



ST LUKE'S & ST IGNATIUS

Oxon Hill
Roman Catholic Church

MASSES

Saturday 4:30 pm [anticipated]
Sunday 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am

Daily Mass in the chapel
Monday-Friday at 9 am
Saturday at 10 am
(First Saturdays in the church)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 9-9:45 am
in the chapel
(in the church on 1st Saturdays)

3:30-4:15 pm
in the church

Tuesday 6:30-7:30 pm
in the church

HOLY HOURS

confessions &
eucharistic adoration
in the church

Tuesday 6:30-7:30 pm
First Saturday 9 am
(followed by Mass at 10 am)

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WELCOME to all our visitors! We ask that you fill out the visitor's card found in the narthex of the church (ask an usher!). We offer a Mass once a month for the needs and intentions of those who visit our parish.

RIDE THE BUS TO THE MARCH FOR LIFE 2023

On Friday, January 20, 2023, a bus will be departing from St. Mary's Piscataway [13401 Piscataway Rd, Clinton MD 20735] after the 8:15 am Mass. The bus will return to St. Mary's at 5 pm. They only have 41 seats. Sign up with this link:

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LITTLE BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN GROUP

The situation in the Holy Land has greatly reduced the number of Christians who live there; the remaining Christians struggle to survive there. On January 21 & 22, Little Bethlehem Christian Group will be coming to our parish. They represent 200 Christian families who live in Bethlehem and make their living as wood carvers. After all Saturday and Sunday Masses, the group will display a collection of hand carving olivewood religious items for sale. Please take a minute after Mass to help support our brothers and sister in the Holy Land.

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15 JANUARY 2023

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FIRST READING *Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6*

The LORD said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." And now the LORD says, who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength-- he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 40:1, 3, 6-9*

℟️ Behold, I come, Lord, to do your will.

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. **℟️**

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

Then I said, "Behold, I come." **℟️**

"In the roll of the book it is written of me;
I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart. **℟️**

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;
behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord. **℟️**

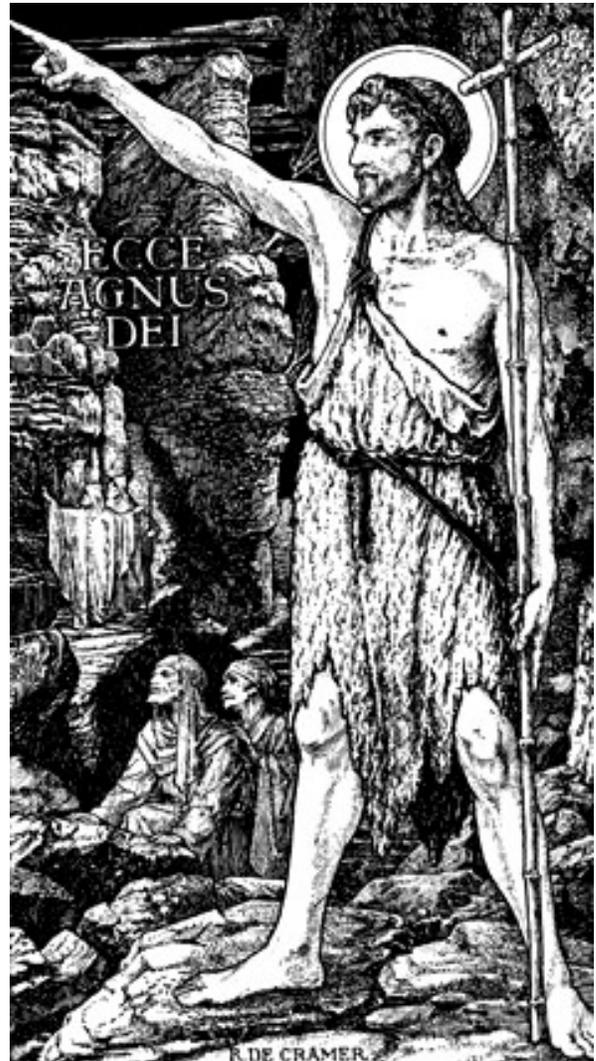
SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL *John 1: 29-34*

John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After

me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."



PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#545 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

OFFERTORY HYMN

#48 *Earth Has Many a Noble City*

RECESSIONAL HYMN

#153 *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

THE MASS ACCORDING TO DIVINE WORSHIP

promulgated in 2015 by the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #545 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

INTROIT *Omnis terra* [Psalm 66: 3,1]

All the earth shall worship thee, O God, and sing of thee: they shall sing praise to thy Name, O Most Highest.

Ps. O be joyful in God, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honour of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.

All, standing, sign themselves with the Sign of the Cross, whilst the Priest, facing the altar, sings or says:

✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The People respond: Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

KYRIE [4:30 PM] #710 *Second Service* [Willan] ALL
[11 AM] *Mass for Three Voices* [Byrd] choir

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

When appointed, the Gloria is sung or said, all standing.

GLORIA #713 *Second Service* [Willan] ALL

GLORY be to God on high,

and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King,

God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, ✠ art the Most High in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and on earth: mercifully hear the supplications of thy people; and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Then the reader proclaims the reading while all sit and listen.

THE FIRST READING *Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6* [pg.2]

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL *Misit Dominus* [Psalm 107: 20, 21]

The Lord sent his word and healed them: and they were saved from their destruction. *V.* O, that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness: and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men.

THE APPOINTED PSALM Psalm 40: 1, 3, 8-11

Expectans expectavi.

I WAITED patiently | for the | Lord, * and he inclined unto | me, and | heard my | calling.

3 And he hath put a new song | in my | mouth, * even a thanks- | giving | unto · our | God.

8 Sacrifice and offering thou | would-est | not, * but mine | ears_ | hast thou | opened.

9 Burnt-offering and sacrifice for sin hast thou | not re- | quired: * then | said I, | Lo, I | come;

10 In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy will, | O my | God: * I am content to do it; yea, thy law | is with- | in my | heart.

11 I have declared thy righteousness in the great | congre- | gation: * lo, I will not refrain my lips, O | Lord, and | that thou | knowest.

THE SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 1:1-3* [pg.2]

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ALLELUIA *Laudate Deum* [Psalm 148: 2]
Alleluia, alleluia. Praise the Lord, all ye Angels of his:
praise him, all his host. Alleluia.

When appointed, the Sequence follows. All stand.

THE GOSPEL *John 1: 29-34* [pg.2]

The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the Deacon or Priest sings or says:

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE HOMILY

THE NICENE CREED *Anglican Folk Mass* [Shaw] ALL

I BELIEVE in one God, **the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,**

Genuflect

**and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;**

Stand

**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost
the Lord, the Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic
and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us offer our prayers to Almighty God.

Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve thee;

People: That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our Holy Father, Pope N., N., our Bishop,
and for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons;

**People: That they may be faithful ministers of thy
Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the
nations of the world;

People: That they may work for thy peace on earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favour in thy sight.

Have compassion on (N. and on) those who suffer from
any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to (N. and to) all the departed eternal rest;

People: And let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for the Blessed Virgin Mary, (for Saint
N.,) and for all thy Saints who have entered into joy;

**People: May we also come to share in thy heavenly
kingdom.**

The Priest concludes with a Collect appointed for use .

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins,
and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and
intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of
God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways:
draw near with faith, and make your humble confession
to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

*The People kneel. Silence may be kept, and then the Priest,
and the People join in saying:*

Almighty God,

**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:**

**We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness, which we from time to time
most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed,
against thy divine majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath
and indignation against us.**

**We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.**

Have mercy upon us,

have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,

**forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and
please thee in newness of life, to the honour and
glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Priest says:

May Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy on us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his Only Begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

Hear also what Saint John saith:

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins (and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world). *1 John 2:1 2*

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY *Jubilate Deo universa terra* [Psalm 66: 1, 14]
O be joyful in God, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honour of his Name: O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God; and I will tell you what the Lord hath done for my soul. Alleluia.

OFFERTORY HYMN #48 *Earth Has Many a Noble City*

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable unto God, the Father Almighty.

The People stand and respond:

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands,
for the praise and glory of his Name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

THE PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

The Priest sings or says the Prayer over the Offerings, at the end of which the People acclaim: Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Priest then begins the Eucharistic Prayer with the

Preface Dialogue. The Priest sings or says:

The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

The Priest sings or says the Preface.

At the end of the Preface he concludes the Preface with the People, saying:

SANCTUS [4:30 PM] #797 *Second Service* [Willan] ALL
[11 AM] *Mass for Three Voices* [Byrd] choir

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of Hosts:

heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

✠ Blessed is he that cometh

in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest.

THE ROMAN CANON

The People kneel. The Priest says:

THEREFORE, most merciful Father, we humbly pray thee, through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, and we ask, that thou accept and bless these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unblemished sacrifices.

WE offer them unto thee, first, for thy holy Catholic Church: that thou vouchsafe to keep her in peace, to guard, unite, and govern her throughout the whole world; together with thy servant N., our Pope, N., our Bishop, (or N., our Ordinary), and all the faithful guardians of the catholic and apostolic faith.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LIVING

REMEMBER, O Lord, thy servants and handmaids (N. and N.) and all who here around us stand, whose faith is known unto thee and their steadfastness manifest, on whose behalf we offer unto thee, or who themselves offer unto thee this sacrifice of praise; for themselves, and for all who are theirs; for the redemption of their souls, for the hope of their health and well-being; and who offer their prayers unto thee, the eternal God, the living and the true.

WITHIN THE ACTION

UNITED in one communion, we venerate the memory, first of the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord Jesus Christ; of Blessed Joseph her spouse; as also of thy blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddeus; Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all thy Saints; grant that by their merits and prayers we may in all things be defended with the help of thy protection.

WE beseech thee then, O Lord, graciously to accept this oblation from us thy servants, and from thy whole family; order thou our days in thy peace, and bid us to be delivered from eternal damnation, and to be numbered in the fold of

thine elect.

VOUCHSAFE, O God, we beseech thee, in all things to make this oblation blessed, approved, and accepted, a perfect and worthy offering; that it may become for us the Body and Blood of thy dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who the day before he suffered, took bread into his holy and venerable hands, and with eyes lifted up to heaven, unto thee, God, his almighty Father, giving thanks to thee, he blessed, broke and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT:
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

He genuflects, shows the consecrated Host to the People, places it on the paten, and again genuflects in adoration. He continues:

Likewise, after supper, taking also this goodly chalice into his holy and venerable hands, again giving thanks to thee, he blessed, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,

THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL
COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR
YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF
SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Then he sings or says:

The mystery of faith:

And the People, or Choir, continue, acclaiming:

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us: save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

WHEREFORE, O Lord, we thy servants, and thy holy people also, remembering the blessed Passion of the same Christ thy Son our Lord, as also his Resurrection from the dead, and his glorious Ascension into heaven; do offer unto thine excellent majesty of thine own gifts and bounty, the pure victim, the holy victim, the immaculate victim, the holy Bread of eternal life, and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Vouchsafe to look upon them with a merciful and pleasant countenance; and to accept them, even as thou didst vouchsafe to accept the gifts of thy servant Abel the righteous, and the sacrifice of our patriarch Abraham; and the holy sacrifice, the immaculate victim, which thy high priest Melchisedech offered unto thee.

We humbly beseech thee, Almighty God, command these offerings to be brought by the hands of thy holy Angel to thine altar on high, in sight of thy divine majesty; that all we who at this partaking of the altar shall receive the most sacred Body and Blood of thy Son, may be fulfilled with all

heavenly benediction and grace.

COMMEMORATION OF THE DEAD

REMEMBER also, O Lord, thy servants and handmaids, (N. and N.), who have gone before us sealed with the seal of faith, and who sleep the sleep of peace. To them, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, we beseech thee to grant the abode of refreshing, of light, and of peace.

TO us sinners also, thy servants, who hope in the multitude of thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with thy holy Apostles and Martyrs; with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and with all thy Saints: within whose fellowship, we beseech thee, admit us, not weighing our merit, but granting us forgiveness;

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom, O Lord, thou dost ever create all these good things; dost sanctify, quicken, bless, and bestow them upon us.

BY whom and with whom and in whom, to thee, O Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory throughout all ages, world without end.

The People respond: Amen. The People stand.

THE COMMUNION RITE

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say,

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

The Priest alone continues:

Deliver us, O Lord, we beseech thee, from all evils, past, present, and to come; and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and with Andrew, and all the Saints, favourably grant peace in our days, that by the help of thine availing mercy we may ever both be free from sin and safe from all distress.

The People respond:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

O LORD Jesus Christ, who saidst to thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant to her peace and unity according to thy will; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

The People kneel.

As the Priest takes the Host and breaks it, he sings or says:

(Alleluia.) Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. (Alleluia.)

Then the Agnus Dei is sung or said:

AGNUS DEI [4:30 PM] #712 *Second Service* [Willan] ALL

[11 AM] *Mass for Three Voices* [Byrd] choir

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table,

O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.

But thou art the same Lord

whose property is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his Blood,

that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body,

and our souls washed through his most precious

Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and

he in us. Amen.

The Priest genuflects, and, turning to the People, holds the Host slightly raised above the paten or the Chalice and says:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

The People respond together with Priest [said once or three times, according to custom]:

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

During the distribution of Holy Communion, appropriate hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.

COMMUNION *Laetabimur* [Psalm 20: 5]

We will rejoice in thy salvation: and triumph in the Name of the Lord our God.

COMMUNION MOTET *Ave Verum* [des Prez]

After Communion, silence may be kept.

Then the Priest standing and the People kneeling, the Priest and the People together, say the following:

ALMIGHTY and everliving God,

we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed

us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of

the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and Passion of thy dear Son.

And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Then the Priest says: Let us pray.

Then the Priest says the Postcommunion Prayer, at the end of which the People acclaim: Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Turning to the People, the Priest says:

The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Then the Deacon, or the Priest sings or says:

Depart in peace.

Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

THE LAST GOSPEL

RECESSIONAL HYMN #153 *Christ Whose Glory Fill the Skies*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick:* Fr. Gus Peters, Cate Mueller, Don Seward, Chelsea Ransom, Lorraine Killion, Marie Norment, Theresa Koshut, Jackie Windsor, Jack Figel, Sonya Estrada, Dave Hoppe, Barbara Manning; Andy, Paula, and Marian Luther; Jackie Chancio, Carolyn Grimm, Mark Mangione, Richard Thompson, Harold Joyce, Levi Harris, Joanne Newsom, Anne Marie Whittaker, Greg and Felicia Yohe, Joe Coleman, John Hogan, Danny Hart, Amy Howard, Mary Morehead and family, Curtis Bailey, Leondre Massey, Sister Constance Ward, Mark Anthony Turner, Rachel Fisher, Patricia Ransom, Beverly A. Woods, Kerianna Prather.; C.A., E.D., E.G., W.B., and J.M.

*Please call or email the office to add a name to the prayer list. **Before calling, please be sure you have spoken to the person [or a member of his family] about adding the name—we do not want to inadvertently disregard someone's desire for privacy.***

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 14 January

Anticipated Mass for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany
4:30 pm pro populo

Sunday, 15 January

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
8 am those suffering from depression
9:30 am Pope Benedict XVI +
11 am John Dean

Monday, 16 January

Feria
9 am Teresita Bantug

Tuesday, 17 January

Anthony, Abbot
9 am Mary Anne Smith

Wednesday, 18 January

Feria
9 am Easter and Richard Thompson

Thursday, 19 January

Feria
9 am iPaula Luther

Friday, 20 January

Fabian, Pope and Martyr
Sebastian, Martyr
9 am Delores Cole + [month's mind]

Saturday, 21 January

Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
10 am Thomas Tucker Echols +
Anticipated Mass for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany
4:30 pm pro populo

Sunday, 22 January

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
8 am those killed by abortion +
9:30 am those wounded by abortion
11 am Edward Kantor

The Eucharist, in addition to being a meal, is also a sacrifice. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (Jn 1:29), and as the sacrificial lamb on the altar of the cross, he took upon himself the sins of us all (Is 53:6b). It was his supreme act of love because there is no greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends (Jn 15:13), and he did this for us while we are still sinners (Rom 5:8). Jesus "loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering" (Eph 5:2).

At Mass during the consecration, when the priest says the Words of Institution, he uses the words of Jesus at the Last Supper: "This is my body, which will be given up for you." To "give up" meant that he would offer his body in sacrifice. Next, the priest says, "This is the chalice of my blood ... which will be poured out for you." The pouring out would be a blood sacrifice, and the purpose would be for the forgiveness of sins. "We are now justified by his blood" (Rom 5:9).

The celebration of the holy sacrifice of the Mass is not a reenactment of the sacrifice of the Cross, but rather "makes present the one sacrifice of Christ," according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The sacrifice cannot be repeated. Scripture says that Jesus "entered once for all into the sanctuary ... with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption" (Heb 9:12). The key word is "once." The sacrifice that Jesus offered on the Cross was perfect and complete, and there is nothing that can be done to add to it. The Mass is a memorial in which Christ is made present.

Eucharistic Prayer I connects three significant sacrificial offerings of the Old Testament with the sacrifice of Jesus, entreating the Father: "Be pleased to look upon these offerings with a serene and kindly countenance, and to accept them, as once you were pleased to accept the gifts of your servant Abel the just; the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith; and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek," and then refers to his son Jesus as "a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim."

The blood sacrifice of Jesus is also connected to two other major Old Testament events. On the first Passover, the paschal lamb was sacrificed, its blood was smeared on the lintel and the two doorposts, and the blood saved the lives of the Hebrew people (Ex 12:21-23).

On Good Friday, Jesus, the innocent and unblemished lamb, was sacrificed, his blood was smeared on the wood of the cross, and his blood is life and salvation for all.

When Moses came down Mount Sinai and ratified the covenant, he ordered the sacrifice of young bulls, that the blood be collected in large bowls, and that half of the blood would be sprinkled on the altar, which represented God, and the other half sprinkled on the people. Moses explained: "This is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you" (Ex 24:8). The blood that Jesus offered at the Last Supper and shed on the cross has sealed the new and eternal covenant.

The love of Jesus begs a response from us — love in response to love, sacrifice in response to sacrifice. St. Paul instructs us "to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God" (Rom 12:1)....

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