

# St. John The Beloved Parish



## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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**AUGUST 29, 2021**

**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**

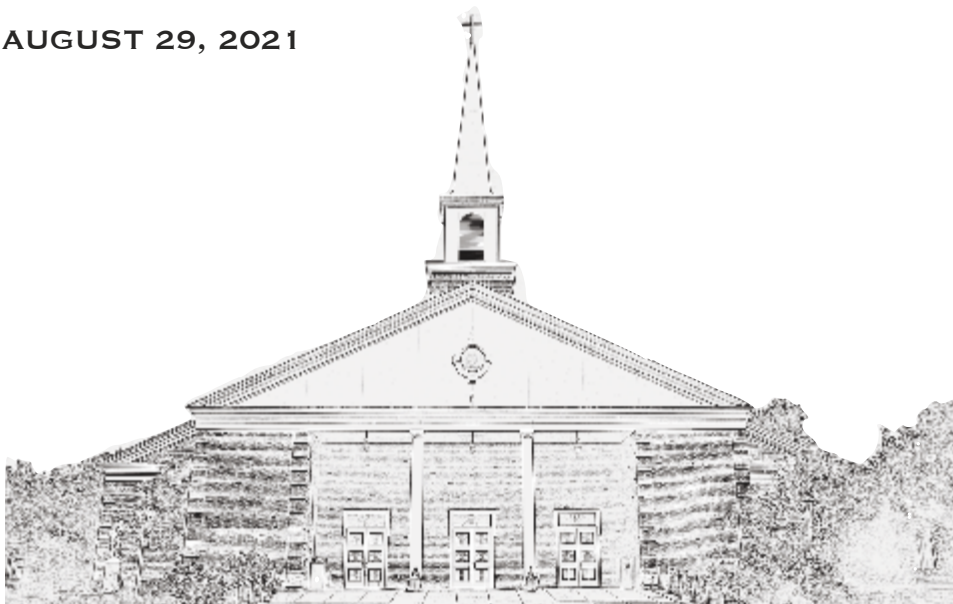
Monday - Saturday	8:00 a.m.
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### **Office Hours**

Mon. - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Friday, 8:30 a.m. - Noon

### **Parish Address**

907 Milltown Road, Sherwood Park  
Wilmington, DE 19808



*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](http://SJBDE.org) and click the "Join Our Parish" button to register and become a member of our faith community.

Registered **Parishioners**, if it's been a while, please take a minute to update your information at [wilmington.parishsoftfamilysuite.com](http://wilmington.parishsoftfamilysuite.com).

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

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**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES:**

All Saints: 737-2524

Cathedral: 656-3323

Gate of Heaven: 732-3690

Unable to attend Mass? Our 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays is livestreamed and posted at [SJBDE.org/worship-at-home](http://SJBDE.org/worship-at-home). To be notified whenever we go LIVE, subscribe to our parish YouTube Channel at [Youtube.com/c/StJohnTheBelovedParish](http://Youtube.com/c/StJohnTheBelovedParish).

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (Confession)**

**Reconciliation: Saturday** afternoons from 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Masks are required at all times.

**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](http://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**

is every Friday after 8:00 a.m. Mass, through 10 a.m.

**Adult Choir** will resume in September with Thursday evening rehearsals and Sunday Mass. More to follow.

**Holy Spirit Prayer Group** is suspended until further notice.

**First Saturday Devotions with the Blue Army** are held every first Saturday of the month starting at 8 a.m.

**Legion of Mary** meets Monday evenings, 5-6:30 p.m.

**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)** Interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith, or in learning more about the Church? Please call the Parish Office.

**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.

**St. Vincent DePaul Society** provides help to those in need through works of service, spirituality, and friendship. For more information call (302) 999-0211.

**For more information visit [SJBDE.org/Ministries](http://SJBDE.org/Ministries)**

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Traditions are important. They create familiarity, a sense of continuity and belonging. They reinforce values. But sometimes they can get in the way of what truly matters. In today's passage, Jesus once again steps on some favorite traditions when the Pharisees find fault in Jesus' disciples who did not observe washing their hands before eating. This ceremonial washing was more symbolic than hygienic. Along with the washing of outside objects, this tradition was to keep the person religiously purified. These rules were not even derived from Scripture, so Jesus rebukes them for giving too much weight to the "tradition."

Jesus called the Pharisees hypocrites because they honored God outwardly and not inwardly. They were zealous to honor God through their own traditions, but ignored God's explicit guidelines for honoring Him – His Commandments. For example, Hebrew sons were allowed, by a traditional technicality in a vow, to ignore helping their parents with possessions or savings. So they let human ritual take precedence over the Fourth Commandment.

According to Jesus, what is essential to true worship is drawing near to God with your heart, not just mouthing words of praise. What is Christ's main point here? Ceremonially unclean hands or foods do not affect your heart. It's not what you put in your body, but what comes out of your heart that matters to God. And Jesus lists the many evils that "come from inside and make a man unclean." Sin springs from hatred and selfishness within a person and takes its expression in the terrible actions: fornication, murder, theft, adultery, etc. Virtue springs from hearts full of the love of God and responds with charity, kindness, and upright decent behavior.

Like the Pharisees, we sometimes overemphasize the less important pieces of the puzzle and forget the heart of the matter. The motivation for our actions as Christians must be hearts full of love for God that motivates good actions from us. What matters is what is inside of us. So...

Be careful of your thoughts, for your thoughts become your words.

Be careful of your words, for your words become your actions.

Be careful of your actions, for your actions become your habits.

Be careful of your habits, for your habits become your character.

Be careful of your character, for your character becomes your destiny.

Author unknown

Flowers at the altar are in thanksgiving for the 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of **Ronald & Annette DeMarco**



**Missionaries with Focus at the University of Connecticut.** Luke Duchemin is pictured on the right with his former team.

On September 1st, parishioner Luke Duchemin, a graduate of Saint John the Beloved School ('10) and Saint Mark's High School ('14), will be entering the postulancy with the Community of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR's) in Harlem, NY. The CFR's live alongside and serve the materially poor, while seeking to share the joy of the gospel. Please keep Luke and the other 8 incoming postulants in your daily prayers. You can learn more about the community and their life here: <https://www.franciscanfriars.com>. Luke just finished serving 2-years as a college campus missionary with Focus at the University of Connecticut.

St. John the Beloved Parish admires Luke's positive response to the gospel life with the Community of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Luke's family is active in our parish. We lift him up in our prayers and support him with our encouragement. If anyone wishes to assist him and his community, please send your support to: Luke Duchemin, St. Joseph's Friary, 523 W. 142<sup>nd</sup> Street, New York, NY 10031 **God Bless You, Luke.**





### Saints and Special Observances

#### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 a.m.	Roseann Davis
9:30 a.m.	Our Parish Family
11:30 a.m.	Dolores Terepka
5:00 p.m.	Marie Mousley

**Monday:** 8:00 a.m. Edith Grieco  
Richard Wade

**Tuesday:** 8:00 a.m. Patricia Julian  
Joan Ballintyn

**Wednesday: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** 8:00 a.m. Waylon Eugene Kelly  
Lana & Frank Fry

**Thursday:** 8:00 a.m. Frances & Joseph Ganci  
Nino DeFlaviis

**First Friday: Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**

8:00 a.m. Sybril Andred  
John Flynn

**First Saturday: BVM**

8:00 a.m. Harvey Retherford  
John Shields, Jr.  
Rose Schueler  
5:00 p.m. Pauline Berlingieri

#### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 a.m.	Evan Steinberger
9:30 a.m.	Leonard Beck
11:30 a.m.	Our Parish Family
5:00 p.m.	Dr. Rafael Alzamora

#### Readings for the week of August 29

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

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 you.**

Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

**August 15, 2021**

Offertory	\$ 11,131.00
Building/Maintenance/ Energy	280.00
Holy Days	2,568.56
Outreach	15.00
Votives/Poor Box/ Other	341.00
Total Parish Collections	\$ 14,335.56
Diocesan Collections	1,117.00
St. Vincent DePaul	130.00
Total Collections	\$ 15,582.56

**THANK YOU!**

# PARISH NEWS

## God Bless Our Newly Baptized!

John James Arent  
Shae Madeline Lennon  
Mila Grace Watts

Owen Fritz Beinke  
Benjamin Alexander Rodriguez  
Thomas Antonio White

Paxton Anthony Costantino  
Isabelle Marie Oleck  
Ava Grace Tucker



*May God's grace and blessings that you receive on your Baptism guide you always.*

## Confirmation

2021

Saturday, October 23rd,  
11:00am

### Retreat - Candidates & Sponsors

Saturday, October 16th,  
8:30am - Registration  
9:00am - 1:00pm Retreat  
1:00pm - Rehearsal



Attention summer program students, if you need to complete the Confirmation formation sessions, or prepared in 2019-2020 but did not receive due to COVID and would like a refresher, please contact our Religious Education office ASAP. Students may not present as candidates in October if they have not completed the formation sessions in addition to the 8th grade curriculum.

Watch for Flocknote messages via email with updates as we get closer to this celebration!

**Join Our New Parish Hospitality Ministry!** We will be serving donuts and coffee on the patio between the Church and Hall after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 19. If you are interested in joining this new ministry to help, call the Parish office at (302) 999-0211.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** If you are registered as a Tuesday Evening family OR homeschool family, please plan to attend the **Religious Education Welcome Prayer Service/Orientation on Tuesday, September 7th at 6:15pm.** We will gather in the church and then Tuesday evening families will visit with the teachers in the school. This is an important evening to gather as a community and pray for our new year of religious education!

Our Tuesday Religious Education Program can always use volunteers to help. Please email [reled@sjbde.org](mailto:reled@sjbde.org) for more information or to volunteer!



**Knights of Columbus Thrift Shop** St. John the Beloved Knights of Columbus is running an online thrift shop as a fundraiser. Shop online for bargains on collectibles, household goods, sports equipment, furniture, and other items. 100% of the proceeds will help the Knights support school scholarships, Little Sisters of the Poor, Outreach, and other charitable causes. We are also collecting donations of gently used items. Browse, and or donate, at <https://shop.sjbkofcde.org>.

Please bring an item to campus when you visit. Clip this list to shop & donate:

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### mac & cheese

- \_\_\_ pasta
- \_\_\_ pasta sauce
- \_\_\_ soup
- \_\_\_ beans
- \_\_\_ rice
- \_\_\_ canned fruit
- \_\_\_ canned vegetables
- \_\_\_ peanut butter and jelly
- \_\_\_ tuna, canned meats
- \_\_\_ breakfast cereal
- \_\_\_ shampoo, deodorant
- \_\_\_ body wash, soap (toiletry items)
- \_\_\_ toothpaste and toothbrushes
- \_\_\_ kids clothing - ALL sizes



**Outreach is excited schools are reopening in the Fall for in person learning and is eager to help provide a fresh start for students in need.** You can help too with your donations of school supplies and backpacks (even gently used ones!). Donations can be dropped off at the Outreach center, or the bin in the back of the Church.

Outreach is also open on Tuesday evenings this summer, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The Outreach office is located at Community of Christ Church 1205 Milltown Rd. If you are able, please prayerfully consider a gift @ <https://sjbde.org/give>.

# ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



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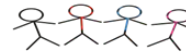
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You Are Invited



Find Community



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- ◇ Would you like to be part of a team to help others grow closer to God?
- ◇ Is God calling you to reach out to help others know him?
- ◇ Our new apostolate, Alpha, needs you to help connect Christ to the community around us.
- ◇ Interested? Want to know more? Contact: Sue O'Hanlon; sohanlon@sjbde.org; 302-999-0211

Coming Soon - September 2021

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[www.sjbde.org](http://www.sjbde.org)

**"A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" and "The Catechism, Part 1 The Creed: The Faith Professed"** classes begin Tuesday, September 7 and Thursday, September 9. Both will be offered in the St. John Bosco Room. On Tuesdays, we will offer "The Mass" 9:30-11:00 AM and 6:30-8:00 PM. On Thursdays, we will offer "The Catechism" at the same times. Identical content will be offered in the morning and evening sessions for your convenience.

"A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" is a newly released update produced by Ascension Press. It will consist of a half-hour video and one hour of discussion. "The Catechism, Part 1 The Creed: The Faith Professed" will be an hour-and-a-half discussion following the book "United States Catholic Catechism for Adults." The only cost will be the purchase of the book that will be used. To register or request further information, please contact Deacon Dennis at wuebbelsdg@verizon.net or call 302-981-4567.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**, is the process through which an individual is brought into full communion in the Catholic faith. What does that mean? To whom does it apply?

First, to be in full communion with the Church means you have received the sacraments of initiation; Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and are trying to live a faithful Catholic Christian life. Secondly, to whom does it apply?

- Anyone who has not been baptized
- Someone who has received only baptism, but no other sacraments
- Non-Catholics who feel drawn to the Catholic faith
- Those outside the Church with no faith connection or religious affiliation

Do you see yourself in any of these situations? Do you know someone who might; a friend, a spouse, a neighbor? If your answer is yes, then the following invitation is one you should not let pass you by. The invitation is to participate in the RCIA process here at St. John's which begins on Monday September 13 at 7:00PM. You will not be disappointed. As Jesus said to the first disciples, "come and see for yourself" (Jn 1:39). To participate call the Parish office, 302-999-0211.





# AROUND THE DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON



## YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

December 8, 2020 — December 8, 2021



**Catholic Diocese of Wilmington Marian Pilgrimage  
with Bishop William Koenig at the  
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception,  
Washington, D.C.  
September 25, 2021, 10AM-4PM**



\* CNS photo: Gregory A. Shemitz



**We Walk By Faith**  
with Bishop William Koenig and Priests of the Diocese of Wilmington  
on pilgrimage to the nation's spiritual capital and  
Shrine of the Patroness of the United States, The Immaculate Conception

Contact Johanna Wojcik 998-3057 or Suzanne Casarino 994-3930 for more information and to register.

FOR INSPIRATIONAL UPDATES CONNECT WITH SJBDE AT [INSTAGRAM](#), & [TWITTER](#).

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Gathering Hymn:** GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD (Dan Schutte)

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**REFRAIN: Glory and praise to our God,  
who alone gives light to our days.  
Many are the blessings he bears  
to those who trust in his ways.**

vs. 1 We, the daughters and sons of him  
who built the valleys and plains,  
praise the wonders our God has done  
in ev'ry heart that sings. **(R)**

vs. 2 In his wisdom he strengthens us,  
like gold that's tested in fire.

Though the power of sin prevails,  
our God is there to save. **(R)**

vs. 3 Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day  
our God is waiting to save,  
always ready to seek the lost,  
to answer those who pray. **(R)**

**Entrance Antiphon** Ps 86:3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

**Penitential Rite**

**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**

**Reading I** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses said to the people:

"Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe,

that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.

In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it.

Observe them carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say, 'This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.'

For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us

whenever we call upon him?

Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law

which I am setting before you today?"

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

**R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

SECOND READING Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

**Reading II** Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Dearest brothers and sisters:

All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change.

He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this:

to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.



**Gospel Acclamation****Jas 1:18****R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Father willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals

with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands.

—For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders.

And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves.

And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. —

So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, “Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders

but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?”

He responded,

“Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written:

This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;

in vain do they worship me,  
teaching as doctrines human precepts.

You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition.”

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand.

Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person;

but the things that come out from within are what defile.

“From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile.”

**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.**

**Universal Prayer****Preparation of Gifts****Hymn: FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH (DIX)**

vs. 1 For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies:  
Lord of all to you we raise  
This our gift of grateful praise.

vs. 2 For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all to you we raise  
This our gift of grateful praise.

vs. 3 For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above;  
For all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all to you we raise  
This our gift of grateful praise.

**Holy, Holy**

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.

**Mystery of Faith**

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

**AMEN****The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**Lamb of God**

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

**Communion****Communion Hymn: MY SOUL IS THIRSTING**

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**Refrain** My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, thirsting for you, my God.  
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, thirsting for you, my God, thirsting for you, my God.

vs. 1 O God, you are my God,  
and I will always praise you.  
In the shadow of your wings  
I cling to you and you hold me high. **(R)**

vs. 2. Through the day you walk with me;  
all the night your love surrounds me.  
To the glory of your name  
I lift my hands, I sing your praise. **(R)**

vs. 3. I will never be afraid,  
for I will not be abandoned.  
Even when the road grows long  
and weary  
your love will rescue me. **(R)**

**Prayer After Communion****Concluding Rites****Recessional Hymn: JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE (HYMN TO JOY)**

vs. 1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
Op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee,  
Center of unbroken praise;  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
Call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
All who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.



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