

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

“A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust”

February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg



SACRAMENTS

ANOINTING 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.



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” - Mt 5:14

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, February 6

7:45 a.m. James Salvatore
(Joanne & Bob)

Tuesday, February 7

7:45 a.m. Ann & Dan Kapanak
(Lorraine & Dennis)

6:30 p.m. Month's Mind

Wednesday, February 8

7:45 a.m. Mary Jane Sitek (Cindy)

Thursday, February 9

7:45 a.m. David Sanger (Parents)

Friday, February 10

7:45 a.m. David Carmen
(Kelley & Nicole)

Saturday, February 11

8:00 a.m. Anthony DePaulo
(John & Nancy)

4:30 p.m. Special Intentions for
John & Judy Skoretz (Children)

Sunday, February 12

8:00 a.m. Bud Twigger (Cheryl)

10:00 a.m. James A Salvatore (Mabette)

11:30 a.m. Paul Adomaitis (Christine)

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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

**Christmas Decoration Removal
Immaculate Conception Cemetery**

If you wish to retain your Christmas decorations from your loved ones graves, please remove the decorations by March 6, 2022. **Anything left in the cemetery past March 6, as a courtesy to you, will be discarded by cemetery staff.** Thank you for your cooperation.

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE!!
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

"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 skcheplc@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

This Week on the Corner

Month's Mind

Tuesday, February 7th/6:30 pm

- ✚ Kevin Campbell
- ✚ Vincent Seibel
- ✚ Barb Dubosky
- ✚ Marie Ciccotelli
- ✚ Robert Zentner
- ✚ Kathleen McCoy

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 5 - The Woman at the Well

All the dynamics of conversion are on display in the story of "The Women at the Well." We see that conversion goes beyond just a change in opinions or intellectual beliefs. It means a profound shift of our deepest allegiances, a transformation of our loyalties, and an understanding of who is running our lives and who we ask to fulfill our deepest desires.



Knights of Columbus St Jude Council 9019 -

We would like to thank all who contributed to our annual Donation for Vocations Project on January 14-15.

We collected \$2,487 that weekend.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

2022 Offertory Statements. If you wish to receive a 2022 Offertory Statement, please call the Parish Office to **request** your statement and we will be happy to send you one. Thank you!

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 February 13th from 6:00-7:15pm in Our Lady's Plaza at Immaculate Conception.

8th Grade Faith Formation– Class will be Monday February 13th from 7:45 to 9pm in Our Lady's Plaza at Immaculate Conception.

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.

St Stephen's Byzantine Catholic Church

will be sponsoring a hoagie sale on Super Bowl Sunday, February 12, 2023.

Featured will be the "Original Triangle" Italian hoagies. Cost \$8. Pick up will be @ noon at the church. 90 Bethel Road North Huntingdon. Call Connie (724)433-9045 or Julee (412) 378-6953 to place your order.

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

The Comfort Blanket Ministry will meet next **Wednesday, February 8th at 6:30 PM.** We meet on the 2nd floor of the Administration Building. Use entrance at the back parking lot. If anyone is interested in joining us, please come. If you have any questions, call Mary Ann at 724-515-7654.

4 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Thoughts from the Pastor



Count down: 16 days to lent LENTEN JOURNEY THROUGH THE SUFFERING OF JESUS

Two separate and great opportunities for spiritual growth this lent

NOTE: Both of these Lenten opportunities are intended for the parishioners of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and Immaculate Conception. The location, Immaculate Conception, was chosen to coincide with Tuesday evening Mass and the Friday Stations of the Cross. To optimize these Lenten experiences, I would encourage you to attend first Tuesday evening Mass before the Tuesday reflections and the Stations of the Cross before my presentation on Saint Veronica. It is a great way to be spiritually prepared to enter into the passion of Christ crucified and our call to share in His cross. It is a privilege to be the pastor of parishioners of two parishes who understand the constraints of time and their willingness to share in these opportunities. Although we are two separated parishes we are served by the same

priests in the name of one Lord!! United in Faith and in community makes us stronger in Christ!!

FRIDAY NIGHT CONFERENCES

VERONICA: THE TRUE FRIEND OF THE SUFFERING CHRIST

The most precious time of the Liturgical year for me is the Season of Lent. It is a time for us to walk with Christ through His passion, death and resurrection. This walk with Christ allows us to intimately share His love for us by looking more deeply at the journey to the cross. Last year I shared with you, in my Lenten Conferences, a look at Simon (of the cross) and the transformation of his life while bearing the weight of the cross for the Lord.

This year I will share reflections on Veronica who sympathetically wipes the face of Jesus and is rewarded with the sacred image of His Divine face! We will explore who Veronica is and how she exemplifies the corporal works of Mercy. We will look at how we can imitate her and examine other Holy women who, throughout history, have followed her lead and see the face of Christ in the people of the world today.

The conferences will be held each Friday during Lent following the Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception. Each conference will be 45 minutes long. Please register by signing the registration sheet in the back of the church or by calling the Parish office at Immaculate Conception: 724-863-9550.

Friday Night Conferences presented by Father John Moineau

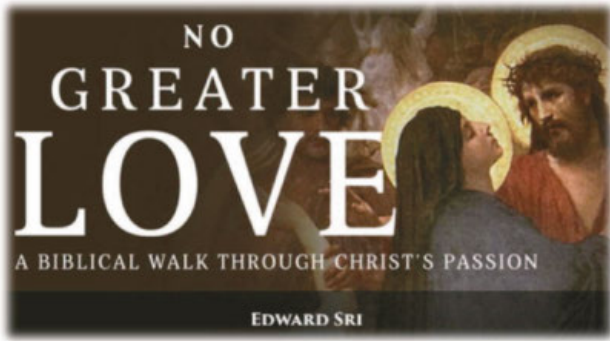
Where: Immaculate Conception Church

When: Friday • Feb 24th; • March 3rd; 10th; 17th and 24th

Time: Following the 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross (7pm)

Who: For anyone 15 and older Catholics and non-Catholics

How: You can sign up in the back of the Church or call the office



Come and share in these conferences in the presence of Lord in the Eucharist as a night away from your home and into the body of Christ! Sharing in such conferences gives us hope that we are not alone in our desire to serve the Lord as His disciples!

Will You Follow Jesus to Calvary?

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step

of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—grow closer to Jesus than you ever have before.

You may be familiar with this particular Series for we began it in Lent of 2021 when it was shut down because of the pandemic. The attendance was phenomenal and the great momentum toward Holy Week was snuffed out when we were demanded to close down all activities. The program returns this year as a blessing to rediscover, through video presentations and group discussions, the overwhelming love Christ has for us and His Father's Divine plan of redemption. This presentation will be made at the men and women groups on Saturday and Sunday mornings but also in a new setting on Tuesday evenings following Sacred Mass at 6:30 pm.

TUESDAY EVENING PRESENTATION OF: "No Greater Love"

Mark Downey, a parishioner of Immaculate Conception, has volunteered to lead the Tuesday night group! The group will meet in the Children's Liturgy of the Word room next to the body of the Immaculate Conception Church. Mark will supply the group members with "work books" that will provide a study and discussion guide that will be used for home reflections and group sharing.

A 30-minute video will be shared/viewed followed by discussion and sharing on each of the episodes through scripture meditations. The fifth session will conclude the study with last words of Christ from the cross.

If you enjoy sharing or just listening and learning in a small group setting this is a perfect Lenten exercise for you! Bring a Friend/spouse along so that you can have further conversation about the riveting series presented by Dr. Ted Sri.



Presentations will be held on: •Feb 28th • March 7th 14th 21st and •April 4th

"No Greater Love" scheduled for IWG and IMG!

The Passion and God's Love

"God's passionate love for his people... is so Great that it turns God against Himself, his love against his justice... so great is God's love for man he follows him even into death, and so reconciles Justice and love."

Pope Benedict XVI

The Lenten program for the Men (Saturday 6:30 am) and the women (Sunday 6:30 am) will be the same as the Tuesday program that Mark Downey will be presenting.

We will use the weeks of Lent to share and discuss this great presentation of video and discussion per our usual format!

So I invite all women and men over the age of 18 to come and join us for this unique Lenten experience!!



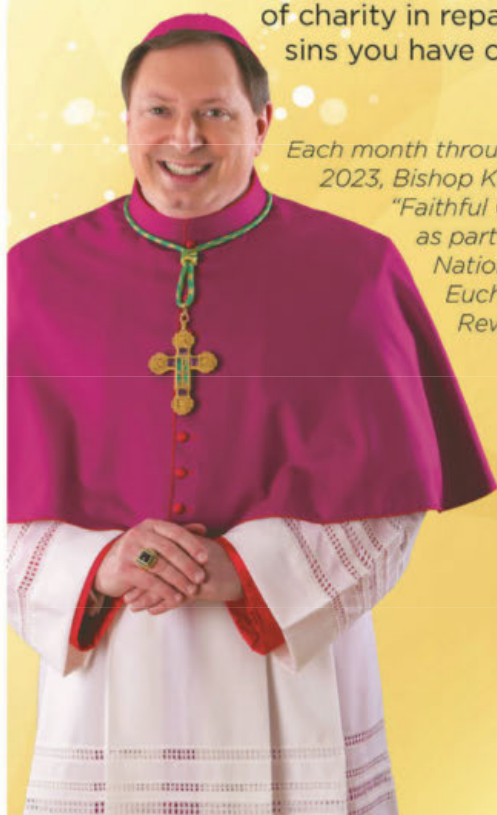
February Faithful Challenge: **FORGIVENESS**

"Forgiveness is the essence of love which can understand mistakes and mend them." – *Pope Francis*

Throughout the month of February, Bishop Kulick is challenging the faithful of the Diocese of Greensburg to offer and seek forgiveness.

"What I'm asking you to do is reflect upon how you have harmed or even how you have been harmed by somebody, and make an outreach for reconciliation and forgiveness," Bishop Kulick said. "It may be as simple as making a phone call, sending a text or writing a letter. Or maybe just performing a kind deed of charity in reparation for sins you have committed."

Each month throughout 2023, Bishop Kulick will issue "Faithful Challenges" as part of the National Eucharistic Revival.



Challenge yourself to reach out by:

- **Writing a letter**
- **Sending a text**
- **Making a phone call**
- **Performing a kind deed**



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!

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

St. Joseph's Candle: Month's Mind

Altar Candles for the Month of February:
In Memory of Langer & Raspotnik Families by Sandy

Readings of the Week OLPI

February 5th - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

February 12th - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach	15:15-20
1 Corinthians	2:6-10
Matthew	5:20-22; 27-28; 33-34; 37

Prayers and Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy for Kathleen McCoy daughter of Esther Corbett who passed recently and for the family of Joseph Banks who recently passed away. 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 21-22, 2023	\$16,907.78
OSV Sunday Offertory Jan. 23-29, 2023	\$4,015.85

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

Angels Corner

Queen of Angels Catholic School

Prospective Student


Open House



Full Day Prek and Kindergarten



After School Care



Financial Aid Available



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.

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

Growing in Faith™

Lent leads us back to God

"For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment" (Joel 2:13). Lent may be a penitential season, but it is also a wonderful reminder that no matter how we let sin interfere in our relationship with God, He always wants us back. Gracious and merciful is He.

"Return to me with your whole heart."

Throughout the year, sin creeps into our daily lives almost without our noticing. A bad habit such as using bad language or gossiping can keep



us from loving God fully. Lent is a time to examine our lives and sweep aside whatever keeps us from giving God our whole heart.

"Rend your hearts, not your garments." God doesn't just want outward acts of repentance. Our Father wants a change of heart. Start with Confession and then practice virtues such as prudence, temperance, and fortitude.

"Gather the people, notify the congregation." Become more active in your parish to build it up. Consider attending Mass more often than just once a week.

from **Scripture****Matthew 4:1-11, Victory in the wilderness**

In this passage, Jesus is tempted by the devil. Having witnessed the Father's declaration at His baptism, Satan tested Jesus' identity as the Son of God. His goal was to tempt Jesus to embrace an earthly and political mission and to distract Him from the suffering and death that would lead to the world's salvation.

Satan tempted Jesus to satisfy His hunger with a miracle – to put physical needs above spiritual needs. In His response, Jesus taught us to put spiritual needs first and to entrust both body and soul to God's care. Next, Satan commanded Jesus to jump from



the temple roof in an effort to force

God to miraculously save Him. Again, Jesus refused. God is not to be forced or controlled.

Finally, Satan offered to surrender all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus would worship him.

That would save Jesus from the Cross. Instead, Jesus chose the Cross because it was the only way to save us. When tempted to do what's "easy" versus what's morally right, ask for the strength to choose what's right.

Q & A**What's a simple way to explain the Faith, if asked?**

St. Peter says to be ready to *"account for the hope that is in you"* (1 Peter 3:15). Consider using this simple, five-point explanation, inspired by Bishop Michael Jackels:

Pinky: The smallest finger recalls our weakness and need for a Savior.



Although Jesus redeemed us, we're still weak and must pray for God's graces daily.

Ring finger: To save us, Jesus took on our human nature, "wedding" Himself to us. At Sunday Mass, we worship God and become one with Him in Holy Communion.

Middle finger: Jesus was raised up on the Cross for sins, then raised from the dead. We attend Confession monthly and receive the saving graces. We hope to be raised to eternal life.

Pointer: Jesus' call is universal, yet personal. He singled you out and chose you to follow Him; only you can give Jesus your "Yes" – in word and deed.

Thumb: Lastly, hitchhikers point their thumbs to ask, "Are you on my way?" Likewise, we're called to ask, "Are you going His Way?" (John 14:6).

Feasts & Celebrations

Lent begins February 22, and is devoted to the Passion of Our Lord. One form of observance is to pray the Stations of the Cross and meditate on Jesus' walk to Calvary.

February 1 – St. Brigid of Ireland (525). Born to an Irish chieftain and an enslaved mother in Ireland, St. Brigid founded a monastery for monks and nuns at Kildare and served as abbess until her death.

February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes (1858). A heavenly "lady" appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous, a poor girl

from a village in France and a miraculous spring emerged from a nearby cave. The "lady" revealed herself as the "Immaculate Conception," the Blessed Virgin Mary.

February 22 – Ash Wednesday: The first day of Lent. Ashes are placed on the foreheads as a sign of penance.

February 27 – St. Gregory of Narek (1003). Born in Armenia to a devout Christian family, St. Gregory entered the Narek Monastery and was ordained in 977. He wrote treatises, letters, mystical poems, and Scripture commentaries.

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LENT 2023

Immaculate Conception Church

Father John Moineau, Pastor



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer" (<i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>).</p> <p>26 Imagine being responsible for all the souls in the world. Offer a Rosary for the intentions of the pope.</p> <p>5 After Mass today, go out to eat with other parishioners from church.</p> <p>12 Reread John 4:5-30. How is Christ calling you closer to Him? What "jug" would you leave behind?</p> <p>19 <i>Laetare Sunday</i> Unless it's sinful, enjoy something you gave up for Lent in joyful anticipation of Easter!</p> <p>26 Fast from unnecessary screen use today. Use the time to read a book, walk outside, pray.</p> <p>2 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Display blessed palms around your home, "that the King of Glory may come in!" (Psalm 24:7)</p>	<p>27 Ask God to show you what is keeping you from experiencing His love fully - worry, fears, sin. Resolve to deal with it by Easter.</p> <p>6 Dive deeper into your faith. Skim the glossary in the Catechism for an unfamiliar term and learn the Church's teaching about it.</p> <p>13 Refuse to gossip, either in person or on screen. Affirm every person or keep silent.</p> <p>20 <i>St. Joseph's Day</i> St. Joseph silently, selflessly cared for Mary and Jesus. Pray for fathers and entrust them to St. Joseph's care.</p> <p>27 This week, get up when the alarm goes off and offer your day to God's service.</p> <p>3 Holy Week is a busy time for parishes. Stop by your parish office and ask how you can help.</p>	<p>28 Offer an extra small sacrifice for God, just for today - coffee without cream, lukewarm shower, no snacking, etc.</p> <p>7 Pick an issue in the news and pray over it today.</p> <p>14 Write down your worries. Place the list under a statue or image of Jesus. Pray, "Jesus, I surrender this to You. Take care of everything."</p> <p>21 Do an act of kindness. Whether openly or secretly, do it for God's glory. It's really Him you're serving.</p> <p>28 Send your parish priests a "spiritual bouquet" - listing the prayers you'll offer for them (e.g. three Hail Marys, an Our Father).</p> <p>4 Pray for those who are coming into the Church at the Easter Vigil.</p>	<p>22 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Wear ashes today as a sign that you are seeking both forgiveness and eternal life from Christ</p> <p>1 <i>March</i> Enjoy pretzels - a traditional Lenten snack. The "crossed" arms of the pretzel recalled monks at prayer.</p> <p>8 Figure out on which luxuries you spend the most money. Take a tenth of that amount and put it in the poor box at church.</p> <p>15 Attend Confession and experience God's mercy. Resolve to make amends where you can.</p> <p>22 Take the box of clothes you set up on March 4 to a clothing drive.</p> <p>29 Today, complete an errand or chore you've been putting off.</p> <p>5 Judas betrayed Christ. Consider how our sins betray Jesus and make a sincere Act of Contrition.</p>	<p>23 Start a prayer book and record those for whom you pray or for what you pray. Also keep track of how God answers your prayers.</p> <p>2 Today, look for opportunities to practice the virtues humility, patience, and kindness.</p> <p>9 Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for those who have no one to pray for them. Look here: https://www.usccb.org/prayers/divine-mercy-chaplet.</p> <p>16 Check out Catholic Relief Services to see how you can support their projects. Look here: https://www.crs.org.</p> <p>23 Pray for an increased faith throughout the Church in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.</p> <p>30 The Our Father is the prayer given to us by Jesus. Pray each line slowly. Really think about what you are saying.</p> <p>6 <i>Holy Thursday</i> Visit the Blessed Sacrament. Offer Him your love for the "lost hour" of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:40).</p>	<p>24 Catholics are required to abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent as a form of penance.</p> <p>3 <i>First Friday</i> Attend Mass or visit the Blessed Sacrament (find the red candle). Be present to Him who is present to you.</p> <p>10 Resist "idle curiosity." Don't research trivial questions or follow every browser thread. Unless it's important, it's okay not knowing.</p> <p>17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> In honor of St. Patrick, evangelize silently by wearing a symbol of your faith (e.g. a cross, medal).</p> <p>24 Practice patience... patiently. "Be patient with everyone, but first of all with yourself" (St. Francis de Sales).</p> <p>31 Today, fast from complaining. Cultivate gratitude instead.</p> <p>7 <i>Good Friday</i> Read the Passion Narrative, John 18, 19. See Jesus' offering of love for you. How will you respond?</p>	<p>25 The Bible teaches us to deny ourselves and give instead to those in need. Read Matthew 6:1-4 to learn more about sacrificial almsgiving.</p> <p>4 Set up an empty box or bin. Throughout Lent, fill it with gently used clothes. Bring it to a local charity at the end of Lent.</p> <p>11 Pray for pregnant mothers and their babies. Consider donating to pro-life charities that help women in crisis.</p> <p>18 Contact local shelters and soup kitchens and ask if they need volunteers.</p> <p>25 <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i> Mary said "Yes!" to God's plan. Pray three Hail Marys for the grace to give your "Yes" to Him, too.</p> <p>1 <i>April</i> Declutter, dust, and clean the house in preparation for Holy Week - the holiest time of the year.</p> <p>8 <i>Holy Saturday</i> Renew your baptismal vows and commit to living your faith more fully this year.</p>

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 5, 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

Gather Us In

1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,
 2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry,
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,

Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
 We are the old— who yearn for your face,
 Here we will take the bread of new birth,

See in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
 We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,

Brought here to you in the light of this day.
 Called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 Call us a - new to be salt for the earth.

Gath - er us in— the lost and for - sak - en, Gath - er us in— the
 Gath - er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty, Gath - er us in— the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, Give us to eat the

blind and the lame; Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion

We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 Give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.

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

Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the LORD: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed; your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am! If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; if you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 112

Thomas Strickland

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples:
"You are the salt of the earth.
But if salt loses its taste,
with what can it be seasoned?
It is no longer good for anything
but to be thrown out
and trampled underfoot.
You are the light of the world.
A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.
Nor do they light a lamp
and then put it under a bushel basket;
it is set on a lampstand,
where it gives light to all in the house.
Just so, your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your heavenly Father."

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

As a Fire is Meant For Burning



1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing With a
 2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; We are
 3. As a green bud in the spring - time Is a

bright and warm-ing flame, So the Church is meant for
 pil - grims on the way. We are seek - ers; we are
 sign of life re - newed, So may we be signs of

mis - sion, Giv - ing glo - ry to God's name.
 giv - ers; We are ves - sels made of clay.
 one - ness Mid earth's peo - ples, man - y hues.

As we wit - ness to the gos - pel, We would
 By our gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions, We would
 As a rain - bow lights the heav - ens When a

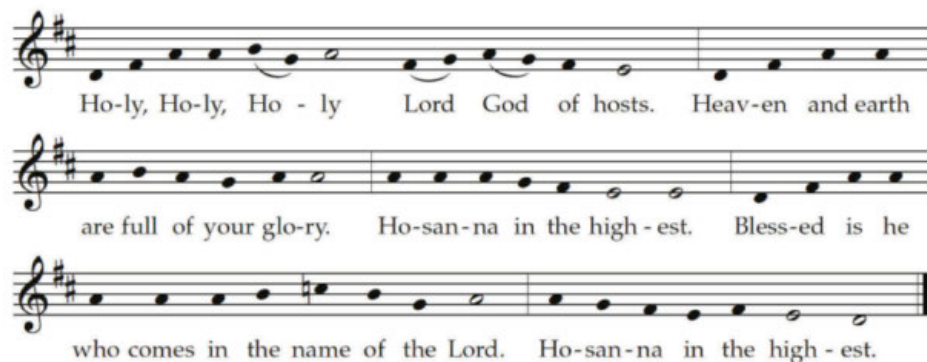
build a bridge of care, Join - ing hands a - cross the
 show that Christ is light. In a hum - ble, lis - t'ning
 storm is past and gone, May our lives re - flect the

na - tions, Find - ing neigh - bors ev - 'ry - where.
 Spir - it, We would live to God's de - light.
 ra - diance Of God's new and glor - ious dawn.

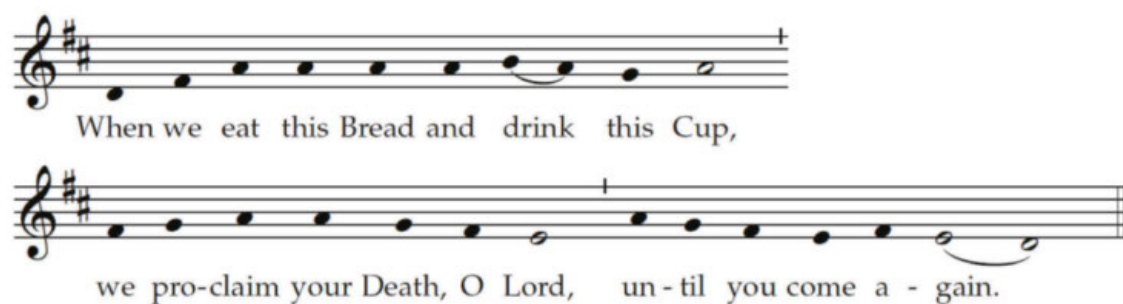
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EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

Missa Simplex
Richard Proulx



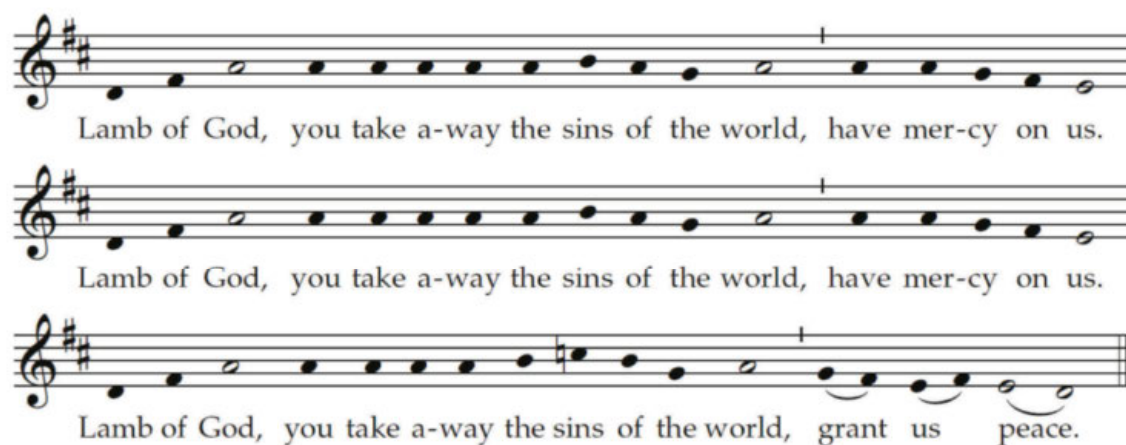
Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth
are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.



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.

Richard Proulx, 1937-2010
Adapt. by Michael O'Connor, O.P.
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COMMUNION HYMN

We Are the Light of the World



Jean Anthony Greif, 1898-1981

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

1. Lord, whose love in hum - ble serv - ice
2. Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less;
3. As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion,
4. Called from wor - ship in - to serv - ice

Bore the weight of hu - man need, Who did on the
Still the hun - gry cry for bread; Still the cap - tives
Till your love's re - veal - ing light, Till the height and
Forth in your great name we go, To the child, the

Cross for - sak - en, Show us mer - cy's per - fect deed;
long for free - dom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
depth and great - ness Dawns up - on our hu - man sight;
youth, the a - ged, Love in liv - ing deeds to show;

We, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship
As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion
Mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens
Hope and health, good - will and com - fort,


Not of voice a - lone, but heart: Con - se - crat - ing
Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the love your
Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring us to
Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give That your chil - dren,

to your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
faith - ful serv - ice, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
Lord, in free - dom, May your mer - cy know and live.

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