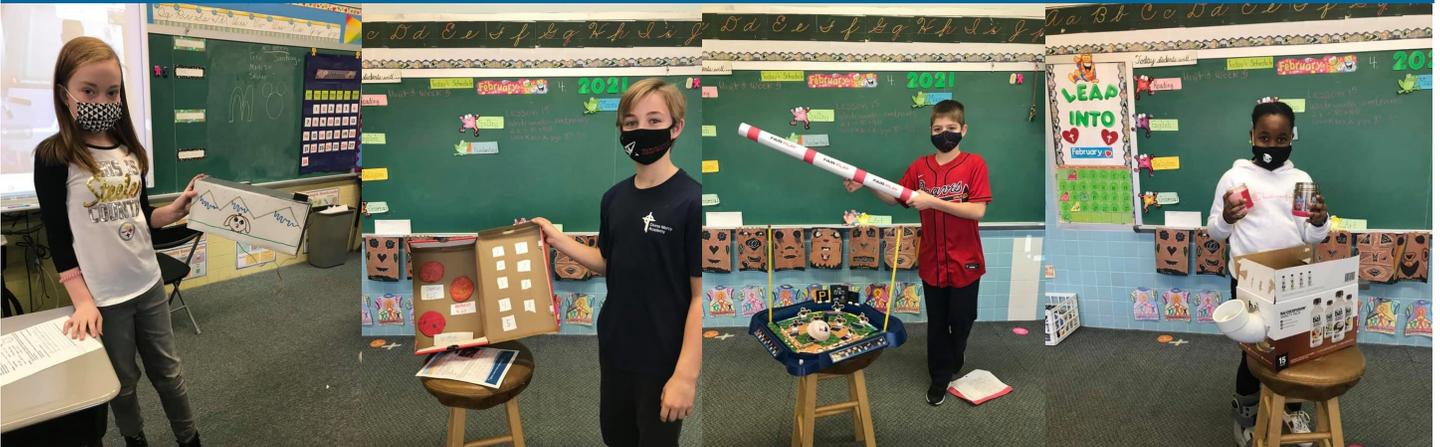
we welcome couples from our neighboring parishes to attend. If you are planning a wedding in 2021 or early 2022 and haven't completed the required marriage preparation courses yet, we encourage you to attend our session. Reservations are required and the cost is \$60 per couple. Please contact our Parish Office at 412-271-0809 to register. We will be making sure that all precautions for your health and safety are followed for this session. Masks must be worn at all times and social distancing will be in effect.

REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL

Lent is the time of year we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism. Peter's letter gives an explicit explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words proclaimed by Jesus immediately following his temptation show us the way: “Repent, and believe in the gospel” (Mark 1:15). It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived by our baptismal promises.

Divine Mercy Academy

February is National Invention Month



As a part of National Invention Month, 4th grade created a variety of inventions.

1st Grade Celebrates Valentine's Day



Honorary Mascot



We would like to present to you our Honorary DMA Mascot....Gracie!!!

Registration is open for the 2021-2022 School Year. Please visit our DMA website at www.dmapgh.org for more information.

Our Parish Community

FEAST OF FAITH: Seasonal Changes for the Liturgies of Lent

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. During this season of preparation for Easter, our churches look stark and simple—no flowers at the altar, no festive banners or decorations. And our liturgies feel different, too. The organ is quiet except to accompany the singing of the assembly. The Gloria, our Sunday song of rejoicing, is not heard except on solemnities, and we will not sing the Alleluia, our joyful acclamation of praise, until the Easter Vigil. “Alleluia cannot always / Be our song while here below,” says an eleventh-century hymn. “Alleluia our transgressions / Make us for a while forego; / For the solemn time is coming / When our tears for sins must flow” (*Alleluia dulce carmen*, J. M. Neale, trans.).

These changes in the liturgy will catch our attention, and make us eager for the festive outpouring of joy that will return with Easter. This year, may the stripped-away liturgies of Lent remind us to strip away what is not essential in our lives to make space for the crucified and risen One, and thus to be ready to sing “Alleluia” once again when Easter returns.

Christ the Divine Shepherd Blood Donation Summary

Donations dropped off after the 1st quarter in 2020, primarily due to the pandemic.

Quarter	2019	2020
1	41	54
2	51	35
3	56	42
4	53	32
Total	201	163

The need for blood is continuous. Please take time to visit the Vitalant Blood Donation Center behind the Miracle Mile Shopping Center to share the gift of life. Thank you.

DONATE BLOOD

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Pray for the Repose of Souls

Mary Lou Tuite
Darryl Pastaric

Visit cdsmph.org/funerals
for a regularly updated listing with links
to obituaries.

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having you as part of our *flock*



Keep in touch
with us via
email & text



Sanctuary Lamp

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Bernadette has been donated for Vinnie & Lorraine McCoad by Tony White.

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 21, 2021

8:00AM, St Bernadette, (TM), James & Thomas Hajdukiewicz -- Mom & Dad

9:00AM, St Susanna, (LA)*, Robert Gerber -- Myler Family

11:00AM, St Bernadette, (LA), Deceased of the Rafferty Family -- Peggy Witas

11:30AM, St Susanna, (RT), For the People of our Parish

Monday, February 22, 2021

9:30AM, St Bernadette, (RT), Jane Bobich -- Pete Bobich & Family

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

9:30AM, St Susanna, (TM), Rosemarie Hranica -- Mariann Rovnyak

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

9:30AM, St Bernadette, (LA), Patrick Mynahan -- Family

Thursday, February 25, 2021

9:30AM, St Susanna, (TM), Helen McCready -- NAM Bowling League

Friday, February 26, 2021

9:30AM, St Bernadette, (RT), Derna DiCecco -- Laura Galia

Saturday, February 27, 2021

4:00PM, St Bernadette, (LA), Joseph Sepesy -- Staub family

5:00PM, St Susanna, (TM), Joe LaMarca -- Michael & Mary Kay Fiore

Sunday, February 21, 2021

8:00AM, St Bernadette, (RT), For the People of our Parish

9:00AM, St Susanna, (TM), Luigi Zappa -- Mr & Mrs John Dilanni

11:00AM, St Bernadette, (LA)*, Carmela Yourick & Nina DeNinno -- Joe & Kathy

11:30AM, St Susanna, (RT), Rosa Pasqualino -- Rose Marie DiCriscio

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:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

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.

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SAVING YOUR SEAT FOR MASS

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT 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

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The Parish Office located at **245 Azalea Dr, Monroeville PA 15146**. Is currently closed for all walk-in business. For assistance please call the office at 412-373-0050 between 10am and 1pm, Monday through Friday or email us at parishoffice@cdsmp.org.

Confessions



At Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on **Saturday at noon at St Bartholomew Church**. It is celebrated in "drive-up" 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 is 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 4pm-6pm**
- **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 4pm-6pm**
- **Adoration will take place at St Susanna from 4pm till 5pm, and at St Bernadette from 5pm till 6pm, on their respective private prayer days.**

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

When he calls to Me, I will answer him;
I will res-cue him and hon - or him; with long life will I sat - is - fy him.

Proclamation Song

Forty Days and Forty Nights

- 1.) Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild; Forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.
- 2.) Shall not we your sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain, fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with you to suffer pain?
- 3.) Then if Satan on us press, Flesh or spirit to assail, victor in the wilderness, Grant we may not faint nor fail!

Greeting

Priest: The Lord be with you **All:** **And with your spirit**

Penitential Rite

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.

Lord Have Mercy, Christ Have Mercy, Lord Have Mercy

or

Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading : Genesis 9:8-15

Responsorial Psalm : Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

The Order of Mass

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

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

[I Heard the Voice of Jesus](#)

- 1.) I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest; lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast.” I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
- 2.) I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold I freely give The living water; thirsty one, Stoop down, and drink, and live.” I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life giving stream; My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

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



Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of hosts.



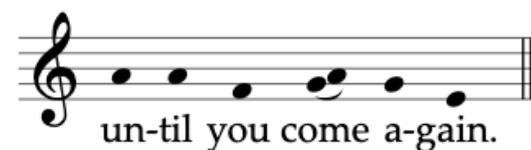
Heaven and earth are full
of your glory. Hosanna in
the highest.



Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.



Mystery of Faith



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



A-gnus De-i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no-bis.

A-gnus De-i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no-bis.

A-gnus De-i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

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

He will overshadow you with his pinions, and you will find refuge under his wings. His faithfulness will encompass you with a shield.

Communion Song

On Eagles Wings

(Refrain)

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Final Blessing

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn at the Dismissal

This is Our Accepted Time

1.) This is our accepted time, this is our salvation; prayer and fasting are our hope, penance, our vocation. God of pardon, God of love, mercy past all measure; You alone can grant us peace, You, our holy treasure.

2.) Lord, look down upon your own, look upon our yearning; we are dust, and unto dust we shall be returning. Lift us up, O lord of life, Flesh has gained us sadness; hear our plea, bestow on us everlasting gladness.