

St. John The Beloved Parish



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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- Mk 12:42-43

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NOVEMBER 7, 2021

VERY REV. JOSEPH PIEKARSKI V.F., PASTOR

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

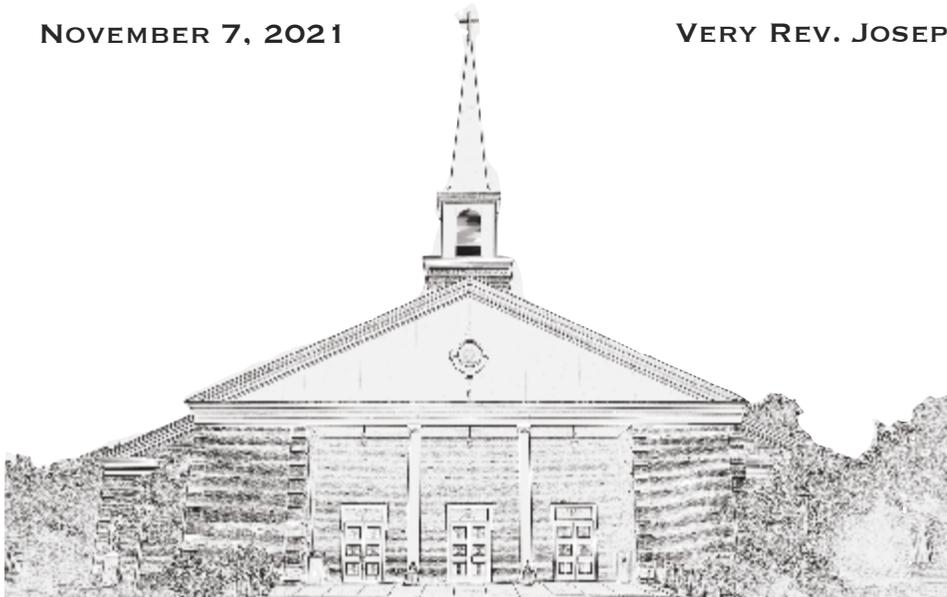
Monday - Saturday	8:00 a.m.
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Office Hours:

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Parish Address:

907 Milltown Road, Sherwood Park
Wilmington, DE 19808
(302) 999-0211



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
 Deacon Mark Fontana
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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.

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 rehearses Thursday evenings at 7 pm in the church and sings the 11:30 Sunday Mass each week. New members welcome. Call the Parish office and leave a message for Joe Ambrosino.

Holy Spirit Prayer Group meets Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. in the Gerres Building (behind the church). Praise hymns, Intercessory Prayers. Bring your Bible. For more information please call the Parish office.

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.

Parish Hospitality to join this new Ministry, please call the Parish Office.

For more visit SJBDE.org/Ministries.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today's Gospel took place in the Temple in Jerusalem. After warning His disciples of the sanctimonious behavior of the scribes, Jesus observes His fellow Jews making their offering to the Lord God. There are rich and poor alike, processing to a small square room lined with metal collection boxes. Their offerings are obviously identified by the heaviness or lightness of the coins as they are cast into the receptacles. Wealthy citizens pass by and make loud clanging noises by virtue of their many coins, and draw favored glances.

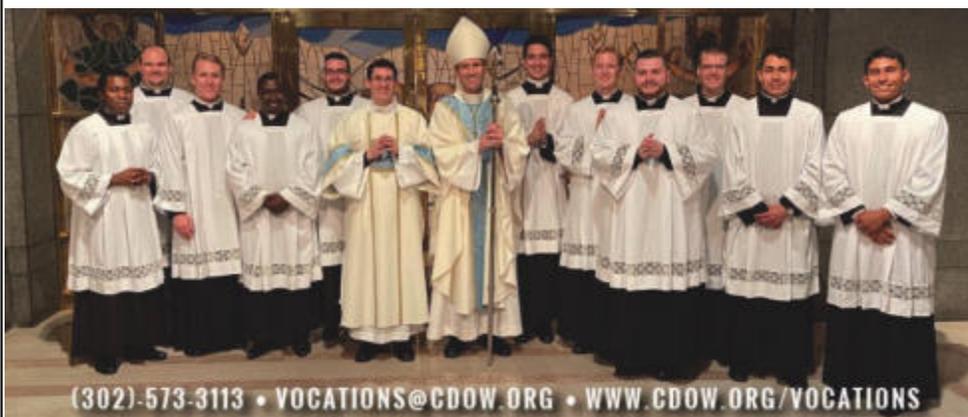
It is not a surprise that no one pays particular attention to one poor widow who carefully draws out 2 Mites,



copper coins, the smallest currency used by the Jews. Although lightweight and insignificant, Jesus notices and is impressed. Henceforth, her contribution is recorded in the Gospels as the **"Widow's Mite."** Why? Unlike the noticeable donations of the wealthy who gave from their surplus, her donation was more tremendous because she gave from her want...all she had. It definitely was a sacrificial act of complete faith in God to care for her.

What this widow did is extremely difficult for all of us. No matter how great our faith is, it is extremely difficult to put our total trust in God. The widow could not afford to lose anything and yet she placed her faith in the generosity of God. There is something within us that tempts us to seek solutions to our problems outside of the realm of faith. The poor widow's radical message is that God will provide.

Perhaps, some day, you and I will have faith so profound that we too will trust in God as did this poor widow. I often thought that this Gospel should be called **"The Widow's Might."** What she humbly did in the Temple many centuries ago demonstrates the power of complete confidence in God. But, then again, that is one of the reasons why we go to Church, isn't it? We are here to pray for faith.



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Readings for the week of November 7, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/
 Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
 Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10
 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1
 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
 Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk
 17:11-19
 Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130,
 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25
 Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk
 17:26-37
 Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,
 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8
 Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/
 Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

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

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

National Vocations Awareness Week begins; Daylight Savings Time Ends

	7:30 a.m.	Fred Bogucki
	9:30 a.m.	Our Parish Family
	11:30 a.m.	Carol Kane
	5:00 p.m.	Nedenia Abad Leech
Monday:	8:00 a.m.	Michael R. Schaal Francis & Marie Murray
Tuesday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	8:00 a.m.	Richard Napski Thomas W. Kelly
Wednesday: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church	8:00 a.m.	Jack G. Locke Helen Muhlmichl
Thursday: Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop	8:00 a.m.	David Bartholow Ray Clarke
Friday: Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr	8:00 a.m.	Agnes Dworsky Roche & Alice Izzo
Saturday: USA: Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin	8:00 a.m.	Helen Muhlmichl Barbara Cox Ronald Dozier Jane Bissell Robert L. Rash Daniel Deichman
	5:00 p.m.	Waylon Eugene Kelly
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Stewardship Sunday		
	7:30 a.m.	Joan Ballintyn
	9:30 a.m.	Rose Morelli
	11:30 a.m.	Our Parish Family
	5:00 p.m.	Joseph Lattanzio

Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

OCTOBER 17, 2021

Offertory	\$ 10,582.25
Building and Maintenance	150.00
Holy Days	110.00
Outreach	98.00
Votives	237.00
School Development	591.00
Total Parish Collections	\$ 11,768.25
Diocesan Collections	55.00
St. Vincent DePaul	10.00
Total Collections	\$ 11,833.25

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:

+ GAVIN DECORMIS

+ NORMAN D. TOWNSEND, JR.

+ DANA MARIE JULIANO

+ ALFRED P. RUBINI

+ FRANCIS A. CAPUTO

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.

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Greeters Wanted: This is a new ministry at St. John the Beloved, and we are inviting all parishioners to participate. If you arrive at church early and wish to greet other parishioners, please grab a stack of bulletins and an entrance door. The duties are simple: Open the door; Say, "Hello, or Good Morning, or Good Afternoon" and Hand them a bulletin.

We are looking for 3 to 4 people per Mass and families with children in Grade 3 or higher. There is no schedule. If you arrive, and there are not 3 to 4 people, please help. If there are already 3 to 4 people, then please help the next time. We do not want a crowd, and we have to be respectful of noise level. Use a whisper voice, avoid long conversations with one person, and offer to help anyone needing assistance. Contact Jane Reynolds at jfreynolds12@gmail.com for more.

Eagles Club (Aftercare) Help Our SJB Eagles Club after care program is in need of adult help for the 2021-2022 school year. Employees must be 18 years or older and out of high school. Background check is required. Hours are 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please contact Anne Plourde at 998-5525 x230 or tec@sjbde.org for more information or to be part of this experience.

Shop SJB Knights Online Thrift Shop Holiday Clearance Donate, or buy items at up to 50% off through 12/3 with all proceeds going to our non-profit SJB of Columbus Council. Funds support grade school tuition assistance, Little Sisters of the Poor, and other parish and local organizations. See <https://shop.sjbkofcde.org> to donate/shop anytime.

CONNECT WITH OUTREACH!

For up to date information, including current donation needs, visit us the **NEW website online at** www.tableofplentyde.org.
Subscribe to our email list to stay informed.



The Outreach office is located at Community of Christ Church 1205 Milltown Rd. If you are able, please consider an online gift donation @ <https://sjbde.org/give>.

The Season of Giving is almost upon us. Once again we are pleased to announce a partnership with ACME Markets to provide a full Thanksgiving meal for our families in need.

Therefore, Outreach will NOT be collecting turkeys this year. We will be collecting hams, small chickens, and additional holiday food items for Christmas for our families. Please bring a nonperishable food item to campus when you visit to donate. Bins are located near the entrance of the church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Vocation or Calling...

Question: Can you explain what we mean by a vocation or calling? I have heard this term used in many different contexts and am not sure what it means. Does it apply to religious life?

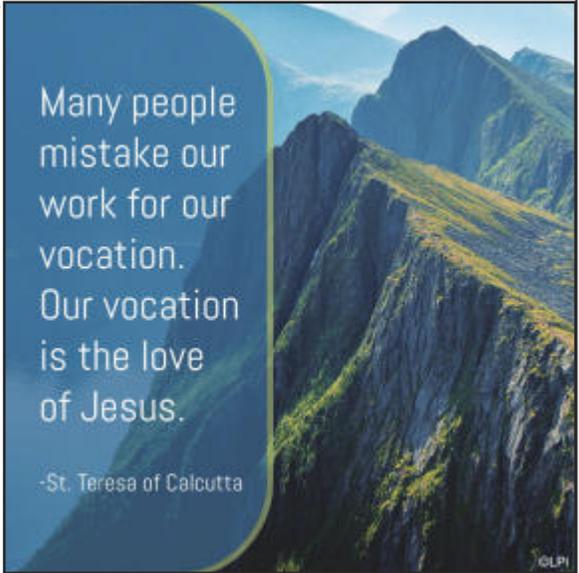
Answer: A vocation or calling refers to a spiritual experience whereby a person senses within oneself the closeness of God and what he is asking in one's life. It is a realization of what one's part in God's plan could be. Vocation comes in all kinds of ways. Some are as dramatic as St. Paul's, being knocked off his horse, blinded, and hearing God's voice. Others are less dramatic, often occurring over time through little events and personal interests. Others happen in a hurry, accompanied by great spiritual insight or conversion. We often think that this applies to religious vocation, but in fact, every Christian has a vocation, a calling to serve others in and through the church. Whether married or single, religious or lay, we are all called to live out our baptismal commitment to preach and teach the Gospel message. Each of us has our role to play in God's plan, and we become coworkers with God in the work of redemption. With a little confidence, a willing spirit and God's grace, we can and will respond to his unique call. ©LPi

Gospel Meditation —

On December 10, 1979, a very petite holy woman known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, "But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts."

Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus and the young child in our story above the interest of Mother Teresa. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns.

The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We allow ourselves to detach from only so much, always keeping a watchful eye on the protection of our securities. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits. ©LPi



Many people
mistake our
work for our
vocation.
Our vocation
is the love
of Jesus.

-St. Teresa of Calcutta

AROUND THE DIOCESE

This week, Nov 7 -13 is National Vocations Awareness Week. Continue to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood, Consecrated Religious Life, and the Permanent Diaconate. Prayer works not only to surface those who are called but prayer has been the place where they encounter that call. God calls and we have the responsibility to draw it out, encourage and support it in our young people. All young people are looking for confirmation and validation as they discern their futures. When you see a young person at prayer, pray for them and find an opportunity to ask them if they have considered a vocation to priesthood, consecrated religious life or the permanent diaconate. For more information see www.cdow.org/vocations or email vocations@cdow.org.



REMINDER: Fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear masks, but those who are unvaccinated are required to cover their mouth and nose with a mask at all times while on campus. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: Your spouse may not always act like a saint. None of us do, but I bet you can find a saintly quality if you pay attention. Is he or she generous, humble, self-sacrificing, courageous...? Celebrate the saint you are living with today.

PARENTING POINTERS: Time can be tricky. In many countries Daylight Saving Time just ended today. That means you gained an hour. What will your family do with one extra hour? Choose some fun (maybe new) thing to do together.

PRAY for OUR SEMINARIANS



Lord Jesus, I ask your special blessing on these young men preparing for the priesthood for our diocese. I pray that they will grow in faith, hope, and charity. May their hearts overflow with your compassion, understanding, and generosity, and may their desire to serve you, inspire others to answer your call. Lord Jesus, give our seminarians the grace to follow you more perfectly. When they are lonely or discouraged, fill them with your peace. Let them be lifted up by the fact they are never alone in Your Presence and surrounded with our prayers.

Amen



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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING 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.

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)**

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)**

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)**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Psalm 88:3

Let my prayer come into your presence, incline your
ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

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 1 Kgs 17:10-16

In those days, Elijah the prophet went to Zarephath.

As he arrived at the entrance of the city,
a widow was gathering sticks there; he called out to
her,
"Please bring me a small cupful of water to drink."
She left to get it, and he called out after her,
"Please bring along a bit of bread."
She answered, "As the LORD, your God, lives,
I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour
in my jar
and a little oil in my jug.
Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks,
to go in and prepare something for myself and my
son;
when we have eaten it, we shall die."
Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid.
Go and do as you propose.
But first make me a little cake and bring it to me.
Then you can prepare something for yourself and
your son.
For the LORD, the God of Israel, says,
'The jar of flour shall not go empty,
nor the jug of oil run dry,
until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the
earth.'"
She left and did as Elijah had said.
She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son
as well;
the jar of flour did not go empty,
nor the jug of oil run dry,
as the LORD had foretold through Elijah.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

READING II Heb 9:24-28

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by
hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself,
that he might now appear before God on our
behalf.

Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the
high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with
blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would
have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation
of the world.

But now once for all he has appeared at the end of
the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice.
Just as it is appointed that human beings die once,
and after this the judgment, so also Christ,
offered once to take away the sins of many, will
appear a second time, not to take away sin but to
bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 5:3

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds,

"Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes

and accept greetings in the marketplaces,

seats of honor in synagogues,

and places of honor at banquets.

They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext

recite lengthy prayers.

They will receive a very severe condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury

and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury.

Many rich people put in large sums.

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents.

Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them,

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury.

For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth,

but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had,

her whole livelihood."

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: GOD OF THE HUNGRY #614**

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1. God of all the hungry millions,
God who suffers with the poor,
still our greed keeps us from sharing
with the hungry at our door.
All who thirst will thirst no longer
when we do as you would do.
May we care for all your people;
help us know that they are you.

2. God who travels with the stranger,
greeted by our apathy,
teach us to embrace all people;
all can live with dignity.
You have bid us clothe the naked,
bringing hope in all we do.
May we welcome all your people;
help us know that they are you.

3. God who loves the sick, the dying,
they are precious in your sight;
we will bring them your compassion,
fill their living with your light.
God who brings the captive freedom,
free our hearts to love anew.
May we comfort all your people;
help us know that they are you.

HOLY, HOLY**MYSTERY OF FAITH**

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

AMEN

RITE OF PEACE**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: SHEPHERD ME, O GOD #458 (Text: Based on Psalm 23. Text and music by Marty Haugen; © 1986, 1987, GIA Publications, Inc., Used and reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-621383. All rights reserved.)

REFRAIN: Shepherd Me, O God
beyond my wants, beyond my fears,
from death into life.

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. **(R)**

2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and
truth, my spirit shall sing the music of your
Name. **(R)**

3. Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my
hope. **(R)**

4. You have set me a banquet of love
in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to
hold. **(R)**

5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God
forevermore. **(R)**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**RECESSIONAL HYMN: PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW #541**

1. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land by ev'ry one.

3. Eternal are thy mercies, Lord,
And truth eternal is thy word;
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

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