



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH FEBRUARY 25, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, February 24, 2024

8:00 a.m. Kevin Ianni (Anna)

4:30 p.m. James Tornblom (Galla Family)

Sunday, February 25, 2024

8:00 a.m. Fr. Alvin Cabungcal ("The 12")

10:00 a.m. Fink & Bayles Families (Bill & Marie)

11:30 a.m. Joseph Perri (Family)

Monday, February 26, 2024

7:45 a.m. Daniel Mainwaring (Mother)

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family

6:30 p.m. Bill Shiffler (Immaculata Women's Group)

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

7:45 a.m. Don, Sr. & Don, Jr. Rothrauff (Family)

Thursday, February 29, 2024

7:45 a.m. Joe & Carol Donnelly (Kathleen)

Friday, March 1, 2024

7:45 a.m. Alexander Onyszko (Helen)

Saturday, March 2, 2024

8:30 a.m. Mass at Seton

4:30 p.m. James Lavelle (Annie)

Sunday, March 3, 2024

8:00 a.m. Albert E. Fabyanic (Angela)

10:00 a.m. Al & Carole Bilesimo (Family)

11:30 a.m. Gloria Fischerkeller (IC Staff)



CREMATION?

WHAT IS THE CHURCH'S TEACHING?

Many are confused with the practice of cremation. What is one's responsibility to properly inter their loved ones.

Please read in the Pastor's notes the teachings of the Church on cremation and how you might, with great dignity, inter cremains in our Cemetery.



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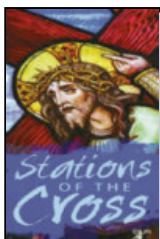
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg
724-837-1840

Parish Office Hours - 8am to 4pm

Monday through Friday

308 Second Street - Irwin, Pa 15642
724-863-9550

HAPPENINGS ON THE CORNER & AROUND THE DIOCESE!



EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT -
12 NOON AND 6:30 PM
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 6:30 PM
Stations of the Cross -
FR. JOHN'S LENTEN CONFERENCE on
The Sorrowful Mysteries



Knights of Columbus St Jude Council 9019 -
will have their monthly meeting on
Monday February 26, 2024, at the St. Agnes
Convent Building. The meeting starts at
7:15 with the Rosary. St Jude Council
covers the parishes of IC, St Agnes, and St Elizabeth Ann
Seton. If you are interested in joining the Knights, or
would like to transfer to our Council, please contact
Al Borgony at 724-864-3487, a.borgony@comcast.net or
our website at kofc.org and join online.

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 3, 2024.

Anything left in the cemetery past March
3, as a courtesy to you, will be discarded
by cemetery staff.



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
PENANCE SERVICE THIS
LENTEN SEASON WILL BE
HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 19,
AT 6:30 PM-
NO ADORATION, OR MASS
THAT DAY.**



May Thy Blood, O tender Jesus, Thy
Precious Blood, descend into Purgatory to
solace and refresh those who there languish
in captivity. Reach forth Thy hand to them,
and lead them into the realms of
refreshment, light, and peace. Amen.

WHAT IS A "MARTHA"?

There is a group at our parish that refresh the
church once a week on Wednesdays
immediately following the 7:45 am Mass. What
does refresh mean? Dusting, vacuuming, etc.
It usually takes an hour and is very much
needed and appreciated! If you would like to join
"The Martha's" but can't commit to every week,
that's ok, you can help whenever your schedule
allows. Anyone interested, please call the Parish
Office at: 724-863-9550.



**Thank you to all of the
families that attended the Faith
Formation Mass this past Monday
evening. We appreciate all you do
to bring Jesus into your
children's lives! We also are very
thankful for all of our dedicated
teachers! May God Bless all of you
always.**



MASS SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK 2024:

HOLY THURSDAY: NO MORNING MASS
6:30 PM MASS

GOOD FRIDAY: 8:00 AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
NOON LITURGY OF THE LORD'S
PASSION
3:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00 PM TENABRAE

SATURDAY: 11:00 AM BASKET BLESSING
8:00 PM EASTER VIGIL

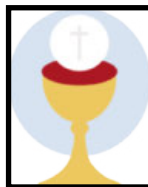
EASTER: 7:00 AM, 8:30 A.M., 10:00 AM, & 11:30 AM

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schedule changes!	
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Attention EM's and Lectors

If you are an Eucharistic Minister
and/or Lector and you have not
received the March/April schedule via
email and if you have not been able to
access the Ministry Schedule Program

App (MSP) please contact Sharyn-
sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org ASAP or call the
parish office-724-863-9550. Thank you!



**If you are RETURNING to Eucharistic
Minister or Lector, please contact the
Parish Office (724-863-9550) or email
sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org so
you can be added to the schedule. We
are using a new software package for
scheduling. Thank you!**

THE GRIEF SHARE PROGRAM—Mondays, 6:00-
7:30 pm at Immaculate Conception. You are
welcome to begin attending our Grief Share group
at any point. Each session is "self-contained" so
you do not have to attend in sequence. Please
register by emailing Gerri Dornin at
gdornin@comcast.net or by calling the Parish
Office. **Group meets weekly in the Children's
Liturgy Room next to the restrooms.**

PASTOR'S NOTES CONTINUED

Here is a personal reflection by Robert Berry II that you may find welcoming and challenging:

For many of us, the idea of making Daily Mass is a luxurious thought. We so quickly dismiss the idea without truly contemplating the real benefits of 'sacrificing' a portion of our day. I was one of those people...until I started going to Daily Mass.



Jesus

I feel like I don't have to write a great deal here. This one is obvious. In fact, this reason is infinitely more important than the previous four. If you, for no other reason, choose to go to Daily Mass, let it be for the genuine encounter with Christ. And I don't mean genuine as some sort of euphemism, you will LITERALLY encounter Christ in the Mass. Your flesh and His will unite in a way unachievable anywhere else in our existence.



What Does That Mean??

Proper Burial of the Remains of a Loved One

Since Cremation has become more popular in recent years there is some concern on how a family member might view cremains. Some feel that it is okay to display them on the fireplace mantle or even split up the cremains and make pendants out of them. While others desire to hold onto the cremains until their own passing and have them buried with them sometime in the future. The confusion starts with the fact that the cremains are "given" to the family without suggestion of burial. No fault of many, they are making decisions based on their own understanding of the cremated remains of a baptized person. So the answer that follows is posted here usually 4 times a year to clarify and guide families when they chose cremation over the traditional practice of a bodily burial.

CREMATION PERMITTED WITH PROPER INTERMENT

"In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother John and we commit his body to the ground: earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord Bless him and keep him and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace". (Funeral Rite: 219-B)

This prayer of committal brings about the closure that is necessary for those who grieve the physical death of their beloved! The prayer represents the reality that from which we were created we return. The proper interment assures us of God's watching eye and blessing until He raises us up again in the Resurrection. Whether we inter the body or cremains it is our sure and certain hope that the baptized belong to Christ and sacredness of the tomb and grave must be emphasized.

The proper interment of the body has never been an issue but since cremation has become a more common practice questions and concerns have arisen. In order that all may understand the Church's position I found it necessary to share the following with you.

Principles Regarding Cremation:

Reverence for the Sacredness of the Human Body:

Because the human body is integral to the human person, it is difficult to think of a person apart from their body. "Thus, the Roman Catholic Church's reverence and care for the body grows out of a reverence and concern for the person whom the Church now commends to the care of God." The long standing practice of burying the body of the deceased in a grave or tomb **continues to be encouraged as a sign of Christian faith.** However, the Church does not forbid cremation as a means of disposition of the body, unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Church teaching.

PASTOR'S NOTES CONTINUED

The Transfiguration of Jesus

The Second Sunday of Lent of the Church's Liturgy take us to the mountain with Jesus to see the glory of His

resurrection to give us hope of

persevering in our Lenten journey to

Easter Joy. Here is a brief look at the meaning of the incredible event!

The transfiguration is a highly symbolic story. Jesus took his inner circle of

apostles—Peter, James, and John—up a mountain, which in the Bible is a place of revelation, so it was clear something

important was about to happen.

These three apostles then saw Jesus as part of another important trio, completed with Moses and Elijah, symbols of Israelite tradition. As if that weren't spectacular enough, the voice of God itself made an appearance, uttering two thundering phrases: "This is my Son" and "Listen to him."

Unfortunately, none of the apostles' reactions showed that they understood what had just happened. First of all, they were half asleep when the whole thing started—not the last time that would

happen at a key moment. They were also terrified to the point of talking nonsense about building shelters for the holy

figures. Then on the way down they started an off topic debate about the resurrection and Elijah.

What the apostles didn't grasp right away was the significance of the fact that Moses and Elijah were "talking with" Jesus. This sacred conversation identified Jesus with the law and the prophets. It showed how Jesus had the same authority as these two pillars of Israel's tradition and how that authority came from the same God. To leave no doubt, God's voice drove home the point with words heard at an earlier affirmation of Jesus' status, his baptism: "This is my son, the beloved" (Matt. 3:17).

What the apostles also didn't get at first was that they couldn't stay on the mountain. One can sympathize with their desire for such a wondrous break from the difficult path of discipleship. Down the mountain and back to that task, however, they had to go.

The Gospel of Luke adds a delicious detail: Moses and Elijah had been speaking with Jesus "of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem." His exodus? That loaded word points back to the sometimes arduous journey of following Jesus, and that's what the transfiguration is about. It's wonderful to find inspiration in a shining vision of Jesus, but the message to the church then and now is that witnessing glory is one thing, following is another. After the vision is over, you look up and see, as the apostles did, "Jesus only," and you realize that, to get to the further glory of eternal life, you have to follow him to the cross.

Preference for the Presence of the Body:



The body of a deceased loved one forcefully brings to mind the mystery of life and death. As Christians, the body of the deceased speaks also to our belief that we are destined for future glory at the resurrection of the dead. Therefore "the Church **clearly prefers and urges** that the body of the deceased be present for its funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in its rites."

Funeral Rites:

When cremation is chosen, the Church prefers that the body be cremated after the funeral, thus allowing for the presence of the body at the Funeral Mass. When circumstances require it, however, cremation and committal may take place even before the Funeral liturgy. All the usual rites which are celebrated in the presence of the body of the deceased may also be celebrated in the presence of the cremated remains.

The primary symbols of the Roman Catholic funeral liturgy are retained even when the funeral liturgy is celebrated in the presence of the cremated remains. The **cremains must be treated with the same dignity and respect as the body**. They may be carried in procession and/or placed on a table where the coffin normally would be. The Paschal Candle and sprinkling with holy water are primary symbols of baptism and should be used during the Funeral Mass. However, the pall is not used.

Photographs and other mementos may be used at the vigil, but are not appropriate for the Mass.

Final Disposition and Memorialization of the Cremated Remains:

"Cremated remains may be buried in a grave, entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium or even buried at sea." The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground is not permitted. Likewise, "keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires." The principle of respect for the cremated remains of a deceased Christian mirrors the respect afforded their body. The body is always laid to rest with solemnity and dignity.

All references taken from the Order of Christian Funerals, Appendix: Cremation; 1997.

NOTE: Immaculate Conception Cemetery provides two ways that cremains can be properly interred with the same care as those who choose the burial of the body.

We have a beautiful cremation Garden with vaults to protect the cremains and we have our new Columbarium that can also be used as a place of interment.

FEBRUARY 25, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

CANDLES

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Edward Iwanoski
by J.R. & Pam

Divine Mercy Candle: In Memory of Anthony Delaney
by Family

St. Peregrine Candle: In Memory of Bonnie Wilson
by Nancy Alfer

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of Carole Bilesimo
by Patricia DiSanta

St. Joseph's Candle: In Memory of Rita Wintermoyer
by Roberta

Altar Candles for the Month of February:
In Memory of Dino Dinon by Family

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CANDLE LIT IN
MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONE, PLEASE CALL THE
PARISH OFFICE AND WE WILL BE GLAD TO HELP YOU!



February 25, 2024 - Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis	22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18
Romans	8:31b-34
Mark	9:2-10

March 3, 2024 - Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus	20:1-17
1 Corinthians	1:22-25
John	2:13-25



Please pray for all of our faithful departed.
*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon them. May their
souls rest in peace. Amen.*

SUBSTANCE ADDICTION MINISTRY –

SAM- will host the next Rosary and Prayers for Recovery on Wednesday February 21, 2024 at NOON. Pray with us on the third Wednesday of each month as we invite anyone afflicted or affected by addiction to be with us for a time of prayer and support. Join us via ZOOM. Meeting ID: 858 7556 8024 Passcode: 515512 For questions or a copy of the prayers– Jennifer Macioce 724-708-9150 or Jenn.macioce@gmail.com

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Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone, please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

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 the parish office one year in advance of the wedding.

Baptism

Families of our parish who wish to have their child baptized please email Susan Cheplic at skcheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org to register for Baptism Preparation.

Confession

Tuesday 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. & Saturday 9-10 a.m.

Homebound Ministry

If you know of any family, neighbors, or fellow parishioners who are homebound and would like to have a Homebound Minister bring them Holy Communion, please call Sharyn Gesmond at 724.863.9550 or Email her at: sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Blessed
BEYOND MEASURE

ONLINE GIVING-FEB 12-18 \$5,714.80

SUNDAY OFFERTORY FOR FEB 10/11 - \$18,227.47

ASH WEDNESDAY FEB 14 - \$3,927.75

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Immaculate Conception

Parish offers

Online Giving

For additional information

visit our website at:

**www.icirwin.org/
giving/funds or
scan the QR Code**

If you decide to switch to online giving and would like to discontinue your envelopes please contact the parish office. Thank you!





RECEIVE AND *Share*

2024 Diocesan Lenten Appeal



Help Form Future Priests

Seminarian Tyler Randolph

Priests bring people to Jesus and Jesus to people. Donating to the Diocesan Lenten Appeal assures an investment in the formation of our seminarians so they can grow in their relationship with Christ, and knowledge of the Catholic Church and her teachings.



Diocese
of
Greensburg

Donate today at DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2024

412 YOUTH MINISTRY



HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

All 9th to 12th High School Students are invited!

SATURDAY MARCH 9th 9:00 AM to

SUNDAY MARCH 10th 12:00 PM

QUEEN OF ANGELS SCHOOL



JOIN THE YOUTH GROUP FOR FAITH, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP.

WHAT TO BRING:

FRIENDS, A POSITIVE ATTITUDE, SLEEPING BAG OR PILLOW AND BLANKET, TOILETRIES, PERMISSION SLIP

SEARCH allows our teens to "Retreat" from their everyday lives and grow in community and faith. Exploring, seeking God together, this interactive weekend has talks, small groups, games, Mass, adoration, and more.

COST : \$10.00

REGISTER TODAY!

AT :

<https://forms.gle/mXiZ5pCSCx5CwHr26>

Join our alumni as they return to lead our retreat !



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 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Center. The next meeting will be held on March 5th. For more information about the Support Group, contact Gail Henderson at 412-848-2076 or email at gailhend@comcast.net

PARISH SECRETARY NEEDED

Applications are being accepted for the position of Parish Secretary for **St. Regis, Trafford**. This is a part-time position/minimum of three days per week/maximum of 28 hours. Resume to: Fr. Anthony W. Ditto at St. Regis Parish, 517 Homewood Ave., Trafford, PA 15085 or email at aditto@dioceseofgreensburg.org or 412-372-4577 ext. 205

St Barbara Parish, Harrison City

will host their monthly bingo on Wednesday, March 6

Payouts of \$110, \$150, & \$1400. Admission packages start at \$27. Packages include Regular, Special & Jackpot games, Magic Number & Door Prizes. May also purchase Early Birds, Quickies, All-Nighter, 50/50, & Games of Chance. Doors open 5:00pm/games 6:45pm. Monitors & number boards are used for your convenience. Kitchen/Free Coffee/Handicap Accessible. For tickets or questions: 724-744-4594 or 724-744-7474



Don Cherry, a parishioner of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, is in need of a living donor for a kidney transplant which could save his life. 412-647-GIFT(4438) or Livingdonorreg.upmc.com

St. Agnes 2024 Fish Fry

11400 St. Agnes Lane, N. Huntingdon, PA 15642

PLEASE COME! INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

DRIVE-THRU TAKE OUT ONLY

4 Fridays during Lent
March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd

2024 Menu:

* BAKED COD DINNER	\$13.00	
* FRIED COD DINNER	\$13.00	
FRIED FISH SANDWICH WITH COLESLAW	\$10.00	
ONE PIECE OF BAKED FISH WITH COLESLAW...	\$9.00	
ONE PIECE OF FRIED FISH WITH COLESLAW....	\$9.00	
HALUSKI.....	\$4.00	
FRENCH FRIES	\$4.00	
PIEROGI.....	\$4.00/THREE	
	\$13.00/DOZEN	

Come enjoy...
Chef-seasoned Panko
hand-breaded fried cod or
Parmesan-crusted baked cod

* **Complete Dinner includes:** Baked or Fried cod, coleslaw, roll and choice of one side dish (French fries, haluski or pierogis).

All other items are à la carte as priced above.

We accept cash, debit and credit cards.

UNBOUND
Advancing Freedom in Christ



UNBOUND Freedom in Christ Conference

Saturday March 23, 2024 8:45 am - 4:45pm
(Optional 8:00 am Mass and 5:00 pm Parish Mass)

Divine Redeemer Parish
at St. Mary's Church Hall
444 Glenfield Rd, Sewickley PA 15143

Teachings by Fr. Boniface Hicks OSB
...Based on UNBOUND by Neal Lozano

Unbound is a simple, gentle, & powerful prayer ministry where you will learn from the basic gospel message how to be free from resentments, loneliness, addictions—anything that limits your life.

Tickets: \$50 Students 12 & up \$20 Couples \$80
Includes lunch

Space is limited. Register early

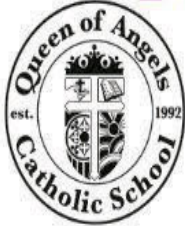
TICKETS: <https://unboundeghghg.ticketbud.com/unbound-conference-march-23>

OR - Mail Registration & check to Rose Parente 8131 Aber Rd, Verona PA 15147
Make Checks Payable to Diocese of Greensburg

Name _____
Email _____
Address _____
Phone _____



QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL



TODDLER-TWO PROGRAM

This "Toddler Time" Parent/Child Program is designed for children and their parent or caregiver to come together to play and learn.

A typical session will include: Exploratory Play, Arts & Crafts, Circle Time (a gentle introduction to group time) and Snack.

- ✓ WHO: 2-3 year old children with a parent or caregiver (Must be 2 before session starts)
- ✓ WHERE: Queen of Angels Catholic School
- ✓ WHEN: 1 hour class – Monday AND/OR Wednesday
TIME: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
- ✓ SESSIONS AVAILABLE: Each session is 8 weeks
Fall Oct 2nd/4th- Dec 4th/6th
Winter - Jan 8th/10th- Feb 26th/28th
Spring- March 4th/6th- May 6th/8th
- ✓ Cost per session: \$80 for 1 day per week or \$150 for 2 days per week



ENROLL TODAY!





LENTEN MUSIC SERIES

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, IRWIN
ALL EVENTS WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 PM

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

AN EVENING OF MEDITATIVE
REFLECTION FEATURING READINGS
AND MUSIC

ORGAN RECITAL

MONDAY, MARCH 4TH

PRESENTED BY BRIDGET DEVENEY,
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AT
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

ORGAN RECITAL

MONDAY, MARCH 11TH

PRESENTED BY KEVIN LITZINGER,
ASSISTANT ORGANIST AT ST.
MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH,
PITTSBURGH

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

MONDAY, MARCH 18TH

308 SECOND ST. IRWIN, PA 15642

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS—EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AT
NOON AND 6:30 PM**
**FR. JOHN'S LENTEN CONFERENCE—EVERY FRIDAY DURING
LENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 6:30 PM**
STATIONS OF THE CROSS



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 25, 2024 - 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

'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here



1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Your
 2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Your
 3. Ful - fill - er of the past! Prom -
 4. Be - fore we taste of death, We
 5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet



glo - ry fills the night; Your face and gar - ments,
 beau - ty to be - hold, Where Mo - ses and E -
 ise of things to be! We hail your bod - y
 see your king - dom come; We long to hold the
 we may not re - main; But since you bid us



like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 li - jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.
 glo - ri - fied, And our re - demp - tion see.
 vi - sion bright, And make this hill our home.
 leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.



(Then repeat the first Kyrie.)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 116
Michel Guimont

*I will walk before the Lord,
in the land of the living.*

SECOND READING Romans 8:31b-34

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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.

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PREPARATION OF GIFTS

Transform Us



1. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured,
2. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured,
3. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured,

Stood a - part on Ta - bor's height.
Once spoke with those ho - ly ones.
Would not stay with - in a shrine.

Lead us up our sa - cred moun - tains,
We, sur - round - ed by the wit - ness
Keep us from our great temp - ta - tion—

Search us with re - veal - ing light.
Of those saints whose work is done,
Time and truth we quick - ly bind.

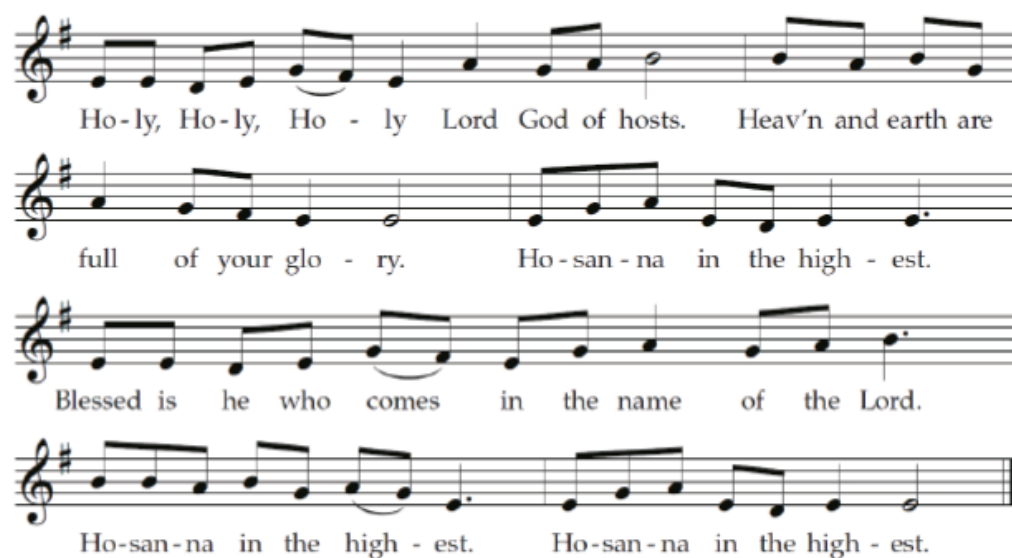
Lift us from where we have fall - en,
Live in this world as your Bod - y,
Lead us down those dai - ly path - ways

Full of ques - tions, filled with fright.
Cho - sen daugh - ters, cho - sen sons.
Where our love is not con - fined.

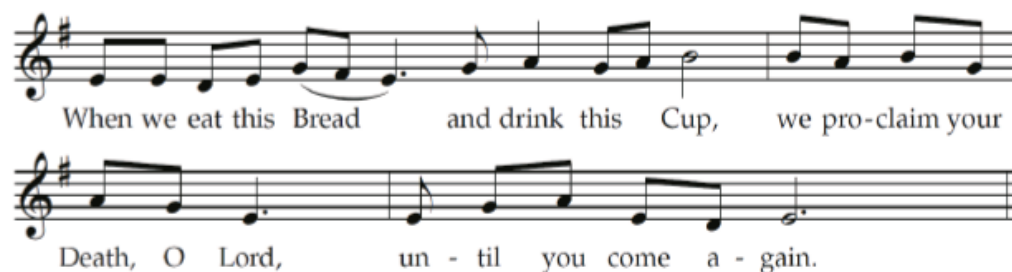
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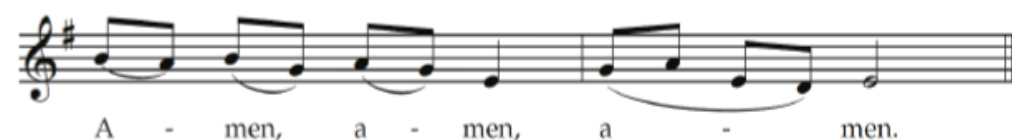
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Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san-na in the high - est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.



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

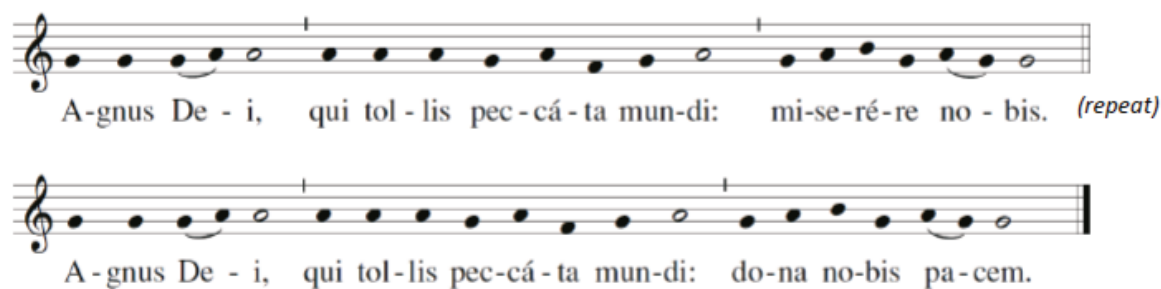


A - men, a - men, a - men.

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AGNUS DEI

Chant, Mass XVIII



A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no - bis. *(repeat)*
A - gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

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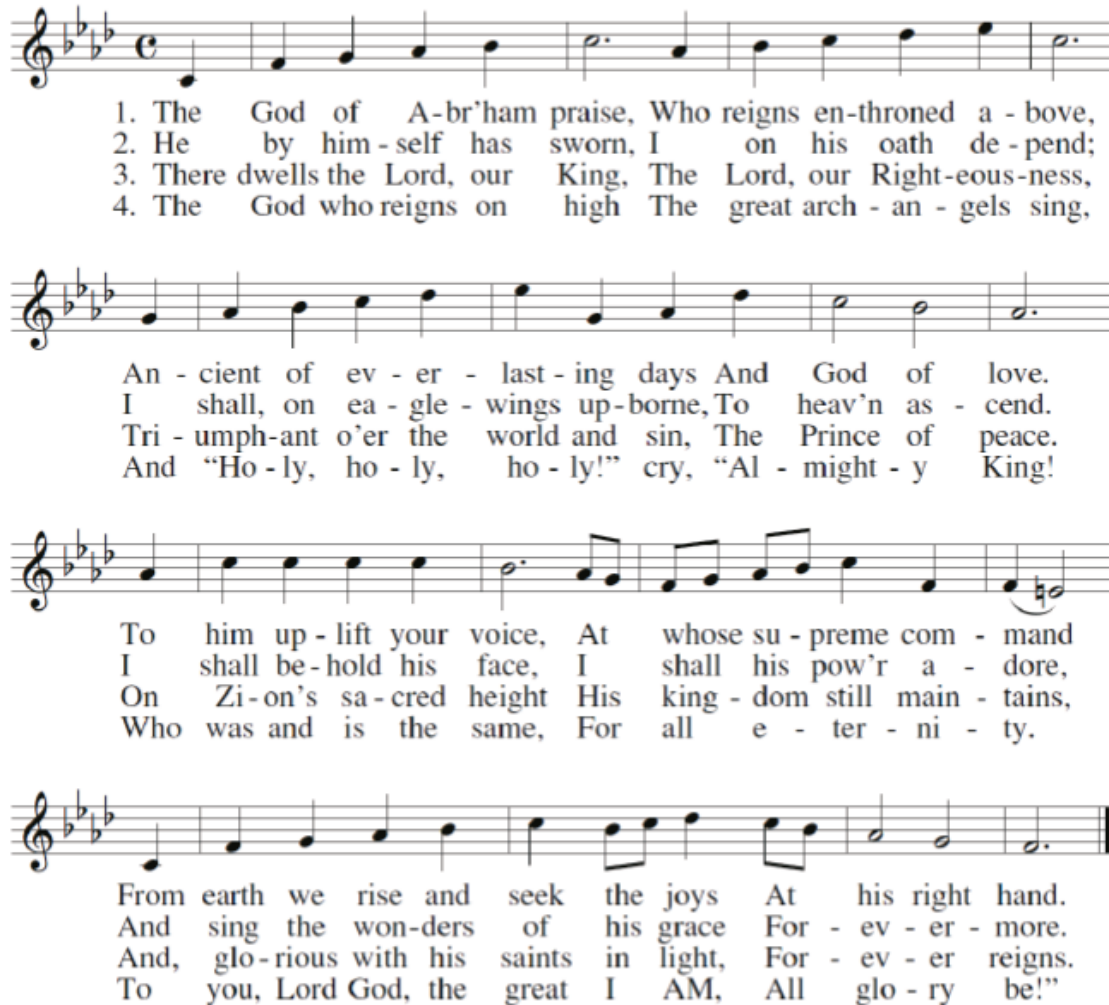


Trans - fig - ure us, O Lord, trans - fig - ure us, O Lord.

Break the chains that bind us; speak your heal - ing word, and

where you lead we'll fol - low. Trans - fig - ure us, O Lord.

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1. The God of A-br'ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove,
2. He by him - self has sworn, I on his oath de - pend;
3. There dwells the Lord, our King, The Lord, our Right-eous-ness,
4. The God who reigns on high The great arch - an - gels sing,

An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
I shall, on ea - gle - wings up-borne, To heav'n as - cend.
Tri - umph-ant o'er the world and sin, The Prince of peace.
And "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" cry, "Al - might - y King!

To him up - lift your voice, At whose su - preme com - mand
I shall be - hold his face, I shall his pow'r a - dore,
On Zi-on's sa - cred height His king - dom still main - tains,
Who was and is the same, For all e - ter - ni - ty.

From earth we rise and seek the joys At his right hand.
And sing the won - ders of his grace For - ev - er - more.
And, glo - rious with his saints in light, For - ev - er reigns.
To you, Lord God, the great I AM, All glo - ry be!"

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