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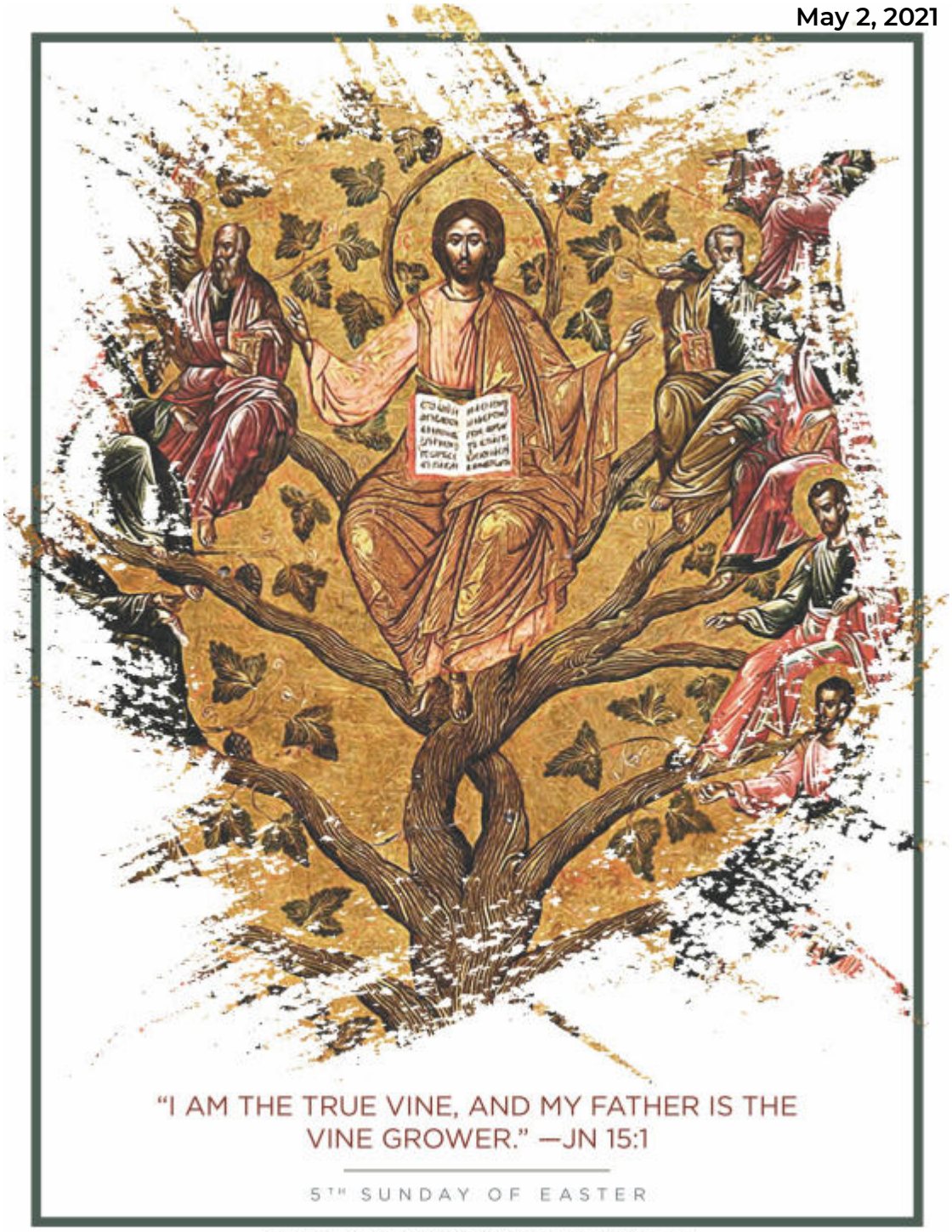
May 2, 2021



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OPEN WIDE THE DOORS TO CHRIST
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

WEEKEND MASS

No sign up required.

Sunday

8:00 and 10:00 AM

Divine Mercy Parish Hall

WEEKDAY MASS

No sign up required.

Tuesday-Thursday

7:00 AM

Pathway Community Church

CONFESSIONS

No sign up required.

Saturday

4:00-6:00 PM

Wednesday

6:00-7:00 PM

At the storm door of the parish office.

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Saint John Paul II Catholic Church is called to open doors to Jesus Christ through authentic witness in the home, joyful hope in worship, and fruitful service to our neighbors, offering the opportunity not to have more but to be more.

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear St. John Paul II Parishioners,

Archbishop Naumann has chosen the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, the weekend of June 5 -6, 2021, as the occasion on which the dispensation from the obligation by the faithful to attend Mass shall be lifted. Beginning with Masses for that weekend, all the Catholic faithful residing within the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas must return to observing the precept of the Church to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Of course, those who suffer from underlying health concerns or compromised immunity, or who have genuinely serious concerns about the risk of contracting the coronavirus at Mass are not bound by the obligation to attend Mass.

The Health Order of the Johnson County Local Health Officer issued March 25, 2021 exempts churches from social distancing requirements. Beginning with the Masses on June 5-6, we will continue to provide socially distanced seating for one half of our congregation, while the other half will provide more chairs and closer seating. This will allow families to make choices for themselves regarding their health and comfort.

The Health Order also exempts churches from the requirement for wearing face masks. However, I would like to encourage all of our parishioners to continue to wear face masks as a gesture of good will and solidarity with those who are only able to attend Mass due to the prevalence of masks at Mass.

This return to the precept of obligation is an exceptional opportunity for us all to reflect on the necessity of the Eucharist in our lives. Catholics, of course, should always hunger for the Eucharist and long to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion, but especially now as local immunity increases and as we begin to depart from restrictions observed during the pandemic. As the Church solemnly teaches, the Eucharist is the summit of the Church's mission, and is the font from which all her power to serve God is derived. Archbishop Naumann will be writing about our true need for Holy Mass in his column in The Leaven, inviting the faithful to communal celebration of the Eucharist in our parishes.

Additionally, and as has always been the case, whether one is obligated to attend Mass or not, we are nonetheless obliged to observe the Third Commandment of our Lord to keep holy the Sabbath. The faithful who are unable to attend Mass should celebrate a liturgy of the Word in their home, using the Sunday readings; like all the faithful, they should refrain from unnecessary work and avoid unnecessary shopping, and should spend time in leisure, rest, and prayer with their families and loved ones.

Rev. John A. Riley
Chancellor

SATURDAY, MAY 1		
6:30 PM		Steve & Catherine Welsh
SUNDAY, MAY 2		
8:00 AM	†	Eileen Stuhlsatz
10:00 AM		The People of the Parish
TUESDAY, MAY 4		
7:00 AM	†	Kathryn Neperud
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5		
7:00 AM		Caitlin Useldinger
THURSDAY, MAY 6		
7:00 AM	†	Paul Tuyen Trieu
FRIDAY, MAY 7		
7:00 AM	†	Anna & Joseph Hoang
SATURDAY, MAY 8		
6:30 PM		Clint & Kaitlyn Useldinger
SUNDAY, MAY 9		
8:00 AM	†	Betty Jo Seals
10:00 AM		The People of the Parish

DONATIONS FOR PARISH OPERATIONS FOR APRIL 2021

Ordinary Collections required for April	**$62,958**
Collections through 4/18/21	**56,015**
Funds needed to cover expenses	**6,943**

5th Sunday of Easter Stewardship Message

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."
- 1 John 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?"

Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple?

Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass?

Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry?

Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs?

If not, it's not too late to start!

JP2KCYouth Summer 2021

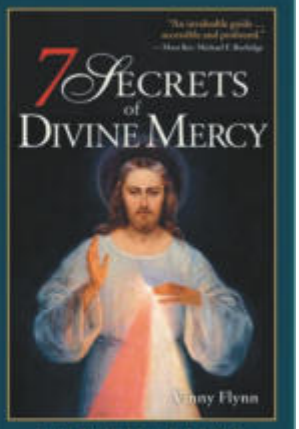
The Summit	Prayer and Action	Totus Tuus
June 14-16	July 19-22	Aug. 1-5
9-12 Graders	9-12 Graders	7-12 Graders

See Claire after Mass for more info
or
Visit the parish website to sign up!

JP2 Book Club

Starting in May, St. John Paul II book club will begin meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. We will be reading *7 Secrets of Divine Mercy.*

For location information, contact Rebecca Cheek (rebeccacheckofs@gmail.com) or Bridget Van Gotten (bvangott@gmail.com)



Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Have you thought about being baptized but don't know where to begin?

St. John Paul II Parish offers an ongoing process of preparation for those seeking to enter the Church, which you can join ANY TIME.

If you would like to learn more, contact Curtis Keddy at curtiskeddy@jp2kc.org or visit jp2kc.org/rcia.

5th Annual St. John Paul II
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GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, August 20th, 2021

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Prayers and Readings for Holy Mass

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

(Take time to turn your heart to the Heart of Jesus.)

Behold, O my most loving Jesus, how far Thine exceeding love hath reached! Of Thine own Flesh and Most Precious Blood Thou hast prepared for me a divine table in order to give Thyself wholly to me. What hath impelled Thee to such transports of love? Nothing else surely save Thy most loving Heart. O adorable Heart of my Jesus, burning furnace of divine charity, receive my heart within Thy most sacred wound; to the end that in this school of love, I may learn to make a return of love to the God who hath given me such wondrous proofs of His love. Amen.

THE MEMORARE

(Together we renew our parish consecration to Our Blessed Mother.)

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen

THE ORDER OF THE MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia. (Ps 98:1-2)

GREETING

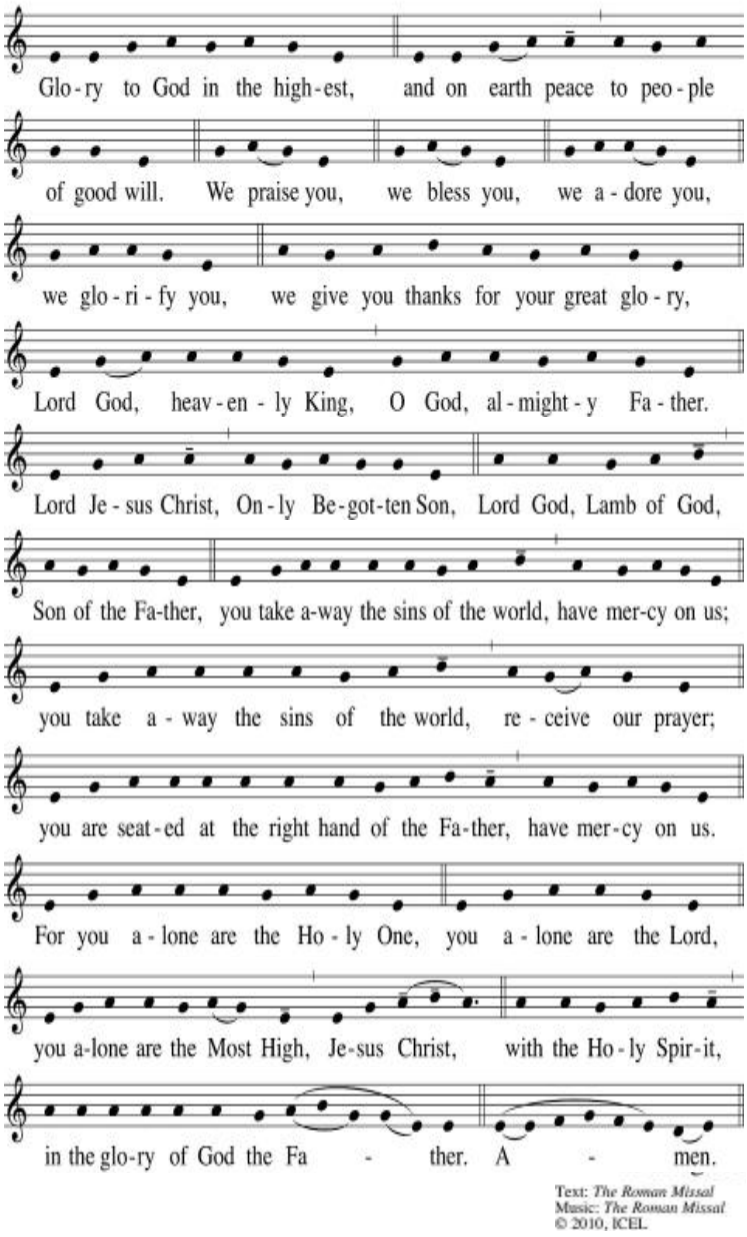
PENITENTIAL ACT - CONFITEOR

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,
(*And, striking their breast, they say*) 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.

KYRIE

PRIEST:	Kyrie, eleison.	*Lord, have mercy.*
PEOPLE:	**Kyrie, eleison.**	***Lord, have mercy.***
PRIEST:	Christe, eleison.	*Christ, have mercy.*
PEOPLE:	**Christe, eleison.**	***Christ, have mercy.***
PRIEST:	Kyrie, eleison.	*Lord, have mercy.*
PEOPLE:	**Kyrie, eleison.**	***Lord, have mercy.***

GLORIA



COLLECT

PRIEST: Let us pray.

And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while.

Then the Priest, with hands extended, says the Collect prayer, at the end of which the people acclaim:

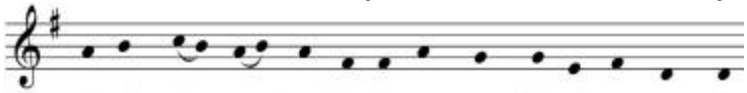
PEOPLE: **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING (Acts 9:26-31)

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, | not believing that he was a disciple. | Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, | and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, | and that he had spoken to him, | and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. | He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, | and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. | He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, | but they tried to kill him. | And when the brothers learned of this, | they took him down to Caesarea | and sent him on his way to Tarsus. | The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. | It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, | and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32)



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I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the Lord.
The lowly shall eat their fill;
they who seek the Lord shall praise him:
"May your hearts live forever!" ℟.

All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of the nations
shall bow down before him. . ℟.

To him alone shall bow down
all who sleep in the earth;
before him shall bend
all who go down into the dust. ℟.

And to him my soul shall live;
my descendants shall serve him.
Let the coming generation be told of the Lord
that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born
the justice he has shown. ℟.

SECOND READING (1 John 3:18-24)

Children, let us love not in word or speech | but in deed and truth. | Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth | and reassure our hearts before him | in whatever our hearts condemn, | for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. | Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, | we have confidence in God | and receive from him whatever we ask, | because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. | And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, | and love one another just as he commanded us. | Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us | is from the Spirit he gave us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

℟ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.
(Jn 15:4a, 5b)
℟ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOSPEL (John 15:1-8)

Jesus said to his disciples: |
"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. | He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, | and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. | You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. | Remain in me, as I remain in you. | Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own | unless it remains on the vine, | so neither can you unless you remain in me. | I am the vine, you are the branches. | Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, | because without me you can do nothing. | Anyone who does not remain in me | will be thrown out like a branch and wither; | people will gather them and throw them into a fire | and they will be burned. | If you remain in me and my words remain in you, | ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. | By this is my Father glorified, | that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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,
(All bow through "became man")
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.

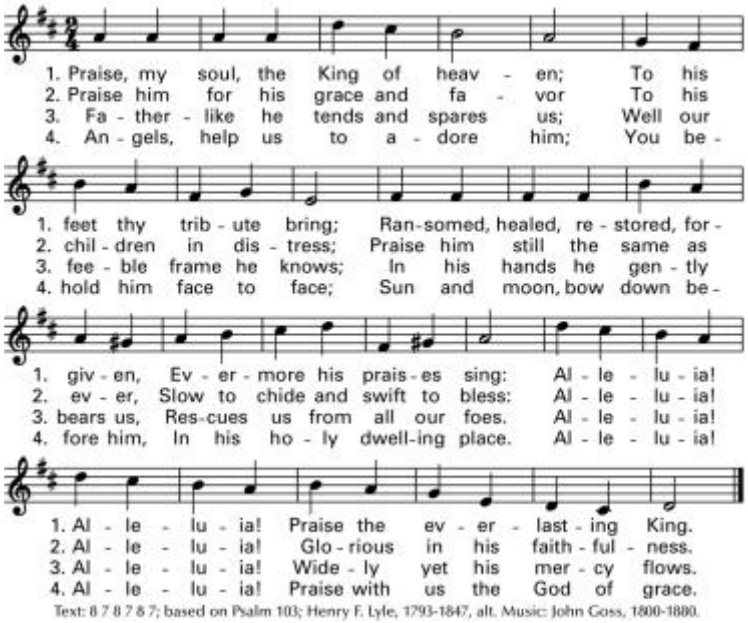
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

RESPONSE: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



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PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERING

PRIEST: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

PRIEST: Lift up your hearts.

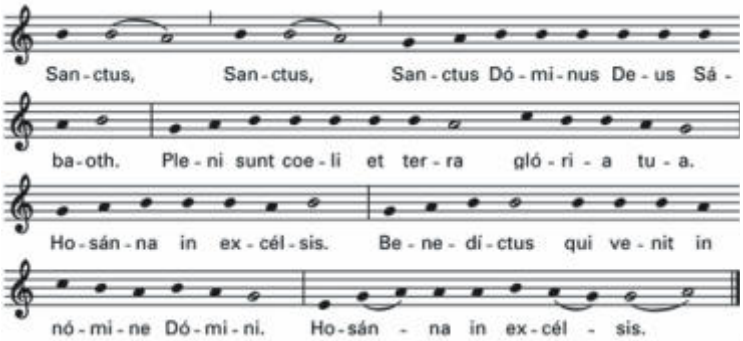
PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

PRIEST: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

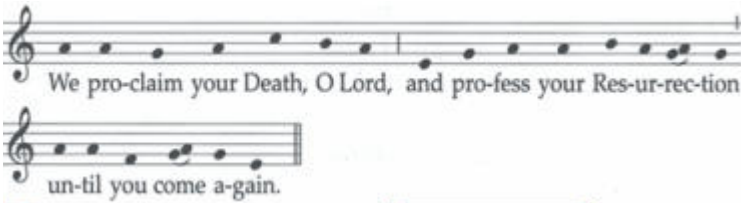
PEOPLE: **It is right and just.**

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus)



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



GREAT AMEN

OUR FATHER

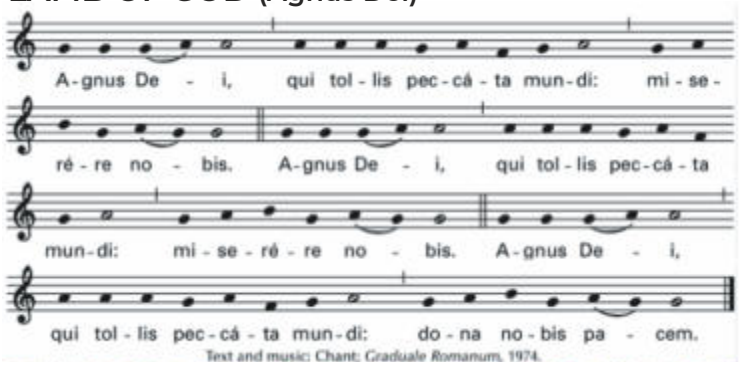
PRIEST: At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

PEOPLE: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

PRIEST: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei)



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

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia. (Jn 15:1, 5)

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(For those not presently able to receive Holy Communion.)

My, Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment 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.

The Concluding Rites

DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL

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 power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

PERSONAL PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Receive, Lord, my entire freedom. Accept the whole of my memory, my intellect and my will. Whatever I have or possess, it was you who gave it to me; I restore it to you in full, and I surrender it completely to the guidance of your will. Give me only love of you together with your grace, and I am rich enough and ask for nothing more. Amen.

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LIVE THE GOSPEL THIS WEEK

In the Responsorial Psalm for today we sing the words, "I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people." The word assembly is so important, and it is in some ways what the Readings this week are all about!

Through original sin humanity was broken and scattered; but God became one of us, to gather us back together again—to re-assemble us, and reconcile us to Himself. Incredibly, not only have we been healed, we have also been transformed into the One Body of Christ! In uniting Himself to us,

Jesus has united us to Himself – we now share in the Divine Life of the Blessed Trinity, just like branches share in the life of the one vine!

May we, like St. Paul in the First Reading, discover true freedom and boldness through this union with Christ, even in the midst of daily suffering and difficulty!

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

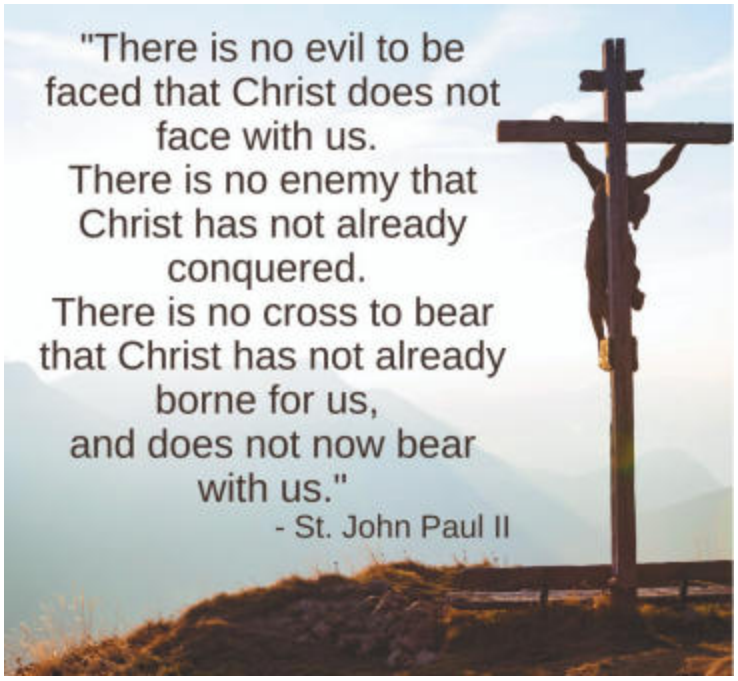
In today's Gospel we are reminded by Christ that without Him as our source, we can do nothing.

We are challenged to *remain* in Him, or risk being cast into the fire like a dry, dead branch of an otherwise fruitful vine. Take a few moments this week to reflect on the infinite love of Christ – who emptied Himself out for *your* sake. His life has now become *your* life, His strength has become *your* strength!

Make a list of things that are causing you stress – one by one, let go of those anxieties and open your hands to receive His Peace.

FAMILY MEALTIME QUESTION

Why do plants produce fruit? What do you think Jesus means when He talks about fruit in today's Gospel? (For more on Spiritual Fruit, read Galatians 5:22-23.)



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