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May 3 to 31, 2026

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Gifts *but the same*
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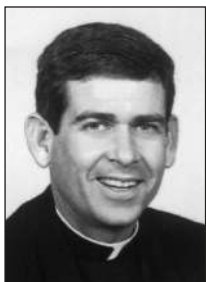
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Fr. Scott's Corner



This month, we are continuing to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. This time of year always reminds me of the Apostle Thomas. You probably remember that Thomas would not believe the other Apostles had seen Jesus until he could touch him and his wounds with his own hands.

You probably have heard the popular sayings “seeing is believing” and “to see is to be able to verify.” But did you know that the word verify comes from the Latin word “veritas,” which means “truth?” To see is to be able to verify the truth.

And that is what Thomas was looking to do. He wanted to personally verify that his friends had really seen the Risen Lord. We probably shouldn't be so hard on Thomas—after all, we all have a need to verify what others tell us to know the truth for ourselves. If we did not question what others tell us, and if we are not continually questioning and reaffirming our own faith, then how do we know what we really believe?

Interestingly enough, the name Thomas means “twin.” I have often wondered who Thomas's twin was in the Gospel. But perhaps all of us are Thomas's twin when we doubt or question all that God has and continues to do for each of us. How many times have we asked ourselves the question “where is God?” when we are afflicted by illness, tragedy, or personal suffering? It is both natural and human to ask questions like “Does God see us?” or “Does God hear my prayer?” or “Does God really care after all?”

That's where the wisdom of our Catholic tradition comes in. We know where God is in moments of suffering, personal trials, and loss, and we are to turn to the cross and see the Lord who hangs from it out of love for us. We should be encouraged and reassured that Jesus is with us in the very midst of our doubt.

That familiar poem “Footprints in the Sand” reminds us that even in the darkest moments of life, when we question where God is, we can focus on the one set of footprints in the sand—the footprints of Jesus who carries us in His arms.

The Good News of the Resurrection that we just celebrated during the Easter season is that Jesus is Lord, risen from the dead. There is no doubt that Jesus has come to offer us his peace as he offered it to Thomas and the disciples. Jesus has come to share his presence with us, especially in our moments of darkness, sickness, and despair.

As we celebrate this Eucharist, we should be mindful of “doubting Thomas,” who perhaps is our twin. And more importantly, throughout this month of May, we celebrate the Good News of Easter, which assures us that Christ is risen, and his peace, his presence, and his power conquers all of our fears, all of our doubts, and even death itself.

Partners in Prayer

A place to call home. This concept was one that Gwen saw as a myth, or at least something that would never exist for her. By the time she was 15 years old, she had lived in seven different foster homes, confident only in the knowledge that she would never be allowed to stay long term.

There were many reasons why these foster homes never lasted, but the worst was when the social worker was forced to remove her when she was being mistreated by her foster parents. That happened more than once.

Right after Gwen's 15th birthday, she moved into a new foster home. Her foster parents seemed nice enough, but it didn't matter. Gwen decided long ago that she couldn't trust anyone to take care of her or live up to their promises.

Her new foster parents tried hard to help Gwen. They patiently endured her frequent outbursts at home and her bad behavior at school—a result of all the anger Gwen felt. But no matter what they tried, it seemed impossible to reach Gwen. She began spending time with a bad crowd at school, stayed out all night, and sometimes skipped school altogether.

Her foster parents were at a loss. They were committed to helping Gwen, but they had no idea how. Desperate, they contacted their parish priest, hoping for prayers and support. In addition to offering that, their priest also had another helpful suggestion: Mercy Home. He explained that it would be a safe place for her to live and heal from the trauma of her past.

When they first presented Gwen with the idea, she rolled her eyes at them and brushed it off. But deep down, she felt betrayed—again. Assuming they were just trying to get rid of her like all the other families she stayed with, she packed her belongings and left the house.

After spending a few nights outside, Gwen was found by a police officer. In desperation, she blurted out that she wanted to stay at Mercy Home and was surprised to discover that she meant it. She was tired of running away from all the feelings inside of her. It was time to change her life.

Mercy Home quickly found a place for Gwen, and she moved in. Even though she did want to make a new start, she was still very suspicious of our coworkers. It was hard to believe that they really cared about her. She refused to unpack her belongings, assuming this would just be another temporary place to stay.

But, after months of being reassured, Gwen began to believe that she had truly found a home at Mercy Home. No matter what she did or how she behaved, our coworkers continued to assure her that they cared about her and there was nothing she could do to change that.

Slowly, she began to open up about the many things she had experienced in her short life. It was a surprise and a relief when she found out that many of the other girls had similar stories, and could relate to what she went through.

Gwen also participated in family therapy with her foster parents, who never gave up on her, either. It took some time, but she realized that they were never trying to get rid of her, but rather help her heal and move forward.

Finally, she knew she had people who loved her and a place to call home—the only thing she ever really wanted.

Thank you for all your prayers and support of kids like Gwen. It is because of you that we are able to give them the most precious gift of all, a loving family and safe place to call home.

Father Scott's Partners in Prayer:

*A special Partnership for the sake of Mercy's kids
and for our Sunday TV Mass.*

You can make a difference in the life of a troubled child. Father Scott needs Partners to pray for our kids at Mercy Home—and also faithful Partners to help broadcast *Sunday Mass at Mercy Home*.

By pledging your support and your prayers, you're offering a precious gift to Mercy's kids—and helping our community of faith join together every week.

Dear Father Scott,

Yes, I'll be a Partner in Prayer for our kids. I will also try to send a monthly offering to our *Sunday Mass at Mercy Home* of \$ _____

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City _____ **State** ____ **Zip** _____

Communion Hymn

One Bread One Body

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing
which we bless.

And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body
in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more.

Refrain

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

Refrain

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all.

Refrain

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:16–17, 12:4, 12–13, 20; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 4:4–6; the Didache 9; John Foley, SJ, b.1939, Tune:

*ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, 4 4 6 with refrain; John Foley, SJ, b.1939,
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Prayer for the Children of Mercy Home

Our Lady of Mercy,

We pray that you will guide, protect and bless all boys
and girls who this day have a home called Mercy.

May they find the Father's mercy as we offer them our
hearts in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

May they see God's mercy in action
through our love, prayers and sacrifices.

Prayer of Spiritual 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

Intentions of our TV Mass Parishioners

Please pray...

“For peace in the world, and peace in our hearts and in our mind.”

Celia

“To the Holy Spirit, that we will be inspired to use the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, courage, knowledge, reverence and wonder to serve God and others.”

Richard

“For the children and the benefactors of Mercy Home for Boys & Girls, may they hear the Holy Spirit’s guidance in their lives.”

Grace

“For the Holy Father, priests, all religious and lay people who spread Christ’s gospel and share in good works for others.”

William

Please pray for these and all of the intentions of our Sunday Mass at Mercy Home Parish!

The intentions on this page are selected randomly from the intention slips received from viewers.

Weekly Mass Schedule



May 3 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: Fr. Jason Malave
Pastor, Queen of Apostles Parish

Lector: Joyce McGuiggan

Cantor: Daniel Riley **Pianist:** Tom McNamara



May 10 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: Fr. Greg Sakowicz,
Rector, Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago

Lector: Adrienne Walsh

Cantor: Daniel Riley **Pianist:** Tom McNamara



May 17 The Ascension of the Lord

Celebrant: Fr. James Wallace,
Pastor, Saint Paul of the Cross, Park Ridge

Lector: Maudette Carr

Cantor: Daniel Riley **Pianist:** Tom McNamara

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- DIRECTV Channel: 9 or 964
- DISH Network Channel: 9 or 8494

WGN HD 9.1 CW (WGNtv.com)

- Digital Multicast Channel: 9.1
- AT&T U-verse Channel: 1009
- Charter Channel: 617
- Comcast Channel: 192



May 24 Pentecost Sunday

Celebrant: Fr. Greg Sakowicz,
Rector, Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago

Lector: David Ryan

Cantor: Daniel Riley **Pianist:** Tom McNamara

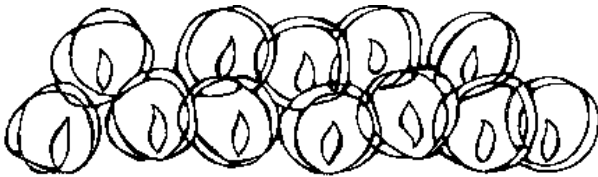


May 31 The Most Holy Trinity

Celebrant: Fr. Scott Donahue,
President, Mercy Home for Boys & Girls)

Lector: Ian McBride

Cantor: Daniel Riley **Pianist:** Tom McNamara



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- RCN Channel: 609
- WOW! Channel: 206

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ORDER OF THE MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE CHANT

GREETING

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Or:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Or:

The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

GLORY TO GOD

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.

COLLECT PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

SECOND READING

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to___.
People: Glory to you, O Lord.
Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Sunday, May 3
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

As the number of disciples continued to grow,
the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews
because their widows
were being neglected in the daily distribution.

So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples
and said,

“It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve
at table.

Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men,
filled with the Spirit and wisdom,
whom we shall appoint to this task,
whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer
and to the ministry of the word.”

The proposal was acceptable to the whole community,
so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the
Holy Spirit,
also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas,
and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism.

They presented these men to the apostles
who prayed and laid hands on them.

The word of God continued to spread,
and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem
increased greatly;

even a large group of priests were becoming obedient
to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
Or: Alleluia.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter 2:4-9

Beloved:

Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings
but chosen and precious in the sight of God,
and, like living stones,
let yourselves be built into a spiritual house
to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices
acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it says in Scripture:

*Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion,
a cornerstone, chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.*

Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those
without faith:

*The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,*

and

*A stone that will make people stumble,
and a rock that will make them fall.*

They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny.

You are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people of his own,
so that you may announce the praises” of him
who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.
If there were not,
would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place
for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come back again and take you to myself,
so that where I am you also may be.

Where I am going you know the way."

Thomas said to him,

"Master, we do not know where you are going;
how can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

If you know me, then you will also know my Father.

From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him,

"Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us."

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time
and you still do not know me, Philip?

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father
is in me?

The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own.

The Father who dwells in me is doing his works.

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me,
or else, believe because of the works themselves.

Amen, amen, I say to you,

whoever believes in me will do the works that I do,
and will do greater ones than these,
because I am going to the Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Sunday, May 10
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17

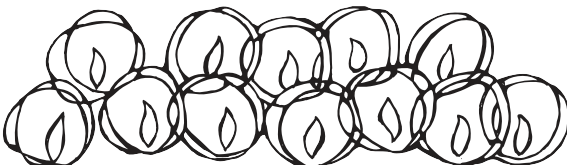
Philip went down to the city of Samaria
and proclaimed the Christ to them.
With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said
by Philip
when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing.
For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice,
came out of many possessed people,
and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured.
There was great joy in that city.

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem
heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God,
they sent them Peter and John,
who went down and prayed for them,
that they might receive the Holy Spirit,
for it had not yet fallen upon any of them;
they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Then they laid hands on them
and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.
Or: Alleluia.



SECOND READING

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter 3:15-18

Beloved:

Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts.

Always be ready to give an explanation
to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope,
but do it with gentleness and reverence,
keeping your conscience clear,
so that, when you are maligned,
those who defame your good conduct in Christ
may themselves be put to shame.

For it is better to suffer for doing good,
if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once,
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,
that he might lead you to God.

Put to death in the flesh,
he was brought to life in the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always,
the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept,
because it neither sees nor knows him.

But you know him, because he remains with you,
and will be in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

In a little while the world will no longer see me,
but you will see me, because I live and you will live.
On that day you will realize that I am in my Father
and you are in me and I in you.
Whoever has my commandments and observes them
is the one who loves me.
And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Sunday, May 17
ASCENSION OF THE LORD - Year A

**Dioceses outside of the Chicago area may celebrate the Seventh Sunday of Easter today, and the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday, May 14th. Please check with your local Parish for more information.*

FIRST READING

*A reading from the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles
1:1-11*

In the first book, Theophilus,
I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught
until the day he was taken up,
after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit
to the apostles whom he had chosen.
He presented himself alive to them
by many proofs after he had suffered,
appearing to them during forty days
and speaking about the kingdom of God.
While meeting with them,

he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem,
but to wait for “the promise of the Father
about which you have heard me speak;
for John baptized with water,
but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him,
“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom
to Israel?”

He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times
or seasons
that the Father has established by his own authority.
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes
upon you,
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,
throughout Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth.”

When he had said this, as they were looking on,
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.
While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going,
suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood
beside them.

They said, “Men of Galilee,
why are you standing there looking at the sky?
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven
will return in the same way as you have seen him going
into heaven.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for
the Lord.*

or: Alleluia.

SECOND READING

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians
1:17-23*

Brothers and sisters:

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation
resulting in knowledge of him.

May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,
that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call,
what are the riches of glory
in his inheritance among the holy ones,
and what is the surpassing greatness of his power
for us who believe,
in accord with the exercise of his great might,
which he worked in Christ,
raising him from the dead
and seating him at his right hand in the heavens,
far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion,
and every name that is named
not only in this age but also in the one to come.

And he put all things beneath his feet
and gave him as head over all things to the church,
which is his body,
the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

*A reading from the conclusion of the holy Gospel according
to Matthew 28:16-20*

The eleven disciples went to Galilee,
to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.
When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.
Then Jesus approached and said to them,
“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,

and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Sunday, May 24
PENTECOST SUNDAY - Year A

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled,
they were all in one place together.
And suddenly there came from the sky
a noise like a strong driving wind,
and it filled the entire house in which they were.
Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire,
which parted and came to rest on each one of them.
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to speak in different tongues,
as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven
staying in Jerusalem.
At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd,
but they were confused
because each one heard them speaking in his own language.
They were astounded, and in amazement they asked,
“Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans?
Then how does each of us hear them in his native language?
We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites,
inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia,
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,
Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene,
as well as travelers from Rome,
both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs,
yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues
of the mighty acts of God.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Or: Alleluia.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

12:3b-7, 12-13

Brothers and sisters:

No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;
there are different forms of service but the same Lord;
there are different workings but the same God
who produces all of them in everyone.

To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit
is given for some benefit.

As a body is one though it has many parts,
and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body,
so also Christ.

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body,
whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons,
and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

SEQUENCE *Veni, Sancte Spiritus*

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

And from your celestial home

Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, Father of the poor!

Come, source of all our store!

Come, within our bosoms shine.

You, of comforters the best;

You, the soul's most welcome guest;

Sweet refreshment here below;
In our labor, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat;
 Solace in the midst of woe.
O most blessed Light divine,
Shine within these hearts of yours,
 And our inmost being fill!
Where you are not, we have naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought,
 Nothing free from taint of ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour your dew;
 Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
 Guide the steps that go astray.
On the faithful, who adore
And confess you, evermore
 In your sevenfold gift descend;
Give them virtue's sure reward;
Give them your salvation, Lord;
 Give them joys that never end. Amen.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week,
when the doors were locked, where the disciples were,
for fear of the Jews,
Jesus came and stood in their midst
and said to them, "Peace be with you."
When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.
The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”
And when he had said this, he breathed on them and
said to them,
“Receive the Holy Spirit.
Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,
and whose sins you retain are retained.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Sunday, May 31
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - Year A

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

Early in the morning Moses went up Mount Sinai
as the LORD had commanded him,
taking along the two stone tablets.

Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there
and proclaimed his name, “LORD.”

Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out,
“The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God,
slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity.”

Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship.

Then he said, “If I find favor with you, O Lord,
do come along in our company.

This is indeed a stiff-necked people;
yet pardon our wickedness and sins,
and receive us as your own.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Glory and praise forever!

SECOND READING

*A reading from second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians
13:11-13*

Brothers and sisters, rejoice.

Mend your ways, encourage one another,
agree with one another, live in peace,
and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with a holy kiss.

All the holy ones greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 3:16-18

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn
the world,

but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned,
but whoever does not believe has already been condemned,
because he has not believed in the name of the only Son
of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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.

Or:

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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

PREPARATION OVER THE GIFTS

Priest: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
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

PREFACE DIALOGUE

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.

People: 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.

MEMORIAL (ACCLAMATION)

Priest: The mystery of faith.

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

Or:

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

Or:

Save us, Savior of the world,
or by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

CONCLUDING ACCLAMATION

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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

SIGN OF PEACE

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ...for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And with your spirit.

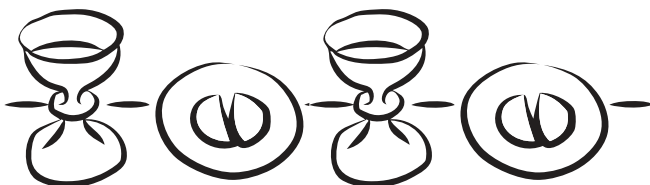
Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.



COMMUNION

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 minister: The Body of Christ.

Communicant: Amen.

Communion minister: The Blood of Christ.

Communicant: Amen.

PRAYER OF SILENCE OR SONG OF PRAISE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Priest: Go forth, the Mass is ended.
Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.
Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
Go in peace.

People: Thanks be to God

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