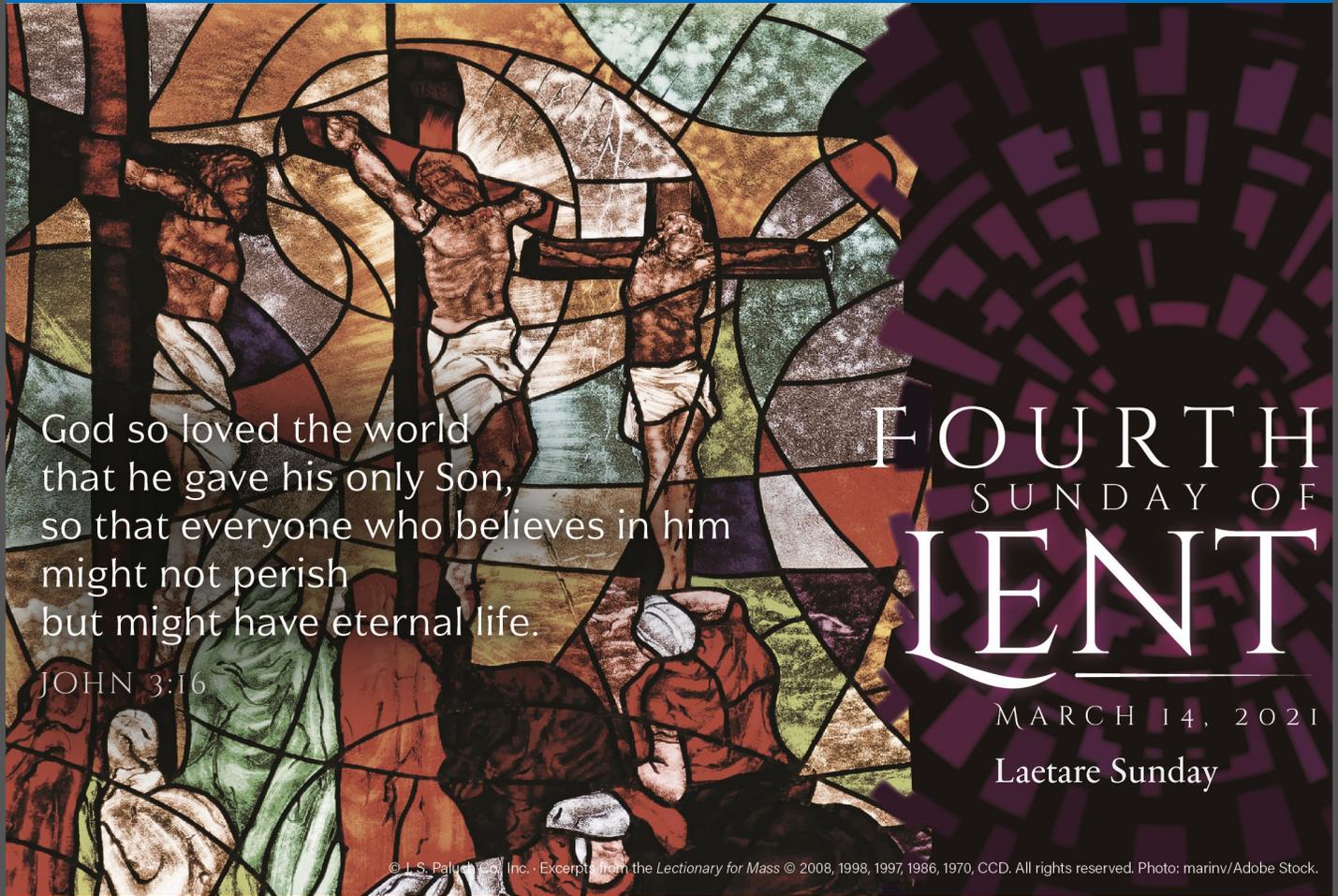


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The Catholic Community of
 Penn Hills and Monroeville



God so loved the world
 that he gave his only Son,
 so that everyone who believes in him
 might not perish
 but might have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

FOURTH
 SUNDAY OF
LENT

MARCH 14, 2021

Laetare Sunday

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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

Saturday

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

Tuesday, Thursday

St. Susanna 9:30am

Sunday

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

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From Father Thom

How much are you willing to give up for God?
That's really the question in life — whether we realize it or not.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells his listeners about the kingdom, comparing it to different ways of planting. But here, he tells us it is not just something small that grows; it is an unexpected treasure to be found, like a pearl. The one who finds something like that will sell everything to possess it. That is God's kingdom on earth.

How much are we willing to give up to get it? How far are we willing to go? What will we sacrifice? Considering the Gospel: selling all our possessions, literally everything we own, might not seem that practical.

But now might be a good time to ask: what things we possess are we willing to get rid of? I'm not talking about the widescreen TV or that collection of cookware.

What do we own that we can do without?

- Maybe we own indifference.
- Maybe we are holding on to selfishness.
- Maybe we possess intolerance toward anyone who is different or harbor hate.
- Maybe we just can't forgive.
- Maybe we have a collection of grievances — whether against our friends, our family, our neighbor.
- Maybe we have stored away years of anger. Bitterness. Hostility. Spite.

During this season of Lent, let us start a clearance sale. Unpack those boxes. Sell what is useless — and invest in what is useful, a treasure that is beyond price: God's kingdom. That means the Gospel values that define us as Christians. Love for the Lord, love for your neighbor.

That is the lesson Jesus is teaching us. We need to give up those things we possess that define us and protect us and wall us off from the world. Divest those things that are keeping us from discovering the kingdom of heaven, because they are grounding us too deeply in things of the world. Right now, it is a world in crisis.

Over the past year the pandemic has taught us hard lessons about what we need, what we don't. What we possess, and what possesses us. We have been challenged to live, work and worship differently. We have come to realize what we truly treasure.

I hope and pray we come to understand more deeply what lasts. What endures. What never grows old. I hope, too, that this time has given us all a deeper appreciation for "the pearl of great price," that small object that is beyond price, the Eucharist. Here and now, may we renew our love for that great gift.

May we take the precious time we have to give up what we don't need, so that we can possess what our hearts do need — so that we may face these challenging times in God's kingdom on earth with gratitude, with purpose, and with joy.

Our Parish Community

Stations of the Cross

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 7:00pm.

In-Person Stations of the Cross Schedule

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



Rice Bowl



CRS (Catholic Relief Services) Rice Bowl fills hunger needs here and worldwide. This is a good way to practice almsgiving during Lent. We ask that you return the Bowls on Palm Sunday to the marked baskets

that will be inside the lobby at St Bernadette and St Susanna churches.

Sanctuary Lamp

In our parish churches, a lamp is always lit at each tabernacle to remind us that the Real Presence of Christ abides there in the Eucharist. It has been the custom at our predecessor parishes that parishioners have the opportunity to make offerings to support the burning of the sanctuary lamp in memory of loved ones.

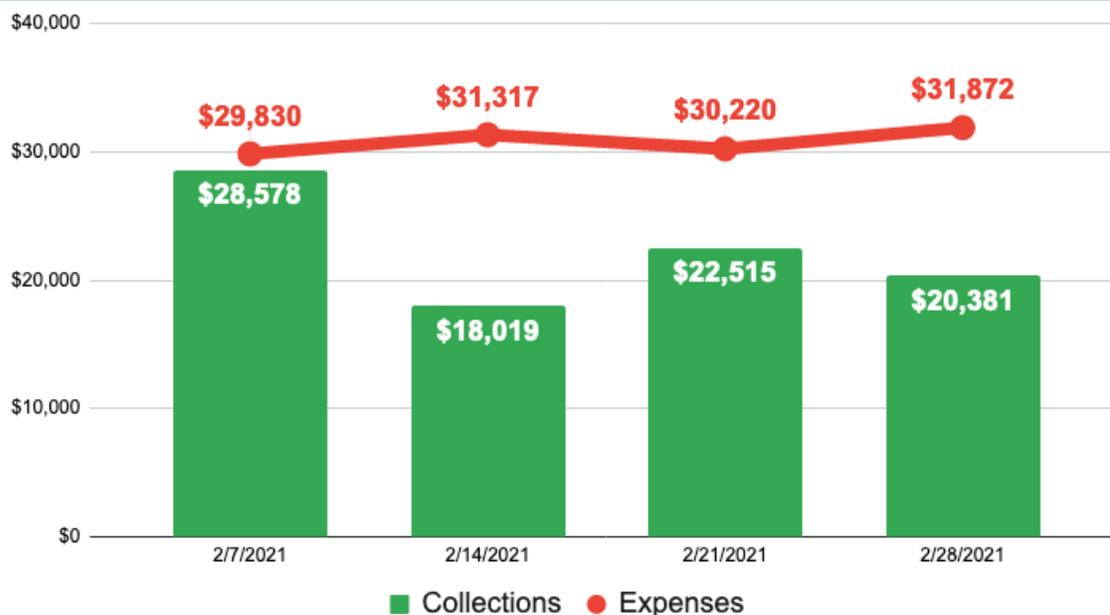


This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Bernadette has been donated by The Family of William White Sr., in loving memory of William White Sr.

Please contact the parish office at 412-373-0050 if you are interested in sponsoring one of our tabernacle lamps.



CDS Weekly Financial Report



FEAST OF FAITH The Opening Prayer

At the conclusion of the Introductory Rites of the Mass, the presider says or chants the words “Let us pray,” followed by the Opening Prayer. This prayer is also called a “collect” because it gathers or “collects” the prayers of the entire assembly into one. The Roman collects that we pray in our liturgy—noted for the brevity, clarity, and conciseness of the Latin originals—date from a variety of periods. Some are quite new; others reach back more than a thousand years. They are truly treasures of our tradition. The Opening Prayer can be divided into four main parts: 1) the invitation, or “Let us pray”; 2) the silence that follows, during which each member of the assembly lifts up before God his or her own prayers; 3) the collect itself, spoken or sung by the priest; 4) and finally the Amen, by which the assembly says, “yes,” “may it be so,” making the prayer their own. The collect itself almost always follows the same pattern. It begins with an invocation to God. A petition follows, usually very general. We ask for health, strength, wisdom, grace, forgiveness, faith, awareness. Every collect concludes by offering the prayer to God through Jesus Christ. With the Amen of the assembly, the Introductory Rites of the Mass come to an end.

Lent, a Season of the Word

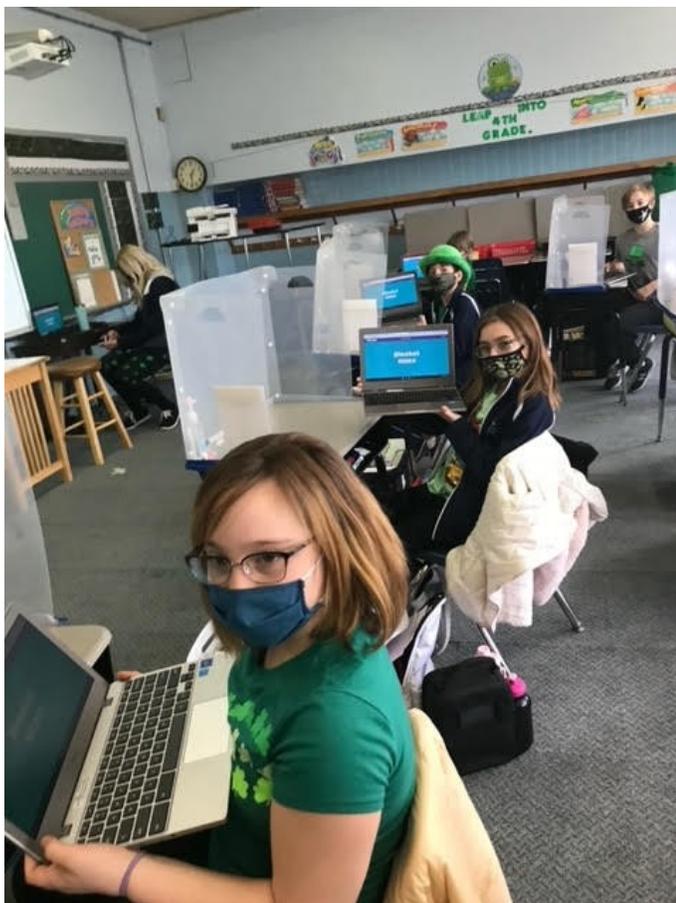
Each year on the First Sunday of Lent we hear one of the Gospel accounts of the temptation of Jesus. In Luke’s account, the devil cites the scriptures repeatedly, urging Jesus to interpret them in a false, self-serving way—if God sends angels to protect those whom God loves (as it says in Psalm 91), then prove it! But Jesus resists this insidious temptation by turning to scripture passages that tell of right relationship with God—living by God’s word, trusting in God, and worshiping God alone.

Jesus himself listened to the inspired word of God and let it shape and form him. Through the liturgy, we do the same. The readings we hear at Mass can teach us, but that is not their primary function. Rather, the scriptures are meant to reveal the Lord to us, to let us experience his presence, and to form us in our Christian identity. Christ’s presence is realized by his spoken word, “since it is he himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the Church” (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 7). In the readings proclaimed at Mass, we hear the voice of Christ himself.

Divine Mercy Academy

4th Grade Update

The 4th grade students have been working hard at Divine Mercy Academy! They've been excelling in their classes and also helping their community too! The students collected socks for Veterans and made Valentine's Day cards for religious during Catholic Schools Week! The students have been using their new Chrome books to do research for African American History Month and they researched presidents as well! We're having a great winter at DMA!



Our Parish Community

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Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish 2021 Fish Fry Menu

Gargotta	\$ 10.00
Pittsburgh-Style SANDWICH (fish/cheese/fries/coleslaw)	
Fried Fish Sandwich	\$ 8.00
Fried Fish Sandwich (w/Cheese)	\$ 8.00
Fried Fish (no bun)	\$ 8.00
Baked Fish Sandwich	\$ 8.00
Baked Fish Sandwich (w/Cheese)	\$ 8.00
Baked Fish (no bun)	\$ 8.00
Fried Shrimp	\$ 8.00
Saber Spuds (Fresh-Cut Fries)	\$ 3.00
Coleslaw	\$ 1.00

Condiments Available

Ketchup • Tartar Sauce • Cocktail Sauce

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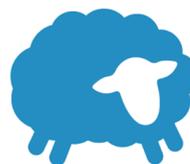
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Pray for the Repose of Souls

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 14, 2021

8:00AM, St Bernadette, (RT), +Michael Ciaramella -- Wife
 9:00AM, St Susanna, (TM), +Vincent Jonnet -- Daughter
 11:00AM, St Bernadette, (LA)*, For the People of our Parish
 11:30AM, St Susanna, (TM), +Margaret Fischer -- Husband & Children

Monday, March 15, 2021

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

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

9:30AM, St Susanna, (LA), +Helen McCready -- Krista Mignogna

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

9:30AM, St Bernadette, (TM), +Dolores, +Keil & +Hedwig Rooney -- Mary Alice

Thursday, March 18, 2021

9:30AM, St Susanna, (RT), +Marie & +Francesco Vecchio -- Family

Friday, March 19, 2021

9:30AM, St Bernadette, (LA), +William White Sr. -- Family

Saturday, March 20, 2021

4:00PM, St Bernadette, (TM), +Rosella A. Carolla -- Robert & Meribeth Briggs
 5:00PM, St Susanna, (RT), +Melissa Busbey -- Nichols Family

Sunday, March 21, 2021

8:00AM, St Bernadette, (TM), +Helen & +Frank Maruca -- Family
 9:00AM, St Susanna, (LA)*, +Bob Dokmanovich -- Wife, Judy
 11:00AM, St Bernadette, (LA), +Barbara Leiendecker -- Family
 11:30AM, St Susanna, (RT), For the People of our Parish

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:	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

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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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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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).

Confessions

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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**

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

CHRIST THE DIVINE SHEPHERD

HOLY WEEK / EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday (April 1, 2021)

7:00pm St. Susanna

Good Friday (April 2, 2021)

2:00pm St. Bartholomew

2:00pm North American Martyrs

Holy Saturday Basket Blessing (April 3, 2021)

11:00am St. Susanna

12:00noon St. Bernadette

Easter Vigil (April 3, 2021)

8:30pm St. Bernadette

Easter Sunday (April 4, 2021)*

8:00am St. Bartholomew

8:30am St. Bernadette

9:30am North American Martyrs

10:30am St. Michael

11:00am St. Susanna

*Due to ongoing repairs of the electrical system at St. Gerard Majella, we are unable to hold liturgical services there at the present.

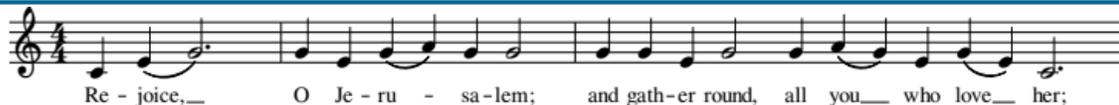


Save-your-seat using our reservation system at cdsmph.org/rsvp beginning Monday, March 8, 2021



The Order of Mass

Introit



Processional Song

Amazing Grace

- 1.) Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind but now I see.
- 2.) 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 3.) The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

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 : 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm : **Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137)**

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

The Order of Mass

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 3:14-21

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

[He Looked Beyond My Fault and Saw My Need!](#)

Amazing grace shall always be my song of praise, for it was grace that bought my liberty; I do not know just why He came to love me so, He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.

(Refrain)

I shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary. To view the Cross where Jesus died for me; how marvelous the grace that caught my falling soul! He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.

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.***

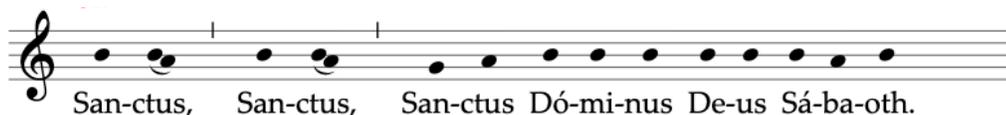
Priest: Lift up your hearts.

*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.



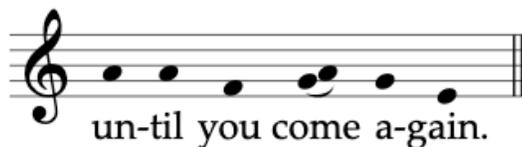
Heaven and earth are full
of your glory. Hosanna in
the highest.



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

Jerusalem, built as a city whose parts are bound firmly together! It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to give thanks unto your name, O Lord.

Communion Song

What Wondrous Love

1.) What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul. To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2.) To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb who is the great "I Am." While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing.

Final Blessing

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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Hymn at the Dismissal

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1.) There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

2.) For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind. And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more simple We should take him at his word, And our lives would be thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

GOD'S MERCY

Today's reading on *Laetare* Sunday from the second book of Chronicles contains a sort of "mini-history" of Israel. It highlights God's mercies in choosing Cyrus the Persian to be an instrument of deliverance when the people were in captivity in Babylon. Despite their sinfulness and the deserved punishment they were undergoing, God's mercy was lavished on the people in the form of a miraculous act of liberation. The Letter to the Ephesians, in much more theological terms, gives a similar account of a God "who brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved." The author stresses that it was when we were "dead in our transgressions" that God saved us, an act of pure grace. He emphasizes that it is not our own efforts that freed us from sin ("this is not from you"); rather, "it is the gift of God." This, of course, is the heart of the entire Pauline corpus, that salvation comes to us by faith in God's mercy, revealed in the death of Jesus.