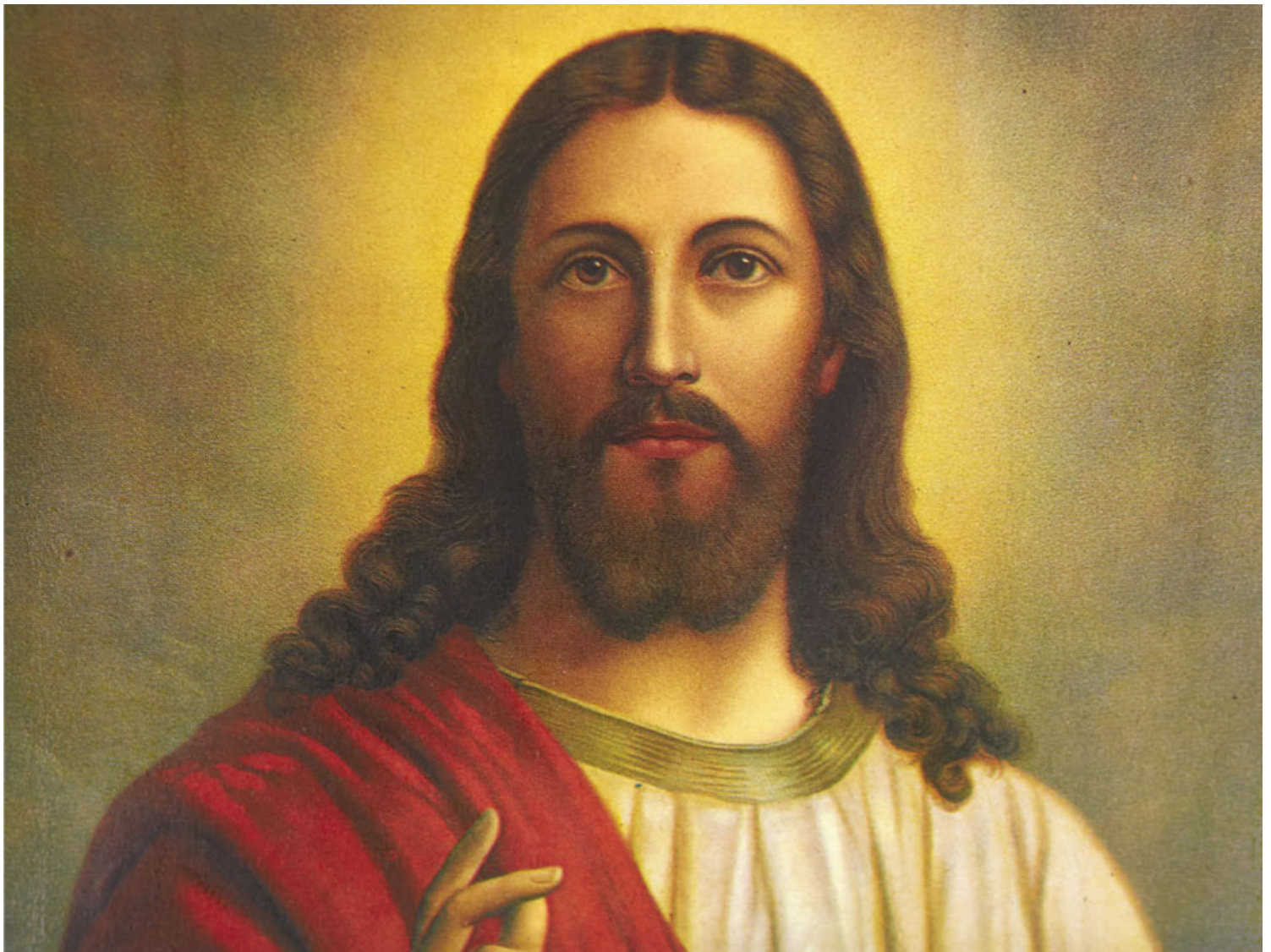




ST. PETER'S PARISH

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." - Lk 13:29-30



Original St. Peter's Seal

St. Peter's Parish

In Our 192nd Year - October 14, 1832

Poughkeepsie, New York * Mother Church of the Hudson Valley

Parish Office: 171 Salt Point Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am-2:00pm

Mailing address: 6 Fr. Cody Plaza, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

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Traditional Papal Seal

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Mount Alvernia Director

St. Peter's Convent, 1860

16 Fr. Cody Plaza, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
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The Chapels of St. Peter's Parish

Our Lady of the Rosary, 1906
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Our Lady of the Way, 1903
at the Culinary Institute

Our Lady of the Holy Souls, 1995
at St. Peter's Cemetery

Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, 1965
at St. Peter's School

Administration Building, 1995

Business Hours & Mass Cards
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171 Salt Point Turnpike
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Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from.'"

- Lk 13:22-25



Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel

SACRAMENTS

Confession: Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45 pm at School Chapel
& by Appointment

Baptism: Most Saturdays 12:30 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel

First Holy Communion & Confirmation: Scheduled through CCD Office

Marriage: Most Saturdays at 12:00 pm or Weekdays,
call at least six months before

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Call (845) 452-8580 to inquire about the above

Mass Schedule

Vigil (Saturday)

Parish Auditorium

4:00 pm

Sunday

Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel

9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm

Weekday

Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel

Tuesday 8:30 am

Wednesday 8:30 am

Thursday 8:30 am

Non-First Friday 8:30 am

First Friday 12:00 pm

First Saturday 12:00 pm

Devotions

Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel

Tuesday - after Mass

St. Anthony of Padua Novena

Wednesday - after Mass

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena

First Friday

Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction

11:30 am-12:00 pm

6:00 pm-7:00 pm (October-June)

Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel

First Saturday Mass

of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

12:00 pm

Holy Day Schedule

Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel

Check parish website

The Six Holy Days of Obligation

January 1st- The Motherhood of the BVM

40 Days After Easter- Ascension Thursday

August 15th- The Assumption of the BVM

November 1st- All Saints

December 8th- The Immaculate Conception
of the BVM

December 25th- The Nativity of Our Lord

Emergency Weather Masses

For any questions regarding Mass
schedule during hazardous weather
conditions please check the parish website:
www.StPetersParishNY.com



Saturday, August 23 - Vigil Mass - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:40 pm Holy Rosary

4:00 pm Mary Van Etten by the Family

Sunday, August 24 - The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Dominic Martin Gallagher by the Chahanovich Family

10:30 am Lou Fasano by Eileen Fasano

12:00 pm People of the Parish

Monday, August 25 - St. Louis IX

No Public Mass

Tuesday, August 26 - St. Melchizedek

No Public Mass

Wednesday, August 27 - St. Monica

No Public Mass

Thursday, August 28 - St. Augustine

No Public Mass

Friday, August 29- The Passion of St. John the Baptist

No Public Mass

Saturday, August 30 - Vigil Mass - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:40 pm Holy Rosary

4:00 pm Floyd & John Kadar Sr. by the Family

Sunday, August 31 - The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Jeanne Albertson by Bernard Ouimet

10:30 am Mildred Van Vlack by the Family

12:00 pm People of the Parish

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Lord Jesus Christ, we call upon your blessed name and we pray for your merciful heart to surround them with love, strength, and courage. Touch them with your power so they may experience healing, comfort and solace!

Please remember in your prayers:

All our former Pastors, Administrators, Assisting Priests, Dean Davis, Jasmine Cappillino, Rosa Armenta, Laura Felice, Father Damian O'Connell, S.J., John Anspach, Diana Gautier, Cornelius Martorano, Sam Fasolino, Mary Ellen Davis, Betty Freeborn, Amy Cordero, Anthony Cordero, Carl Rennia, Susan Lachausse, Jeff Lucas, Diane Wood, Bonnie Otillo, Catalina Fonts-Masvidal, Theresa Pierson, Colleen McGarry

PRAY FOR OUR DEAR DEPARTED

Receive in tranquility and peace, O Lord, the souls of your servants who have departed this present life to come to you. Grant them rest and place them in the habitations of light, the abodes of blessed spirits.

Please remember in your prayers:

Sister Ann Belz, IHM, Lou Murasso

PRAY FOR OUR ARMED FORCES

Archbishop William Muhm, CAP - Fr. Peter Pomposello, Army, Sgt. Sophia Della Pietra, National Guard, 1st Lieutenant Jake Della Pietra, Navy, Luke Creeden-Hamilton, Fr. Adolphus Muoghalu, Paul Davis - SSGT US Army Reserve, Joseph H. Colaizzo - Captain US Air Force, Alex Wagner - Security Forces, TSgt Connor Hart - 105th MXS NY ANG, Connor Ruhland- 2nd Lt. US Air Force, Garrett C. Thompson (Navy)

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are really and truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated

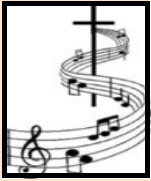


Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and I detest all my sins, because of Your just punishments, but most of all because they offend You, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to sin no more and avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.



The first collection (Regular Parish) for Sunday, August 17, 2025: \$5,792.00
 The second collection (Emergency & Regular Maintenance) for Sunday, August 17, 2025: \$457.00
 Thank you for your continued support of the works of our parish.



HYMNS FOR AUGUST 24, 2025 - 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance: #134 - From All Thy Saints in Warfare v. (St. Bartholomew)
Offertory: #048 - (SP) Aleluya, La Ruda Lucha Terminó
Communion: #160 - I Am the Bread of Life
Communion: #272 - Veni, Creator Spiritus (Instrumental)
Recessional: #137 - Go, Make of All Disciples

DAILY READINGS

August 24 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - *Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30*
August 25 - St. Louis IX - *1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22*
August 26 - St. Melchizedek - *1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26*
August 27 - St. Monica - *1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32*
August 28 - St. Augustine - *1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51*
August 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist - *1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Mk 6:17-29*
August 30 - St. Margarite Ward - *1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30*



WEEKDAY MASS TIMES AT NEIGHBORING PARISHES

Saint Mary, Poughkeepsie: Monday through Friday: 8:00 am, 12:10 pm; Jueves y Primero Viernes: 7:30 pm (SP)
Holy Trinity, Poughkeepsie: Monday through Saturday: 9:00 am, Monday (Latin): 7:00 pm
Regina Coeli, Hyde Park: Monday through Thursday: 9:00 am; Friday: 7:30 pm
St. Stanislaus Kostka, Pleasant Valley: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9:00 am
St. Martin de Porres, Poughkeepsie: Monday through Friday: 6:45 am, 12:15 pm; Saturday: 8:00 am

SUPER SUNDAE SUNDAY!

Come and Create your own ICE CREAM SUNDAE!
 Sunday, September 7
 1pm - 3pm at St. Peter's Gymnasium
IT'S ALL FREE! All parishioners are welcome!

CARDINAL'S APPEAL UPDATE (8/11/25)

Goal: \$56,600.00	Pledged: \$50,450
Paid: \$49,710	Number of Gifts: 127
Average Gift: \$397.24	Percent of Goal: 89.13%

ST. PETER'S CHURCH MEMORIALS. NEVER FORGOTTEN.

In Loving Memory of

Austin E. Short

Aug. 8, 1935 - Aug. 3, 2022

*From your loving wife, Linda A. Short
and your loving family*

In Loving Memory of

Mary Ann DeWitt

From Lee J., Kristin & Lee

In Loving Memory of

Diana Wilson

May 8, 1949 - May 10, 2022

From your loving husband, Joe

In Loving Memory of

Charles M. Darrow

Sept. 10, 1944 - Sept. 9, 2024

From his loving family

Remembering Your Birthday

John F. Belch

Sept. 29, 1947 - Jan. 5, 2010

*We love and miss you,
JoAnne and all your Family*

In Loving Memory of

Connie Caccoma

July 9, 1915 - Aug. 30, 2018

*Forever in Our Hearts,
Love, Your Children*

TRUE LOVE IS THROUGH CHRIST

It is not only true that all natural categories of love - such as parental love, filial love, marital love - can be infused with the spirit of [Charity] *caritas*, it is also true that they can fulfill their innermost genius only if they are transformed in Christ. Great though the difference between the categories and themes of natural loves and the love of God and one's fellow man, even when they have been transformed in Christ, natural loves can and should be transformed by Christ, and God can glorify and fill them with the splendor of *caritas*. However, when this happens, they do not lose the qualities of the category they belong to - do not cease to be marital love or filial love or love between friends. Instead, they achieve their innermost goal through their transformation; only then do they become true love.

Pope Pius XII pointed out in a marvelous way in an address in which he said to engaged couples, "Do not fear that when this transfiguration occurs, some splendor, passion or devotion may be lost. On the contrary, the supernatural does not destroy nature, does not cancel it out, does not change it, but perfects and transfigures it."

(Excerpt from *The role of human love* by Dietrich Von Hildebrand. Translated by Jan Van Heurck Franciscan Herald Press, Chicago 1977: p. 39.)

SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 28th

The Chosen is a historical drama based on the life of Jesus Christ. The series tries to present an authentic look at Jesus' life, teachings, and interactions. Come watch the next episode of the acclaimed series in St. Peter's air-conditioned School Auditorium on August 28th, at 7:00 pm and on Thursdays thereafter.

Please be sure to sign up for Flocknotes in case there is a last minute change to the schedule. Flocknotes sign up is available on the St. Peter's website at www.stpetersparishny.com.

ROMAN PREFECTS OF JUDEA AD 6 to 67

6-9 Copontus
9-12 Marcus Ambibulus
12-15 Annius Rufus
15-26 Valerius Gratus
26-36 Pontius Pilatus
36-37 Marcellus
41-47 Cuspius Fadus

47-48 Tiberius Alexander
48-52 Ventidius Cumanus
52-60 Antonius Felix
60-62 Porcius Festus
62-64 Albinus
64-67 Gessius Florus

DID YOU KNOW AUGUST IS NATIONAL-MAKE-A-WILL-MONTH?

If you have not created a will, August serves as a reminder of the importance of creating or updating your will. A will helps you honor your wishes, care for loved ones and support the causes close to your heart. Please consider including St. Peter's Parish, Poughkeepsie and Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel in your will. Your gift will help sustain the Parish and Chapel in its material needs to serve future generations of Catholics! Don't wait to take the first step to protect your loved ones, your parish, and your legacy. And because St. Peter's Parish is registered as a tax-exempt charity according to the Internal Revenue Code and as such, your estate may receive an unlimited estate-tax charitable deduction for the amount of your gift.

Sample Bequest Language in Will: FOURTH [or appropriate paragraph in the will]: I give and bequeath to St. Peter's Parish located at 6 Father Cody Drive, Poughkeepsie, New York [NAME AMOUNT (\$XX,XXX)] or TWENTY FIVE PERCENT (25%) | or specific description of real property or personal property] for its general charitable purposes and without restriction.

For more information on how to prepare a will visit: archny.org/sample-bequest-language-for-last-will-and-testament or call St. Peter's Parish office at 845-452-8580.

Thank you for considering St. Peter's Parish.



OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL
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August 23, 2025
Month of the Queenship of Mary
Jubilee Year

Dear Friends in the Lord:

To commemorate the first public Mass being celebrated in the Crypt Church inside the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on April 20, 1924, each diocese in the country has been asked to collect an offering to assist in defraying the expense of the *Shrine Infrastructure Renewal Project* which began last year at a cost of approximately \$20 million.

That Mass was a makeshift setting with bare concrete floors and exposed beams and around 3,000 people, including diplomats, attended. The altar was the one used by Bishop John Carroll, the first Catholic bishop of the United States, and it dated back to 1774. The Mass marked the official beginning of the Basilica's liturgical life and has been followed by over 800,000 public Masses in the 100 years since. It is a significant milestone in the history of the National Shrine, which serves as the preeminent Marian shrine and patronal church in the United States.

On a date I chose close to the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I have asked our pastors to appeal to your generosity. This one-time collection will take place in all our parishes on Sunday, August 31, 2025.

Our involvement is crucial for the upkeep of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, America's Catholic Church and it is good that we are able to participate. You can learn more at www.nationalshrine.org/history.

With prayerful best wishes to you and your families for a blessed summer, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

+ Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

†Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: ROMAN CANON

SUPPLICES TE

Official Latin

Supplices te rogamus, omnipotens Deus: iube haec perferri per manus sancti Angeli tui in sublime altare tuum, in conspectu divinae maiestatis tuae: ut, quotquot ex hac altaris participatione sacrosanctum Filii tui Corpus et Sanguinem sumpserimus, omni benedictione caelesti et gratia repleamur. (Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.)

Official English

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God: command that these gifts be borne by the hands of your holy Angel to your altar on high in the sight of your divine majesty, so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing. (Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

Literal English

We suppliantly beg you, almighty God: command that these be borne by the hands of your holy Angel to your sublime altar in the sight of your divine majesty: so that as often as we will have taken the sacrosanct Body and Blood of your Son from this altar's participation, we may be filled with every heavenly blessing and grace. (Through Christ our Lord. Amen)

Supplices and *rogamus* echo the same words of the *Te igitur*, however, this time, the priest says these words while bowing with his hands folded such that the tips of his little fingers are touching the altar. The gesture is reminiscent of promises made in the time of Biblical Patriarchs and by knights during the European Middle Ages. Moreover, the position is one of profound humility. Fr. Nicholas Gehr, in *The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass* (p.697) notes that the “thought of the unspeakable holiness of the gift,” Jesus Christ, who has become ours, “arouses us to a consciousness of our own unworthiness.” The declaration and posture of humility softens the following use of the imperative *iube* which means, “command!” said by the priest who commands God that *haec*, “these,” (whose antecedent are the offerings of the *Unde et memores*), be brought to God’s “sublime altar,” “in the sight of [His] Divine Majesty.” These offerings include our prayers, labors, sufferings, and good works, but “these” united to Christ Himself present in His Body and Chalice of Blood since Christ gives value to our personal offerings. Moreover, to bring our personal offerings to the “sublime altar” in heaven which far exceeds the dignity of our altar on earth causes our offerings to have greater dignity. A heavenly altar is meditioned in Isaiah 6:6 and in Revelation 8:5ff) St. Irenaeus writes, “In heaven there is an altar, to which our gifts and prayers are raised.” (Adv. Haeres. 4,18,6) The use of “*Maiestas*” as a replacement for the second person pronoun also echoes the use of the same word in the *Unde et memores*.

To us today, it seems out of place that Christ’s Body and Blood should be brought to the Father “through the hands of [His] holy Angel.” Some have noted that because the word angel comes from the Greek word meaning “messenger,” it does not necessarily refer to one of the spiritual creatures we call angels, but could in fact refer to Jesus Christ Himself as messenger from the Father as in the *Shepherd of Hermas*. The first Christians understood the “Angel of Great Counsel” in the Septuagint version of Isaiah 9:6 as referring to Jesus. The Byzantine Church still uses this title for Christ. On the other hand, since Christ sent the Holy Spirit, one might even argue that the “messenger” in question is the Holy Spirit. In fact, an earlier version of the Roman Canon cited by Saint Ambrose of Milan in his *De Sacramentis* uses “through the hands of Your angels” (*per manus angelorum tuorum*) which might include both the Son and the Holy Spirit. However, from a Liturgical and Biblical viewpoint, there is not difficulty with the angel being a spiritual creature.

In the *Sanctus*, we have already associated ourselves with the angels worshipping God in Heaven. The work of angels is to worship God and assist human beings to salvation, which includes helping us worship God. In Judges 6:20-24, an angel of the Lord instructs Gideon to prepare an offering and when he does “the angel of the Lord reached out the tip of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes; and there sprang up fire from the rock and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and the angel of the Lord vanished from his sight.” Several chapters later, in Judges 13:19-20, Samson’s father, “Manoah took a young goat together with a grain offering and he offered them up to the Lord on a rock. ... As the flames rose up from the altar into the heavens, the angel of the Lord rose up from the altar in the flames as Manoah and his wife looked on. They fell prostrate on the ground.” Additionally, we know from Scripture that the angels have a role in worshipping God and acting as mediators between God and human beings. In Tobit 12:15, the Archangel Raphael declares that he is one of seven who stand ready to enter to the glory of God, while Daniel 7:10 reveal that God is surrounded by myriads of worshipping Angels. And Revelation 8:3-4 indicates that the angels bring the prayers of God’s holy people to God’s altar in heaven with the phrase “the smoke of the incense of the prayers of the saints ascended up before God, from the hand of the angel.” The angels are pure spirits who never had material bodies. Those who worship God are those who remained faithful when tested soon after they were created. Because angels are pure intelligence, superior to humans by nature, those who sinned could not repent.

Thus, the bad angels are not prowling around seeking to destroy souls. We call them devils or demons. That an angel would bring our offering to God's heavenly altar is a reminder of God's diversely ordered creation and God's transcendence. Cornelius Lapide in commenting of the book of Revelation suggests that the angel might be the priest's guardian angel. Others suggest the angel might be the guardian angel of the parish or St. Michael who is honored as the guardian of the Blessed Sacrament and of the Church militant. Hearing this petition invites us to pause and remember the angels, and our own guardian angel, surrounding us at Holy Mass. Finally, reinforcing the biblical notion of the activity of angels in the life and ministry of Christ, Jesus Himself said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see the Heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." (John 1:51) Thus, the *Supplices Te* is rooted in Sacred Scripture and together with the *Unde et memores*, brings to our consciousness that Christ is *Hostia, Sacerdos, Altare* (Living Victim, Priest, Altar). (q.v. Easter Preface V) Just as the ordained priest is empowered to share in Christ's one priesthood (Hebrews 4:16) and to act "in the person of Christ," and the offering of bread and wine really and truly become Christ Himself (John 6:55), the church's altar upon which the sacrifice is offered represents Christ which is why kisses and other honors are given to it. The fact that the *Supplices Te* ends with "Through Christ our Lord" indicates that the Father generously allows a created Angel to participate in this worship through His Son. Thus, while in God's Providence angels have a mediatory role to play between God and man, it is Christ who is the one Mediator.

The second part of our prayer in the *Supplices Te* is that by our full participation in the liturgy, namely, having prepared ourselves to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, we might benefit from our partaking by receiving God's blessing and grace. The blessing is not defined but may include both heavenly and earthly good things from God which have been asking for in our prayers. The grace we seek is the grace of perseverance in the state of grace by avoiding sin, especially mortal sin, (of course, we would never receive the Blessed Sacrament before going to confession if we were conscious of a mortal sin committed after our last good confession), an increase in sanctifying grace, and the actual graces we need to grow in virtue. As the priest says the final words asking for grace and blessing, he stands erect and makes the sign of the cross upon himself, visually indicating the power of grace to give us dignity as children of God. It hints at Luke 21:28 "[W]hen these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." The change in posture reinforces an eschatological element to the *Supplices Te* since while mindful of what Jesus anticipated at the Last Supper and accomplished on the Cross at Calvary on Good Friday, we also look forward to the eternal Day of the Lord in Heaven.

Finally, although the *Quam oblationem* is often regarded as an implicit *epiclesis*, that is, a calling down God's blessing (by His Holy Spirit). The Greek Orthodox theologian, Nicholas Kabasilas, (d. 1390) in his *Commentary on the Divine Liturgy* argues that the Roman Canon's *Supplices Te* is an implicit "ascending" *epiclesis*. He notes its position occurs after the words of Jesus, just as the explicit *epiclesis* of the Byzantine Eucharistic Prayers. As an *epiclesis*, the *Supplices Te* would be implicitly be asking for the Holy Spirit, referred to as Angel, to change the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ by asking that our offering be taken up to God's sublime altar (*perferri sublime altare*). Moreover, as an *epiclesis*, it also asks that we receive the fruit of our participation in the sacrifice which is graced union with God which is why as he says this part of the prayer, the priest blesses himself. Such a view, however, forgets that the Roman Canon is one of the most ancient Eucharistic Prayers, written before the Semi-Arian debates on the Divinity of the Holy Spirit. Thus, Byzantine era Eucharistic Prayers such as that of St. Basil or St. Gregory Nazianzen incorporate an *epiclesis* of the Holy Spirit to combat the heresy, while doing so was not necessary at Rome. Nevertheless, while it is fruitful for piety to cherish the words and try to understand them, we find that ultimately we must approach them with profound humility. The Deacon Florus, in his *De actione Missae* writes, "These words of mystery are so profound, so wonderful and inconceivable, ... that we ought to revere them with humility and a holy awe than attempt to interpret them." And Pope St. Gregory the Great speaks for us when he writes in Book Four of his *Dialogues*, "For what right believing Christian can doubt, that in the very hour of the sacrifice, at the words of the Priest, the heavens be opened, and the choirs of Angels are present in that mystery of Jesus Christ; that high things are accompanied with low, and earthly joined to heavenly, and that one thing is made of visible and invisible?"

GOD'S GOODNESS TO US

Recognize to whom you owe the fact that you exist, that you breathe, that you understand, that you are wise, and, above all, that you know God and hope for the kingdom of heaven and the vision of glory, now darkly as in a mirror but then with greater fullness and purity. You have been made a son of God, coheir with Christ. Where did you get all this, and from whom?

(Saint Gregory, Bishop of Nazianzen, Oration 14:23-25 On the Love of the Poor Office of Readings, Monday First Week of Lent, ibreviary.org)



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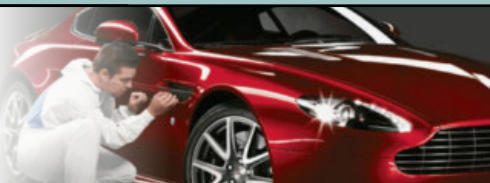
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