

Prayer of the Faithful

Let us continue to pray for these elect whom God has chosen. May the grace of the sacraments conform them to Christ in his passion and resurrection and enable them to triumph over the bitter fate of death.

That at Easter ---we, along with you, the Elect, may again be confirmed in our hope of rising to life with Christ We pray to the Lord

That the whole world may allow God's mercy to flow through their hearts knowing that they shall be called the People of God.

We pray to the Lord

That along with our Elect, all in our sister parishes of Holy Spirit and St. Joseph will learn to die to selfish ways and embrace growth and change.

We pray to the Lord

For those who ask for healing and all who face serious illness – to know God's presence and healing strength. We pray to the Lord

That those who are saddened by the death of family or friends may find comfort in Christ. For ---- **Kelly Williams and Christine Williams** --- who recently went home to the Lord. We remember those for whom we offer this mass: † **Harry Lane** and † **Mirela Dzafic.** **(5pmMass)**

We pray to the Lord

For all the prayers that we hold in the silence of our hearts; for all our intentions spoken and unspoken. *(pause)* We pray to the Lord.

Priest/Presider

Let us pray. Father of life- God of the living, you sent your Son to proclaim life, to snatch us from the realm of death, and to lead us to the resurrection.

Free these elect from the darkness of sin, so that they may bear witness to their new life in the risen Christ, for he lives and reigns for ever and ever. + Amen.

Exorcism - Prayer for the Catechumens

Priest/Deacon explains that this exorcism is for the catechumens; but we all journey together with them to initiation. Here the celebrant lays hands on the head of each of the candidates in silence. Then, with hands outstretched over all of them, he continues

Priest/Deacon **Father of mercy, so loved the world that you gave
your only Son, so that everyone who believes in you
might not perish but might have eternal life.**

As we pray for

Monika • Armand • Jon
Rick • Christopher • James

**May each of us realize
Our Lord Jesus is the way to eternal life.
Through the Spirit of truth we ask to free those
who are enslaved by the father of lies.
Stir up the desire for good in these elect,
whom you have chosen for your sacraments.**

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(The candidates come forward at this time)

Dismissal of the Elect

The Priest/Deacon, with hands outstretched over the elect

Priest/Deacon

**Dear catechumens and Elect, today, we heard the words of Jesus:
“Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my
servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.”**

**Let us all remember that God calls each of us to serve and will give us
heart and the tools we need for that service. We anticipate with joy the
day when you will be wholly one with us and share in Christ’s Body and
Blood. Go now, in peace.**

The Elect and catechists are dismissed.

Creed is omitted. Continue to the Preparation of the Table Presentation of the Gifts