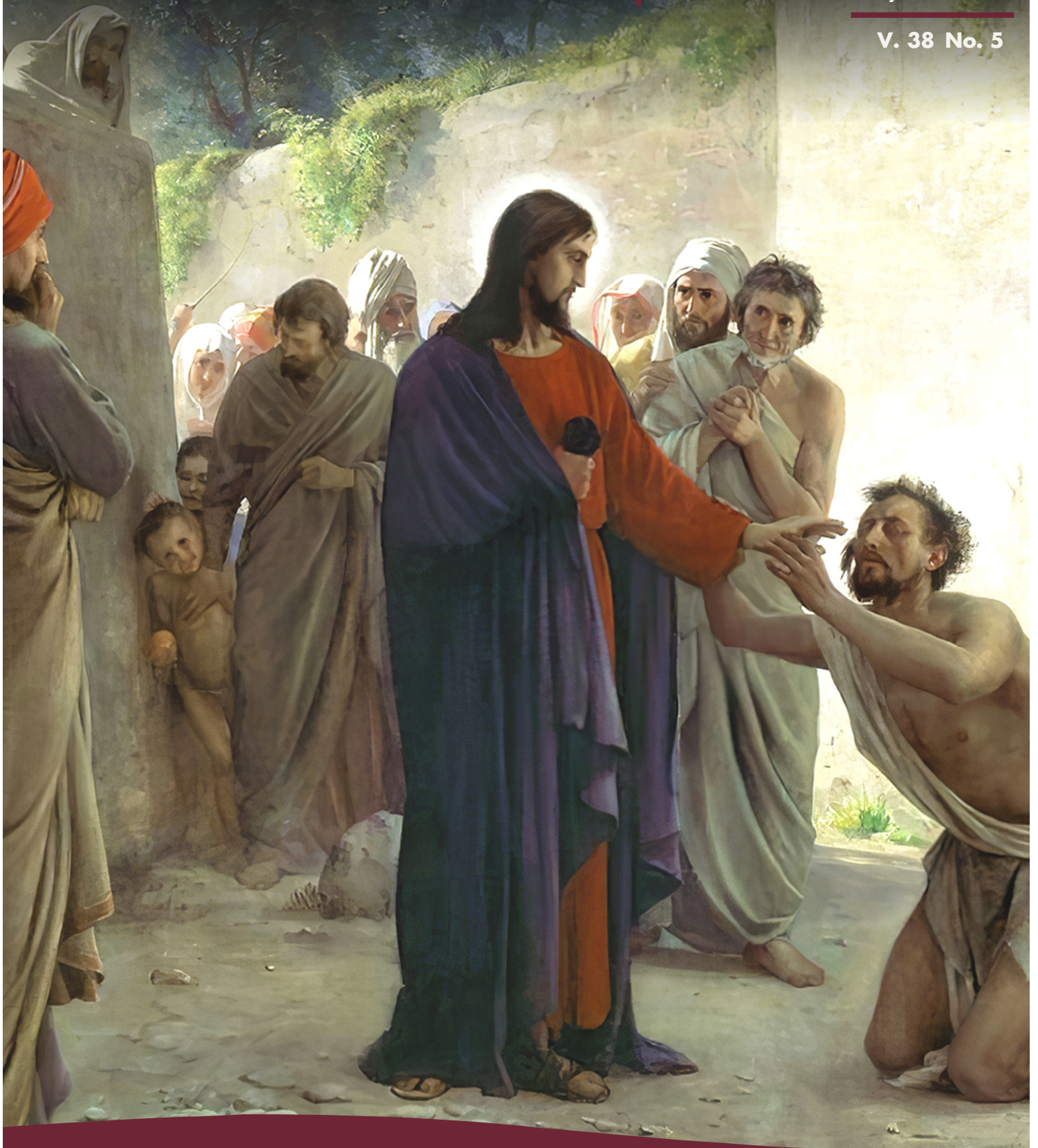


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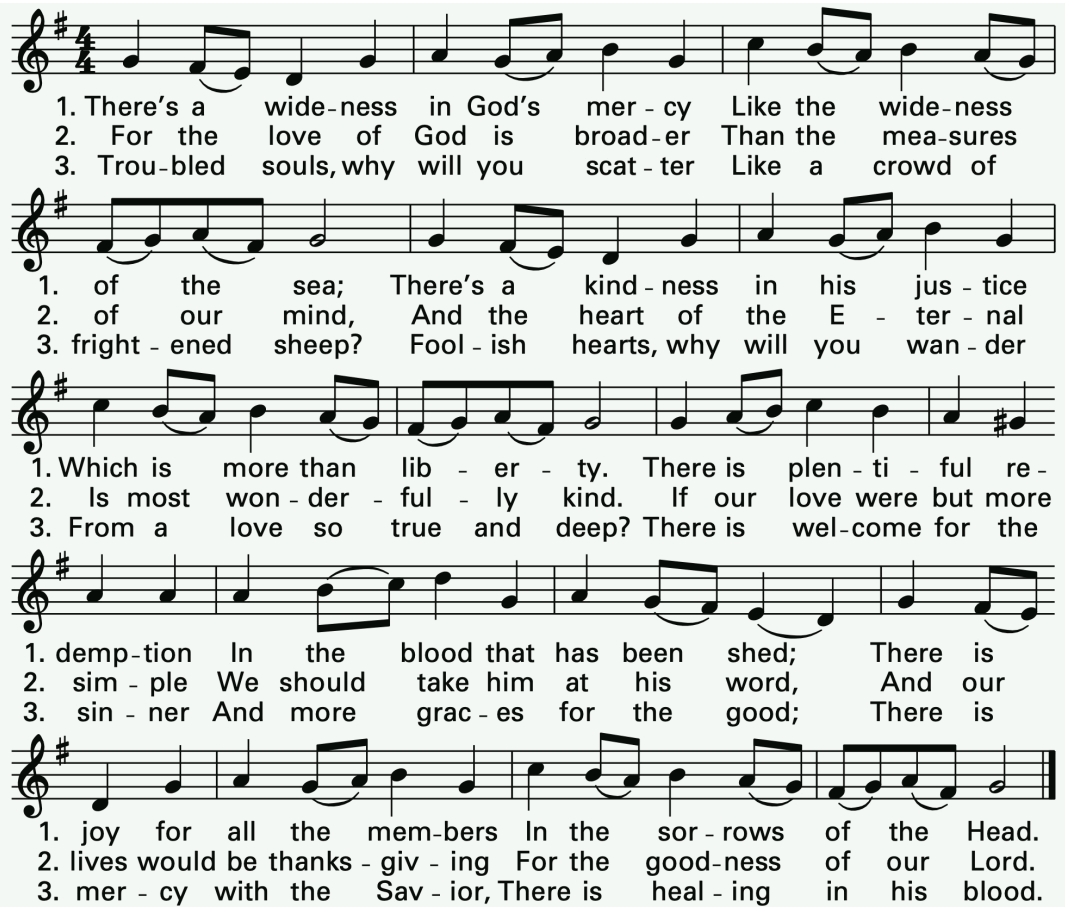
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

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Nieuwe Boerenliedjes, c. 1710.



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy Like the wide-ness
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures
3. Trou-bled souls, why will you scat-ter Like a crowd of

1. of the sea; There's a kind-ness in his jus-tice
2. of our mind, And the heart of the E-ter-nal
3. fright-ened sheep? Fool-ish hearts, why will you wan-der

1. Which is more than lib-er-ty. There is plen-ti-ful re-
2. Is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more
3. From a love so true and deep? There is wel-come for the

1. demp-tion In the blood that has been shed; There is
2. sim-ple We should take him at his word, And our
3. sin-ner And more grac-es for the good; There is

1. joy for all the mem-bers In the sor-rows of the Head.
2. lives would be thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.
3. mer-cy with the Sav-ior, There is heal-ing in his blood.

GLORIA

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, amen.

FIRST READING

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Job spoke, saying: Is not man's life on earth a drudgery? Are not his days those of hirelings? He is a slave who longs for the shade, a hireling who waits for his wages. So I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me. If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?" then the night drags on; I am filled with

restlessness until the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 147

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Praise the Lord, who heals the bro-ken-heart-ed.

Praise the Lord, who heals the bro-ken-heart-ed.

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| 1. Praise the LORD, for he is good;
sing praise, for he is gracious;
it is fitting to praise his name.
The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem;
the dispersed of Israel he gathers,
he gathers. | 2. He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up all their wounds.
He tells the number of the stars;
he calls each by name;
yes he calls us by name.
Praise the LORD, praise the LORD. | 3. Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
to his wisdom there is no limit.
The wicked he casts down,
the lowly he sustains.
Praise the LORD, praise the LORD. |
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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Brothers and sisters: If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my recompense? That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ took away our infirmities and bore our diseases.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

Deacon/Priest: The Lord be with you.

✠ **And with your spirit.**

Deacon/Priest: A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

Deacon/Priest: The gospel of the Lord.

✠ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

NICENE CREED

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,

[*at the words that follow, all bow until 'and became man'*]

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 sin, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

I Can Do All Things

John Angotti |
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1. Whenever I doubt, whenever I fail,
whenever I stumble, when sin is unveiled,
whenever I'm weak or wronged, I hold on.

REFRAIN



I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength.



I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength.

2. When I'm alone, when I'm with friends,
when I am happy, or facing the end,
when I am lost, I pick up my cross.

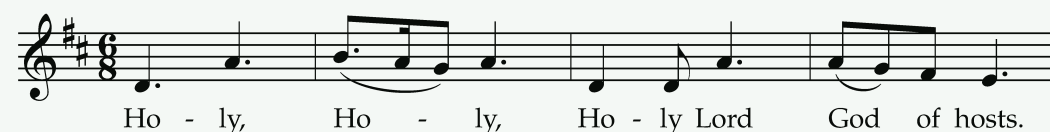
BRIDGE:

In my darkest hour Christ gives me pow'r.
In my darkest days Christ gives me strength,
In my time of pain, through thunder and the rain,
I will sing your praise.

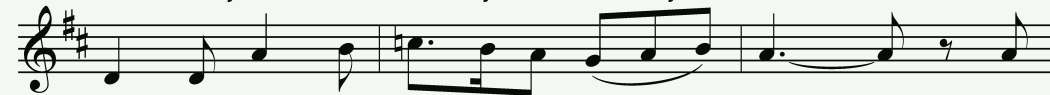
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Mass of Redemption

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san-na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san-na, ho - san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. —

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your



Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

GREAT AMEN

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A-men, a-men, a - men. a - men.

AGNUS DEI Mass of Redemption

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

COMMUNION HYMN Verses In Remembrance of You

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1. Je - sus, hope for all, teach us to be - lieve.
2. Je - sus, Son of God, you are liv - ing Word.
3. Je - sus, Lamb of God, bear - er of our sin,




Reach us, hope for all, in wa - ter, wine, and wheat.
Teach us, Son of God, to share what we have heard.
Free us, Lamb of God; come heal us from with - in.


Refrain



Gath-ered at ta-ble, gath-ered in love, food for the jour-ney



sent from a-bove. Strength - en and feed us in all that we do,




gath - ered at ta - ble in re - mem - brance of you.

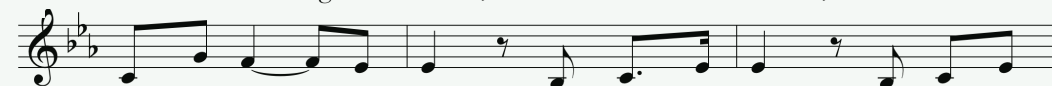
COMMUNION HYMN In Christ Alone

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VERSES



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner-stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe! This gift of love and righ-teous -
world, by dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
ness, scorned by the ones he came to save. Till on that
day, up from the grave he rose a - gain! And as he
breath, Je - sus com-mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

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love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from his

cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the
fied. For ev - ery sin, on him was laid; here in the
me; for I am his and he is mine, bought with the
hand; till he re - turns or calls me home, here in the

love of Christ I stand.
death of Christ I live.
pre - cious blood of Christ.
pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

ST. MICHAEL PRAYER

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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1. Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a
2. Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a
3. Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who

lib - er - at - ing light. Praise the One who frees the
strong yet gen - tle word. Praise the One who drove out
suf - fered in our place. Je - sus died and rose for

pris - 'ners, Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
de - mons With a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
man - y That we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, Heal - ing
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter To the
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, See - ing

ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing storms and feed - ing
des - ert's burn - ing sand. From this well comes liv - ing
what our God has done. Praise the one re - deem - ing

thou - sands With the ver - y bread of peace.
wa - ter Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
glo - ry; Praise the One who makes us one.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Gospel Reflection

Why do bad things happen to good people? This is really what our readings are asking, particularly the first reading from the book of Job. Job was a righteous man who certainly didn't deserve anything that befell him. I'm sure we've all asked ourselves that very question - why do bad things happen to good people? The way that I typically answer this is by addressing the *second* part of the question. Are any of us truly good? Are we perfect like our heavenly Father is perfect? No. We all tend toward sin, even those who seem as though they live perfectly righteous lives. We are, as St. Paul says, sons and daughters of wrath. It is through the merits of Jesus Christ that we have been brought back into right relationship with the Father and why, like Jesus, we can cry out, "Abba, Father!"

There is, however, a deeper question that centers around the problem of evil. We believe in a God who is all knowing, all powerful, and all good. If God is all knowing, He would definitely know that there is evil in the world. If God is all powerful, He would prevent it and stop it altogether. And, if God is all good, He would want to prevent and stop it. So, why do evil things happen to us? Why do we deal with suffering and tragedy? We call this the 'problem of evil' because it does pose a difficult intellectual dilemma. The existence of God and the existence of evil are not, however, mutually exclusive. The two can (and do) coexist. We know this from Scripture beginning with the account of the fall and onward. The Bible, particularly the Old Testament, is about how we human beings behave when confronted with sin and evil. More practically, we know this from our everyday lived experience. The New Testament is God's great rescue mission, certainly foreshadowed through the Old Testament.

First, God's omnipotence (all-powerful). Omnipotence does not mean the ability to do what is logically impossible. God can certainly create beings with the freedom to choose between what is good and what is evil, but He cannot force those beings into choosing only what is good. Then it wouldn't be freedom.

Second, God's omniscience (all-knowing). God has infinite knowledge, and we do not. We are, in fact, limited finite beings. Therefore, God knows things we don't. This can be frustrating for us. God may, in fact, have good reasons for permitting things like evil and suffering. God plays a long

game, and we can't necessarily see 'the why' in many circumstances. We leave these mysteries to God alone knowing that, one day, we will have answers. Sometimes, what appears to us to be a tragedy God uses to bring about a greater good. Sometimes, what appears to us to be very good, in the end, proves to be something altogether bad.

Third, God's omnibenevolence (all-good). We have to be careful here because we tend to project or impose onto God what we think goodness means or should mean. And, by 'goodness', we tend to mean lovingness and kindness. Much of the time, we want God to bless whatever project or endeavor we have undertaken. We want a God who is nice. God didn't create us merely for happiness in this life. More importantly he created us for eternal happiness living in relationship with Him in heaven.

We have to keep in mind, due to our limitedness and finitude, sometimes we have to simply bow to the mystery of God when bad things happen - when we are confronted by evil and sin. That's the whole point of the book of Job. Many things happened to this righteous man that are inexplicable and tragic. At the end of the book, the answer to the problem of evil isn't really answered. Rather, God takes Job on a tour of the cosmos and asks Job, "Where were you when I created the universe? Where were you when I created the mountains, the beasts, and the creatures that roam the earth? Where were you when I created the seas and all they contain?" In other words, God is making a point. Our lives are but a sentence on a page of a chapter of a huge volume of work. From our perspective, we cannot see the entire volume of work but only our short existence in time. There is so much more to God's project; so many more questions that have yet to be answered for us. Someday they will be.

On our part, we are called to remain faithful - faithful like Job.

Know of my prayers for you all!

Fr. Ryan



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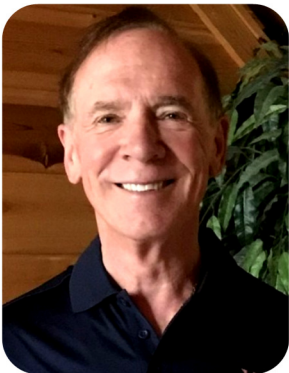
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8:30 am † Marybeth Horton *by St. Martha CCW*
- Tuesday, February 6**
8:30 am † Daniel McKelvey *by St. Martha CCW*
- Wednesday, February 7**
6:00 pm † Chuck Willems
- Thursday, February 8**
8:30 am † Neva Fizzell *by D. & C. Aven*
- Friday, February 9**
8:30 am † Betty Flood *by D. Welch*
- Saturday, February 10**
5:00 pm † Jerry, † Lee, and † Mike Cvengros
by R. Cvengros
- Sunday, February 11**
8:00 am † Chuck Willems
10:00 am † Lawrence and † Cecilia Blatnik
by L. & C. Blatnik
5:00 pm People of St. Martha Parish

Scripture Readings

- For the Week of February 5, 2024*
- Monday** **Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday** **Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday** 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday** **Memorial of Saint Jerome Emiliani, Priest, and Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin**
1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday** **Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin**
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday** **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Lv 13:1-2; 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Rest in Peace

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Don Burkhardt Sr.

Intercessory Prayers

- St. Martha Parish prays for our brothers and sisters who need physical or spiritual healing, especially:**
- Sally Szukala
Ted Beekman
Terry Carroll
Jennifer Polega
Paul Stevens
Steve Hess
Christopher Easton
Tom Devine
Dave Lewis
Kevin Mitchell
Fr. Kusi Cobona
Msgr. Robert Lunsford
Earl Boyea, Sr.
Leanne Seguin
Ronan Keenan
Rosemary Swingos
- Gregg Borchelt
Larry Klocek
Bill Latta
Harold Goldynia
Toni Santone
Tom Muncie
Roberta Fugazzi
Bob Robke
Leslie Kitchen
Paul Krupp
Emma Elias
Francesco Pipitone
Ken Malkowski
Matthew Boersma
Leslie Lavery
Andrea Tanner
John Ruh
John Paul Erford
Freda Winegar
Ronnie Patoprsty
Jeffrey Rostek
- For those serving in our Armed Forces.**
- For † those who have gone before us, especially:**
- † Msgr. Daniel Trapp
† Fr. Bill Luggier
† Tony Algaier
† Don Burkhardt, Sr.
† Appolonia Matz
† Dianne Jurczak
- We offer these prayers in the name of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

MINISTRY FAIR

Sunday, February 4
After 8 am and 10 am Masses

**Join us for coffee and donuts.
Learn about our parish ministries.
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If you can't make it or are attending a different Mass, grab a Welcome and Ministry Guide at the entrances or visit www.st-martha.org/ministries

This Week at St. Martha

Monday, February 5

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan*

Tuesday, February 6

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*
9:15 am Women's Bible Study - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*
7:30 pm Men's Pick Up Basketball - *Gym*

Wednesday, February 7

6:00 pm Faith Formation Grades 1-6
6:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan*
6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 7:20 Benediction

Thursday, February 8

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

Friday, February 9

9:00 am Reconciliation *Fr. Ryan*

Saturday, February 10

7:30 am Upper Room Men's Prayer Group - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*
9:00 am Fearless & Free Women's Bible Study - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*
3:30 pm Reconciliation *Fr. Mike*

Sunday, February 11

9:00 am Faith Formation Grades 1-6
6:00 pm High School Youth Group - *Bl. Solanus Casey Room*

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 10 | 5:00 pm

S. D. Hunter and M. Siminski
L. 1 - L. Blatnik **W/2** - R. Kostrzewa
A.S. R. Donahue, J. O'Leary, **Volunteers Needed**

Sunday, February 11 | 8:00 am

S. C. and L. Kendall
L. 1 - B. Mead-O'Brien **W/2** - M. Fletcher
A.S. C. Ingram, **Volunteers Needed**

Sunday, February 11 | 10:00 am

S. K. and N. Leemon
L. 1 - T. Muncie **W/2** - M. Hakim
A.S. A. and H. Cruz, **Volunteers Needed**

Sunday, February 11 | 5:00 pm

S. L. and S. Elias
L. 1 - J. Dassance **W/2** - S. Nowland
A.S. C. Gaddy, **Volunteers Needed**



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Eucharist to Care Homes

February 11, 2024

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PRAYER

Hallow

Back to
the Basics

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13
7:00 PM



LENT

— 40 DAYS OF RENEWAL —

Ash Wednesday Masses

Wednesday, February 14

6:30 am, 8:30 am, Noon, 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays: 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:
after 8:30 am Mass until all are heard

Wednesday: 6:45 to 7:15 pm

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays in Lent 5:00 to 7:00

February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22

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Women's Lenten Soup Supper

Wednesday, February 21 | 6:45 - 8 pm

Bl. Solanus Casey Room

Please join St. Martha's CCW for warm hospitality, and a variety of soups! We will have a short business meeting and listen to our guest speaker, Liz Carls, all while sampling many delicious soups. If you are new to St. Martha Parish, this is a great opportunity to meet some of the ladies of the Church! Please mark your calendar for the February 21st CCW Lenten Soup Supper!



The future starts today, not tomorrow.
Saint John Paul the Great

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Catholic Schools Week

That's a wrap on another Catholic Schools Week! We kicked it all off on Sunday with a jam packed 10 am Mass with our entire parish community and a school-wide Eucharistic Procession on Monday.

Throughout the week, students celebrated with dress up days, a rosary for vocations, making cards for veterans and nursing home residents, and even surprise ice cream sundaes!

Students also held collections for Footprints for Michigan of gently used shoes and the Cristo Rey Community Center of clothing.

We thank the parish community for their continued support of St. Martha School!



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community



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IN JESUS CHRIST



Now Enrolling for the 2024-2025 School Year

Open Enrollment has begun!

Enrollment is open to the public! Call 517-349-3322 or email Mrs. Patton at apatton@st-martha.org to schedule a personal tour!



Haven House
Pancake Palooza
 Short Stacks For A Tall Cause

SAVE THE DATE!

Date: 2.24.2024
 Time: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
 Location: 2600 BENNETT RD.,
 OKEMOS, MI 48864

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Facility Hosted by
 242 Community Church **242**




The Lansing Deanery Presents
A Three Night Mission
 with Dr. Mary Healy

6:30pm | Sun, Mon, Tue | March 3, 4, 5
 St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing, MI

The Holy Spirit:
 The Presence,
 the Power,
 the Promise



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Pilgrimage Opportunity
France
 with Fr. Mike
 Summer of 2024



Fr. Mike Murray will be embarking on a Pilgrimage to France this coming July 5 - 16. St. Martha parishioners (and family and friends) are welcome to join on this pilgrimage to Lourdes, Toulouse, Paray Le Monial, Chartres, Lisieux, Normandy Beaches, and Mont Saint Michel, all ending in Paris. Learn more at st-martha.org/france2024

Pilgrimage
 to the
National Eucharistic Congress

INDIANAPOLIS
JULY 17 - 21, 2024

with the Diocese of Lansing



Participate in this pivotal moment in the Church and draw into a deeper intimacy with our Lord. Join our diocese by registering today! Scan the QR code or click Book Now to attend this historic event.



save the date
PINE HILLS CAMP

BOYS CAMP june 9-15, 2024
GIRLS CAMP august 4-10, 2024



Registration opens March 1, 2024 | pinehillscamp.com





ST. MARTHA PARISH & SCHOOL

1100 West Grand River
Okemos, MI 48864

Parish Mission Statement

Walking together in Word and Sacrament, the Catholic Community of Saint Martha shares the redeeming love of Christ through acts of faith, hope, and charity.

www.st-martha.org



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St. Martha Parish School (Preschool - Grade 8)

Phone 517-349-3322
Office Hours Monday - Friday 7:45 am - 3:45 pm

Lansing Catholic High School (Grades 9-12)

Phone 517-267-2100
Office Hours Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 3:30 pm
Website lansingcatholic.org

Mass Opportunities

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 5:00 pm

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday 8:30 am

Wednesday 6:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am
at St. Mary Church, Williamston

Reconciliation Opportunities

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday after 8:30 am Mass
until all are heard

Wednesday 6:45 to 7:15 pm

Saturday 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Other times by appointment

Prayer/Adoration Opportunities

Monday
International Rosary after 8:30 am Mass

Wednesday
Rosary for the Unborn 5:30 pm

Our Mother of Perpetual
Help Devotions 5:45 pm

Adoration after 6:00 pm Mass
until 7:20 pm Benediction

Thursday
Rosary for Peace and
Those Suffering From War 8:00 am

Friday
Rosary after 8:30 am Mass

Friday Adoration after 8:30 am Mass
until 7:00 pm Benediction



Ministry Leaders

Parish Pastoral Council

John Saltzgaber, Chair

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Brigit Martell, Jean Morgan, Ingrid Schwab

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Mary Hall, Coordinator

Service/Outreach Ministry

Renee Salyers, Coordinator

Upper Room Men's Prayer Group

Michael Siminski and Frank Fortier

Bulletin & Announcement Deadlines

Bulletin Articles Must Be Emailed to cboomer@st-martha.org by Monday at noon ahead the weekend requested.

Mass Announcements Must Be Emailed to cboomer@st-martha.org by Wednesday at noon ahead of the weekend requested.

Intercessory Prayer List in the bulletin includes sick individuals for 6 weeks (unless specified for a longer time), deceased individuals for 3 weeks, and military individuals until we are notified they are home. Please contact the parish office to add a name.

Sacramental Information

Baptism Parents who are baptizing their first child will need to attend a preparation class. Please visit st-martha.org/baptism to complete the registration form.

First Reconciliation/First Communion and Confirmation for non-school students is completed as part of our Faith Formation program. Please email Jackie Rosalez at jrosalez@st-martha.org.

Marriage Preparation begins with a meeting with the priest at least 9 months in advance of your ideal wedding date. Please email Fr. Ryan frryan@st-martha.org to schedule an appointment.

Anointing of the Sick can be arranged by contacting the parish office.

Want to become Catholic as an adult? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for older teens or adults who are considering becoming Catholic or just want to learn more about our Faith. Please email Deacon Carl Boehlert for more information at cboehlert@st-martha.org.