

St. John The Beloved Parish

OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE
UNIVERSE

"Then the king will say
to those on his right,
'Come, you who are
blessed by my Father.
Inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from
the foundation of the
world.'" - Mt 25:34

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NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Pastor: Very Rev. Joseph Piekarski

Liturgy Schedule

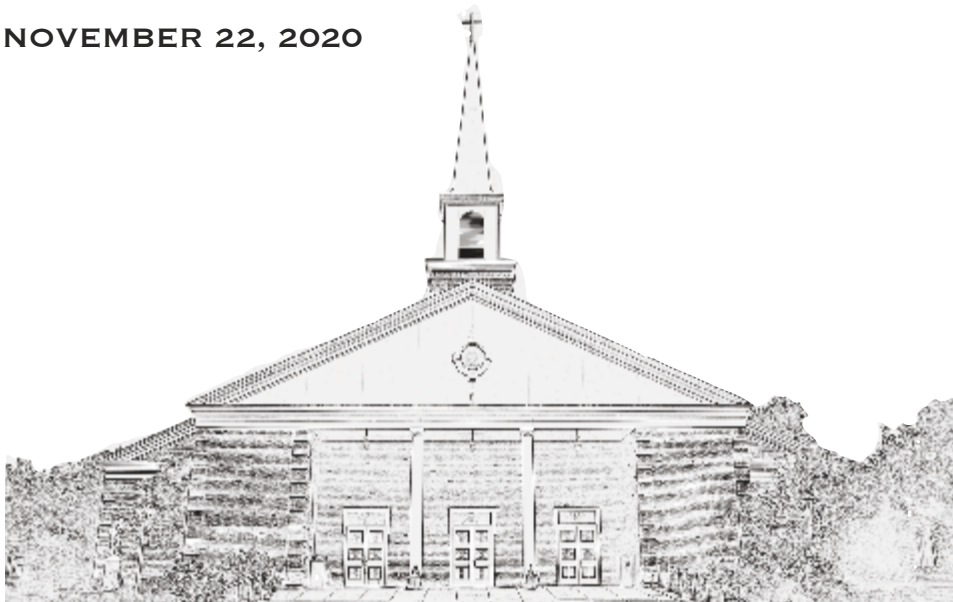
Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:30 a.m.
	9:30 a.m.
	11:30 a.m.
	5:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday	8:00 a.m.
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Parish Office

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
907 Milltown Road
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*Our Mission: "Growing a welcoming community of disciples through participation
in the sacraments, service, prayer and ongoing formation."*

Welcome to St. John the Beloved Parish.

Please visit SJBDE.org and click on the "Join Our Parish" button to register to become a member of our faith community.

Parishioners, please take a minute to update your information at

wilmington.parishsoftfamilysuite.com.

We appreciate your assistance. **Thank you!**

CHURCH STAFF

Very Rev. Joseph Piekarski, V.F., Pastor
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 Deacon Mark Fontana
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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (Confession)

Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 4 to 4:45 p.m. in the sacristies. Masks are required.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

To schedule a Baptismal Preparation Class please call the Parish Office at (302) 999-0211.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please complete our online Wedding Form at SJBDE.org one year prior to the wedding.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anyone seriously ill, or facing surgery, please call a priest to make arrangements.

HOLY DAY MASSES As announced.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament - Friday after 8:00 a.m. Mass, through 10:00 a.m.

Adult Choir - suspended until further notice.

Holy Spirit Prayer Group - suspended until further notice.

First Saturday Devotions with the Blue Army are held monthly beginning with 8 a.m. Mass.

Legion of Mary - suspended until further notice.

Lazarus Ministry helps those who have lost a loved one. [More at SJBDE.org/lazarus-ministry](http://SJBDE.org/lazarus-ministry).

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Are you interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith, or in learning more about the Church? For information please call the Parish Office.

Sunday Reading Discussion - suspended until further notice.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality meets the first Sunday of the month at 7:30 a.m. Mass to honor our Blessed Mother, (September - June). Please join us after mass to pray the rosary.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES:

All Saints: 737-2524

Cathedral: 656-3323

Gate of Heaven: 732-3690

Volunteers are needed after every mass. Sign up to assist; complete the form online at SJBDE.org.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



One thing is for sure; all things come to an end. This is the final Sunday of Ordinary Time. Next Sunday, we begin a new liturgical year with the beginning of Advent. Mostly everyone is anxious to see this calendar year, 2020, leave. It has been a great struggle. The routine has changed and the future will remain much different. People have kept a distance while many left this world. Within the past year, our parish buried nearly 117 people (none related to the pandemic). So why is this Solemnity of Christ the King so important?

Today's celebration reflects on the fundamental truths of Christianity that Jesus Christ came to restore spiritual life to our world and form humankind into a Kingdom for God the Father. This is made explicit in today's second reading, where St. Paul

writes that the resurrection of Jesus has restored the life that was lost by mankind. All who belong to Christ will be handed over to God the Father at the end of time.

This act of faith ultimately gives meaning to everything in our lives. If we do not have God in our lives, then our lives are futile, meaningless and dead. Without God we go through the motions secretly asking ourselves, "Why bother? Why bother with raising children? Why bother with caring for others? Why bother with being good? Why bother living?" Without God in our lives, we will easily overlook His Presence reaching out to us in our daily episodes and encounters.

Without God, Thanksgiving is just a day for a holiday meal. Without God, Christmas is merely a day of empty sentiments. But with the presence of God in our lives, each moment is an opportunity to grow closer to Him and steer our lives toward our ultimate goal, what may seem like THE END.

Every sovereignty, every authority and every power in the world will eventually be destroyed. There will be no royalty, presidents or prime ministers, not ayatollahs nor any form of prince. The only King who is eternal is Jesus Christ. The only kingdom that will remain is that of God the Father. And we are members of that Kingdom. Christ is our King. May we be true members of His Kingdom.

The holidays are starting. This year, we will offer two Masses to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Eve Mass: Wednesday, November 25 at 6:30 p.m. in Saint John the Beloved Church.

Thanksgiving Day Mass: Thursday, November 26 at 9:00 a.m. in our church.

The collection, at both Masses, of food and/or monetary donations will go to our Parish Outreach Program for the needy.

A safe and God filled Thanksgiving Day to everyone!

Fathers Piekarski & Szczur, Deacons Wuebbels, Fontana and Bailey and the staff of St. John the Beloved Parish

Thanksgiving Table Prayer

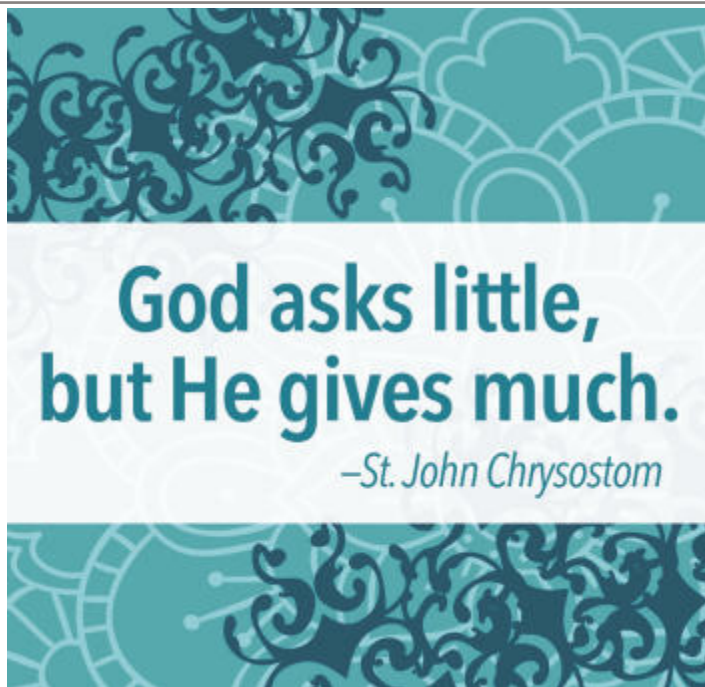


Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of thanksgiving. Thank You for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith, religious heritage and natural freedoms. Our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessings throughout the coming year. Keep all of us safe from illness and despair.

Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And may the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. **Amen.**



Readings for the week of November 22, 2020

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rev 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a [Rev 21:3b]/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b]/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Your gifts make a meaningful difference to St. John The Beloved Parish's ministries and programs. We wish to extend a sincere **THANK YOU** to everyone who financially supports our parish through weekly giving, special collections, one-time gifts, and all of the other avenues of giving (e.g. volunteering your time and talent). Everyone's income and needs are different, and each gift is understood to be a sacrifice given for the greater good. May God Bless your efforts. We appreciate all you do.

Saints and Special Observance

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:30 a.m.	Robert Kanick
9:30 a.m.	John S. Kosinski
11:30 a.m.	Our Parish Family
5:00 p.m.	Nick & Toni Ivanitch

Monday: Saint Clement, Pope & Martyr, Saint Columban, Abbott, USA: Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr

8:00 a.m.	Eleanor Garnewski James Murray
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Tuesday: Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest and, Companions, Martyrs

8:00 a.m.	Rev. Leonard Blakely James Herington
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Wednesday: Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

8:00 a.m.	Rose Murray Mamie Rogalski
6:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Mass

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m.	Our Parish Family
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Friday:

8:00 a.m.	Anna & Michael Kowalski Marie Walls
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Saturday: BVM Year of Grace ends 2020

8:00 a.m.	Sharon Lupinski Souls in Purgatory James Lewandowski John S. Bonk Paul Reis Jon Dunleavy
5:00 p.m.	Elba Kempiski

First Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m.	Regina McCloskey
9:30 a.m.	Paul Hanley
11:30 a.m.	Susan Trolio
5:00 p.m.	Our Parish Family

Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

Offertory for November 8, 2020		\$ 13,426.05
Building and Maintenance		1,033.00
Outreach		25.00
Holy Days		425.00
Misc.		25.00
School Development Fund		100.00
Votives/Poor Box		235.10
Total Parish Collections		\$ 15,269.15
St. Vincent DePaul		250.00
Diocesan Collections		286.00
Total Collections	THANK YOU!	\$ 15,805.15
OCTOBER ONLINE GIVING		\$ 25,766.60

PARISH NEWS



Special Thanks to all who donated to help Outreach and contributed to their annual Thanksgiving Food Basket- Donate a meal program. All Food Baskets will be delivered this weekend.

It's not too late to help those most in need within our community this holiday season. The famous Giving Quilt created by Father Lewis and friends is hanging in the Narthex. This year, in addition to the traditional "Adopt a Family" Christmas program you will see alternative opportunities to assist Outreach in efforts to help beyond the holidays. The additional cards include items in need throughout the year, like gift cards to grocery store and gas stations. Please prayerfully consider your means and ability to assist. Thank you and God Bless.



Please remember in your prayers all those who have gone before us and the recently deceased of the St. John the Beloved Parish Community:

+ Herman Schneider
+ Abigail J. Honey
+ Mary Jane Flynn
+ Florence Micucio

+ Helen Muhlmichl
+ Helen E. Kueny
+ James M. Lewandowski
+ Paul G. Reis, Sr.

+ Genevieve Riley
+ Patricia Kuzminski
+ Kathryn J. Forgue

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

The Lazarus Ministry at St. John the Beloved is a Ministry of caring people who have lost a loved one somewhere in our past.

We reach out to those who have lost a loved one buried from our Church in the past year by sending cards, Care Notes and the occasional phone call. We have a strong presence at the annual All Souls Day Mass held on November 2 each year that honors and remembers the deceased from the Parish.

Perhaps you have lost someone dear in the past and received help and support through family, friends or even the Lazarus Ministry and wish to continue the cycle of giving. We are not a support group, but rather a group of people who understand grief and wish to lend an ear and supply helpful reading material to the grieving of our parish. Your help is done in the comfort of your home and all supplies and stamps are provided.

Every Outreach donation goes to assist members of our community most in need. Please visit sjbde.org/outreach to learn more and make a difference. Clip this list to shop and donate:

- **mac & cheese**
- **pasta, pasta sauce**
- soup, beans, rice,
- canned fruit and vegetables
- peanut butter and jelly
- tuna, canned meats
- breakfast cereal
- shampoo, deodorant
- body wash, bath soap (toiletry items)
- toothpaste and toothbrushes



If you are able, please prayerfully consider making a donation to Outreach via online giving @ sjbde.org/connect-now-giving, or add to the collection at Mass. The Parish Outreach office is located at Community of Christ Church 1205 Milltown Rd.

Thank you!

CELEBRATE MASS AT HOME

To abide by social distancing, take advantage of the many wonderful spiritual exercises available on television and websites:

- **Holy Mass at St. John the Beloved** www.youtube.com/channel/SJBDE, Saturday, 3 p.m.
- **EWTN Daily Mass is live-streamed, Monday - Friday** 8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.
- **CDOW Sunday Mass Live-Stream is at 9:30 a.m. with Bishop Malooly from the Cathedral** is available online anytime at www.Youtube.com/DioceseofWilm.

Make a Spiritual Communion when you listen and participate reverently in Mass online and televised. This is the act of unifying yourself with the Eucharistic Lord.



Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is every Friday after 8:00 a.m. Mass, through 10 a.m.

INSPIRE

PADRE SERRA SAYS: The Church is a pilgrim people, ever on the move toward the fullness of God's kingdom. They are a community of people with a future. "All of us influence the future of ministry in the Church by our own attitudes toward its value and worth," said Fr. John Adamski, a former director of vocations for the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Ga.

"I have the opportunity to make sure that the message of the importance of ministry in the Church, both now and in the future, is proclaimed, heard and, hopefully, understood. . . My words and works can encourage all of us to grow even more faithful as ministers for our world."

Some personal definitions of ministry are: somehow bringing the life of Jesus to our brothers and sisters; being the bridge between the Scripture and the elements of our faith, tradition and the reality of people's lives; dispensing something to another, material or spiritual; serving others in the name of Jesus out of love for God and His people.

Take inventory of yourself: How do you bring the Gospel to others? Do you put Jesus' words into action by serving others in His name? ***Serra for priestly and religious vocations***

Pray for Vocations: That Christ the King, who has brought peace through the blood of His cross, will choose many men and women from our midst to preach redemption by the forgiveness of sins as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord. **Amen.**



Marriage Moments: With Thanksgiving and Christmas approaching, remember the first time you met your beloved's family. Our family of origin greatly influences our behavior - for good or for ill. Honor the good in your beloved's family of origin and let go of harping on the bad.

Parenting Pointers: Do you have a family tradition for how you spend the day after Thanksgiving? (shopping, eating leftovers, playing games, etc.) Decide together how best to use your precious family time this weekend. **By Susan Vogt**



Thanks be to God!

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Evenings and Weekends Throughout the Fall

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST
December 5 | 8:30am & December 6 | 12:00pm

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

LEARN

The teachings and traditions of the Catholic faith and what it means for our daily lives.

DISCOVER

Hear about long held Catholic truths and their relevance to our world today.

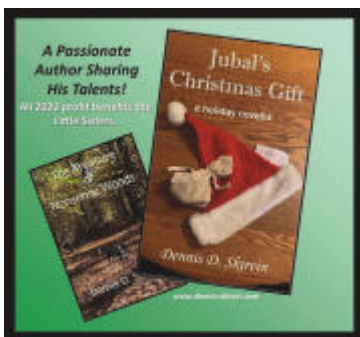
GROW

In understanding of how God is calling you to experience the fullness of the Christian faith that can be found only in the Catholic Church.

Classes begin Monday, November 9th
For more information call the parish office at 302.999.0211

LEARN. DISCOVER. GROW.
@ SJBDE.org/RCIA

Christmas Gift Idea! Book fundraiser for the Little Sisters of the Poor through December 21st.



Two Catholic novels, Jubal's Christmas Gift and The Treasure of Nonsense Woods by Dennis D. Skirvin, are on sale at Angel Crossing Catholic Books and Gift Store, 550 Colonial Ave, Elsmere and online at

www.Amazon.com.

All 2020 profit benefits the Little Sisters' Jeanne Jugan Residence, Newark. For more information, visit www.dennis-skirvin.com

"Loved it! Well crafted, and emotionally and spiritually uplifting!"...Francis D. Vavala, Major General USA (Ret.)

Important Dates for NOVEMBER

November 22 - Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 22 – Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection
November 26 – Thanksgiving
November 29 – First Sunday of Advent

Links

- [Marriage – Unique for a Reason](#)
- [For the Sake of God's Children](#)
- [For Your Marriage](#)
- [Por Tu Matrimonio](#)



**The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe Lectionary: 160**

Entrance Antiphon Revelation 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honor. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Gloria in Excelsis

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

Reading 1 EZ 34:11-12, 15-17

Thus says the Lord GOD:
I myself will look after and tend my sheep.
As a shepherd tends his flock
when he finds himself among his scattered sheep,
so will I tend my sheep.
I will rescue them from every place where they were
scattered when it was cloudy and dark.
I myself will pasture my sheep;
I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD.
The lost I will seek out,
the strayed I will bring back,
the injured I will bind up,
the sick I will heal,
but the sleek and the strong I will destroy,
shepherding them rightly.

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD,
I will judge between one sheep and another,
between rams and goats.

Penitential Act

Responsorial Psalm PS 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.



Reading 2 1 COR 15:20-26, 28

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstFruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since death came through man,
the resurrection of the dead came also through
man. For just as in Adam all die,
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,
but each one in proper order:
Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those
who belong to Christ; then comes the end,
when he hands over the kingdom to his God
and Father, when he has destroyed every
sovereignty and every authority and power.
For he must reign until he has put all his
enemies under his feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
When everything is subjected to him,
then the Son himself will also be subjected
to the one who subjected everything to him,
so that God may be all in all.

Alleluia MK 11:9, 10

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is
to come!
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel MT 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples:
"When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his
glorious throne, and all the nations will be
assembled before him. And he will separate them
one from another, as a shepherd separates the
sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on
his right and the goats on his left. Then the king
will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are
blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was
thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you
welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and
you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'
Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord,
when did we see you hungry and feed you, or
thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a
stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe

you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit
you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen,
I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least
brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say
to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed,
into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his
angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger
and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave
me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not
care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord,
when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger
or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your
needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you,
what you did not do for one of these least ones,
you did not do for me.' And these will go off to
eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal
life."

Homily**Profession of Faith****The 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, 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.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist**Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts****Prayer over the offerings****The Eucharistic Prayer**

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation**Communion Rite****The Lord's Prayer****Communion****Spiritual Communion (Online)****Prayer for
Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire to
receive you in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive
you sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were
already there
And unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated
from you.
Amen.

The Concluding Rites**Final Blessing and Dismissal**

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