

# THE CHIMES OF ST. ATHANASIUS PARISH

## OUR MISSION

We strive to be a vibrant Catholic parish that nurtures our community, and lives the gospel of Jesus Christ by sharing our talents and resources for the good of others.



*"The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread."*

LUKE 24:25

Please see Mass Readings and Mass Prayers on pages 12-14.

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**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is a several-month process for an adult wishing to become a Catholic through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) or through a Profession of Faith. These rites are celebrated at the Easter Vigil. Please call the Parish Office.

**Infant Baptism** is generally celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month at 1:00 pm in the Church. The Baptism Preparation Program for parents and godparents, if possible, is held each month. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

**Confirmation** Adolescent Confirmation Sacramental Preparation is a structured 2 (two)-year faith journey beginning in junior high in our School and our religious education program, Family Program, and continuing through high school to complete the 2-year requirement. Adult Confirmation Sacramental Preparation takes place in a subcategory of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. For more information please contact Barb Cegielski, Director of Religious Education.

**The Eucharist** is brought to the homebound by Care Ministers. Arrangements are made by calling Mary Ann Harvey at 847-323-6910. First Eucharist preparation for children begins in first grade and is celebrated in the spring of second grade. For more information contact Barb Cegielski.

**Matrimony** arrangements made a year in advance allow for adequate reservation time, participation in marriage preparation programs and liturgical planning. Please call the Parish Office.

**Anointing of the Sick** is celebrated in the Fall during a communal celebration. Special requests for this sacrament can be arranged by calling the Parish Office.

**Reconciliation** is celebrated on select Saturdays from 3:30pm to 4:30pm through Sign-Up Genius. Communal Reconciliation Services are held during Advent and Lent.

**Chimes Bulletin Articles**

The deadline for submitting information to the parish office is Friday at Noon, 10 days prior to publication date. Please email the document as an attachment to communications@saintasparish.org. Issues of the Chimes can be found online at [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com).

*Connect and unite  
with the St. Athanasius Family online.*

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9IGSZjuCoMOZNqXDHubXrA>

<http://vimeo.com/user110042574>

or on our Facebook page at

<https://facebook.com/saintasparish/>

**Worship aid** visit <https://www.theworkofgod.org/Devotns/Euchrist/guide.htm>

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*Dear St. Athanasius Community:*

## *Renew My Church (RMC): Evanston Grouping Update*



I hope and pray that you and your loved ones are doing well as the season of Easter unfolds before us. I would like to give you an update on our Renew My Church Process. On Monday, March 15, the Pastors of Evanston Parishes (St. Mary, St. Nicholas, St. Joan of Arc, and Sheil Catholic Center) had an orientation meeting with RMC staff. With this first meeting, we are already entering the formal RMC activation and the preparation phase. Three main items were discussed: Familiarization with the overall RMC vision, Grouping process phases and general timelines, and next steps for us.

### **I. Familiarization with the overall Renew My Church Vision:**

Renew My Church is our answer to God's call to Rebuild his church in Chicago. Why is there a need for renewal? We are facing not an "age of change," but "a change for the ages." We are now in a missionary age. Pope Francis calls us to work towards a renewed model of a parish. Our Chicago journey is both structural, (to ensure our parishes have adequate resources for vitality) and spiritual (to re-encounter Jesus Christ as disciples and parish communities). The three important elements to drive renewal are: Christ calls us to a personal transformation and conversion of heart, Christ calls us to ensure that our methods serve our mission, and Christ calls us to communion and collaboration recognizing that we all bring different gifts necessary to support one another in this work of renewal.

### **II. Grouping process phases and general timelines:**

1. Currently, we are in the preparation and activation phase until September. During this time, Pastors are inviting 5 members from their parish community (Principal, paid staff and 3 more non-staff) to pray and consider being part of the Grouping Feedback and Discernment Team. RMC Archdiocesan Staff is in the process of assigning a facilitator who will manage the process for the grouping. Besides the facilitator, we will also have support from the Vicariate Team and Pastoral Accompaniment Team. Priests will have a preparation retreat in late July or August. The Pastor and 5 parish members will start their formal meetings with the other parishes after Labor Day.
2. Discernment and Decision will take from 4 to 6 months, beginning September after Labor Day.
3. Organizational Transition will take from 8 to 12 months post decisions.
4. Building the New Reality will take place when the new parish is ready.

### **III. Next steps:**

Let us pray for all of us as we enter into this Renew My Church calling during these months. Let us pray for an open mind and heart to see ourselves as a missionary church. It is in the spirit of renewal and collaboration that we will re-encounter Jesus Christ, as we have conversations with members of other parishes. We are called to bring the best of each other as disciples of Christ. Let us keep in mind that Christ calls us to have a personal transformation and conversion of heart. Please look forward to RMC updates during the upcoming months.

In the Lord's Joy,

Fr. Hernan Cuevas

**Mass Intentions**

April 18 – 25, 2021

**Sunday - *Third Sunday of Easter***

5:00 pm Saturday (Vigil) † Mike Welch

9:30 am † Patrick Gannan, Joan DeLena

**Monday - *Private Mass***

Parishioners of St. Athanasius

**Tuesday - *Private Mass***

Parishioners of St. Athanasius

**Wednesday**

† Nancy Murray

**Thursday - *Private Mass***

Parishioners of St. Athanasius

**Saturday**

† Annie Laurie Gallagher

**Sunday - *Fourth Sunday of Easter***

9:30 am † Nancy Golberg, John Klemmer

***Please Remember in Your Prayers***

The sick and their caregivers, especially, **Jimmy Sullivan, Jim and Carla LaRochelle, Lori Goszczynski, Susan Randhava, Jean Karver, Tom Ziolkonka;**

Those in the military, especially **Patrick Harmon, USN**, son of Katherine Harmon and grandson of Joan and Jim Ward, **US Army Captain, Madeline Celebrezze**, daughter of Kathleen and Jim Corydon, **US Army Captain, Megan Vande Hey**, daughter of Mark and Therese Vande Hey and granddaughter of Jack and Liz Pinter, **Captain Mark T. Harvey, USMC**, son of Paul and Mary Ann Harvey, **Captain William Durband, Alexander Ellis**, son of Georgie Ellis, **Ken Razonale, USMC, Petty Officer 1st Class Ryan Olsen**, grandsons of Jane and Emmit Ingram, **LCDR Anthony Grusich, USN**, son of Lois and Bill Grusich, **Anthony Chrobak**, nephew of Eric Harkna and Tonise Paul;

Those who have died, especially **Rev. Joseph Charles Henchey CSS, Peter Jentel**, and **Nancy Golberg**, mother of Karen Kramer and grandmother of Megan and Max Kramer.

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Finances — April 11, 2021**

Sunday Offertory (Cash/Checks Mail/Drop Off) .....	\$8,072
Sunday Offertory Electronic .....	+ \$7,690
<b>Total Offertory</b> .....	<b>\$15,762</b>
Target Goal .....	\$10,100
Current Weeks Difference .....	\$5,662
Year-To-Date Sunday Offertory Collections .....	\$198,485
Year-To-Date Sunday Offertory Electronic Collections .....	\$220,061
Year-To-Date Offertory Collections .....	\$418,546
Year-To-Date Target Goal .....	\$414,100
Year-To-Date Difference from Target Goal Over/(Under) .....	\$4,446

**Dear Parishioners,**

*Thank you for sharing with us what God has blessed you with. With gratitude, Fr. Hernan Cuevas*

***Thank You! Every Contribution Matters, Every Parishioner Counts***

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS****This Week:****New Hope Apartments**

<http://bit.ly/newhopeapartment>

Next Week:

None

**Sunday Offertory During the COVID19 Crisis**

If you are already an online donor, we thank you. If you are not, it is easier than ever to enroll in electronic giving. We recognize that there are members in our community who have been financially affected by COVID19, but if you are able to do so, we ask you to maintain your regular weekly donation or prayerfully consider an increase during this challenging time. You can make your Sunday offertory donation by:

- ◆ Visit <https://www.givecentral.org/givenow> to donate or set up a recurring electronic donation.
- ◆ Text the key word SUNDAY to 847-221-6237. You will be directed to our online giving page.
- ◆ Call 847-328-1430 x105 to set up electronic giving over the phone.
- ◆ Mail your envelope to 1615 Lincoln, Evanston, IL 60201.
- ◆ Drop off your donation in the parish house mail slot.



## Kickoff Celebration for St. Athanasius Parish's 100th Anniversary

2021 marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of St. Athanasius Parish. We are kicking off our celebration during the Masses on May 1 & 2, May 2 being the actual Feast of St. Athanasius. We will have a 9:30am and an 11:30am Mass for this weekend only. A special message from Cardinal Cupich will be played at each Mass. We are also honored to have Bishop Bartosic come to celebrate the 11:30 Mass with us. Sign-up registration for in-person attendance is available on our regular Weekend Mass link as well as here: <https://bit.ly/weekendmass>

### Parish Office Hours Update

Beginning May 4, the Parish Office will be open to the community on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Parish office staff have been able to successfully put in place remote work-at-home procedures, and continue to work regular hours remotely on other days. We will keep you informed as we gradually add additional open office hours.

## Annual New Hope Apartment Fund Collection Takes Place This Weekend

Thank you for the important difference you are making in the lives of families taking part in the Catholic Charities New Hope Apartment Program. The program helps families transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Families in the program meet regularly with a Catholic Charities social worker, who helps them overcome obstacles to success and improve their money management skills.



The role of our parish is to provide them funds for rent in an Evanston apartment. Our goal is to raise \$7,800. This is the 16th year St. A's has been involved with the program.

This year we're helping a new family: a mother and her two-year-old daughter. When circumstances forced them out of the place where they'd been living, they moved to a Family Promise shelter. Then they were then referred to Catholic Charities and its New Hope Apartment Program.

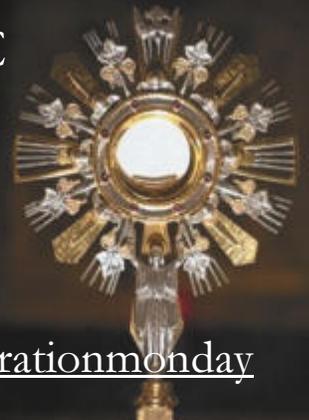
To help, mark your gift for the New Hope Apartment Fund Collection and donate it this weekend. Thank you for your generous consideration of this request.

—The St. Athanasius Peace and Justice Ministry

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Athanasius  
Mondays, 5–6pm  
Sign up here:

<https://bit.ly/adorationmonday>



Pray the Rosary  
Mondays and Thursdays,  
3pm with Fr. Hernan  
via Facebook



<https://www.facebook.com/saintsparish/>

# FORMED

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## NEW RELEASES

*Through loving God first, may we discover  
that Love is its own reward*

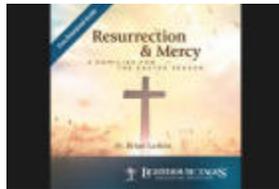
### **Divine Mercy Reflections**

FORMED Daily returns with a powerful reflection series based on highlighted clips from the Augustine Institute Original Series, Divine Mercy: In The Second Greatest Story Ever Told. Starting on Divine Mercy Sunday, encounter God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of Saint Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope Saint John Paul II  
<https://watch.formed.org/divine-mercy-reflections/season:1>



### **Resurrection and Mercy**

In these three homilies—on The Easter Vigil, Divine Mercy Sunday, and Pentecost—priest and pastor Fr. Brian Larkin shares stories and insights to proclaim the joy, hope, and mission of every Christian  
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/resurrection-mercy>



### **FORMED for Mission**

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down for a weekly show on evangelization and mission. "Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize" (Evangelii Nuntiandi, 14).  
<https://watch.formed.org/formed-for-mission>



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<http://signup.formed.org>

**Looking for Volunteers! Sign-up to volunteer as:  
Greeter:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054baaab23a2fd0-greeter>

**Clean-up Crew member:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054baaab23a2fd0-cleanup>



### **St. Athanasius is OPEN for Masses, Private Prayer, Adoration and Reconciliation**

**In an effort to evaluate Mass demand at this time, the reopening committee has decided to change our 11:30am in-person Sunday Mass time to 9:30am which began with the April 11 Mass.** The new Sunday 9:30am Mass will also be livestreamed and anyone who already signed up for 11:30am in-person Sunday Masses will automatically be changed to the new 9:30am Sunday Mass time.

Registration for **Masses, Adoration and Private Prayer for up to 80 guests** and for **Reconciliation** is required through the following SignUp Genius links:

#### **Masses**

**Weekday Mass on Wednesdays at 8:30am**

<https://bit.ly/wedmass>

**Weekend Masses on Saturdays at 5:00pm and  
Sundays at 9:30am**

<https://bit.ly/weekendmass>

#### **Adoration and Private Prayer**

**Mondays, from 5:00 to 6:00pm**

<https://bit.ly/adorationmonday>

#### **Reconciliation**

**Select Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:30pm**

Next Reconciliation date: April 24

<https://bit.ly/reconciliationsaturday>

**The reopening effort will require many volunteers; anyone interested in helping can email the committee at [saintasfriends@gmail.com](mailto:saintasfriends@gmail.com).**

The dispensation from Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation continues and we advise that the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions stay at home and participate through livestream Mass. Those without online access can register by calling parish office at 847-328-1430 or by sending an email to [parishoffice@saintasparish.org](mailto:parishoffice@saintasparish.org).

**The Parish House Office is currently open on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Beginning May 4, office hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9am to 3pm.**

**St. A's Men's Club Spring meeting is being held via Zoom**

Thursday April 22, 7:00pm

The next Men's Club meeting will be held over Zoom on Thursday, April 22 starting at 8:00pm. Please contact Vince Sweeney at [vincent.sweeney84@gmail.com](mailto:vincent.sweeney84@gmail.com) or the Parish Office, 847-328-1430, for the link.



This ministry provides outlets for the service, spiritual and social dimensions for the men of St. A's. The club's members participate in the life of the church, are involved in the projects and ministries of the parish and reach out in service to the community, the archdiocese and to society at large. Thinking of becoming a member or just want more information? Contact Vince Sweeney at [vincent.sweeney84@gmail.com](mailto:vincent.sweeney84@gmail.com).



**Thank you for your generosity to the Lenten Service Project!**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Lenten Service Project. We were able to fill 3 SUVs with food for Connections for the Homeless. The generosity of this community is a blessing to those in need in our community.

**NEXT YOUTH MASS**  
 Sunday, April 18, 7:00 pm  
 St. Mary Chapel



**LIVESTREAM ONLY:**  
<https://www.ucym.org/worship.html>

**LECTIO DIVINA** continues every first and third Monday of each month at 7 pm via Zoom. Contact our Lectio Divina coordinators at [lectiodivina@ucym.org](mailto:lectiodivina@ucym.org) with any questions.

**WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** will begin Friday, April 16th at 7 pm via Facebook Live from St. Mary Parish Chapel.

<https://www.facebook.com/unitedcatholicym>

If you have any questions, please contact James Holzhauser-Chuckas, ObsB, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries at [jholzhauser-chuckas@saintasparish.org](mailto:jholzhauser-chuckas@saintasparish.org) or call 847-328-1430 x155.

**Ministry of Prayer accepting prayer requests**

Prayer is an essential part of our faith and the Lord hears our prayers. Especially during this time of social distancing, prayer is a way we can connect with each other while staying safe. The St. Athanasius Ministry of Prayer consists of members of our church family who commit to praying for the needs and requests submitted.

**To submit a prayer request, email [saintasprayers@gmail.com](mailto:saintasprayers@gmail.com) or contact the Parish Office at (847) 328-1430.** The team will receive your request and will pray for those needs. The Ministry of Prayer team is there for all.

Anonymity is always protected.

The Ministry of Prayer prays for those who are in need of special prayers for themselves, family or friends who may be undergoing medical, physical, financial distress or other types of crisis. We also pray for the safety of those who are in the military, for those traveling long distances, for those who are in school, students, teachers, administrators and thanksgiving for prayers answered. *If you would like to become a member of the Ministry of Prayer, please contact Claire Labbe through the Parish Office.*



**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Chicago  
Presents**

A Virtual  
**Top Hat  
Variety Show**  
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**Sunday, April 18, 2021**

**Admission is Free!**

Free Will Donations Accepted  
Benefiting Programs to Provide Food, Clothing, and Housing Assistance

★ **Join Us for an Afternoon of Entertainment Featuring** ★

★ **Talent Acts by Chicagoland's Vincentians** ★

★ **Fabulous Raffle Prizes** ★

★ **Prize Winning Games** ★

★ **Stories of Hope** ★



**Help Us, Help Others! Our Programs Support:**



**Food**



**Clothing**



**Rent**



**Utility Bills**



**Medication  
Costs**

**Please Register to Attend!**

Only Registered Guests will receive link to view show.

<https://stvincentdepaulchicago.org/top-hat-variety-show/>



# Backpack Drive in Support of Asylum-Seekers

in collaboration with ICDI Chicago



**TRAVEL SIZE:** toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, lotion, chapstick, hand sanitizer, razor, shaving cream, tissues, personal wipes



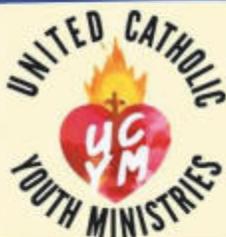
wash cloths, hand towels, travel hair brushes for all hair types, sanitary napkins



**MEN'S LARGE and WOMEN'S SMALL and MEDIUM (new or gently-used):** t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, belts (especially adjustable), jackets



medium/large duffle bags or backpacks, face masks, 16 oz. bottles of water, small notebooks (4x6 in.), pens, wallets



To schedule a drop-off, please contact the UCYM staff at [office@ucym.org](mailto:office@ucym.org) or call 847-868-3520.

To learn more about ICDI Chicago, visit [www.icdichicago.org](http://www.icdichicago.org)



Saint Athanasius School Annual Fund  
We Are **Called.**



**Please consider donating to our school's Annual Fund!**

Thanks so much to those who have contributed so far – You've helped us make significant progress toward our goal. Please consider contributing to the mission! Our Annual Fund goal this school year is \$200,000, which is a 67% increase over last year's goal, and we'd love your support.

Contributing is easy:

- Text "CALLED" to 847-221-6237 and donate what you can.
  - Visit our Annual Fund webpage at,
  - [https://bit.ly/sta\\_annualfund2021](https://bit.ly/sta_annualfund2021)
- Mail a check "c/o Annual Fund" to the school address, 2510 Ashland Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201

*As school parents, we're deeply appreciative of all your support as parishioners of St. Athanasius.*

## Prayer to Saint Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph,  
do we come in our tribulation,  
and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse,  
we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you  
to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God  
and through the paternal love  
with which you embraced the Child Jesus,  
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance  
which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,  
and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,  
defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;  
O most loving father, ward off from us  
every contagion of error and corrupting influence;  
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us  
and from heaven assist us in our struggle  
with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril,  
so now protect God's Holy Church  
from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;  
shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,  
so that, supported by your example and your aid,  
we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness,  
and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.  
Amen.

## Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass September 19

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass  
is scheduled to be held on Sunday,  
September 19, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding  
anniversary this year are invited to participate.

Please note, this Mass is planned as a live event with  
participants attending on site. With the uncertainty of the  
how the COVID-19 virus will be this Fall, this Mass may  
need to be moved to an online liturgy due to ongoing  
mitigation efforts associated with the pandemic. More  
details on the Mass, including location and relevant  
COVID-19 precautions, will be available in early summer  
2021. Couples interested in participating can register  
here. Please contact [familyministries@archchicago.org](mailto:familyministries@archchicago.org)  
with any questions.



**St. A's reopening effort  
requires many volunteers;**  
anyone interested in helping can email the  
committee at: [saintasfriends@gmail.com](mailto:saintasfriends@gmail.com).

## FAITH FIRST

### Working with the Scriptures by Vinal Van Benthem, sfo

April 18, 2021 *Luke 24:35-48*

She was tiny and dark-skinned, neither very young nor very old. She'd come looking for help. When I met her in the Gathering Space at church she was trembling and on the verge of tears. Abused by the man she had been living with, she had finally found the courage to run away and friends had taken her in. She had even found a job and a place to live. But she wouldn't be getting a paycheck until later in the week and her landlord was demanding the money up front or she would be back on the street – vulnerable and alone. We talked, and years of experience told me that what she was telling me was true. I held her and assured her that we would help in any way we could. And she finally stopped trembling.

Spring came early in our part of the country this year. The grass is green, flowers are blooming and a mama cardinal is sitting on her nest in the forsythia bush just outside my window. Tiny green leaves are unfolding on my hostas and the trees are turning green right before my eyes. But winter has not left my garden untouched. There are dead things, too, and not all my plants have survived the cold. The seeds of new life are sometimes planted very deep.

Two disciples were walking on the road to Emmaus. A stranger joined them but they did not recognize him. He asked what they were talking about and they shared their winter story of disappointment and fear. Then they invited Him to stay and eat with them. Later, they "... recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread."

The tiny woman was afraid. Her winter journey had been filled with pain and disappointment. But the seeds of new life were stirring in her and she trusted that spring was coming. I invited her in and listened to her story. I learned her name. I thought I knew who she was. But it wasn't until she had gone that I recognized her...

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER** Lectionary: 47**READING I** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: “The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate’s presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.”

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 *(A different psalm may be sung at the discretion of the liturgist)*

**R. (7a) Lord, let your face shine on us. or: R. Alleluia.**

When I call, answer me, O my just God, you who relieve me when I am in distress;  
have pity on me, and hear my prayer!

**R. Lord, let your face shine on us. or: R. Alleluia.**

Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one; the LORD will hear me when I call upon him.

**R. Lord, let your face shine on us. or: R. Alleluia.**

O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon us! You put gladness into my heart.

**R. Lord, let your face shine on us. or: R. Alleluia.**

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep, for you alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling.

**R. Lord, let your face shine on us. or: R. Alleluia .**

**READING II** 1 John 2:1-5a

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, “I know him,” but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

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**PENITENTIAL ACT Form A, Confiteor**

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.

**PENITENTIAL ACT Form B**

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**People: For we have sinned against you.**

Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**People: And grant us your salvation.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**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.

**NICENE 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 the life of the world to come. Amen.

**APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God,  
 the Father almighty,  
 Creator of heaven and earth,  
 and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died and was buried;  
 he descended into hell;  
 on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
 he ascended into heaven, and is seated  
 at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
 from there he will come to judge  
 the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and life everlasting. Amen.

**INVITATION TO PRAYER, Response**

**People:** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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.

**MYSTERY OF FAITH, Memorial Acclamation****People:**

**A:** We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

**or:**

**B:** When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

**or:**

**C:** Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God,  
 behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
 Blessed are those who are called  
 to the supper of the Lamb

**All:** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

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

Amen.

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