

Monday Fifth Sunday of Lent

Lectionary 251

Lenten Wkday/ Optional Memorial of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doc of the Church

March 18, 2024

9 am Live-Streamed Mass

Good Morning.

Welcome to all who gather in the worship space of St. Joseph's Church. We especially welcome all who participate in our online community.

Christian faith is not primarily in a doctrine but in a person. Through this person, Jesus Christ, we enter into the mystery of God. May our faith remain strong to accept Jesus' call to carry our cross and live in the light of the resurrection. #We Are The Church.

LITURGY OF THE WORD Lectionary 251

Long or Short version of 1st reading-TBD

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 • Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 • Jn 8:12-20

For Lent, 2024

B--Penitential Act

Priest:

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Brief pause for silence follows, then all recite together:

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,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

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.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

The people reply:

Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Priest/Presider

Believing in the healing power of Jesus, let us ask our God to hear us and be with those in need. We especially hold in prayer, all who participate in our Sister Parish Mission this evening.

May the church, the people of God, remain steadfast in nurturing and creating new opportunities for participation in our sister parishes.

We pray to the Lord

For those who suffer from abuse: May they seek and find protection. For those who are tempted to exploit women and girls or abuse others. May they seek help and treat others as the children of God. We pray to the Lord

May we remember and share with others that no matter how dark things may seem, that darkness can never overpower light. Let us always turn to Christ, the light of the world.

We pray to the Lord

For social workers who support and care for the most vulnerable in our communities.

We pray to the Lord

That our deceased family members, friends and parishioners, along with those who have died violence or war, will be cradled in the arms of our loving God. We continue to pray for all who grieve.

For † *Margery Salmon*, for whom this mass is being offered.

We pray to the Lord

That all the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts are heard.

(pause) We pray to the Lord

Priest/Presider

Let us pray.

O God, you sent your Son into the world not to condemn it, but to offer your salvation; grant that, in praying for ourselves and those most vulnerable among us, we may learn to love as Christ taught us. We ask this through him who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. + Amen.

Good Morning.

Welcome to all who gather in the worship space of St. Joseph's Church.
We especially welcome all who participate in our online community.

Today, we celebrate our patron, St. Joseph. Even though none of the words of St. Joseph are recorded in the Gospels, his silent witness speaks volumes. We look to him as a model of faith and trust in the promises of God --- that find their fulfillment in Jesus, who is present in our midst. We pray that we may strengthen our faith in these days of Lent. #We Are The Church.

Penitential Act

Lord Jesus, you are the son of David who lives forever: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, You came to save your people from their sins:
Christ, have mercy

Lord Jesus, you fulfill the promises made to Abraham: Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD Lectionary 543

First Reading 2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16

Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 27 and 29

Second Reading Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22

Gospel Reading Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a **or** Lk 2:41–51a

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,

(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.

Priest/Presider

With the prayers of St. Joseph to help us, we bring our prayers before the Lord.

As patron of the Universal Church, may St Joseph watch over Pope Francis on this, the 11th anniversary of his installation as Bishop of Rome, and over the whole Church entrusted to Joseph's care. We pray to the Lord

For the members of our Sister Parishes, Holy Spirit and St. Joseph's and especially for all fathers, stepfathers, adopted and foster fathers, godfathers, and grandfathers – that they may be filled with the wisdom and gentleness of St. Joseph. We pray to the Lord

That nations, countries, cities and all communities will be delivered from the present evil of war, and receive support from around the world so that peace is theirs, once again. We pray to the Lord

For all who are distressed or suffering in body, mind or spirit, that our faith --- ----as we pray for them ----- may be strong and effective, moving mountains of pain and bringing healing and joy. We pray to the Lord

As patron of a happy death, may Joseph receive into the heavenly home all who have died and those who are approaching death at this time. We also pray for all who grieve. We pray to the Lord

For a special intention for Carlo and Salvatore Viavattene (vee ya-**va**h-tin-ay)
For all of the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts to be heard.
(pause) We pray to the Lord

Priest/Presider

Let us pray.

Lord, our God, you sent your Son, our Savior, into the world, entrusting him to the care of a mother and a father. Which the prayers of St. Joseph to help them, may all families be bound together in unity and love. Through Christ our Lord. + Amen.

Wednesday

Fifth Week in Lent

Lectionary 253

Lenten Weekday

March 20, 2024

9 am Live-Streamed Mass

Good Morning.

Welcome to all who gather in the worship space of St. Joseph's Church. We especially welcome all who participate in our online community.

When we accept the indwelling of God in our hearts we realize that being in God's presence is a privileged place of home for us. We are called to cooperate with God's grace. May we each be willing to be open to God's grace and to being the best version of ourselves. #We Are The Church.

LITURGY OF THE WORD Lectionary 253

Dn 3:14–20, 91–9 • Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 92, 95 • Jn 8:31–42

For 2024 Lenten season

B--Penitential Act

Priest:

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Brief pause for silence follows, then all recite together:

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,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

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.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

The people reply:

Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Priest/Presider

Jesus teaches us that we will find true freedom by living in the truth. Let us pray now for others in need. We keep all who will be Anointed at the 11am Mass this morning at Holy Spirit.

May the People of God love truth, seek its guidance in the Scriptures, and live it in all their relationships. We pray to the Lord

For nations under siege by enemies at their borders and in their cities. We pray to the Lord

For those who are trapped in patterns of self-destruction and abuse: May they hear the Spirit's prompting to seek help. We pray to the Lord

For all who suffer illness of any kind. We pray in these last few days of Lent that they know Christ and the power of his resurrection as they share in his sufferings. We pray to the Lord

That our deceased family members, friends and parishioners, will be cradled in the arms of our loving God. We continue to pray for all who grieve.

For † Beverly Szewczyk, for whom this mass is being offered.
(*shuf-chick*) We pray to the Lord

That all the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts are heard.
(*pause*) We pray to the Lord

Priest/Presider

Let us pray.

O God, you rescue us from evil and spare us from destruction; grant that we, in our prayers for all the world, become defenders of those who are most in need of your care. We ask this through Christ our Lord. † Amen.

Thursday Fifth Week of Lent

Lectionary 254

Lenten Weekday

March 21, 2024

9 am Live-Streamed Mass

Good Morning.

Welcome to all who gather in the worship space of St. Joseph's Church.
We especially welcome all who participate in our online community.

The Jesus of the Gospel knows who he is. He knows he meets opposition from the leaders of religion and state; he sees through the hypocrisy of religion and knows he is from God. May we pray to find ways to show people who Jesus is. #We Are The Church.

LITURGY OF THE WORD Lectionary 254

Gn 17:3–9 • Ps 105:4–5, 6–7, 8–9 • Jn 8:51–59

B--Penitential Act

Priest:

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Brief pause for silence follows, then all recite together:

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,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

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.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

The people reply:

Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Priest/Presider

Jesus has assured us that his word is the source of eternal life. We receive it with thanksgiving and live it with charity.

For the church, the People of God, that we may develop a deeper love for the Scriptures and be nourished on God's word. We pray for the grace to grow in love for God every day so that our lives have meaning and purpose.

We pray to the Lord

For peace throughout the whole world. We pray for families who are displaced by war.

We pray to the Lord

For the faithful gathered here: May we always thank God who has set us on the path of salvation.

We pray to the Lord

For all who are sick and for all who care for them; we pray that we find a way so that all people have access to health care, regardless of their financial situation.

We pray to the Lord

For our friends and relatives who have died: May they be delighting in the presence of God.

For † *Mary Beth Carey*, for whom this mass is being offered.

We pray to the Lord

That all the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts are heard.

(pause) We pray to the Lord

Priest/Presider

Let us pray.

O God, you did not spare your only Son, but handed him over so that we might have eternal life; hear our petitions as we pray through him who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Friday

Fifth Week of Lent

Lectionary 255

Lenten Weekday

March 22, 2024

9 am Live-Streamed Mass

Good Morning.

Welcome to all who gather in the worship space of St. Joseph's Church. We especially welcome all who participate in our online community.

While Jesus met much opposition to his teaching, many of the people, seeing his goodness, believed in him. The works of Jesus testify to the truth of what he says about himself. The awe-inspiring God, Lord of heaven and earth, does not abandon his chosen ones. We are daughters and sons of God. We are grateful. #We Are The Church.

LITURGY OF THE WORD Lectionary 256

Jer 20:10–13 • Ps 18:2–3a, 3bc–4, 5–6, 7 • Jn 10:31–42

B--Penitential Act

Priest:

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Brief pause for silence follows, then all recite together:

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,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

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.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

The people reply:

Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Priest/Presider

Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. We believe that our prayers are always heard.

We pray for all who may have lost their faith in Jesus, that in these last days of Lent they may rediscover the truth of his words and the beauty of his love.

We pray to the Lord

For peace throughout the whole world. We pray for families who are displaced by war.

We pray to the Lord

We pray for those who, like Jesus, suffer hatred and persecution for their faith, that our prayer may win them the grace of courage and fidelity.

We pray to the Lord

For all who are sick and for all who care for them; for all who are shut in at home, the hospital, care facilities. That they know our prayers for healing, peace and love.

We pray to the Lord

That those who have died be freed from their distress, and live rejoicing in the light of your presence. For † *Deceased Members of St. Joseph's Church*, for whom this mass is being offered.

We pray to the Lord

That all the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts are heard.

(pause) We pray to the Lord

Priest/Presider

Let us pray.

O God, may we stand with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, at the foot of the Cross and contemplate his sacrifice with humility and love, praying for the salvation of all humanity. Amen.

Saturday Fifth Week of Lent

Lectionary 256

Lenten Weekday

March 23, 2024

9 am Live-Streamed Mass

Good Morning.

Welcome to all who gather in the worship space of St. Joseph's Church.
We especially welcome all who participate in our online community.

As he approaches the end of his earthly life, Jesus retreats to the hill country of Ephraim, overlooking the Judean Desert, where his mission began three years earlier. Let us accompany our Lord in his darkest hours. In sharing the experience of his passion, may we also share that of his resurrection. #We Are The Church.

LITURGY OF THE WORD Lectionary 256

Ez 37:21–28 • Jer 31:10, 11–12abcd, 13 • Jn 11:45–56

B--Penitential Act

Priest:

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Brief pause for silence follows, then all recite together:

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,

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Then they continue:

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
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to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

The people reply:

Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Priest/Presider

Jesus died for all the scattered children of God to bring every person into unity in the love of the Father. We pray for our Church and the world.

For every person on this planet that God's love may draw all into unity. We pray for the unity of the Church desired by Jesus. We pray to the Lord

For peace throughout the whole world. or our sister parishes; that we may respond boldly to the Holy Spirit's call to act together to end violence in our world. We pray to the Lord

For our Orthodox brothers and sisters as they prepare for the Paschal season: May they enjoy the blessings and grace of our Lord.

We pray to the Lord

For all who are sick and for all who care for them; for all who are shut in at home, the hospital, care facilities. That they know our prayers for healing, peace and love. We pray to the Lord

For those who have died: May they rest in the peace of Jesus who gathers all to himself. We pray to the Lord

We pray for our pastor for whom this Mass is being offered. For Fr. Jim Schwartz on the occasion of his birthday. May he forever enjoy rich blessings, good health and faith in our loving God. We pray to the Lord.

That all the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts are heard. For all who have asked us for our prayers, for those who have a right to our prayers, and for all who need our prayers. *(pause)* We pray to the Lord

Priest/Presider

Let us pray.

Lord, hear the cry of all who are distressed at this time, be their shield, mighty help and stronghold. Make each of us a channel of your peace and justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.