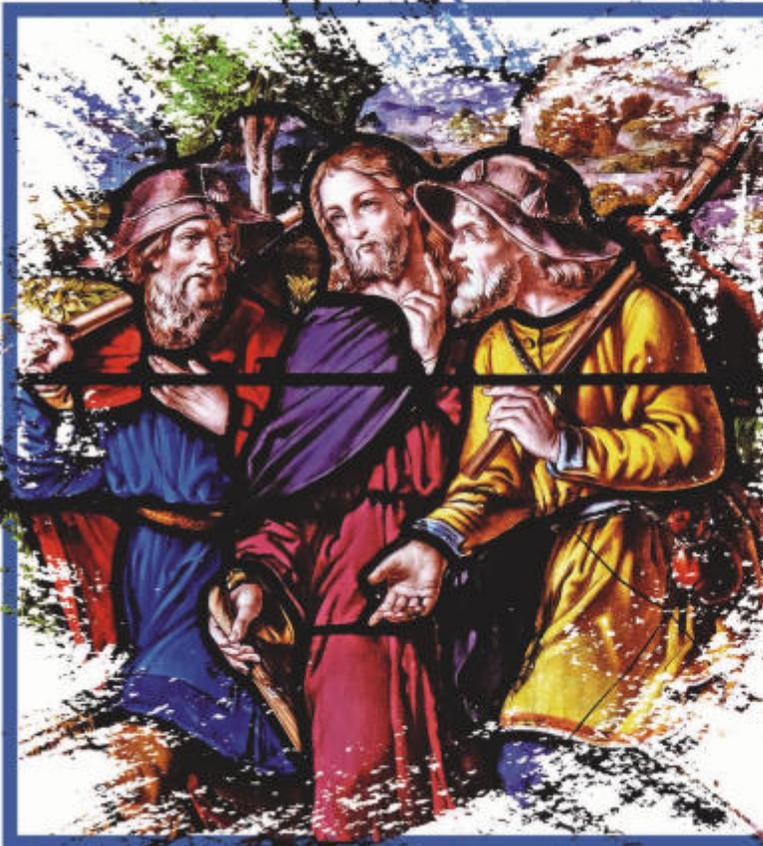


St. John The Beloved Parish



“WHOEVER WISHES
TO COME AFTER ME
MUST DENY HIMSELF,
TAKE UP HIS CROSS,
AND FOLLOW ME.”
- MK 8:34

24TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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SEPTEMBER 12, 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 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.
 We appreciate your assistance. **Thank you!**

CHURCH STAFF

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 Deacon Dennis Wuebbels
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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 streamed live and posted at SJBDE.org/worship-at-home. To be notified whenever we go LIVE, subscribe to our parish You tube Channel at 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 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

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We will celebrate, this week, the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on Tuesday and then the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on Wednesday. These feasts commemorate the finding of the true cross, in Jerusalem, by Saint Helena; followed by the sorrowful presence of Mary at the foot of the cross. Both days point to the suffering of redemption.

It was on the wood of the cross, a tree commonly used daily in the Roman regions, where criminals were executed publicly, where Jesus took upon Himself our sins and suffered. Standing with Him was His Mother. She suffered the agony of witnessing her Son's humiliating, cruel death. Her tears were not only of a mother but that of the first disciple of Jesus.

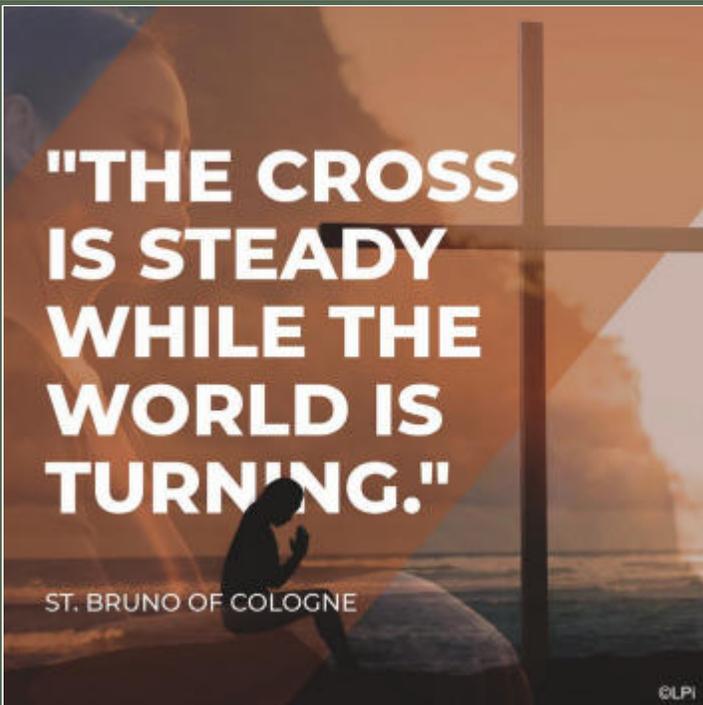
The prophet Isaiah, in today's first reading, writes of a willingness to embrace whatever humiliation and pain that following God might entail. He is willing to offer his back to those who beat him and his cheeks to those who pluck his beard. This passage is called the "Suffering Servant" of the one who is convinced that God will help him in spite of his troubles.

We just celebrated the twentieth anniversary of September 11th and recall the multitude of good people who were consumed by that terrorism. These past weeks disclosed even more tragic loss of life and brutality in the evacuation of Afghanistan. The hurricane, Ida, left destruction in our southern states. The increasing loss of too many from the epidemic of addictions and suicide is a chronic social suffering. The lack of necessities to simply live plagues thousands of innocent people throughout the world. And each one of us has our own troubles.

Those who are followers of Christ will, indeed, know suffering. Discipleship is often countercultural, demanding one to imitate the path of Christ who died to self. The sufferings and answers are complicated and all of us empathize with Saint Peter in today's Gospel when, after Jesus foretold His passion and death, Peter says: "God forbid, Lord, that anything should happen to you." Jesus' rebuke must have stung Peter terribly. "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Peter thought that happiness could come without a price. He was not ready to fight or suffer against evil to discover an infinitely greater life.

As followers of Christ, we have to be willing to sacrifice the happiness of this world for the sake of the Kingdom of God. "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it. But whoever will lose his life for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel will save it."





Readings for the week
 Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
 Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15
 Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

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.**

Saints and Special Observances	
24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Grandparents' Day	
7:30 a.m.	Barbara M. Herwick
9:30 a.m.	Patricia Julian
11:30 a.m.	John Andrew Short
5:00 p.m.	Our Parish Family
Monday: Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	
8:00 a.m.	Thomas Breslin, Jr. & Thomas Breslin, Sr. Ralph Walsh, Sr.
Tuesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	
8:00 a.m.	Stanley Zebroski Edward & Dorothy Crumlish
Wednesday: Our Lady of Sorrows	
8:00 a.m.	Carl Schmidt Sr. Laetitia Okoniewski
Thursday: Saint Cornelius, Pope, and, Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	
8:00 a.m.	Jozenia Ballintyn Nino DeFlaviis
Friday: Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	
8:00 a.m.	Bruce Benson Frances & Marie Murray
Saturday: BVM	
8:00 a.m.	James Allen Maria D'Souza Stefan Skielnik Michael Corde Elizabeth Sacco
5:00 p.m.	Our Parish Family
25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Catechetical Sunday	
7:30 a.m.	Frank Foglio, Sr.
9:30 a.m.	Marian & Ernest Salvo
11:30 a.m.	Andrew Nowell
5:00 p.m.	William Mangan

Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

August 29, 2021

Offertory	\$ 11,798.51
Building/Maintenance/ Energy	140.00
Holy Days	20.00
Outreach	100.00
Votives/Poor Box/ Other	374.15
Total Parish Collections	\$ 12,432.66
Diocesan Collections	130.00
St. Vincent DePaul	95.00
Total Collections	\$ 12,829.66

THANK YOU!

PARISH NEWS

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

- + MARY ANN MORT
- + MARGARET A. LITTLEFIELD
- + REVEREND PHILIP P. SHEEKEY
- + REV. THOMAS J. PETERMAN
- + LISA C. CLARK
- + ELIZABETH M. O'HARA

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.

Join Our New Parish Hospitality Ministry!

Next week we will be serving donuts and coffee on the patio between the Church and Hall after 9:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday, 9/19. If you are interested in joining this new ministry to help, call the Parish office at (302) 999-0211.

Our school food service provider is looking for friendly faces to fill two part time positions in our school lunch program. One is Mon - Fri to help run the operation and serve the kids. The other is a substitute to fill in as needed. Schedules can be flexible. Please contact Dawn at rementer-dawn@aramark.com for details.

"If God is the center of your life, no words are necessary Your mere presence will touch hearts" — St. Vincent de Paul

Join SVDP at SJB. Learn more at <https://sjbde.org/svdp>

To our Parish and School Community, In June we announced plans to hold a SJB Carnival Fall Fest to bring our community together and enjoy all of the great aspects of our annual Carnival. At the time of this announcement, we noted that our ability to move forward with the Carnival Fall Fest would be predicated on our ability to comfortably and safely manage an event of this size in the context of the current and evolving public health conditions. Given the distinct increase of the infection rate and hospitalizations in our community, coupled with the high transmission rate of the delta variant, the Parish, School, and Athletic Association have made the joint decision to cancel the SJB Carnival Fall Fest that was scheduled for September. While we are all disappointed that we won't have the opportunity to enjoy the Carnival and all of the fun it brings with it, this is the only decision that could be made given our commitment to safety and wellness, and the stated goal of keeping our school open for in-person learning for 180 days this year.

Thank you to everyone who had worked so hard to prepare for the Carnival Fall Fest and to the Carnival Committee and Athletic Association for your continued leadership of this event. We look forward to planning and operating our 2022 Carnival on our original schedule from June 6 through June 11, 2022.

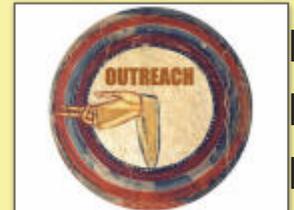


Knights of Columbus Thrift Shop OPEN

online — 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:

- ***
- ___ 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



Donations can be dropped off at the Outreach center, or the bin in the back of the Church. 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 - RCIA



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.

Bishop William E. Koenig invites all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50th, to the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at St. Joseph's, Middletown, Middletown, DE



The Bishop will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 1:00 pm and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Koenig, please arrive at 1:00 pm or plan to stay after Mass. There is no cost to you, however **reservations are required**. Please make your **reservations by September 30th**.

This year, you can register by clicking on <https://cdow.coursestorm.com/course/annual-wedding-anniversary-mass> or by filling out the information below and returning it to the Office for Marriage and Family Life, 1626 N. Union Street, Wilmington, DE 19806, or by emailing ljackson@cdow.org.

**Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass
(please print clearly)**

Last Name: _____ Husband's First Name: _____ Wife's First Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone # () _____ Email Address: _____

Number of Years Married: 5 ___ 10 ___ 15 ___ 20 ___ 25 ___ 30 ___ 35 ___ 40 ___ 45 ___ 50 ___ More than 50?
____ Years

Parish: _____ Total number of persons attending (include guests): _____

Mail to: The Office for Marriage & Family Life (Anniversary Mass) 1626 N. Union Street, Wilmington, DE 19806

Or Email: ljackson@cdow.org

Deadline for registration is September 30, 2021.

AROUND THE DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – Looking for an in-person or virtual experience getting closer to your spouse? We have adapted to several formats so that we can meet everyone’s comfort level! Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage. For information, visit our website at www.wvme-delmar.org (also <https://wvme.org>) or to register, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.

The **CYM Golf Outing** scheduled for **September 1st** has been officially postponed due to the pending arrival of bad weather due to Hurricane Ida. The **new date is now Wednesday, September 22nd** at Deerfield Country Club. If any new golfers would like to register, contact Mike Speicher, CYM Sports Coordinator, at mspeicher@cdow.org.

The Diocese of Wilmington has announced a new ministry designed to assist families by providing resources after the loss of their unborn child, whether it was very recently or many years ago. Called “Footprints Ministry,” it will aid mothers, fathers, couples, and families with support, education, and compassion by providing books, guidance, and other resources. Footprints, is a ministry of the diocesan Office for Marriage and Family Life, and will launch with a special Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Mass on Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Church in Wilmington. More information about the Diocese of Wilmington’s Footprints Ministry is available at www.cdow.org or by calling the Office for Marriage and Family Life at 302-295-0657.



MARRIAGE MATTERS: Sometimes in marriage it seems like one of us is deaf or at least not listening. Other times the speaker mumbles (or so I tell my husband). Which of you is better at speaking; which at listening? Practice each other's gift.

PARENTING POINTERS: Twenty years ago, on Sept. 11, 2001, terrorists attacked NYC and Washington DC. How old were you? If your children are old enough, share your experience of how you felt. Are there things that frighten them today?

A recent report of the Annual Catholic Appeal campaign activity revealed we have received pledges of \$4,569,050.22 toward the diocesan goal of \$4,871,000. To date, we have raised 93.3% of the goal. Can you help us meet or exceed the goal?

As you know, support of the Appeal means bringing hope to the people of our diocese. Hope comes alive in our parishes and schools, religious education programs, ministry formation, and initiatives to foster justice, peace, and respect. Your support makes all this happen. We ask that if you have not already, please prayerfully consider a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. For more information about our Annual Catholic Appeal, please visit: www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Rest in the presence of God simply because God is God and you are you. This is all that is necessary. Out of this relationship will come inspiration, understanding, courage, constancy, truth, and virtues of all kind. We will find ourselves knowing the true meaning of things and developing a depth of insight that is not found following purely human venues. It is God who inspires and opens human hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, we understand all of our relationships with a richer appreciation and come to know who Jesus, who speaks of God’s kingdom, really is. The trust that is fostered from resting with the Divine One allows us to see that God’s ways are not our ways. There is something bigger going on in this picture of life. It is something mystical and magical that seeks to surprise us at every turn. It is not for us to cling to this world and its limitations. Our adventure is to dream bigger and brighter, realizing that it is even in suffering that the radiant light of the dawn will come. God’s ways allow for our paths to be rocky, challenging, difficult, and even crippling at times. Purely human eyes cannot understand the ‘why’ of such experiences. The eyes and mind of God, however, reveal and detail a journey that ends in glorious resurrection joy. When we lose our axis and become too human in our thinking, Jesus rebukes us and gently reminds us how to see. ©LPi



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gathering Hymn: Lift High the Cross (Crucifer)

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REFRAIN: Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

vs. 1 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. **(R)**

vs. 2 Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of him who died. **(R)**

vs. 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. **(R)**

vs. 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **(R)**

Entrance Antiphon *cf. Sir 36:18*

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that
your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of
your servant, and of your people Israel.

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 *Is 50:5-9a*

The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear;
and I have not rebelled,
have not turned back.
I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;

my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.
The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.
He is near who upholds my right;
If anyone wishes to oppose me,
let us appear together.
Who disputes my right?
Let that man confront me.
See, the Lord GOD is my help;
who will prove me wrong?

Responsorial Psalm *Ps. 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9*

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the
living.

Reading II

Jas 2:14-18

What good is it, my brothers and sisters,
if someone says he has faith but does not have
works?

Can that faith save him?

If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no
food for the day, and one of you says to them,
“Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well, ”
but you do not give them the necessities of the
body, what good is it?

So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is
dead. Indeed someone might say, “You have faith
and I have works.”

Demonstrate your faith to me without works,
and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my
works.

Gospel Acclamation

Gal 6:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord
through which the world has been crucified to me
and I to the world.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples set out
for the villages of Caesarea Philippi.
Along the way he asked his disciples,
“Who do people say that I am?”
They said in reply,
“John the Baptist, others Elijah,
still others one of the prophets.”
And he asked them,
“But who do you say that I am?”

Gospel (Continued)**Mk 8:27-35**

Peter said to him in reply,
 “You are the Christ.”
 Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.
 He began to teach them
 that the Son of Man must suffer greatly
 and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and
 the scribes,
 and be killed, and rise after three days.
 He spoke this openly.
 Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke
 him.
 At this he turned around and, looking at his
 disciples,
 rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan.
 You are thinking not as God does, but as human
 beings do.”
 He summoned the crowd with his disciples and
 said to them,
 “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny
 himself,
 take up his cross, and follow me.
 For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
 but whoever loses his life for my sake
 and that of the gospel will save it.”

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: The Summons****(Trad. Scottish melody) #382**

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vs. 1 Will you come and follow me
 if I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don't know
 and never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown,
 Will you let my name be known,
 Will you let my life be grown in you
 and you in me?

vs. 2 Will you leave yourself behind
 if I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind
 and never be the same?
 Will you risk the hostile stare
 should your life attract or scare?
 Will you let me answer pray'r in you
 and you in me?

vs. 3 Will you let the blinded see
 if I but call your name?
 Will you set the pris'ners free
 and never be the same?
 Will you kiss the leper clean,
 and do such as this unseen,
 And admit to what I mean in you
 and you in me?

vs. 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide
 if I but call your name?
 Will you quell the fear inside
 and never be the same?
 Will you use the faith you've found
 to reshape the world around,
 Through my sight and touch and sound in you
 and you in me?

vs. 5 Lord, your summons echoes true
 when you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you
 and never be the same?
 In your company I'll go
 where your love and footsteps show.
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you
 and you in me.

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: God's Holy Gifts #339**

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REFRAIN:

God's holy gifts for God's holy people;
come now to share the banquet of Christ.
Feed on his love with faith and thanksgiving.
Know in your heart that he died for you.

vs. 1 May the Body of Christ
be food for our souls
and bring us to everlasting life. **(R)**

vs. 2 May the Blood of the Lord
protect us from harm
and mark us as God's beloved ones. **(R)**

vs. 3 As the grain of this bread
was gathered as one,
may we who believe be bound by love. **(R)**

vs. 4 As the cup that we share
is emptied for all,
may we offer up our lives in love. **(R)**

vs. 5 When we eat of this bread
and drink of this cup,
we hold in our mem'ry Christ the Lord. **(R)**

Prayer After Communion**Concluding Rites****Recessional Hymn: Take Up Your Cross**

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vs. 1 Take up your cross, the Savior said,
If you would my disciple be.
Deny yourself, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after me.

vs. 2 Take up your cross, be not ashamed!
Let not disgrace your spirit fill!
For God himself endured to die
Upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

vs. 3 Take up your cross, which gives you strength,
Which makes your trembling spirit brave:
'Twill guide you to a better home
And lead to vict'ry o'er the grave.

vs. 4 Take up your cross, and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only they who bear the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

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