



# SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Parish Office Hours:

Sunday 7:30am-1:30pm

Monday—Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm

*Closed for lunch from 12:00pm-1:00pm on weekdays*

Friday-Saturday Closed

### Religious Education

Youth Group Mondays, 6:30pm-8pm

OCIA Mondays, 6pm-7:30pm

K-6 Catechesis Wednesdays, 4pm or 6pm

St. Clare of Assisi is an official Baby Safe Haven location. Parents or agents of parents can drop off an unharmed newborn baby to a staff member during regular office hours. For more information, please visit

[azsafebabyhaven.org](http://azsafebabyhaven.org)

### Pro-Life Resources:

Are you struggling with a crisis pregnancy and need help? These resources are recognized by the Diocese of Phoenix and can help you, regardless of income.

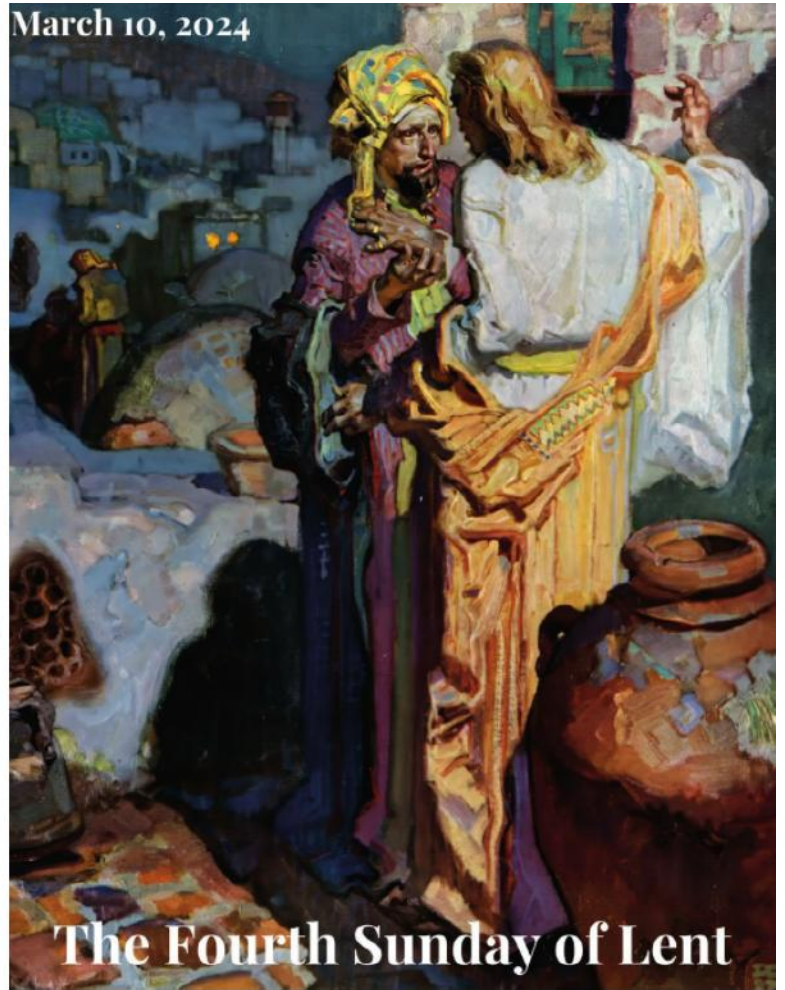
**Life Choices Women's Clinic:** [www.pro-life-arizona.com](http://www.pro-life-arizona.com) | (602) 305-5100

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For a comprehensive list of ministries and ways to get involved, please see the parish website and go to "Parish Life" at the top of the page.

March 10, 2024



## The Fourth Sunday of Lent

### Liturgy Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00pm  
Sunday Masses 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm  
Daily Masses Monday-Saturday, 8:00am

### Adoration & Reconciliation

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00pm-4:00pm  
Reconciliation Wednesdays 12:00pm-1:00pm  
Fridays 5:00pm-6:00pm  
Saturdays 2:30pm-3:30pm

### Sacraments

For more information on the Sacraments of Baptism or Marriage, and what is needed to complete your sacraments, please contact Pastoral Care Coordinator Joe Lukaszewski. For all other Sacraments, please contact Director of Religious Education, Sarah Camplese.

### Ministry of Care

If you are homebound, hospitalized or in a care facility, or know of someone who is and would like Holy Communion on a weekly basis, please contact Joe to make arrangements.

### Mission Statement

St. Clare of Assisi parishioners strive to be faithful disciples of Christ's Catholic Church, drawing strength from the Sacraments, living the Gospel of Jesus without compromise, doing works of charity and justice.

### St. Vincent de Paul 24 Hour Assistance Helpline

Please call (623) 975-5617. This is not a manned phone line. Leave a message and someone WILL call you back.



# Mass Intentions

# Week at a Glance

## Saturday, March 9, 2024

8:00am Jose Agote<sup>†</sup> by Irene Agote  
4:00pm Marie Reynolds<sup>†</sup> by Richard & Julia Spong

## Sunday, March 10, 2024

7:00am Esperanza Gomez<sup>†</sup> by Cynthia Chavez  
9:00am Larry Castrovinci<sup>†</sup> by Kathy Castrovinci Buckley  
11:00am Pro Populo for St. Clare of Assisi Parishioners  
5:00pm Megan Mesola & Jandrei Minoza by Marie Mesola

## Monday, March 11, 2024

8:00am John Caprise Jr<sup>†</sup> by Frank Johnson

## Tuesday, March 12, 2024

8:00am Ernestina Quezada by Miriam Muriel

## Wednesday, March 13, 2024

8:00am Bill Markert Jr<sup>†</sup> by Martha Ryel

## Thursday, March 14, 2024

8:00am Greg Dziegielewski<sup>†</sup> by Kathy & Dan Farkas

## Friday, March 15, 2024

8:00am Debbie Saikaly<sup>†</sup> by Jodi Buchholtz

## Saturday, March 16, 2024

8:00am Lorna Balangue-Salang by Miguel Salang  
4:00pm Bill Knight<sup>†</sup> by Dorothy Knight

## Sunday, March 17, 2024

7:00am Don & Gayle Lukaszewski<sup>†</sup> by Tim Lukaszewski  
9:00am Philomena Peragine<sup>†</sup> by Robert & Josephine Bart  
11:00am Bob Giovanini<sup>†</sup> by Nancy Giovanini  
5:00pm Pro Populo for St. Clare of Assisi Parishioners

## Monday, March 11, 2024

6:00pm Contemporary Choir Practice—CHURCH  
6:00pm OCIA—NARTHEX  
6:30pm Youth Group—HALL

## Tuesday, March 12, 2024

9:00am Adult Bible Study—HALL  
11:30am Legion of Mary—HALL  
11:30am Nomad AA—HALL  
5:00pm Children's Choir Practice—CHURCH  
6:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—HALL  
6:30pm Traditional Choir Practice—CHURCH

## Wednesday, March 13, 2024

9:00am Men's Scripture Study—HALL  
10:30am Legion of Mary Jrs—HALL  
4:00pm RE: 1st Confession, Confirmation/Communion Class—HALL  
6:00pm Knights of the Altar Meeting—CHURCH  
6:00pm RE: 1st Confessions for 6pm Session—CHURCH  
6:00pm RE: Confirmation/Communion Class—HALL

## Thursday, March 14, 2024

9:00am Adult Bible Study—HALL  
11:30am Nomad AA—HALL  
2:00pm Grief Support—HALL  
6:00pm Scouts—HALL  
6:30pm Anima Christi Charismatics—CHURCH

## Friday, March 15, 2024

8:45am Holy Family Homeschool Co-Op—HALL  
8:45am Divine Mercy Cenacle Diary Study—VESTRY  
1:00pm Rosary Makers—HALL  
1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry—HALL  
5:30pm Our Lady of Antipolo Ministry Meeting—HALL  
6:00pm Stations of the Cross—CHURCH  
7:00pm El Buen Pastor Carismatica—CHURCH

## Saturday, March 16, 2024

7:00am Catholic Men's Fellowship—HALL  
9:00am Cursillo—HALL  
9:00am Pilgrimage to Yarnell Leaves Parking Lot  
11:00am Stations at St. Joseph Shrine—YARNELL  
1:00pm Blood Drive—HALL  
3:30pm Priest Appreciation Luncheon Tix Sales—WALKWAY  
5:00pm KoC State Raffle Tix Sales—WALKWAY  
7:00pm Marriage Prep—HALL

## Sunday, March 17, 2024

Knights of Columbus Coffee & Donuts—after all Masses—HALL  
All Day Priest Appreciation Luncheon Tix Sales—WALKWAY  
All Day KoC State Raffle Tix Sales—WALKWAY  
8:00am Blood Drive—HALL  
6:30pm Young Adult Fellowship—HALL



Steven Salata

Fr. Hans Ruygt

Bob Murphy

Karen Opsahl

Christina Hoffman

Brian Vergara

Marie Frasca

Tim Lukaszewski





## Weekly Reflection



Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." John 3:14-15

This quote concludes a dialogue that Jesus had with Nicodemus, a Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin. This is the first of three times Nicodemus is mentioned in the Gospel of John. The second time he appears is when he reminds the other members of the Sanhedrin that a man must be first heard before he is condemned. The third time was when Jesus was killed and Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes to prepare Jesus' body for burial. Jesus was not accepted by most of the Pharisees and within the Sanhedrin. For that reason, Nicodemus was taking a risk by going to him at night to talk. But Jesus clearly senses faith in the heart of Nicodemus, which is why when Nicodemus asks Jesus about His teaching, Jesus answers him. Unlike the other Pharisees, Nicodemus was not trying to trap our Lord; he sincerely wanted to understand. At the beginning of this dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus, Nicodemus professes the beginning of faith in Jesus when he says, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you are doing unless God is with him" (John 3:2). Interestingly, Jesus then speaks to Nicodemus in figures of speech, saying that one can only enter the Kingdom of God when they are "born from above" and "born from water and the Spirit." Nicodemus tries to understand but fails. Jesus then gently rebukes him by saying, "You are the teacher of Israel and you do not understand this?" (John 3:10). Jesus then goes on to speak further in symbolic language and figures of speech, concluding with the beginning of today's Gospel quoted above when He speaks in a veiled way about His coming crucifixion. One thing that is important to understand from this dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus is that Jesus' language is veiled in symbolic language because, even though Nicodemus was on the right path, he was not yet ready for the full revelation of the Gospel. He could not yet fully comprehend all that our Lord came to reveal. Thus, Jesus spoke in veiled language and invited Nicodemus to keep seeking its hidden meaning. In our own lives, we can come to God and want Him to speak clearly and definitively to us, revealing His perfect will for our lives. But often He doesn't. Why? Because God knows we are not yet ready for the full truth. When He speaks to us and when we gain insight in one way or another, this is good and reveals we are on the right path. But the Gospel, in its fullness, is so radical and so demanding that most people are not yet ready for the full truth. Therefore, in His compassion, God gives us only what we can handle at the moment. But this humble truth should encourage us, as it did Nicodemus, to not give up and to continue opening ourselves to the fullness of the Word of God. Reflect, today, upon how open you are to the fullness of God's Word. What would happen if God were to reveal to you, by an immediate personal revelation of divine knowledge, all that was in His sacred mind? Would it be too much for you to handle? Yes, it would be. But that humble admission is an important step toward that very goal. Humble yourself, today, more fully before the mysterious Word of God and pray that you will continue to be changed and open so that the clarity of God's truth will more fully penetrate your soul.



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**March 10: 4th Sunday of Lent**

**First Reading:** First Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5: 8-14

**Verse Before the Gospel:** John 8: 12

**Gospel:** John 9: 1-41

**March 11**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 65: 17-21

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 30: 2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b

**Verse Before the Gospel:** Amos 5: 14

**Gospel:** John 4: 43-54

**March 12**

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9

**Verse Before the Gospel:** Psalms 51: 12a, 14a

**Gospel:** John 5: 1-16

**March 13**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 49: 8-15

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 145: 8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18

**Verse Before the Gospel:** John 11: 25a, 26

**Gospel:** John 5: 17-30

**March 14**

**First Reading:** Exodus 32: 7-14

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 106: 19-20, 21-22, 23

**Verse Before the Gospel:** John 3: 16

**Gospel:** John 5: 31-47

**March 15**

**First Reading:** Wisdom 2: 1a, 12-22

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 34: 17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23

**Verse Before the Gospel:** Matthew 4: 4b

**Gospel:** John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

**March 16**

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 11: 18-20

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 7: 2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12

**Verse Before the Gospel:** Luke 8: 15

**Gospel:** John 7: 40-53

**March 17: 5th Sunday of Lent**

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 37: 12-14

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

**Second Reading:** Romans 8: 8-11

**Verse Before the Gospel:** John 11: 25a, 26

**Gospel:** John 11: 1-45



# Pilgrimage to Yarnell's St. Joseph Shrine: March 16

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## DIRECTIONS TO THE SHRINE:

- TAKE 303 N TO EXIT 119/US 60
- TURN LEFT ONTO US 60
- IN 28 MILES, TURN RIGHT ONTO US 93 N
- IN 1.2 MILES, TAKE THE 2ND EXIT AT THE ROUNDABOUT ONTO TEGNER ST
- IN 2.3 MILES, TAKE THE ROUNDABOUT ONTO US 93
- IN 1.9 MILES, TAKE THE 2ND EXIT AT THE ROUNDABOUT ONTO US 93
- IN 0.6 MILES, STAY RIGHT ONTO SR-89 N
- IN 19 MILES, TURN LEFT ONTO SHRINE DRIVE
- IN 0.4 MILES, THE SHRINE WILL BE ON YOUR LEFT

WE WILL CARPOOL FROM THE CHURCH PARKING LOT FOLLOWING DAILY MASS ON MARCH 16. STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL START AT 11AM AT THE SHRINE. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SHRINE IS NOT HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE - THERE ARE STAIRS GOING THROUGH MUCH OF THE STATIONS. THERE ARE SOME LOVELY GROUND LEVEL REFLECTION AREAS!

## St. Clare Community Blood Drive

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MARCH 16  
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SUNDAY  
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## Divine Mercy Novena

The Divine Mercy Novena is a beautiful tradition, based on the Diary of St. Faustina and her experiences with Our Lord as He came to her to express His great mercy!

Join us each day on Flocknote or on the parish website ([stcpaz.org/novena](https://stcpaz.org/novena)) as we pray the Divine Mercy Novena, beginning on Good Friday (March 29th)! There will not be an in-person recitation of the Novena at this time but we hope you will all join together in praying the Novena at the Hour of Great Mercy (3pm) daily.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, we will have a Eucharistic Procession around our campus following the 11am Mass. We hope you join us for the Novena and Eucharistic Procession!





## SAVE THE DATE

Annual Priest & Clergy Appreciation Celebration  
will take place on  
Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>  
at 12:30 pm  
in the parish hall.

Tickets will go on sale after all Masses the  
weekends of March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> and  
April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets: \$25.00 each



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*Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!*



*Tu recuerdo, Señor, es mi alegría.*





# CHILDREN OF THE ROSARY

Intercessory Prayer for the End of Abortion

## LENT 2024 ROSARY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, March 9 - 9:30am**

**Planned Parenthood, 5771 W. Eugie Ave  
Rosary w/ Bishop Emeritus Thomas J. Olmsted  
Mass at 8am - St. James Church**

**Saturday, March 16 - 9:30am**

**Planned Parenthood, 1837 E. Baseline Rd  
Rosary w/ Bishop Emeritus Thomas J. Olmsted  
Mass at 8:30am - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**

**Saturday, March 23 - 9:30am**

**Acacia Women's Center, 2023 W Bethany Home Rd  
Rosary w/ Fr. Dennis Mary, SOLT  
Mass at 8am - Ss. Simon & Jude**



## Rosary for Life: Good Friday

**March 29th at 11am**

**Planned Parenthood, 5771 W. Eugie Ave  
*parking is available in the Fry's parking lot on the  
north side***



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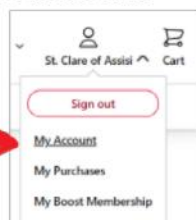


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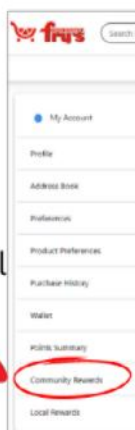
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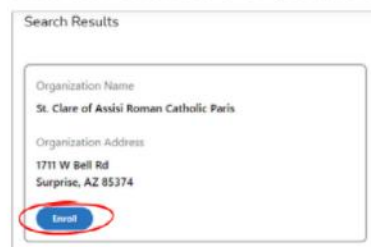
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5. You will see "Community Rewards" at the top of the page. Scroll down to Find an Organization. Enter our ID Number: BM278 or search St. Clare of Assisi Roman Catholic Parish (no h!)



6. Click "Enroll" under our parish name



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## By grace you HAVE BEEN SAVED

EPHESIANS 2:5

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Iglesia | 7pm-9pm

Preguntas o se necesita más información?  
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7:00-8:30PM - PROGRAM  
6:00 PM - RECEPTION  
Cash Bar (No Food Provided)

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**SCHEDULED SPEAKER:**  
*Fr. Mike Schmitz*

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# ADOPT-A-LILY

## Easter Lily Program

We have 50 Easter lilies available for our first annual "Adopt-A-Lily" program! Lilies can be sponsored for a suggested donation of \$15 and then picked up after your regularly attended Mass on April 6- 7.

Your name will be written on the bottom of your lily!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Lilies Desired (limit 2): \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase in the Parish Office with cash or check by bringing this form or by mailing to the Parish Office!

Questions? Contact Kaitlynn Eaton at keaton@stcpaz.org or 623-975-5602



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## we knead you

The ENDOW Girls Ministry H.S. group at St. Thomas Aquinas (Avondale) is selling artisan homemade sourdough bread to raise funds for a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Champion during the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in June 2024.

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TONGUE  
STICK TO  
MY PALATE  
IF I DO NOT  
REMEMBER YOU

Psalm 137:6



**Welcome to St. Clare of Assisi Parish! We are glad you are here for the celebration of the Holy Mass. Please take note of the guidelines for the reception of Holy Communion:** Prior to receiving Communion, Catholics should have fasted for one hour; water and medicine excepting. Catholics aware of grave sin (e.g. intentionally missing Mass on Sunday/Holy Days, abortion, theft, sexual sin, use of contraceptives, etc.) should go to Confession prior to receiving Communion. Because of our belief in the Eucharist being the Body and Blood of Christ, reception of Communion is reserved to Catholics. There may exist circumstances in the lives of some individual Catholics, which may not facilitate immediate participation in receiving Communion (e.g., cohabitation, marriage outside the Church). A priest would be happy to assist you in rectifying these situations. We come together to worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Entrance Antiphon:**

**Rejoice, O Jerusalem; and gather round, all you who loved her; rejoice in gladness, after having been in sorrow; exult and be replenished with the consolation flowing from her motherly bosom.**

1. I rejoiced when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord. And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

2. Jerusalem is built as a city, bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

**Sign of the Cross & Greeting**

**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,

*[striking their breast, they say:]*

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

*[then they continue:]*

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.

*Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Christe Eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

**Liturgy of the Word: Worship Hymnal 1037**

**1st Reading: 2nd Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6**

**R/. Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you!**

1. By the streams of Babylon, we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. On the aspens of that land we hung up our harps.

2. For there our captors asked of us the lyrics of our songs, and our despoilers urged us to be joyous "Sing for us the songs of Zion!"

3. How could we sing a song of the Lord in a foreign land? If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten!

4. May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not, if I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy.

**2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10**

**Gospel Acclamation: Praise and Honor, to You O Lord, Jesus Christ.**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

**Gospel: John 3:14-21**

*The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.*

**All: Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

**Homily**

**Creed**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

*Your response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Offertory Hymn: Hear Us, Almighty Lord/ Attende Domine 473**

***Hear us, almighty Lord, show us your mercy; Sinners we stand here before you. Attende Domine, et miserere, Quia peccavimus tibi.***

1. Jesus our Savior, Lord of all the nations, Christ our Redeemer, hear the prayers we offer. Spare us and save us, comfort us in sorrow.

2. Word of the Father, keystone of God's building, source of our gladness, gateway to the Kingdom, free us in mercy from the sins that bind us.

3. God of compassion, Lord of might and splendor, graciously listen, hear our cries of anguish. Touch us and heal us where our sins have wounded.



**Prayer Over the Offerings & Invitation to Prayer**

**Preface Dialogue & Preface**

**Sanctus:**

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Mystery of Faith:**

We proclaim Your death, O Lord, and profess Your Resurrection, until You come again.

**The Communion Rite**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Sign of Peace**

**Agnus Dei:**

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. (2x)  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (2x) Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

**Communion Antiphon:**

**Jerusalem, built as a city whose parts are bound firmly together! It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to give thanks unto your name, O Lord.**

**Communion Hymn: I Receive the Living God 923**

**I receive the living God, and my heart is full of joy. I receive the living God, and my heart is full of joy.**

1. Jesus says: I am the Bread sent to you from God Most High. Take and eat, and you will live; you need never fear to die.

2. Jesus says: I am the Vine, far from whom no life can grow. If you join yourself to me, a rich harvest you will know.

3. Jesus says: I am the Way, and my path is straight and true. Follow me to where I lead; there my Father waits for you.

4. Jesus says: I am the Truth. If you follow close to me, you will know me in your heart, and my word will make you free.

5. Jesus says: I am the Life, raised in triumph from the dead. As one Body now remain, members joined to me, the Head.

6. Jesus says: I am the Day, shining brightly through your night. Welcome me, and you will walk by the Spirit's guiding light.

**Communion Hymn: What Wondrous Love is This 641**

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul; to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing. To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing.

3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on and through eternity I'll sing on.

**The Concluding Rites**

**Blessing & Dismissal**

**Prayer to St. Michael:** St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Divine Power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**Recessional Hymn: Take Up Your Cross 761**

1. "Take up your cross," the Savior said, "If you would my disciple be; take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me."

2. Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm; His strength shall bear your spirit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your foolish pride be still; The Lord for you accepted death upon a cross on Calv'ry's hill.

4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calmly ev'ry danger brave: it guides you to a better home and leads to vict'ry o'er the grave.

5. Take up your cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for those who humbly bear the cross one day will wear the glorious crown.

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