

# CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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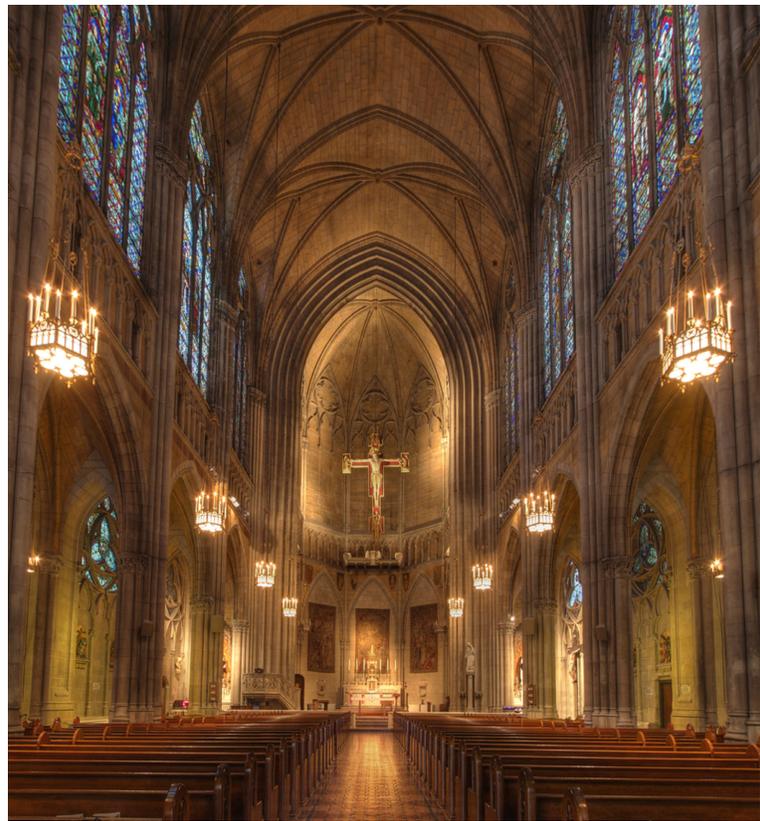
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**SUNDAY MASSES:** Saturday evening at 5:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:30AM, 10:00AM (Family Mass) 11:15AM  
(Spanish), 12:30PM & 5:30PM (Young Adult Choir)

**WEEKDAYS:** 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM

**SATURDAYS:** 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM

**SPANISH WEEKDAY MASS:**  
Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of Month at 7:00 PM

**BAPTISM:** Arrangements must be made at the Rectory. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics. Parents, and also godparents when possible, must attend the Pre-Baptismal conference which is held on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm in the rectory.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday afternoons 4:30 to 5:15 pm, and anytime at the Rectory.

**MARRIAGES:** Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance at the rectory to ensure the date and the hour desired. The Nuptial Mass is the ordinary form of celebrating Christian marriage, and should be strongly considered when making Wedding plans. Attendance at the Pre-Cana Conferences, or the equivalent, is required by the Archbishop.

**PARISH BOUNDARIES:** Central Park West to the Hudson River, from the South side of 77th Street down to the North side of 65th Street.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** We welcome new parishioners, and invite them to register at the Rectory. The registration is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish. If you move to another Parish, or change your address within the Parish, please notify us.

**FATIMA DEVOTIONS:** The Rosary is said daily after the 12:10 pm Mass. Friday from 6-7 pm there is a holy hour.

**BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** First Friday - Exposition: 12:35 pm. Adoration: All day; Benediction: 5:15 PM.

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Mondays, before the 12:10 Mass and before the 5:30 pm Mass.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS:** Classes in Religion for Catholic children/teenagers, Pre- kindergarten - High School take place on Sundays. The Family Mass begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Church followed by class instruction in the school.

Ongoing religious education is important for the religious development of your children. First Communion and Confirmation require a two year program.

Sunday School Website:  
[www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org](http://www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org)

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I thought I'd share some remarks of Pope Francis, reported in an article by John Allen, in Crux.....

On March 4th, during a meeting with 26 young Latin America leaders attending a course on politics and the social teaching of the Church, Pope Francis said that what makes a politician "Catholic" is not party affiliation, but dedication to promoting the common good, particularly through listening to and empowering people who often are overlooked

A Catholic politician, he said, always looks for "the possible good, even if it is modest."

Quoting St. Paul VI, Francis told the young leaders, "In concrete situations, and taking account of solidarity in each person's life, one must recognize a legitimate variety of possible options. The same Christian faith can lead to different commitments."

"Being a Catholic in politics does not mean being a recruit from a group, an organization or a party," but striving to serve others based on one's baptismal calling and strengthened by regular participation in a faith community. True democracy the Pope declared: can never mean "for the people, but not with the people." Women, he said, are "a pillar in the building of the church and society," young people have "the dissatisfaction and rebelliousness that are necessary to promote true changes and not merely cosmetic ones" and, through service to and with the poor, he said, "the Church shows her fidelity" to Christ.

"Their presence, their joys and, especially, their suffering are a strong wake-up call for those who are responsible for public life," the pope said, and in responding to their needs, a government goes a long way in truly working for the common good in ways that are concrete and not simply slogans.

"If we do not want to get lost in a sea of empty words, let us always look at the faces of women, young people and the poor," he said. "Let's look at them as subjects of change and not as mere objects of assistance."

Well it is the 4th week of Lent.....how has it been going?.....Prayer....Fasting.....the Giving of Alms .....don't look back, look forward ..... I hope you are planning how you will enter into Holy Week this year..... the schedule is here in the bulletin.

Father Duffell

## HOLY WEEK



### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

#### **PALM SUNDAY**, April 14

Before each Mass the Palms will be blessed on 71st street.

Saturday - 5:30 P.M.

Sunday - 8:30, 9:45, 11:15 A.M. (Sp.)  
12:30 and 5:30 P.M.

Monday, April 15

The Day of Penance in Preparation for Easter.  
Priests will be available from 3:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.

### THE SACRED TRIDUUM

#### **HOLY THURSDAY**, April 18

9:30 A.M. - Morning Prayer

7:30 P.M. - The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

Procession to the repository.

Adoration 9:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**, April 19

9:30 A.M. - Tenebrae

10:30 A.M. - Stations of the Cross for Families

12:00 P.M. - Bilingual Stations of the Cross

3:00 P.M. - Solemn Liturgy of the Passion (Sp.)  
5:30 P.M. - Solemn Liturgy of the Passion (Eng.)

#### **HOLY SATURDAY**, April 20

9:30 A.M. - Tenebrae

8:30 P.M. - Easter Vigil

and Celebration of Resurrection

#### **EASTER SUNDAY**, April 21

8:30, 9:45, 11:15 A.M. (Sp.)

12:30 and 5:30 P.M.

## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos,

Pensé que compartiría algunas observaciones del Papa Francisco, publicadas en un artículo de John Allen, en Crux ...

El 4 de marzo, durante una reunión con 26 jóvenes líderes de América Latina que asistían a un curso sobre política y la enseñanza social de la Iglesia, el Papa Francisco dijo que lo que hace que un político sea "católico" no es la afiliación a un partido, sino la dedicación a promover el bien común, particularmente a través de escuchar y capacitar a las personas que a menudo se pasan por alto

Un político católico, dijo, siempre busquen "el bien posible, aunque sea modesto".

Al citar a San Pablo VI, Francis dijo a los jóvenes líderes: "En situaciones concretas, y teniendo en cuenta la solidaridad en la vida de cada persona, uno debe reconocer una variedad legítima de opciones posibles. La misma fe cristiana puede llevar a diferentes compromisos".

"Ser católico en la política no significa ser recluta de un grupo, una organización o un partido", sino esforzarse por servir a los demás en función del llamado bautismal y fortalecido por la participación regular en una comunidad de fe.

El Papa declaró: la democracia verdadera nunca puede significar "para la gente, pero no con la gente".

Las mujeres, dijo, son "un pilar en la construcción de la iglesia y la sociedad", los jóvenes tienen "la insatisfacción y la rebeldía que son necesarias para promover cambios verdaderos y no meramente cosméticos" y, a través del servicio a los pobres y con ellos, "la Iglesia muestra su fidelidad" a Cristo.

"Su presencia, sus alegrías y, especialmente, su sufrimiento son un fuerte llamado a aquellos que son responsables de la vida pública", dijo el Papa, y al responder a sus necesidades, un gobierno hace todo lo posible por trabajar verdaderamente para el bien común en formas concretas y no simples consignas.

"Si no queremos perdernos en un mar de palabras vacías, miremos siempre los rostros de las mujeres, los jóvenes y los pobres", dijo. "Vamos a verlos como sujetos de cambio y no como meros objetos de ayuda".

Es la cuarta semana de Cuaresma ... ¿cómo les ha ido? ... Oración... Ayuno ... la entrega de limosnas ..... no mires atrás, mira hacia adelante ..... Espero que esté planeando cómo entrarán en la Semana Santa este año ... el calendario encuentran aquí en el boletín.

Padre Duffell



CRS RICE BOWL: Join our parish community - and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States - in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. CRS Rice Bowl is a faith-in-action Lenten program for families, individuals and faith communities with family activities, meatless meals, prayers and reflections. Rice Bowl invites Catholics to live in solidarity with our most vulnerable brothers and sisters through the Lenten pillars of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Using the cardboard Rice Bowl is a familiar reminder to collect the money you save from what you give up for Lent. PLEASE PICK UP A RICE BOWL with a Lenten calendar and a flyer for more information at the church entrance. Also, join CRS Rice Bowl's on-line community at [csrcricebowl.org](http://csrcricebowl.org). REMEMBER, WHAT YOU GIVE UP FOR LENT CHANGES LIVES.

**Saturday Evening, March 30th**

5:30 Leonor de Botero +

**Sunday, March 31st**

8:30 Dr. Richard Medley +  
 10:00 Imelda Beads +  
 11:15 Henry Zarate +  
 12:30 Lennex Rochford +  
 5:30 Mrs. Geraldine O'Brien +

**Monday, April 1st**

7:30 People of the Parish  
 12:10 Ana Maria Cruz +  
 5:30 Albert Sultana +

**Tuesday, April 2nd**

7:30 Cardinal Edward Egan +  
 12:10 Negie A. Marucci +  
 5:30 Intentions of Cathy Lord

**Wednesday, April 3rd**

7:30 Vincenzo Gardino +  
 12:10 Kathy Roberts +  
 5:30 Juan B. Rivera Poventud +

**Thursday, April 4th**

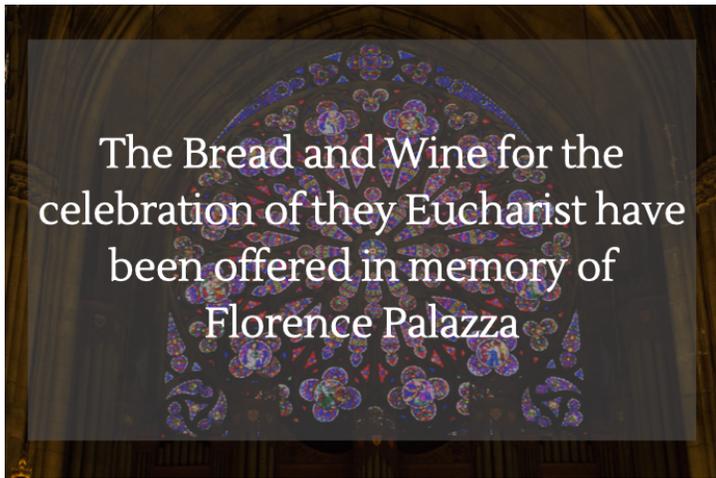
7:30 Intentions of Cathy Lord  
 12:10 Catherine de Carlo +  
 5:30 Alexander Boghossian +

**Friday, April 5th**

7:30 Mary Gerardi +  
 12:10 Grace Anthony +  
 5:30 All the Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, April 6th**

7:30 Thanksgiving to God & in Reparations for  
 Sinners  
 12:10 Tony Pinto +



The Bread and Wine for the  
 celebration of the Eucharist have  
 been offered in memory of  
 Florence Palazza

**LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPERS**

Please join us during any or all of the Wednesday of Lent: 4/3, 10, 17 for our Lenten Simple Suppers. Prayers and meditation begin at 7PM in the dining room of the rectory, followed by a meal of soup and salad...and fellowship. The suppers are a wonderful way to not only deepen one's Lenten experience, but also to be able to reflect in a very comfortable and quiet setting with fellow parishioners. For more information, please call Chris Williams at 304-337-1252 or jcw.arts@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you then.

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**LENTEN SUNDAY VESPERS** Women in Scripture: "She has been a helper of many and of myself as well" (Romans 16.2), is the title of the Lenten Sunday Vespers series to be held at Corpus Christi Church. Beginning March 10, each Sunday will bring speakers to address the subject of women in the Bible, both New and Old Testaments. Preachers will be Rev. Mary Foulke, pastor of St Mary's Episcopal Church in Harlem (March 10); Dr. Amy Kalmanofsky, of Jewish Theological Seminary (March 17); Rev. Victoria Sirota, formerly at St John the Divine Episcopal cathedral (March 24); Dr. Claudia Setzer, professor of Religious Studies at Manhattan College (April 7). Sundays at 4:00 pm. Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121 Street, in Manhattan. info: (212) 666-9350 or email cchristinyc@gmail.com.

**LENTEN VESPERS**  
 Sundays at 4:00 P.M.

April 7  
 Dr. Claudia Setzer  
 Manhattan College, Riverdale

**FINANCE COMMITTEE CORNER**

Last Sunday \$6,948 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$4,491 was received through WeShare, for a total of \$11,439. Thank you for so generously giving to our regular collection. The second collection in support of our Soup Kitchen totaled \$2,250. Thank you.

**ESQUINA FINANCIERA**

La suma de la colecta durante las Misas del domingo pasado fue \$6,948. Recibimos \$4,491 a través de WeShare para un total de \$11,439. Gracias por dar tan generosamente a nuestra colección regular. La segunda colecta para nuestro comedor popular totalizo \$2,250. Gracias

## Weekly EM and Lector Schedule

### Saturday, Mar. 30

5:30 pm 1st Kristin Mooney  
2nd Merleann Taylor  
POF Vincent Gardino  
EM Edward Wiese, Kristin Mooney, Merleann Taylor, Carmen Botero

### Sunday, Mar. 31

8:30 am 1st Eileen Simpson  
2nd Brendan Contant  
POF James Palazza  
EM Hugh Regan, Eileen Simpson, Brendan Contant, James Palazza, JoDell Shields

10:00 am 1st Olivia Stolar  
2nd Giulia Di Vincenzo  
POF Andrew Fitzsimmons  
EM Deacon Scott, Mimi Nevin, Joan Tedeschi, Patricia Caffrey, Nellie Gonzalez-Arce, Andrew Fitzsimmons, Mary Bradley

11:15 am 1st Oscar Henk  
2nd Daysi Guardado  
POF Fernando Bueno  
EM Peter Diggins, Cindy Ochoa, Rosario Flores

12:30 pm 1st Pauline Go  
2nd Mary Moore  
POF Monica Brady  
EM Deacon Scott, Mark Murphy, Anne Jason, Lola Gordon, Lidia Stempien, Elsa Alvarez, Jack Going

5:30 pm 1st Matthew Sitman  
2nd Elizabeth Kubinski  
POF Rebecca Painter  
EM Matthew Sitman, Tiffany Riady, Alec Dadisman, Helena Maria Lim, Rob Porell, John Fox, Elizabeth Kubinski

## NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

If you have not registered in the parish and attend our mass regularly, please fill the following form out and return it to the Rectory office. *All information will be kept confidential.*

### NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

*(Only if Both are Registering)*

Children \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Apt # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Your Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Your Spouse's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

How should we address you? (Check one)

Mr. & Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive weekly offering envelopes

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.

Fasting requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

Abstinence prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

### What is WeShare?

WeShare, LPI's Online Giving Management System, allows Blessed Sacrament's parishioners to donate to our parish efficiently, effectively, and securely. It is an automated means for parishioners to support our church financially through one-time or recurring contributions.

If you would like to make your giving easy and consistent, please consider our electronic giving option. Currently 460 parish families are using this simple and secure way to make and track their parish giving. If you would like to learn more about this easy, safe and secure way of giving, please visit <http://blessedsacramentnyc.churchgiving.com> and click on Make a Donation or call 1800-950-9952.





the JoyJ initiative

The JoyJ initiative is pleased to announce that its next Homeless Outreach is being held on **Saturday, April 13th, 2019.**

9:15am - 10:00am  
**Packing of the Bags** (optional)

From 10:00am - 12:00pm  
**Orientation and Outreach**

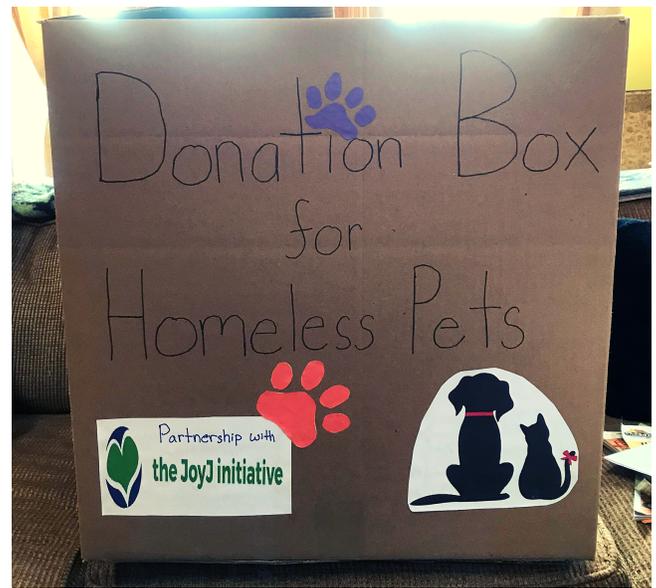
**IMPORTANT:** Please do not arrive later than 9:45 A.M. to register and participate in the Outreach.

If you would like to participate, please send a message to [info@joyj.org](mailto:info@joyj.org) or leave your name at the Rectory.

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2019 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 2 at 2:00 PM. Pre-registration is required. Please contact William Moran at 212-877-3111 or [wmoran@blessedsacramentnyc.org](mailto:wmoran@blessedsacramentnyc.org) to register. The closing date to register for the Mass is Monday, May 13, 2019 at 5:00 PM

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via email at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

*Cualquier persona que necesite reportar algún incidente de abuso sexual de un menor por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso/a, laico sirviendo en la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York, se le pide que por favor contacte Hermana Eileen Clifford, O.P. al 212-371-1000 x 2949 o Diacono George Coppola al 917-861-1762. Ambos también pueden ser contactados via correo electrónico: [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Para mas información pueden visitar la pagina en la red de la Arquidiócesis: [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). De acuerdo con las normas de la Arquidiócesis repito al abuso sexual de menores, esta información se provee para asegurar que nuestros niños permanezcan seguros*



### Girls Scouts Gold Award

Annamarie Cross, a girl scout in the process of achieving her Gold Award, will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend. Annamarie is asking for dog/cat supplies to be donated for her project to help homeless pets. If you have any food, toys, or clean towels, please consider making a donation to her project by dropping them into the box in the rectory where they will be collected. If you have any questions, you can contact Annamarie via email @ [annamariexcross14@gmail.com](mailto:annamariexcross14@gmail.com).

Sunday's Gospel is the ever-familiar story of the Prodigal Son, but all Sunday's readings could really be called the story of the Prodigal Father. Yes, the younger son in the Gospel was prodigal, that is extravagant, extravagant in a negative way; he took his rather substantial inheritance in an untimely way and then spent it on very unacceptable behaviors. But the father in the story might be described as even more prodigal or extravagant. He welcomes his wayward son back with not just an abundance of gifts, but also an abundance of love and forgiveness. This father reflects God, and in the first two readings we witness similar generosity. Our Prodigal God feeds the Israelites with manna in the desert and us with the most extravagant gift of all, Jesus Christ. So, in the words of St. Paul, "let us be reconciled to God...so that we might become the righteousness of God in Jesus." Let us be prodigal, that is extravagant, in our love of God and compassion for one another.

~Pax Christi Metro New York

**PAX CHRISTI'S 37th ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS:** Join with hundreds of others in the largest public Christian peace witness in New York City. This Way of the Cross is a modern-day Stations of the Cross, witnessing for peace and justice in the streets of our city. The theme this year is "Jesus Calls Us to Truth and Forgiveness." At each Station we reflect on our participation in a world still characterized by crucifixion. The walk begins at 8:30 AM on April 19th at 47th Street between First and Second Avenues and proceeds along 42nd Street, ending on 42nd Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues around noon. For more information, please contact Pax Christi Metro New York at 212-420-0250, [info@nypaxchristi.org](mailto:info@nypaxchristi.org), or [www.nypaxchristi.org](http://www.nypaxchristi.org).

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH – MASS AT 5:30PM**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST - MASSES AT 8:30AM & 12:30PM**

ENTRANCE HYMN: O Lord, Your Mercy Does Extend #467

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4,5,6  
R./ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

OFFERTORY HYMN: There is a Balm in Gilead #596

COMMUNION HYMN: Amazing Grace #592

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive Those #594

Kyrie

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy. Lord have  
mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy. Lord have  
mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Sanctus and Benedictus

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord  
God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na  
in the high - est, Ho-san - na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.