

# 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.



Good shepherd. Russian icon, 19 c. Nederland, private collection

### *The Good Shepherd*

*“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.”*

JOHN 10:11-18

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.*

◆ **Livestream Mass & Liturgical Events at**

<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:***Celebrating a 100 year legacy of committed faith and love*  
**St. Athanasius Parish 1921-2021**

This year 2021 marks the 100 Year Anniversary of our St. Athanasius Parish community. So, “Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord,” and celebrate the legacy of committed faith and love of our parishioners. There is so much to be grateful for and to commemorate. During the last couple of years, our Parish Pastoral Council has joyfully been anticipating this celebration. In the midst of this pandemic, we didn’t want this year and this occasion to pass by without acknowledging the history and faith of our past, our living in the present, and our building for the future. I would like to share with you a timeline of our past.

- **March 20, 1921:** The First Mass held as a Parish at Lincolnwood School took place. Masses were held at Lincolnwood School and Crandon School until the Church building was built.
- **June 11, 1922:** Sixteen children celebrated their First Communion at Crandon School
- **October 27, 1922:** The first cornerstone laid for the Church and School took place.
- **September 2, 1923:** The School opened on in the first church/school building with two classrooms, two nuns, and 82 students.
- **November 16, 1927:** The first class to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation consisted of 37 boys, 58 girls, and 2 adults.
- **July 13, 1936:** Ground was broken for the new church.
- **September, 1937:** The current Old English Gothic-style church building was completed.
- **November 7, 1937:** The New Church was dedicated.
- **October 6, 1996:** The 75th Anniversary Liturgy was celebrated by Cardinal Bernardin.
- **October 25, 1998:** The Wilhelm “Opus 147” pipe organ was dedicated

We are kicking off our 100th Anniversary celebration during the Masses on May 1 and 2, May 2 being the actual Feast of St. Athanasius. We will have a 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, May 1 and a 9:30am and 11:30am Mass on Sunday, May 2. A special message from Cardinal Cupich will be played at all three weekend masses. We are also honored to have Bishop Mark Bartosic come to celebrate the 11:30am Mass with us.

Besides our Anniversary Mass, the 100 Anniversary committee is already organizing an outdoor Taize summer service for this summer, a special blessing of our New Community Garden, a Community Cookbook being published in the Fall, a gathering of photos and memories from parishioners, both past and present (project currently ongoing), and a display of the relics of St. Athanasius in our Church.

I am so grateful to our 100 Anniversary committee members who are so dedicated and committed to making our 100 Anniversary a memorable, meaningful and prayerful celebration: Veronica Arends, Tricia David, Maura Farrell, Claire Labbe, Mandy May, Adam McCostlin, Matt Pearce, Molly Rouch, and Silvia Vettese.

Let us also pray for the generations of our great-grandparents, grandparents, and parents who built this community and passed down to us the Christian faith. And as we partake in these upcoming events, may God ignite and increase our faith, hope and love.

In the Lord's Joy,

Fr. Hernan Cuevas

**Mass Intentions**

April 25 – May 2, 2021

**Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

5:00 pm Saturday (Vigil) ☩ Annie Laurie Gallagher

9:30 am ☩ Nancy Golberg, John Klemmer

**Monday - Private Mass**

Parishioners of St. Athanasius

**Tuesday - Private Mass**

Parishioners of St. Athanasius

**Wednesday**

☩ Arlene Fencl

**Thursday - Private Mass**

Parishioners of St. Athanasius

**Saturday**

☩ Robert Vale

**Sunday - Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9:30 am ☩ Patricia Halpin

11:30 am ☩ Jessie Stanislawski, Nancy Murray

**Please Remember in Your Prayers**

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

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 Razionale, 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 **John Anthony Downey**, husband of Susan Downey, and the **Father** of Jackie Haug, former St. A's teacher.

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Finances — April 18, 2021**

Sunday Offertory (Cash/Checks Mail/Drop Off) .....	\$3,024
Sunday Offertory Electronic .....	+ \$4,986
<b>Total Offertory</b> .....	<b>\$8,010</b>
Target Goal .....	\$10,100
Current Weeks Difference .....	\$(2,090)
Year-To-Date Sunday Offertory Collections .....	\$201,509
Year-To-Date Sunday Offertory Electronic Collections .....	\$225,047
Year-To-Date Offertory Collections .....	\$426,556
Year-To-Date Target Goal .....	\$424,200
Year-To-Date Difference from Target Goal Over/(Under) .....	\$2,356

**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: None**

Please consider making a donation to the poor box for St. Vincent de Paul

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/432/event/10811>

Next Week: LLL Fund

**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>

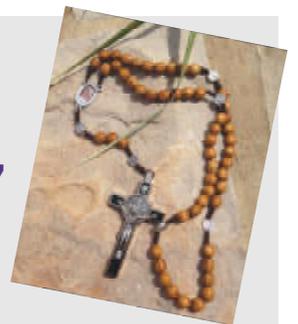
### **Parish Office Hours Update**

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.

**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>



### **Lectio: Mark**

This coming Sunday we celebrate St. Mark the Evangelist, learn more about the Gospel writer and saint with this powerful 14-part series by Dr. Tim Gray.

<https://watch.formed.org/lectio-mark-with-dr-tim-gray>



### **Bernadette**

Last week we celebrated St. Bernadette Soubirous. In this feature film, learn more about the girl to whom Our Lady of Lourdes appeared! English | Spanish

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/bernadette-1>



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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 dates: May 8 & May 22

<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.**

## Soup Kitchen (St. A Café) Sunday, May 2

I hope everyone is enjoying their Spring. The St. A's Café has another commitment on May 2. I want to encourage further donations so St. A's can continue to provide



meals as we have been for the past year while continuing to support Connections for the Homeless. My goal is to collect about \$1000 between now and

May 2. This is the approximate cost to have a restaurant deliver a St. A's style meal.

**Our community needs us. Please donate here:**

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/432/event/10810>

Here is how we will continue to support the needy in Evanston. We will take on more meals in 2021. We already have. Many groups who have prepared meals in the past simply cannot afford to pay for a restaurant meal. We will continue to support Connections for the Homeless in their endeavor to safely shelter families and individuals during this trying time. Remember, economic pressures are causing an explosion of homelessness and hunger. This cause is also helping some small restaurants in our community to survive and to pay their employees. Thank you for the support of this important mission.



## Communion to the Sick or Homebound is available

Distribution of communion at the home is available on Sundays and Wednesdays. If you would like more details or to schedule an appointment, please contact the Parish House at 847-328-1430 during regular business hours, Tuesday and Thursday, 9am-2:30pm or email Mary Ann Harvey at [mathy22@gmail.com](mailto:mathy22@gmail.com).



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Athanasius  
Mondays, 5–6pm

Sign up here:

<https://bit.ly/adorationmonday>



## NEXT YOUTH MASS Sunday, May 9, 7:00 pm St. Nicholas Chapel



**IN PERSON & LIVESTREAM:**

<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 23 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**

[saintsprayers@gmail.com](mailto:saintsprayers@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.*



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# CLEAN ENERGY ADVOCACY DAY

**Monday, April 26**  
**Virtual Meetings**

The Archdiocese of Chicago invites the faithful throughout the local church to advocate for renewable and clean energy legislation. Sign up **here** to talk virtually with your state lawmakers about principles of clean energy as part of the Catholic Conference of Illinois' Clean Energy Advocacy Day. To learn how the climate crisis is a profound moral issue and how to lobby our state legislator, go to the archdiocese's **Care for Creation Ministry Advocacy site**.

In preparation for Clean Energy Advocacy Day, check out Care for Creation's monthly radio show with Bob Gilligan. Bob interviewed Dan Misleh, Executive Director of Catholic Climate Covenant. You can watch this interview at [youtube.com/watch?v=vKVm6ZZmifs&t=1590s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vKVm6ZZmifs&t=1590s).

<https://pvm.archchicago.org/human-dignity-solidarity/care-for-creation-ministry/advocacy-state-legislation>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vKVm6ZZmifs&t=1590s>



## Youth Ministry Service Project for Asylum Seekers

The youth group is collecting items to make up backpacks in collaboration with the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants (<https://www.icdichicago.org>). Please consider helping out by donating items for the drive. See the attached flyer for more details or purchase items from this Amazon Wish List that will be delivered directly to the youth ministry:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/G41ON214QDHN?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/G41ON214QDHN?ref_=wl_share)

You can also make a monetary donation online by clicking [here](https://rb.gy/pcvdd8) and noting Backpack Asylum Project line the notes: <https://rb.gy/pcvdd8>. Please contact our Youth Minister, James, for more information at [james@ucym.org](mailto:james@ucym.org).



## 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



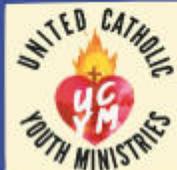
wash cloths, hand towels, travel hair brushes for all hair types, sanitary napkins



**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)



Use this QR code to access an Amazon wish list for these items. Purchased items will be sent directly to UCYM.

To make a financial contribution, go here: <https://rb.gy/pcvdd8> Please write Asylum Backpack Fund in the notes section.



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 25, 2021 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

“Beloved, we are God’s children now...” These words, proclaimed just two weeks before Mother’s Day, invite us to consider how they might reflect God as Mother *as well as* Father. Of course we understand that God has no gender. On the contrary, the writer of Genesis tells us that we are *all*, male *and* female, created in God’s image. What we sometimes miss, however, is that while Jesus often referred to God as ‘Father’ He also used feminine imagery to describe what God is like (consider the woman and the lost coin or the mother hen). So perhaps it’s not too great a stretch of the imagination for us to consider God as ‘mother.’

For example - on the cross Jesus’ body was broken and blood poured out so that we might have life. Couldn’t this also be said about a woman in childbirth? When John tells us to “...see what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God” couldn’t his words also be used to describe a pregnant woman? “See what love she has in her willingness to share her body with her child for nine months so that her baby might have life as a child of God.”

Another example, try substituting the word ‘mother’ for the word ‘shepherd’ in John’s Gospel. “A good [mother] lays down [her] life for [her child]. A hired worker, who is not a [mother] and whose [children] are not [her] own, sees [danger] coming and leaves the [children] and runs away...” “I am the good [mother], and I know mine and mine know me...and I will lay down my life for [my child].” Who among us has not witnessed this kind of love?

Whether by birth or adoption, a mother lays down her life for her child. Jesus uses the image of ‘shepherd’ to tell us what kind of love our God has for us but many of us have never even met a shepherd. Perhaps, if He were telling the story today, Jesus might use the image of a mother... *Happy – early – Mother’s Day!*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** Lectionary: 50**READING I** Acts 4:8-12

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: “Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.”

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 *(A different psalm may be sung at the discretion of the liturgist)*

**R. (22) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. or: R. Alleluia.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

**R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. or: R. Alleluia.**

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

**R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. or: R. Alleluia.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his kindness endures forever.

**R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. or: R. Alleluia.**

**READING II** 1 John 3:1-2

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

**GOSPEL:** John 10:11-18

Jesus said: “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father.”

**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.

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