

Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 4;

Opening Hymn

Now that we have reminded ourselves of our Baptism (holy water), given reverence to Jesus present in the tabernacle (genuflection), and quietly said our prayers of preparation, we are ready to stand for the Introductory Rites.

For most parishes, these rites will begin with a hymn or the Entrance Antiphon.

There is no doubt that everyone has their “special way” of singing during the Mass. Some really belt out the song, whether they have a pleasant voice or not. Some lightly mumble the words so that even if they had a microphone, you could barely hear them. Some seemingly know the songs so well that they don’t even open the books! Some must have such a deep interior connection with God that they don’t even sing out loud—just in their hearts!

Let us pray

Why do we sing? Looking back in our history and to the Jewish roots of our liturgy, we see that music and singing is an important part of our prayer together. Singing is one of the most fitting praises for God, since it involves the body and soul even more than speaking. (Singing is a lot more work than speaking!) When we sing, we use our whole beings to praise God.

The General Instruction for the Roman Missal explains the importance of singing:

“The Christian faithful who come together as one in expectation of the Lord’s coming are instructed by the Apostle Paul to sing together Psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles (cf. Col 3:16). Singing is the sign of the heart’s joy (cf. Acts 2:46). Thus St. Augustine says rightly, ‘Singing is for one who loves,’ and there is also the ancient proverb: ‘Whoever sings well prays twice over’” (GIRM, no. 39).

Given these admonitions, “Great importance should therefore be attached to the use of singing in the celebration of the Mass” (GIRM, no. 40).

At the beginning of Mass, the most common options for the “Entrance Chant” are an Entrance Hymn or Entrance Antiphon. The purpose of singing at this time is “to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time or festivity, and accompany the procession of the Priest and ministers” (GIRM, no. 47). The Entrance Hymn or Antiphon helps us to “get into” what we are about to do; it helps us set aside everything else that is going on in our lives and helps us to prepare our hearts to praise God and participate in the Mass. This singing especially reminds us that we are a community, because it is the first act that we all do together at the Mass.

“Be not afraid!”

I often hear individuals say, “I feel self-conscious because my voice is terrible!” To quote our Lord, Pope St. John Paul II, and many others: “Be not afraid!” God gave you the voice you have, and in singing praise to him, you are offering the gifts (or lack thereof) that he gave you. So, pick up that hymnal and join the song!

For Reflection:

1. Reflect on your participation at Mass as an opportunity to fulfill the exhortation of Psalm 96: “Sing to the LORD a new song;/ sing to the LORD, all the earth./ Sing to the LORD, bless his name;/ proclaim his salvation day after day.” (Ps. 96:1-2)
2. Both the Old and New Testament offer many examples of individuals responding in songs, or “Canticles,” to God’s saving action, such as Moses and Miriam (Ex. 15:1-21), Moses (Dt. 32:1-44), Hannah (1 Sm. 2:1-10), David (1 Chr. 29:10-13), Tobit (Tb. 13:1-8), Judith (Jdt. 16:13-17), Sirach (Sir. 1:1-13), Isaiah (Is 20:1-6; 45:15-25), Jeremiah (Jer. 31:10-14), Daniel (Dn. 3:52-88), Habakkuk (Hab. 3:2-19), Zechariah (Lk. 1:68-79), the Blessed Virgin Mary (Lk. 1:46-55), and Simeon (Lk. 2:29-32).
Take time to meditate on a scriptural Canticle and see how God moves you to respond.

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“We adore You, O Christ, and we praise you, because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.”

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Weekly Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:30AM

Friday 6:00PM

THE HOLY ROSARY IS RECITED 20 MINUTES BEFORE MASS



John the Baptist saw
Jesus coming toward him
and said, “Behold,
the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin
of the world.” JOHN 1:29

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 15, 2023

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Sunday January 15, 2023
10:30AM: †Gilbert, †Braulia, & †Fernando Solis

Friday January 20, 2023
6:00PM: for the parishioners of Holy Cross

Sunday January 22, 2023
10:30AM: OPEN

Friday January 27, 2023
6:00PM: for the sick and homebound

Sunday January 29, 2023
10:30AM: OPEN

† - For the repose (eternal rest) of the soul

S.I. - Special Intentions

B.B. - Birthday Blessings

W.A. - Wedding Anniversary

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP	
Envelope Collection	\$689.50
Loose Collection	\$207.00
Candle Donations	\$34.00
Maintenance Fund	\$57.00
Collection Total – January 8	\$987.50

Thank you for your faithfulness, your generous support, and sharing of your gifts with Holy Cross Church. May God bless you now and forever

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 12 - David Ortiz
- 13 - Korey Hardeman
- 14 - Erika Ramos
- 18 - Armando Ortiz
- 20 - Ashleigh Wagner

Birthday



Wishes

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Prayer is the most powerful against trials, the most effective medicine against sickness and the most valuable gift to someone we care for.

Please pray for the sick of the parish, especially:

Christine Aranda	Rodessa Jones
Marylou Areola	Ray Karpe
Nancy Balderas	Charlester Lewis
Casey Barrera	Nathan Lopez
Rosie Barrera	Fr. Seamus McGowan
Marchant Bradford	Emily Petru
Tony Canales	Beth Rach
Fern Carter	Rosanne Ramirez
Paul Carter	Renalda Sharkey
Ana Dudley	Lamont Taylor
Richard Rey Escobedo	Alejandro Veliz
Rebecca Garza	Aiden Vesely
George Hamilton	Dolores Vesely
Gloria Hamilton	Patricia Whitfield
Doug Hopkins	Marilyn Williams
Otis Jackson	Dewene Wilson
Margaret Jeter	Ann Woodson
Arthur B. Jones	

OUR STRATEGIC GOAL

As a Church, we now move into Ordinary Time. “Ordinary” comes from the Latin root for “order,” which is why we line the Sundays up on the calendar and count them—with “ordinal” numbers—one by one. The orderly way we proceed through the liturgical year reminds us that our faith offers a strategic goal for our lives: eternal happiness with God, who is love. Today’s readings share stories of believers who order their daily activities toward the goal of sharing God’s love. Isaiah embraces his role as God’s servant and works to bring glory not only to Israel, but to the entire world. In a similar way, Saint Paul identifies himself as Christ’s witness in the world and reminds the Corinthians of their life goal: “to be holy.” The Gospel shows us John the Baptist, servant and witness, attentive to God’s loving orders, the divine plan for salvation.

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VISION

Some people see more in a walk around the block than others see in a trip around the world.

—Anonymous

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:

Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: St. Anthony

Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: St. Fabian, St. Sebastian

Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: St. Agnes

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Calendars

Perhaps you noticed that this year we didn’t celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on the Sunday after Epiphany (today), but instead on last Monday, the day after Epiphany. Why the shift? It all has to do with regional calendars. Within certain general boundaries, every national conference of bishops is able to set its own liturgical calendar according to how it is felt to benefit the people in that region most. So, for example, the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated January 6 on the Church’s universal calendar. But the bishops of the United States decided that, for the benefit of the faithful, it would be better for Epiphany to be celebrated on a Sunday every year. So here in the States we see Epiphany’s date vary from January 2 to January 8. The biggest problem this presents is that the Baptism of the Lord, which is normally celebrated on the Sunday after the Epiphany, would push back the whole liturgical calendar by a week on the years when the Sunday celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 7 or 8, putting the U.S. out of sync with the rest of the Catholic world at least until Lent. To avoid that scenario, the U. S. bishops decreed that in those years the Baptism of the Lord would fall on the Monday after Epiphany, leaving the rest of the calendar intact.

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CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer to Begin the Day

Lord God, may everything we do begin with your inspiration and continue with your help, so that all of our work today will bring us closer you. Guide us in our work today, that we may do it not for ourselves alone, but for the common good of all. We ask this in your name. Amen.

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ABOUT NEXT WEEKEND’S SECOND COLLECTION
Church in Latin America

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

Pope Francis’ Prayer intention for January
For educators
 We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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Jan. 15	Michael, David	Armando	Norma	Priscilla Guerra, Daniel Ortiz
Jan. 22	Juan, Marylou	Raymond Banda	Sylvia Davila	Ray Ramos, Marcos Serna
Jan. 29				

