

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

“A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust”

January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg



SACRAMENTS

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament is available during Confession hour and after each Mass per request.

MATRIMONY

Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony must contact a priest of the parish one year in advance of the wedding. Diocesan regulations require that couples begin to work with the parish at least one year prior to a wedding.

BAPTISM

Families of our parish who wish to have their child baptized should call the parish office to register for Baptism Prep. Please call well in advance of birth of your child.

CONFESSION

Anytime by appointment

Tuesday: 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.; Saturdays: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” - Mt 5:10-12a

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 28

8:00 a.m. Al, Mary Lou & Mary Kay
Lynn (Son)

4:30 p.m. Janet Fazio (Torok Family)

Sunday, January 29

8:00 a.m. Joseph Fontana, Jr
(Patti & John)

10:00 a.m. Norma Terza (Pat)

11:30 a.m. Lorraine Visco (Family)

Monday, January 30

7:45 a.m. Charlene Richardson
(Eugene)

Tuesday, January 31

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family

6:30 p.m. Danielle Potochnik
(Korinko Family)

Wednesday, February 1

7:45 a.m. John Ott
(Burns & Corbett Families)

Thursday, February 2

7:45 a.m. Kip Tonrblom (Parents)

Friday, February 3

7:45 a.m. Nelle & Jack O’Connell
(John & Darlene Parker)

Saturday, February 4

8:00 a.m. HEALING MASS AT ST
ELIZABETH ANN SETON

4:30 p.m. Raymond Wengryzn
(Jackie & Lindsay)

Sunday, February 5

8:00 a.m. Bob Brackney (Dan & Joan)

10:00 a.m. Bernard & Marion Arendas
(Family)

11:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

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Operation Safe Mode (OSM)

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IC's On The Corner Event Planner



The Diocese of Greensburg invites you to our first immersive experience... an unforgettable Eucharistic journey!

Registration is now OPEN for **KNOW HIM: The Last Supper and the Gift of the Eucharist**, Thursday, March 9, 2023, 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. All are Welcome at Christ Our Shepherd Center, 2900 Seminary Drive, Greensburg. This experiential evangelization event as part of the Diocese of Greensburg Eucharistic Revival efforts. The event is free of charge. Please visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/eucharisticrevival to register. Seating is limited.

The evening begins with a prayer service lead by Bishop Larry J. Kulick followed by a keynote address regarding the gift of the Eucharist from Monsignor Raymond Riffle, Vicar General of the Diocese of Greensburg and Rector of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. Afterward, attendees will make their way through the rooms at Christ Our Shepherd Center for an unforgettable Eucharistic journey. One room will feature a life-sized print of The Last Supper mural created by Italian Renaissance artist Leonardo da Vinci along with an explanation of its scriptural nuances from art historian Liz Lev, a former didactic consultant for the Vatican Museums. Another room will feature Monsignor Michael Begolly, Pastor of Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysburg, discussing his recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land and preparing to receive the Eucharist. Fr. Chris Pujol, Parochial Vicar of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg, will lead a discussion and demonstration in another room about the significance of washing feet. Bishop Kulick himself will discuss the bread of life and the symbolism of Easter bread while guests try some samples of Paska.

THIS WEEKEND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION WILL BE SELLING THE FOLLOWING TICKETS AFTER ALL MASSES

'Win a President on Presidents' Day!
\$1000 CASH and one sealed package of each of the following
PA Lottery Scratch Off Tickets:
\$5.00 - \$10.00 - \$20.00
winning number taken from First PA Lottery Pick 3 EVENING Number drawing on
February 20, 2023
Benefits Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
Donation \$10.00 500 Tickets Sold SGOC License #341

Homebound Ministry Our Homebound Ministers help to keep those who cannot attend Mass connected to our Parish Family by bringing them the Word of God and the Eucharist. If you know someone who isn't able to attend Mass and would like to receive the Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office 724.863.9550



Dementia Support Group

This group is for anyone dealing with a loved one who has dementia. Dementia Friendly Faith Community Support Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Center. The next meeting will be on **Tues, Feb 7th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center**. For more information, contact Gail Henderson at 412-848-2076 or email her at gailhend@comcast.net.

This Week on the Corner

Christian Mother's/Women's Guild

General Meeting

Tuesday February 21 7:00 pm

We will meet in Our Lady's Plaza. Join us for Mass at 6:30 pm.



St. Blaise | Blessing of the Throats February 3 - Friday 7:45am Mass



You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived. Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer: *Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

IMG/IWG Men's and Women's Group Spring Semester

IMG Saturday - Feb. 11th 6:30am-8:00 am

IWG Sunday - Feb. 12th 6:30 am-8:00 am

Lesson 4 - Jonah -

We will continue with our conversion stories from Bishop Barron. Our first week will study "Jonah".

Jonah's story expresses the basic dynamic of conversion. Jonah is called; he resists and is pursued by God. Finally, His will is "swallowed up" by God's will, and he ends up where God wanted him to be all along. Echoes of this tension between our will and God's is usually found in each of our lives.

Also, we will discuss what we have planned for Lent this year.

FAITH FORMATION -

Grades 1-2 - Faith Formation for Public School Students,
Saturday February 4th, 9:00 am - 10:30 am 2nd Floor of the Administration Building

Grades 3-6 - Faith Formation for Public School Students,
Monday, February 6th, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, 2nd Floor of the Administration Building

7th Grade Faith Formation— Class will be Monday January 30th from 6:00-7:15pm in Our Lady's Plaza at Immaculate Conception.

8th Grade Faith Formation— Class will be Monday January 30th from 7:45 to 9pm in Our Lady's Plaza at Immaculate Conception.



"Great Big, Beautiful World" will be June 26th -29th this year! Please plan on having your Pre K 4-5th grader join us for a fun week as we explore God's beautiful creation! If you have any questions or want to volunteer, contact Susan Cheplic skchePLIC@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Mothers Circle at St. Barbara's church.

We are looking for moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas or caregivers. Come play with us every Thursday at St. Barbara's church at 9:30am. Come have some adult conversation while all the kids play! Any questions please call Carrie 412-418-5622

Hello! I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas season and have been enjoying your New Year so far! I just wanted to let you know about an event that **REV316** will be having soon.

Game On!

Description: Join us for an evening filled with fun, fellowship, and competition! We will be having video game and board game tournaments so come ready to compete and bring your game face! This will be another awesome potluck event too, so take a look at the sign-up sheet link below and sign up to bring one of the suggested main dishes, side dishes, snacks, drinks, or sweet treats! Game on!!!

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14-3cR8GpX4q73_ayWEwkpEXOD34kGV7ovY_23wwolZ0/edit?usp=sharing

Where?: St. Agnes Catholic Church-Resurrection Hall, Irwin, PA

When?: Saturday, February 18th, 5:30-10:30

Who?: Any young adult from the ages of 18-39

4 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Thoughts from the Pastor

How to Carry Your Cross



My participation in cancer has changed my life! From the diagnosis, through the 35 treatments of chemotherapy and the challenge to fight to remain healthy through it all taught me that we do nothing alone nor for the sole purpose of our own will. Now as I enter the observation stage of my journey I can see that my experience was just a test run for what it will take to embrace the cross at the end of my life and to willingly enter, with total submission, into the glory of the promise of eternal life. I have been blessed to walk this journey thus far and believe that through the constant prayers of love of you and the examples of the Saints I will be further transformed by the all-consuming love of Christ.

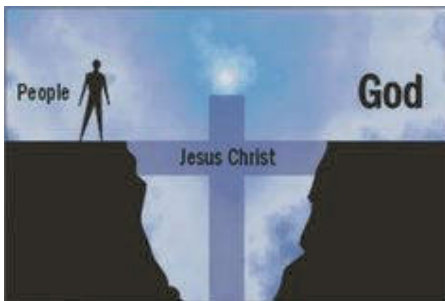
Stages of Grief vs. Stages of the Cross

My first “observation” of the journey of cancer was clearly seen as stages of the “acceptance” of the cross rather than stages of Grief. Stages of grief are based on the human response to suffering loss and death. The Stages of the cross are based on the spiritual nature and the purification of the soul and the longing for purification necessary to enter into eternal life. If you desire you can watch my presentation on these stages at: <https://youtube/VK8W314Kp0U>

Here, in this article, I would like to share thoughts on the carry of the cross that comes from Carolyn Berghuis’ book: “Understanding the Jesus Code” along with my additions. I think you will find them helpful and challenging as we desire to do God’s will and be transformed by the cross into souls worthy of heaven.

Stages of Grief vs. Stages of the Cross	
Denial	Reality
Anger	Humility
Bargaining	Prayer
Depression	Thanksgiving
Acceptance	Invitation

To carry your cross comes with a promise. You will experience a joy that only Jesus can offer, true life itself. Yet, many find it difficult, if not impossible to carry their cross. Further, many others misunderstand what it means to carry their cross altogether and they experience needless suffering as a result. Yes, when you carry your cross you will experience struggle in your life and the journey will at times be challenging. However, when you carry your cross in a manner that resembles Jesus you are promised entry into some of the most beautiful places Jesus has for you – places where life abounds.



You know that Jesus carried the cross and endured its pain as atonement for mankind’s sins. The purpose for such atonement is our reunion with the Father. You also know that Jesus did not carry the cross in vain – his pain had a purpose. You also know that you are called to carry your cross and follow Jesus on the road to eternal happiness. And yes, your cross is a vehicle back to God.

“...looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” – Hebrews 12:2



Given this, your pain, your trials and your challenging life experiences all present unique opportunities to move back to God. However, you must take the steps necessary so that your heart grows in love, forgiveness, and acceptance as a result of the trials. There is a saying that comes to mind here – ***“Become better, not bitter”***. These life experiences become the total sum of your cross only when you use them for their proper purpose – **reunion**

with God. If they serve any other role in your life you have missed a golden opportunity for happiness and peace. However, remember, due to your fallen nature you will fall short of perfection (unless you become a saint – a worthy endeavor!) and, given this, there will always be work to do.

We know that those who believe in Jesus share in his glory for the sole intention of unity as God desires. In light of this what does it mean to share in Jesus’ glory? This question begets another question, namely, what is Jesus’ greatest glory? Triumph over sin and the salvation of the world – salvation for you and I! And how did his glory come to be? He achieved victory over sin and death. How did he gain victory over sin and death? This is the story of the cross and all that comes with it– the painful and the joyful.

“The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.” – John 17:22-23

Companions on the Journey

The greatest comfort and value that comes in accepting to walk with Christ under the weight of the cross is that you do not need to do it alone. Many of the great Saints suffered incredible trails in their earthly lives but they embraced it with an all-consuming love which allowed them to embrace it as a share in redemption and the salvation of souls! Such love compelled them to sacrifice freely for the sake of Jesus. This love calls them to carry the weight of humanity in a very unique way – in a way that helps others carry what they cannot carry. They become so consumed with God’s love that they can withstand any trial – even the trials of others.

They become equipped to carry the burden for others through trials. Saint Theresa of Calcutta, Padre Pio, and countless other holy saints have reached the gift of consuming love. They became so consumed with love for Christ that this love called them to die to themselves so that others can live. They became a perfected portion of Christ’ body. They became a light for the world to see. Through their intercession we too can gain this consuming love of God that changes our pain as an infliction to being a gift of sharing in the depth of Christ love that leads us to the Father.

To do the will of the Father is to follow Christ under the cross and come to the joy and peace of ever-lasting life!

“Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.” – Matthew 5:15



*Thank
You*

Wishing you a Happy and Blessed New Year! May 2023 be a year of spiritual growth and commitment to the Gospel! I am looking forward to this year as a blessing of health, desire to serve you, and the Lord through my priestly ministry.

I want to sincerely thank you for your generous efforts to uplift our faith community! It is my great hope that our parish has been there to uplift you as well. Despite the pandemic, we never stopped connecting with those who were isolated, helping the poor, caring for the needy and forging ahead with our efforts to proclaim the Gospel to our young people and those who have fallen away from

our faith. Through "Operation Safe Mode," many have reconnected with our parish. They have begun their journey back to the Lord! To gather the lost sheep is the treasure of souls that Christ seeks and desires to make whole.

We need your time and talent, especially volunteers who recently retired to become more involved in liturgical ministries, social events and our fundraisers.

Thank you for making a year-end contribution or deciding to increase your weekly or monthly offertory by "Take the Next Step" method which helps us to each reach our goal of tithing.

Please know that I am genuinely grateful for all that you have done to support our parish, especially in the past year, and all that you will do this year. As always, I pray that God continues to bless you and your family as we work to support each other at Immaculate Conception Parish.

Rev John A. Moineau



Candles

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Michael Scott Borland by Bob & Mary Rodgers

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of Ray Wengryzn by Jackie & Lyndsay

Divine Mercy Candle: In Memory of John Ott by Toni & Nick Michel

St. Peregrine Candle: In Memory of Leonard Bucki by Family

Altar Candles for the Month of January:
In Memory of Rottmund & Ruby Families by Family

Readings of the Week

January 29th - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zephaniah	2:3; 3:12-13
1 Corinthians	1:26-31
Matthew	5:1-12a

February 5th - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah	58:7-10
1 Corinthians	2:1-5
Matthew	5:13-16

Prayers and Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy for the families of Marie Ciccotelli; Robert Zentner; and Kathleen McCoy Esther Corbett's daughter, who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Eucharistic Adoration

is held every Tuesday beginning after morning Mass. If you need to leave and there is no one else in the church during Adoration, please call the church office at 724-863-9550 and someone will come over. Thank you

Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet Monday through Friday at 3:00 PM.

Stewardship Corner

Weekly Offering

Sunday Offertory Week of Jan 14-15, 2023	\$18,904.65
OSV Sunday Offertory Jan. 16-22, 2023	\$3,715.60

Don't forget that Immaculate Conception has online giving available to our members.
<https://www.icirwin.org/giving/funds>

Angels Corner

Dear Friends:

Please join us for National Catholic Schools Week, our annual celebration of what makes education at Queen of Angels Catholic School outstanding. Starting with Sunday Mass on January 29, we have a whole week of activities planned to show what our students are accomplishing and to celebrate the community we have built to educate tomorrow's citizens and church leaders. The theme of our celebration is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." The theme encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, educators are growing with them. In Catholic schools, we are all learners, servants and leaders. These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work. They are what make Catholic schools succeed. The theme also focuses on key elements of Catholic education: faith development, academic excellence and dedication to service. These elements set Catholic schools apart from other educational options. They are why families make sacrifices to provide their children with a Catholic education. I hope you will visit Queen of Angels Catholic School during National Catholic Schools Week to enjoy the students' science experiments and artwork and see how they learn about their faith development and community service projects. Please bring your friends and neighbors, particularly those who may be considering Catholic education for their children. I am grateful every day for the teachers, staff, board members, parents and volunteers who make our school a success. National Catholic Schools Week is a good time for all of us to thank them for their dedication and service.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Filak - Principal



Queen of Angels Catholic School

Prospective Student Open House

PreK-8th Grade
Sunday, February 26th 1:00-2:30pm

Register online at www.queenofangelsch.org

New families will have their registration fee waived when they show this card.

Financial Aid Available

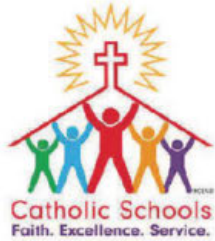


Full Day Prek and Kindergarten



After School Care





Catholic Schools Week—January 29th-February 3rd

Sunday, January 29: Celebrate in Our Parishes

- Speakers at parishes
- Elijah Cup (IC & St. Agnes)

Monday, January 30: Celebrating our Faith Community and Vocations

Events:

- All-School Mass—1:45 pm
- Make cards for religious
- Decorate bags for Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, January 31: Celebrating Our QofA Community

Thank you to our volunteers and bus drivers!

Events:

- Pajama Day
- Build Snow Forts (with blankets), play a game, and read a book with Angel Buddies.
- Hot chocolate (Cafeteria)
- Angel Buddy Bingo in the gym. (1:45-2:30pm)
- “Thank you” gifts to volunteers and bus drivers

Wednesday, February 1: Celebrating Our Future

Events:

- Step Up Day PK4-8th grade 8:30-9:10 am
- 4th Grade Museum of Famous People- 9:30-10:00 (3-8) and 10:15-10:45 (K-2). Students will present in the gym.
- College Shirt Dress Down Day
- Kick off registration (raffle off \$100 tuition credit)

Thursday, February 2: Celebrating our Faculty and Staff

Thank you to the office staff at our parishes!

Events:

- Staff luncheon in conference room. (Hosted by Homeroom Ambassadors)
- Preschool Carnegie Science Center (Bubble Science 9:00-9:45 and 10:00-10:45 in library)
- Trivia Game (10:15-11:00 auditorium)
- Open House from 6:00-7:30pm (Museum of Famous People in the gym and Science Fair in hallways)
- Carnegie Science Center K-8 1:00-2:00 in the auditorium (Who wants to be an Engineer?)

Friday, February 3: Celebrating our Students

Events:

- Feast of St. Blaise (Throat blessings)
- Ice Carving at 9:00 am in the auditorium (Mr. Shaffer)
- Family Fun Day at Sky Zone. (12:00pm-8:00pm)

Please visit the Science Fair Displays

Schedule Subject to Change

CSW 2023



Faithful Challenges



Challenge Yourself to Be an Intentional Disciple!

Commit to offering up a small part of yourself each week to bring your heart closer to Christ.

January Challenges focus on ways to become a pro-life example in our community:

- Reach out to someone who is sick or homebound. Send a card, call or text them. It's an opportunity for you to show them the mercy and compassion of Christ by letting them know that they are not forgotten.
- Say a prayer for the most vulnerable in our community. Ask the Lord to provide them with his abundance as they face their daily struggles.
- Say a prayer for a world where every life is celebrated, valued and protected.
- Reach out to our parish office and learn how you can use your gifts to serve as a minister to the homebound, or donate to a parish ministry that serves a need in your faith community.

January Prayer

God of all life,

Help us to appreciate the great gift that is human life formed in your image, a reflection of your holiness.

Help us to recognize you in all whom you have created: children not yet born, families affected by poverty and war, people of different abilities, people from other lands, and all who are victims of hatred and racism.

Help us to bear witness to the dignity of all whom you have created, regardless of stage of life, or wealth, or ability, or color, or creed, for every person is fully equal in your loving eyes.

Share with us your holy knowledge that we are all your children, each bestowed with inherent dignity.

May your justice reign forever!
Amen.

—USCCB



Eucharistic Revival is a three-year process initiated by the USCCB to invite the faithful to reflect upon the mystery and meaning of the sacrament of the Eucharist in our lives. While much of year one involves providing devotional and formational opportunities for parish and Diocesan staff, you, too, can be a part of Eucharistic Revival right now! Visit the Diocese of Greensburg Facebook page every Thursday to participate in a Faithful Challenge, and hopefully you will feel yourself growing in a relationship with Christ. Visit the Eucharistic Revival resource page at DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival for videos, prayers and gathering dates. Consider Bishop Kulick's invitation to become an intentional disciple this year!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 29, 2023 - Order of the Mass

VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, raise up from our homes those called by the Father:

courageous and humble men to the Priesthood, generous servants to the Permanent Diaconate, faithful people to Consecrated Life, and holy men and women to the Sacrament of Marriage.

Holy Spirit, help us to live our universal vocation to holiness by listening to the Father's voice and responding with a sacrificial love. Holy Mary, Model of vocations, pray for us.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Are Welcome

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In

all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on

chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
 meet. Here the love of God. through Je - sus.

Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 Is re - vealed in time and space: As we

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus;
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come.

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth, who have observed his law; seek justice, seek humility; perhaps you may be sheltered on the day of the LORD's anger. But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly, who shall take refuge in the name of the LORD: the remnant of Israel. They shall do no wrong and speak no lies; nor shall there be found in their mouths a deceitful tongue; they shall pasture and couch their flocks with none to disturb them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 146

Steven Janco

*Blessed are the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God. It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

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

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted
for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you
when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil
against you falsely because of me.
Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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 life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF GIFTS

Lead Me, Lord

John D. Becker

Verses

1. Bless - ed are the poor in spir - it, long - ing for their
 2. Bless - ed are the mer - ci - ful, for mer - cy shall be
 3. Blest are they who through their life - times sow the seeds of

1. Lord, for God's com - ing king - dom shall be theirs.
 2. theirs, and the pure in heart shall see their God.
 3. peace, all will call them chil - dren of the Lord.

1. Bless - ed are the sor - row - ing, for they shall be con -
 2. Blest are they whose hun - ger on - ly ho - li - ness can
 3. Blest are you, though per - se - cu - ted in your ho - ly

1. soled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.
 2. fill, for I say they shall be sat - is - fied.
 3. life, for in heav - en, great is your re - ward.

Refrain

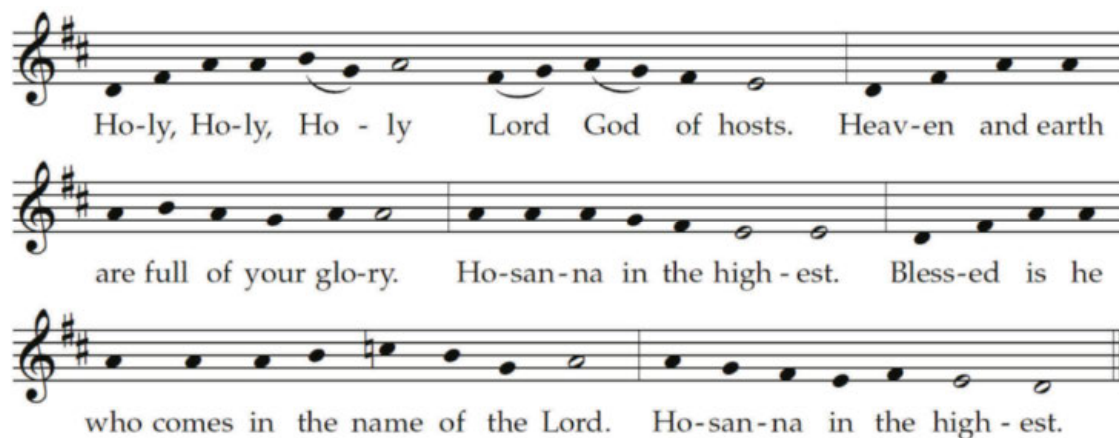
Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to
 seek and to find the nar - row way. Be my way;
 be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, to -

1-2 to Verses Final
 day. day. And lead me, Lord, to - day.

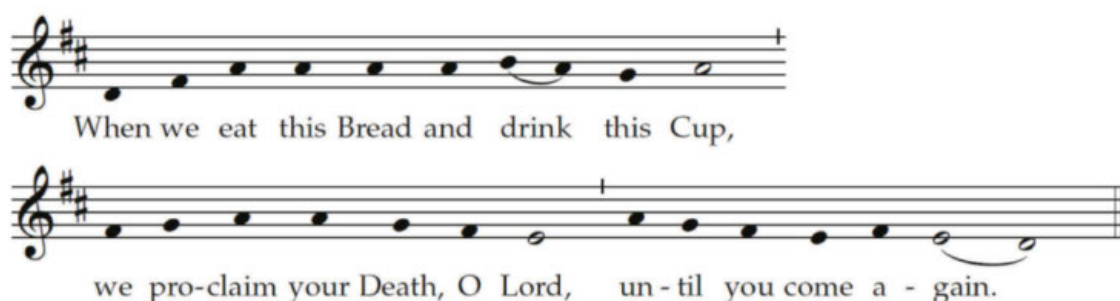
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EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

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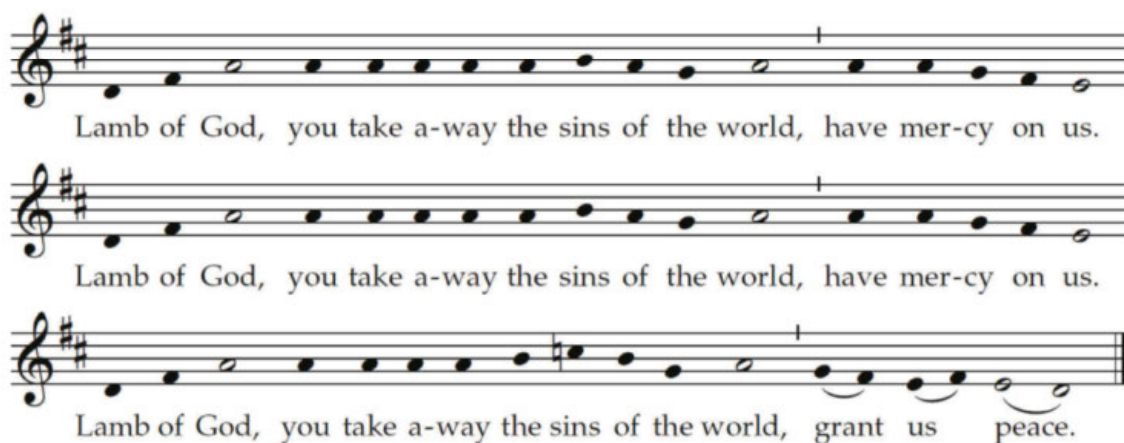
Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth
are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.



A - men, a - men, a - men.



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

COMMUNION HYMN

Gift of Finest Wheat

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With
 gift of fin - est wheat; Come give to us, O
 sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997
 Tune: BICENTENNIAL, CM with refrain; Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

1. Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way Wher -
 2. You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But
 3. No gold - en scep - ter but a towel You
 4. You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor
 5. Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way Wher -


ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
 pow'r you laid a - side. You lived your years in
 place with - in the hands Of those who seek to
 count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the
 ev - er love may lead And bend - ing low, for -

get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.
 ser - vant - hood, In low - li - ness you died.
 fol - low you And live by your com - mands.
 mean - est task That waits the gift of love.
 get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

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 Tune: ST. ANNE, CM; attr. to William Croft, 1678–1727; harm. composite from 18th c. versions

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