

Welcome & Announcements

HOST

Good [evening/morning] and welcome to Holy Infant as we gather together to celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

My name is [your name]

It's our tradition to invite all guests who are with us to introduce themselves so we may welcome you. Do we have any guests with us?

★ Please stand, tell us who you are, and where you're from. ★

Pause while people stand. After each introduction, say something like...

Welcome to Holy Infant! Applause greets each guest.

If you're with us for the first time, or back after a while away, we'd love to hear from you. [Hold up example Connect Card] Please fill out a Connect Card from your pew and drop it in the collection basket during the offertory. As a thanks for returning your card, we'll make a donation to one of three service organizations of your choice that our parish supports.

Now, in the spirit of St. Francis de Sales, let's turn and greet one another.

Pause while people greet one another and continue with the announcements once the assembly returns to quiet.

You can still hear Mass out in the Narthex if you need to step out. We also have our family and children's rooms to my right towards the Chapel, with a video live feed from the Church.

Several announcements today:

- 1. The Holy Infant Golf Association took a mulligan last weekend with the rain, so its 2024 season begins this Saturday, March 23rd, at Hillandale. They have a great season planned and new golfers are always welcome. See the website or talk to Ray Zeillman for details.**
- 2. Holy Infant's Prayer Labyrinth is a prayerful way to journey with Jesus especially during these final days of Lent and Holy Week. The parish website gives details about the labyrinth and how to prayerfully take the journey. It's located on the hill at the back of the campus overlooking the woods. The labyrinth can be a journey alongside Jesus's walk to Calvary.**
- 3. As we approach the end of Lent, all are invited to a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration this Wednesday at 6pm in the Chapel with special music, time for silent prayer, Vespers, and Benediction.**
- 4. A reminder, please bring back your Operation Rice Bowl collection box to Mass next weekend and place it in the designated box in the Narthex.**
- 5. We begin Holy Week with the celebration of Palm Sunday next weekend. Palms will be distributed and blessed at all Masses. The 11:30 Mass will begin outside, followed by a procession into the church.**

Our celebrant for Mass this [evening/morning] is:

Sat 5:30	Fr. Labosky
Sun 8:30	Fr. Robert
Sun 11:30	Fr. Robert

Offertory gifts will be presented in the name of the community by...

[When there is a Baptism, invite members of the child's family to bring the gifts forward]

Sat 5:30 _____

Sun 8:30 (3 needed) _____

Sun 11:30 _____

Please quiet all electronic devices.

The order of worship can be found on page 9 of the songbook in your pew, and our entrance song is "Gather Us in Mercy, Lord" on page 10.

Now, let's take a moment to be still, and recognize the presence of God, as we prepare to celebrate this liturgy.

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PRIEST

† **Guided by the steady hand of God, let us humbly offer our needs before the Lord:**

DEACON or LECTOR

Note: The response to each intention will be sung, led by the cantor.

- 1** For the Church, that we may die to whatever separates us from the covenant that connects us to the Lord, so that we may produce much fruit for the kingdom of God. **Cantor/Cry out for God's mercy: R/Hear, O Lord, enfold us in your mercy.**
- 2** That God places his law within the hearts of our national leaders, that they come to know him and obey his wise and life-giving inspirations. **Cantor/Cry out for God's mercy: R/Hear, O Lord, enfold us in your mercy.**
- 3** For those who are homeless or living in substandard housing, that the coming of spring may rekindle their hope in the future. **Cantor/Cry out for God's mercy: R/Hear, O Lord, enfold us in your mercy.**
- 4** For those preparing for the Easter sacraments, particularly those of our community, that the Holy Spirit works on their hearts so that their new life in Christ is fruitful. **Cantor/Cry out for God's mercy: R/Hear, O Lord, enfold us in your mercy.**
- 5** For all who have asked for our prayers, who are passing through a time of sickness, impoverishment, or grief, for the intentions written in our parish Book of Prayer, shared over our Prayer Network, and all who have asked for our prayers especially...

Sat 5:30 for the repose of the soul of Dorothy Murphy

Sun 8:30 for the repose of the soul of Don McCoy

Sun 11:30 for the repose of the soul of Patricia S. Colandra

...remembered at this liturgy. **Cantor/Cry out for God's mercy: R/Hear, O Lord, enfold us in your mercy.**

- 6** For our faithful departed ones, especially Roberta Hairston, that Jesus, who was lifted up to draw everyone to himself, draws the departed forth from every shadow that binds them and sets them free in heaven's glory. **Cantor/Cry out for God's mercy: R/Hear, O Lord, enfold us in your mercy.**

PRIEST

† **Almighty God, you sent your son into the world for the sake of your people. Through Christ we will be redeemed and brought into the fullness of life. Receive our prayers that we might reflect your generosity to everyone we meet. We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

DEACON or LECTOR **After all are seated...**

Our first collection is our regular offertory in support of the parish. Our second collection supports our charity and justice obligations. Thanks for your generosity!