

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 2, 2022

HOLY SPIRIT

CATHOLIC CHURCH

respect life



called to serve moms in need

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

CONFESSION

Tues 4:15 - 5:15 pm, Fri 7:15 am - 8:15 am
Sat 7:15 - 7:45 am & 2:30-3:30 pm

ADORATION

24/7 (Ask the parish office for the code)

DAILY MASS

Mon - Thrs, 6:45 am & 5:30 pm
Fri 6:45 am & 8:30 am | Sat 8:00 am

SUNDAY MASS

Sat 4:00 pm
Sun 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:30 pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Updated 9/25/2022 for the Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/23
(Collection numbers as of 13 weeks)

Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$46,092
Average Year to Date Weekly Collection:	\$39,620
Budgeted Year to Date Collections:	\$599,196
Actual Year to Date Collections:	\$515,062
Year to Date Overage/(Shortage):	(\$84,135)

Endowment Balances as of 6/30/22

Church Endowment:	\$131,420
Educational Endowment:	\$115,436

**Support the mission of Holy Spirit:
Visit hscatholic.org/give to donate**

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Catholic Charities: (913)384-6608
Advice & Aid Pregnancy Center: (913)962-0200
Gabriel Project: (913)602-0306
Olathe Pregnancy Clinic: (913)289-0100
Wyandotte Pregnancy Clinic: (913)287-8287
Project Rachel/ Joseph: (913)621-2199

The greatest method of praying
is to pray *the Rosary*
St. Francis de Sales

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 3rd

6:45 am †Robert Denk
 5:30 pm †David Schlautman, †Ben Niere, †Mike Sterrett, All
 Sick & Suffering, Sp. Int.

Tuesday, October 4th

St. Francis of Assisi

6:45 am †Margaret Dix
 5:30 pm †Francis Van Houdt

Wednesday, October 5th

St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

6:45 am †Leona Fross
 5:30 pm Sarah & Doug Payne, Sp. Int.

Thursday, October 6th

St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

6:45 am †Albert Yarnevich
 5:30 pm †Dale Klemz

Friday, October 7th

Our Lady of the Rosary

6:45 am †Alfons & †Loretta Gerstberger; Dixie Degen, Sp. Int.
 8:30 am †Violet Magee, †Dylan Garnett, †Dan Sanem, &
 †Fr. Charles McGlinn

Saturday, October 8th

8:00 am Theresa Nelson, Sp. Int.
 4:00 pm Vigil Mass †Jim Dieren

Sunday, October 9th

Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:00 am People of the Parish
 9:00 am †Dorothy King
 11:00 am †Donald Madole
 6:30 pm †Cecilia Bertrand

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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Parish Rosaries:

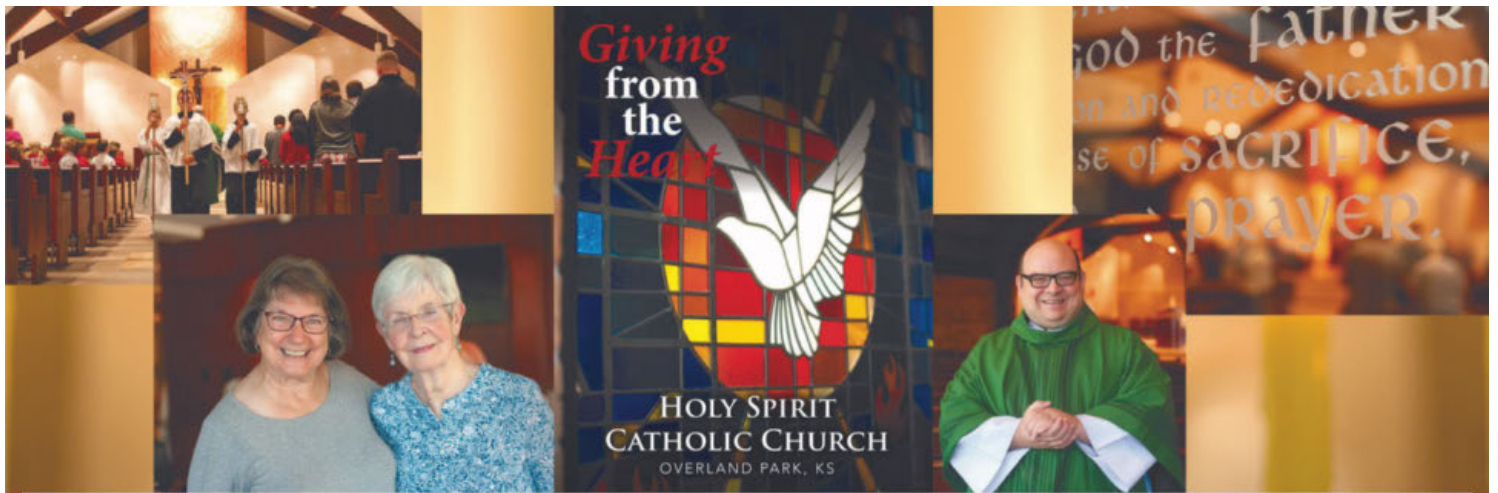
Monday through Friday after the 6:45 AM Mass

Tuesday after the 5:30 PM Mass

Saturday at 7:30 AM and at 3:30 PM

Sunday at 6:30 AM

To submit an item for the bulletin or parish email, please send inquiries to:
bulletin@hscatholic.org. Submissions are due the Tuesday prior to each
 weekend by Noon.



Giving from the Heart

This week you will receive a brochure introducing our "Giving From The Heart" Program. I ask that you please review this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help Holy Spirit Church by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future. On Commitment Weekend, October 8 & 9, I invite each of you to participate in this vital program and help us respond to God's great gift of love. We ask that all faithful parishioners complete a Commitment Card.

A card will be included in the brochure mailing for you to:

- Mail to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included in this mailing.
- Bring your card to Mass next Sunday and place it in the offertory basket
- Visit our website at www.hscatholic.org and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

The back of the Commitment Card has a place for you to include any prayer intentions you wish to share. We welcome all intentions, and they will be prayed for collectively over the next few weeks. If you would like to speak to a priest, please indicate so on your card, and we will be in contact with you.

Our goal is 100% participation!

Thank you for your generosity and support of Holy Spirit Church! I'm proud to be part of the Holy Spirit Church community.

Father Andrew Strobl

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**This
weekend!**

Food Drive

Saturday, Oct. 1, & Sunday, Oct. 2

A truck will be in the parking lot to receive your donations.

PLEASE NO GLASS OR PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS.

Please do not leave your items in the narthex.

Most needed items are canned meat, pasta, canned tomatoes, tomato/pasta sauce (**no glass**), rice, pancake mix, oatmeal, & canned fruit

Prefer to make a financial donation?

Scan the QR Code or write a check payable to Catholic Charities with **Food Drive-Holy Spirit** in the memo. Checks can be dropped in the collection baskets or in the parish office lock box.



The Church's deepest nature is expressed in her three-fold responsibility of proclaiming the word of God, celebrating the sacraments, and **exercising the ministry of charity.**

-Pope Benedict XVI



Prayers for our Community

Baptized in Christ

Jackson Michael Schweiss,
son of Alex & Ciera

Autumn Faye James Greenland,
daughter of Steven & Maggie

Crew Robert Jimenez,
son of Christopher & Chelsea

With Sympathy

Deanna Olsen,
wife of Bob

Jean Van Pelt,
mother of Renee Denning

Patrick Kissick,
brother of David

The Sacraments

Baptism: A baptismal preparation class must be completed prior to scheduling your child's baptism. Please call the Parish Office for more information and to schedule a class.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance to complete the necessary paperwork/requirements. Please contact the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick: Offered after the 4:00 PM Mass on the First Saturday of the Month. Call Ariel in the Parish Office at 913.492.7318, if someone is hospitalized or ill and would like to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick.

Funerals: Please contact the Pastor before final arrangements are made.

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life *called
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moms
in need*

Today is Respect Life Sunday, which kicks off Respect Life Month. We consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.

Sunday, October 2 Life Chain Sunday

NE Corner of 95th & Antioch

1:30-2:30 pm

Saturday, October 8, 5:00 - 8:30 pm

**Foster Family Appreciation:
Mass & Respite Night**

Hosted by the Archdiocese of KCK &
Church of the Nativity

Friday, October 21, 6:00 pm

Bowties for Babies

Fundraising Gala supporting
Alexandra's House

Friday, October 21, all day

40 Days for Life

Sign up details to come for our Holy
Spirit Group!

Friday, October 21 Monthly Pro-Life Prayer

Adoration at Christ the King Church
in KCK from Friday at 7:00 pm to
Saturday at 8:00 am. Mass and
procession to Planned Parenthood
clinic to follow where prayer will take
place until 10:00 am. Call
(913)287-8823 to sign up for a slot.

Sunday, October 30, 1:00 pm Mass of Innocents

Holy Spirit OP, KS

Have you or someone you know
lost a child or loved one during
pregnancy or in early infancy? If
so, Archbishop Naumann invites
you to commemorate this loss at
this special Mass.

Jesus Christ is calling you to follow Him. It's a fact. The question which remains is – What does that look like for you? What is it about a relationship with Jesus Christ that has the power to transform a boy into a man – a man who is willing to lay down his life for his friends – specifically as a spiritual father and priest? Join Archbishop Joseph Naumann Vocation Director Fr. Dan Morris, Associate Vocation Director Fr. Luke Doyle, seminarians, and area priests as together we unpack those two simple but transformative and life-giving words of Jesus: "Follow me"

Sunday, October 2

PROJECT ANDREW

Discernment Event

Discernment event for young men in high school: An invitation from Jesus Christ to "Follow me"



1-4:30 pm
Holy Trinity, Lenexa

Scan QR to register →

+913-647-0303
<https://archkck.org/vocations-project-andrew/>



Sign up to help!



St. Mary's Food Kitchen

Friday, October 14

St. Mary's food kitchen is now serving **HOT** lunches. Holy Spirit serves the hungry at St. Mary's **every second Friday**. We need people to prepare casseroles, bring salad bags, cookies, and bottled water. We also need volunteers to go to St. Mary's to serve the meals. This is a beautiful way to put your faith in action.

Sign up at the link below or by following the QR code!

<https://tinyurl.com/HolySpiritStMarys>

Please drop off donations in the gathering space by 9:15am on the Friday that you signed up.

For any questions, please call either
Terry Gillcrist (913)638-6336
or Rita Mulleedy



NO FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

There is no First Friday Holy Hour this week due to a Funeral Mass.



Women of Spirit **WINE TASTING AND DINNER**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 6:30 PM

\$25

MARTHA & MARY ROOM

Join us for dinner with several varieties of wine for our sampling pleasure. RSVP after Mass 10/1-2 and 10/8-9 at the WOS table in the Narthex, or contact the parish office. Cost is \$25. There will also be a raffle for a decorated Christmas tree. Raffle tickets are available that evening, one ticket for \$5 or three tickets for \$10. All ladies of the parish are welcome. It promises to be a fun and fellowship-filled evening.

Questions: Carol Clune, carolick4kds@aol.com, (913)449-1747.

RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12

Pet Blessings

Saturday, Oct. 8
9:00 am on Izzy's Field



The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi is October 4. Bring your furry friend to Izzy's Field on Saturday, October 8, for a special blessing.

BLOOD DRIVE

Donors needed now!

Tuesday, October 25
2:00-6:00 pm
Holy Spirit Church
Martha & Mary Room

Book your appointment today at savealifenow.org/group, enter Group Code: SW.

Medical eligibility questions?
Call 1.800.688.0900

Sign up here!




Community Blood Center
Save a life. Right Here. Right Now.

Trash Bag Sales

Trash Bag sales have been a key fundraiser for Holy Spirit School for many years. This year's sale will run from September 21st-October 4th, orders must be placed by midnight on October 4th. Please help us make this a successful sale!

Blue Bags: 55 gallon, 16 per roll
Yellow Bags: 39 gallon, 25 per roll
White Bags: 15 gallon, 65 per roll



\$12
per roll

Brown Yard Paper/Waste Bags: 5 bags for \$3



Ordering/paying is all online!

Simply go to:
buybags.trashbagfundraiser.com
Group ID: HOLYSP



Once you've placed your order, pay with either a Paypal account or check out as a guest! Please be aware there is a convenience fee. Thank you in advance for your generosity! We greatly appreciate you!

Order Pickup: Your order will be available in the back parking lot by the baseball shelter, ready for pickup at school dismissal on 10/7/2022. If you are unable to pick up your order at that time, please email/text Laura Logan to make arrangements prior to this day.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Logan (Contact info in the Parish Directory or Guidebook)

The Catholic Lawyer's Guild of Kansas City
together with
The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas,
The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph,
and
The Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas
request you join us for the 2022

Red Mass

October 7, 2022

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Reception to Follow

Curé of Ars | 9401 Mission Rd | Leawood, KS 66206

RSVP at cfnek.org/events/red-mass

Free Event!

BE KIND. REWIND

BLOCKBUSTER TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022
DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM
TRIVIA STARTS AT 7 PM

\$250 a team or join solo/couple! Prizes for best dressed movie theme!

More event info at
<https://hscatholic.org/trivianight> *sign up here!*



HOSTED BY HSPA IN THE
HOLY SPIRIT GYM



THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY KANSAS INVITES YOU TO A

FOSTER FAMILY APPRECIATION: MASS & RESPITE NIGHT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY - 3800 W. 119TH ST., LEAWOOD

In appreciation of their generosity and heroic love, please join us in celebrating foster families and those who serve vulnerable children in our community. All are invited to Mass with Archbishop Joseph Naumann where he will extend a special blessing to foster & adoptive families and community volunteers. Afterwards, foster/adoptive parents will be treated to a relaxing dinner and program while the kids have fun in the gym!

- 5:00 pm - Mass with Archbishop Naumann
- 6:00 - 6:30 pm - Check in for Event - Parents, please bring your kids to the school gym, then head to the Parish Hall for your event.
- 6:30 pm - Dinner and Program
 - kids will be served a Chick Fil-A dinner and will be entertained with a bounce house, games, face painting and more!
 - parents will enjoy drinks and a catered dinner by Garozzo's, followed by "Meeting Sensory Needs" presented by KVC for CEU credit.
- 8:15 - 8:30 pm - Event concludes; pick up children in gym

Mass is open to all. The evening event is free for foster and adoptive families - children ages 6 mos- 12 years.

REGISTRATION required. Questions - contact Susie Boster at nativityfostercare@gmail.com

REGISTER HERE!



THE ARCHDIOCESE
of Kansas City in Kansas

CHURCH of the NATIVITY
PARISH MINISTRY

Christ-centered... Child-centered... Community-centered



JOIN US FOR PRESCHOOL!

We still have open
spots for

AGES 3 & 4

3's: MWF or T/TH AM times
4's: M-F PM time

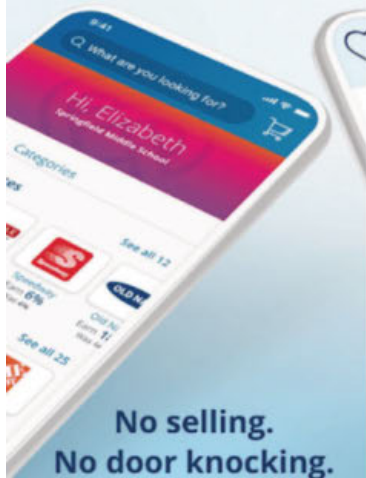
Call to schedule a visit:
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Registration Form



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COME TO YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Bible Study & Dinner every Sunday 5-6:30 pm

WEDNESDAYS JUNIOR HIGH



Wednesday, October 12th:
Apologetics 101

J-High Afternoons are from 4 PM to 5:15 PM
(Social hour starts at 3:30 for those staying after school.)
J-High Evenings are from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
in the Martha & Mary Room & in conjunction with SOR

Saints & Sweets Luminary Walk

Sunday, October 30th

Bring your pillowcases for candy and stroll
through the Luminary Walk to hear stories of the
lives of the Saints. Come put the holy back into
All Hallows Eve!

- Walk with your family or friends as you learn about the lives of the Saints. Youth Leaders dressed as Saints will share a Saint story as well as one of your favorite treats at each station. Wrap up the walk by praying with the relics of real Saints!
- Kids are invited to dress up as Saints or use their Halloween costumes.
- Sign up for a start time on the sign-up link. Entry Fee: Canned food item or monetary donation to Uplift.
- See the website under Events for registration and more details. <https://tinyurl.com/SaintsandSweets>

Donate Candy: Candy donations help make the night even sweeter! Please deliver candy to the Formation Office, marked "Saints and Sweets"



World Youth Day Lisbon & Fatima

July 29th-Aug. 7th, 2023



How old do I have to be to attend WYD?

World Youth Day is a pilgrimage experience targeted at those aged 16 to 35. We especially encourage Young Adults, High Schoolers, Young Married Couples & Chaperones to attend.

Cost: \$3,450; with fundraising we hope to get it down to \$3,000.

Holy Spirit wants to send the largest group with the Archdiocese on this life-changing pilgrimage!

Contact Doug Leikam with Questions: DLEIKAM@HSCATHOLIC.ORG

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 30

6-8 pm

Trunk or Treat AND visit the
Luminary Walk, Living Saints, & Relics!

Designated spots available
for decorated cars and
passing out candy.

Fun for the whole family!

More Info
& Sign-Ups



<https://tinyurl.com/SaintsandSweets>





Knights of Columbus FOOTBALL RAFFLE

Drawing Order	Ticket #	Winners' Name	Council
1st wins \$500	6415	Fr. Edward Ahn	St. Michael
2nd wins \$100	3425	Stephanie Kelley	Holy Spirit
3rd wins \$100	7196	Peter Lane	St. Michael
4th wins \$100	1003	Andrew Harding	Holy Trinity
5th wins \$100	5616	Ed Fitzgerald	Nativity
6th wins \$50	5093	Samantha Feulner	Nativity
7th wins \$50	876	Connie Kucenic	Holy Trinity
8th wins \$50	3469	Virgil Lane	Holy Spirit
9th wins \$50	1378	Kathleen Willis	Holy Trinity
10th wins \$50	7034	Chris Talarico	St. Michael
11th wins \$50	685	John Caton	Holy Trinity
12th wins \$50	6252	Blase Capelli	Nativity
13th wins \$50	7651	Bruce Collinsworth	St. Michael

RETROUVAILLE
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

HelpOurMarriage.org

Announcing an upcoming Retrouvaille
WEEKEND FOR COUPLES
October 14, 2022

Not willing to let go of your marriage?
Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope.

For more information, contact KC registration team:
(800)470-2230 or visit our website: helpourmarriage.com

Mass of Innocents

Sunday, October 30, at 1:00 PM
at Holy Spirit Church in Overland Park, KS

Have you or someone you know lost a child or loved one during pregnancy or in early infancy. If so, Archbishop Naumann invites you to commemorate this loss at this special Mass.

This annual Mass gives parents, grandparents, siblings, or other loved ones the opportunity to receive consolation, whether the loss was recent or many years ago. Even if you have not personally experienced this kind of loss, you are invited to join us at this Mass to support those who have.

For questions or more info, contact Brad DuPont at 913-647-0301 or bdupont@archkck.org

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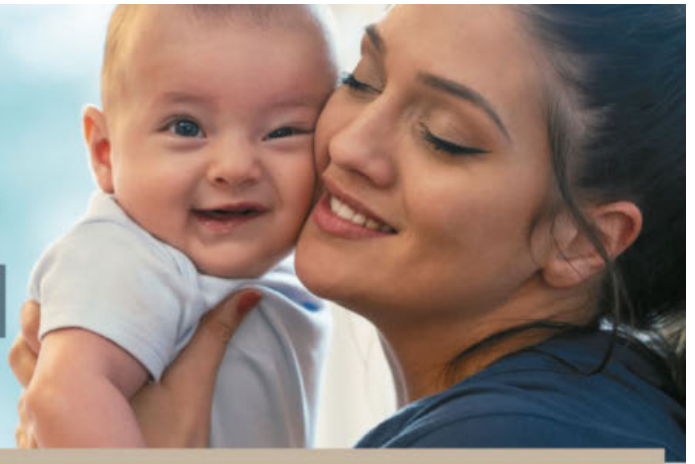
More Christianity
RETREAT

What are the foundational beliefs that take us into the heart of what it means to be a Christian? Journey with us as we enter into the thought of C.S. Lewis as he explains and defends the most basic beliefs of Christians, hoping to persuade others to come to our Lord. Come immerse yourself in the unequalled opportunity for believers and non-believers alike to hear this powerful apologetic for the Christian faith. There are conferences, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confession and time for private prayer, reflection and walking. Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$170 Single/\$250 Couple or Single Guest Rooms: \$100 (Meals Included).

CHRIST'S PEACE
House of Prayer

OCTOBER 14-16 22131 MEAGER RD EASTON CHRISTSPEACE.COM

Called to Serve Moms in Need



Our Blessed Mother models a profound witness to love and life in the Gospel account of the Visitation. Luke's Gospel tells us that, when Mary learns that her cousin Elizabeth is pregnant, she travels to the hill country "*in haste*" (Lk 1:39). Despite being unexpectedly pregnant herself, Mary responds to this news with urgency.

She embarks on a long and perhaps difficult journey to be with her cousin during her time of need, bearing Christ to her as He lay quietly hidden in Mary's womb. And, although Jesus is veiled from view, when Mary first arrives John the Baptist leaps for joy in Elizabeth's womb, recognizing the presence of Christ (Lk 1:44). Mary, with Jesus, spends the next three months at Elizabeth's side.

The witness of our Blessed Mother invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgment from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of her child.

Following Mary's example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children.¹ How can we, like the Blessed Mother, lovingly support mothers in welcoming and caring for God's gift of life?

Throughout the whole of Scripture, Mary's words are few. Yet, in her sacred encounter with Elizabeth, a powerful declaration pours from her lips. Mary proclaims to all generations that the Lord *lifts up the lowly, fills the hungry with good things, and remembers his promise of mercy from age to age* (Lk 1:46-56). In both word and deed, Mary speaks a

My soul proclaims
the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

Luke 1:46-47

message of *hope*—not only to Elizabeth, but also to every mother in need and to each of us.

Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to *make haste* to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone. By doing so, we too can bear Christ within us and help others experience His presence.

Inspired by the Blessed Mother's example and guided by the Holy Spirit, may we offer Christ's presence and love to mothers in their time of need through our faithful service and support.

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¹ Lori, Most Reverend William E. 2022. Homily for the Opening Mass of the 2022 National Prayer Vigil for Life. Delivered at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. January 20, 2022. <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/archbishop-william-e-lori-opening-mass-2022-national-prayer-vigil-life>.

40 for 40: Diving Into *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*



Day 12: The Real Presence of Christ

From the Document: From the very beginning, the Church has believed and celebrated according to the teaching of Jesus Himself: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him" (Jn. 6:54-56).

It is not ordinary bread and ordinary drink that we receive in the Eucharist, but the flesh and blood of Christ, who came to nourish and transform us, to restore our relationship to God and to one another.

In the Eucharist, with the eyes of faith, we see before us Jesus Christ, who in the Incarnation became flesh (Jn. 1:14) and who in the Paschal Mystery gave Himself for us (Tit. 2:14), accepting "even death on a cross" (Phil. 2:8). . . .

How can Jesus Christ be truly present in what still appears to be bread and wine? In the liturgical act known as the epiclesis, the bishop or priest, speaking in the person of Jesus Christ, calls upon the Father to send down His Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. This change occurs through the institution narrative, by the power of the words of Christ pronounced by the celebrant.

--United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*, nos. 18-20.

Reflect: St. Robert Bellarmine was a brilliant theologian and defender of the faith shortly after the Protestant Reformation. Listen to what this doctor of the Church has to say about the Eucharist:

"Take and eat: This is My Body. Weigh carefully, dear brethren, the force of those words. . . .

"Suppose a prince promised one of you a hundred gold pieces, and in fulfillment of his word sent a beautiful sketch of the coins. What you would think of his liberality? And suppose that when you complained, the donor said, 'Sir, your astonishment is out of place, as the painted coins you received may very properly be considered true crowns by the figure of speech called metonymy,' would not everybody feel that he was making fun of you and your picture?

"Now Our Lord promised to give us His flesh for our food. The bread which I shall give you, He said, is My flesh for the life of the world. If you argue that the bread may be looked on as a figure of His flesh, you are arguing like the prince and making a mockery of God's promises. A wonderful gift indeed that would be, in which Eternal Wisdom, Truth, Justice, and Goodness deceived us, its helpless pensioners, and turned our dearest hopes to derision.

"That I may show you how just and righteous is the position we hold, let us suppose that the last day has come and that our doctrine of the Eucharist has turned out to be false and absurd. Our Lord now asks us reproachfully: 'Why did you believe thus of My Sacrament? Why did you adore the host?' may we not safely answer Him: 'O Lord, if we were wrong in this, it was You who deceived us. We heard Your word, THIS IS MY BODY, and was it a crime for us to believe You? We were confirmed in our mistake by a multitude of signs and wonders which could only have had You for their author. Your Church with one voice cried out to us that we were right, and in believing as we did we but followed in the footsteps of all Your saints and holy ones . . .'"

Ponder: Ponder: Do I find St. Robert Bellarmine's words convincing? In the Gospel, many disciples walked away when Jesus spoke about the Eucharist (cf. Jn. 6:66). Do I make my own the words of St. Peter, "Lord, to whom shall we go, you have the words of everlasting life" (Jn. 6:68)?

www.archkck.org/revival

www.eucharisticrevival.org/

The document *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church* was developed by the Committee on Doctrine of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). It was approved by the full body of the USCCB at its November 2021 General Meeting and has been authorized for publication.

WE'RE HIRING

Preschool Position

Holy Spirit Catholic School is seeking a part-time preschool teacher for our 4-year-olds. The Lead Teacher is responsible for developing, planning, and executing all activities/learning experiences for the children in the classroom.

Requirements: Attend Virtus training, College degree required, Elementary Education or Special Education emphasis, preferred.

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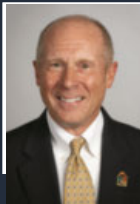
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