

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEDICATION MASS



JULY 15, 2023

11:00 AM

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DEDICATION WEEKEND EVENTS

SATURDAY, JULY 15

- ✘ 10:25 am | Choral and Organ Prelude
- ✘ 11 am | Mass of Dedication | Bishop Burbidge, Celebrant & Homilist
- ✘ 1:30 pm | Parish Reception | School Gym
- ✘ *Please note: as the Dedication Mass is the only Mass offered at St. Ambrose today, there will be no 5 pm Mass.*
- ✘ *No confessions will be offered today.*

SUNDAY, JULY 16

- ✘ 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm, and 5 pm Sunday Mass
- ✘ Coffee & donuts after 8 am and 10 am Mass | Parish Hall
- ✘ Church Tours after each Mass conducted by Fr. Fisher, Fr. Rampino, and Fr. Nugent

LETTERS OF CONGRATULATION



Pope Francis



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20008-3610

APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

May 18, 2023

Prot. N. 19133 / 23

Dear Members of Saint Ambrose Parish,

As the personal representative of Pope Francis to the United States of America, I have the honor of conveying to you the spiritual closeness and paternal affection of the Holy Father, and to congratulate you on the dedication of your new parish church.

In Psalm 84, we proclaim:

**“How lovely your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!
My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
As the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest to settle her young,
My home is by your altars, LORD of hosts, my king and my God!
Blessed are those who dwell in your house!
They never cease to praise you” (vv. 1-5).**

In fulfillment of this Psalm, may you all indeed find a “home” in this church and near the sacred altar. At the same time, may the sacrifice of Christ that you celebrate here impel you to share the fruits of that sacrifice with those who still hunger and thirst for the joy of the Gospel. As Pope Francis has said:

“The Eucharist, source of love for the life of the Church, is the school of charity and solidarity. Those who are nourished by the Bread of Christ cannot remain indifferent to those who do not have their daily bread”
(*ANGELUS*, JUNE 7, 2015).

Entrusting you to the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Ambrose, the Holy Father imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in the Lord.

With cordial regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop Christophe Pierre
Apostolic Nuncio

Saint Ambrose Catholic Church
Mass of Dedication
July 15, 2023
Annandale, Virginia



The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge

Bishop of Arlington



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July 15, 2023

Very Reverend Andrew J. Fisher
Saint Ambrose Parish
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Dear Father Fisher and Parishioners,

I extend my congratulations to you on the occasion of the completion of the new Church and Mass of Dedication on July 15, 2023. I join you in prayer to thank Almighty God for the many blessings He has showered upon Saint Ambrose Parish throughout the building and preparation of your new home and for His continued guidance and protection. Your Church has a very strong foundation because it was built on faith, the same faith you will profess and celebrate in this Church for years to come.

Please be assured of my prayerful support. Through the intercession of Saint Ambrose, may Our Lord Jesus bless you and may Mary, Mother of the Church, watch over the people and mission of Saint Ambrose Parish, now and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael F. Burbidge".

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington



The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio

Archbishop for the Military Services, USA

President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA
Office of the Archbishop

15 July 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Ambrose Parish,

It is a joy to greet you on the occasion of the dedication of your new and long-awaited parish church. Each of you has made a special effort to ensure the building of this new Domus Dei or House of God in Annandale and it gives me great pleasure to congratulate you and thank you for your efforts.

The bonds of friendship and interest between us are many. First we share a common baptism, that rebirth into eternal life that made us brothers and sisters in Christ. Many in the parish often pray for and remember significant moments in the life of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, and in my own life. I am ever grateful for your prayerful support.

Three sons of your parish are actively engaged in priestly ministry to the service of men, women, and families of the United States Army and Navy, Fathers Matthew Whitehead, James Hinkle, and Steven Walker. Your generosity and that of the beloved Diocese of Arlington contribute to the pastoral care of those who serve all of us. I know that many parishioners are either retired from or currently serving in the Armed Forces of our Country.

Of course, I first met your dear Pastor, the Very Reverend Andrew J. Fisher, when he was a seminarian at Mount St. Mary's Seminary and have often been to your parish to confirm your young men and women. His friendship is a gift and I hope to return after the dedication to join you at the perfect prayer during this time of Eucharistic Revival. Unlike my only experience of celebrating Mass at the Church of Saint Ambrose in Milan in 1980, I know that I will not have to navigate the missal for the Ambrosian Rite in your new church!

Finally, there is another sacramental link between us. It was also my privilege to ordain to the sacred priesthood your parochial vicar, the Reverend Joseph Rampino.

Wishing you an abundance of blessings not only on the dedication day, but for decades to come and renewing my felicitations, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

(The Most Reverend) Timothy P. Broglio
Archbishop for the Military Services, USA
President of the USCCB



Monsignor Carlo Faccendini

Abbot and Rector

Basilica of St. Ambrose - Milan



ARCIDIOCESI DI MILANO

19, May 2023

Dearest friends,

Saint Ambrose built in the city of Milan four basilicas, one in each of the cardinal directions of the city. It was the Milanese who then chose to dedicate to their Bishop one of the four to which Ambrose himself was most connected, and which he himself had dedicated to the martyrs, especially to Saints Gervasius and Protasius. Ambrose wished to underline that Milan was truly Christian, and that the martyrs were, among the Christians, the greatest, those whose lives were most similar to the life of Jesus.

To build a church means, therefore, to recall the presence of God in the history of a city or town, and at the same time point out a place in which the Christians can find themselves again in order to renew their faith in God and strengthen the bond of communion amongst themselves.

To dedicate a new church to Saint Ambrose, as you all have, means to offer it to his protection and ask of him the grace of a forceful and courageous witness of Christian life.

What's more, your bond with Saint Ambrose also becomes a bond with Milan, the city of Ambrose, so marked by his personality that it is now called "the Ambrosian city."

Indeed, we feel that you are a "part of us," in a deep bond of communion and affection.

I bless you and wish you a "*buon cammino*."

Monsignor Carlo Faccendini
Abbot and Pastor
Basilica of Saint Ambrose- Milan



Father Francesco Patton, OFM

Custos of the Holy Land



CUSTODIA TERRÆ SANCTÆ

1 December, 2022

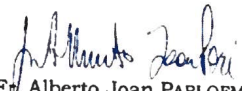
Dearest Father Fisher,

May the Lord give you peace.

With the present letter, I wish to offer you congratulations for your hard work as well as for the dedication and opening of the new church which, as brother George Lewitt has informed me, should take place after this Holy Easter season. The occasion is also a fine one to give thanks to the Lord for the special bond, friendship, and collaboration that have been created over time between the Custody of the Holy Land and the Parish of Saint Ambrose, which we hope might continue to grow and endure.

I humbly ask you to continue to support us by your prayers, that we might persevere in our mission in this Holy Land, and be witnesses to that Gospel which had its beginning here, when the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.

Wishing you, in the spirit of St. Francis, every good thing in the Lord, I greet you fraternally, assure you of all my closeness and prayer for you and the people of God entrusted to you, and I offer you happy good tidings for a holy season of Advent and Christmas. May God guard you and bring to completion your every desire and good work


Fr. Alberto Joan PARI OFM
Segretario di Terra Santa




Fr. Francesco PATTON OFM
Custode di Terra Santa



Fra' John T. Dunlap

*Grand Master
Order of Malta*

THE PRINCE AND GRAND MASTER
SOVEREIGN MILITARY HOSPITALLER ORDER
OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM OF RHODES AND OF MALTA

Rome, 5 July 2023

Ref. No. 026/23/rw

Your Excellency Bishop Michael Burbidge, Reverend Father Andrew Fisher, Dear Parishioners of St. Ambrose Church, and Friends of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta,

It gives me great pleasure to share – even if from faraway Rome -- this most important day with you: the consecration of your new parish church. Although there are many important elements that contribute to a vibrant parish life, the church structure itself, which hosts the Mass and harbours the Eucharist, plays a central role. For it is in this very structure that you, the priests and people of St. Ambrose, will have occasion to share in the sacramental life of our Faith. Marriages, Baptisms, Confessions, First Holy Communions, Confirmations, Benediction, Daily Mass, the Celebration of Holy Days – . all contribute to the rhythm of our Christian, Catholic lives and all will take place in the serenity and beauty of your new parish home.

Father Fisher, a Chaplain in the Order of Malta, has long opened the doors of the parish to our Knights and Dames, greatly assisting them in their apostolates and ministries. *Tuitio Fidei et Obsequium Pauperum*. This is the motto of the Order of Malta. Its members are called to defend and make known the Faith through service to the poor and sick. Father Fisher's generosity and his Bishop's support in providing the Order with a "headquarters" at St. Ambrose help the Knights and Dames to coordinate their efforts on behalf of the poor and sick, the forgotten and marginalized, and the disparaged and despised.

Please know that my prayers and the prayers of many, many members of our Order are with the people of St. Ambrose on this happy occasion. I know that many of you worked very hard to bring this day to pass, but keep in mind that you did not build this church for yourselves or even for your children. You built it for generations to come. You built it as a cornerstone of our Catholic Faith in Northern Virginia. You built it so that the beauty and the power of the sacraments can be manifested to the people. You built it to help build, as is our duty, the Kingdom of God.

May our Order's Patrons, Our Lady of Philermos and St. John the Baptist, and our Founder, Blessed Gerard, pray that God will shower His blessings on the people and work of St. Ambrose Parish.

From the Magistral Palace in Rome, By the Hand of the Grand Master, On this Day of Our Lord, 15 July 2023.

His Most Eminent Highness the Prince and Grand Master,



Fra' John Dunlap



Fra' Thomas Mulligan

President

Order of Malta—Federal Association, USA



SOVEREIGN MILITARY HOSPITALLER ORDER OF SAINT JOHN
OF JERUSALEM OF RHODES AND OF MALTA
FEDERAL ASSOCIATION, U.S.A.

June 24, 2023

PRESIDENT

Very Reverend Andrew J. Fisher
St. Ambrose Catholic Church
3901 Woodburn Road
Annandale, Virginia 22003

Dear Father Fisher:

The members of the Order of Malta Federal Association congratulate you and the parishioners of St. Ambrose as you celebrate the dedication of your new church building.

You and the parish have given us many years of generous hospitality through celebrating Holy Masses, and hosting retreats, lectures designed to nurture, preserve, teach and defend our Catholic Faith where through each we have strengthened our community and fortified our faith foundation as we serve others through hands-on works in the spirit of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

We acknowledge and appreciate the special place the relic of our founder will share in the altar stone of the newly dedicated altar. Blessed Fra' Gerard was a man dedicated to the endless needs of the sick and the poor as they would arrive at the end of their pilgrimage into Jerusalem beginning nearly 1000 years ago. And we have continued that tradition of caring for the needs of others to this day, not only in your community but on a worldwide basis wherever need or disaster occurs with no regard to race, belief, age or gender.

Having our founder's relic consecrated in the altar stone among others who have given their lives to God serving Him and in service to others at the very place where God dwells, united to the prayers of the Divine Liturgy, is a very special honor. Thank you for this special consideration. We are most honored.

Sincerely yours,

Fra' Thomas Mulligan



Mr. Patrick E. Kelly

*Supreme Knight
Knights of Columbus*

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July 16, 2023
Solemnity of the Sacred Heart

Very Rev. Andrew J. Fisher, V.F.
Pastor
St. Ambrose Church
3901 Woodburn Rd.
Annandale, VA 22003

Dear Father Fisher:

I am grateful this opportunity to extend my sincere congratulations to you and the parishioners of the new St. Ambrose Church, which will be dedicated by Bishop Michael Burbidge on July 15. His Excellency is a great friend of the Knights of Columbus and I offer him thanks and best wishes on this occasion.

It gives me special pleasure to offer these words of greeting, knowing well how our brother Knights of Ambrose Council No. 8403 have labored from the beginning in support of this building campaign, serving in leadership positions in the parish council and many committees, as well as volunteering their professional skills in construction, engineering, carpentry, landscaping and technology. Our Order can be justly proud that the main rose window at St. Ambrose will be known as "The Knights' Window."

In addition, I am happy to learn that soil from the grounds of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, where Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, has been mixed with the new church's soil, so that the parish will have a connection to the Order and its holy founder.

Under your pastoral care, I know that this house of God will be a place of beautiful liturgies, fervent prayer and outstanding instruction, where the faithful will find joy in worship and comfort in times of need.

Please know of my prayers for you, for my brother Knights of Council No. 8403, and for all the people of the parish as you come together for the consecration of St. Ambrose Church.

Respectfully,

Patrick E. Kelly
Patrick E. Kelly
Supreme Knight

PRELUDE

ORGAN SOLO

Chorale in A Minor

César Franck (1822-1890)

MOTET

Tollite hostias from *Oratorio de Noël*

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

Tollite hostias, et adorate Domine
in atrio sancto eius.
Laetentur coeli, et exultet terra
a facie Domini, quoniam venit. Alleluia.

*Bring offerings, and adore the Lord
in his holy place.
Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice
before the face of the Lord, for he comes. Alleluia!*

MOTET

Locus Iste

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Locus iste a Deo factus est,
inaestimabile sacramentum,
irreprehensibilis est.

*This place was made by God,
a priceless sacrament;
it is without reproach.*

ANTHEM

I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is builded as a city: that is at unity in itself.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Psalm 122: 1-3, 6-7

LITANY IN HONOR OF CHRIST THE KING

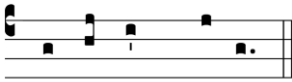
Christus vincit

Cantors, then all:



Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus ímpe-rat. *ij.*

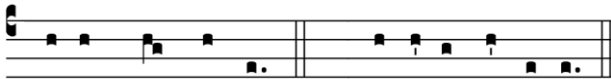
Cantor, then all:



Exáu-di, Christe.

Cantor:

Ecclesiae sanctae Dei,
supra regnorum fines nectenti animas:
salus perpetua!



Redémptor mundi. *All:* Tu illam ádju-va.

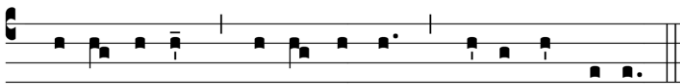
Sancta Maria.

Tu illam adjuva.

Sancte Joseph.

Tu illam adjuva.

All:



Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus ímpe-rat. *ij.*

Cantor, then all:

*Christ conquers,
Christ reigns,
Christ commands.*

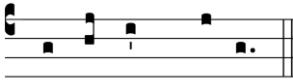
Hear us, O Christ.

*For the holy Church of God,
uniting the faithful beyond the limits of
kingdoms,
may there be everlasting health!*

*Redeemer of the world. Grant her
assistance.*

*Holy Mary. Come to her aid.
Holy Joseph. Come to her aid.
Holy Michael. Come to her aid.*

*Christ conquers,
Christ reigns,
Christ commands.*



Exáu-di, Christe.

Cantor:

Francisco Summo Pontifici,
in unum populos doctrina congreganti, caritate:
Pastori gratia, gregi obsequentia.

Cantor:

Sancta Maria.
Sancte Petre.
Sancte Paule.

All:

Tu illum adjuva.
Tu illum adjuva.
Tu illum adjuva.

All:



Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus ímpe-rat. ij.

Cantor:

Michael episcopo et omni clero sibi commissio
pax et virtus, plurima merces.

Cantor:

Sancte Thomas.
Sancta Elizabeth.
Sancte Ambrosi.

All:

Tu illum adjuva.
Tu illum adjuva.
Tu illum adjuva.

All:



Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus ímpe-rat. ij.

Cantor:

Choir:

Hear us, O Christ.

*For the Supreme Pontiff Francis, who
gathereth into one all peoples by his
teaching, in charity: Let there be
dignity for the Shepherd, and obedience
from the flock.*

*Holy Mary. Come to his aid.
Saint Peter. Come to his aid.
Saint Paul. Come to his aid.*

*Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ
commands.*

*For Michael our bishop and for every
cleric committed to him: let there be
peace and strength, and a great bounty
of good.*

*Saint Thomas. Come to his aid.
Saint Elizabeth. Come to his aid.
Saint Ambrose. Come to his aid.*

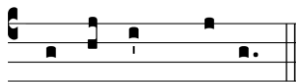
*Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ
commands.*

Rex regum.
Spes nostra.

Rex noster.
Gloria nostra.

*King of kings. Our King.
Our Hope. Our Glory.*

Cantor, then all:



Exáu-di, Christe.

Cantor:

Magistratibus et omnibus concivibus
nobiscum orantibus:
cordis vera quies, votorum effectus.

Hear us, O Christ.

*To the magistrates and all fellow
citizens praying with us: let the effect
of their devotions be true rest for the
heart.*

Cantor:

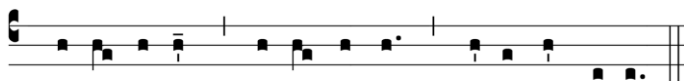
Auxilium christianorum.
Sancte Michael.
Sancte Benedicte.

All:

Tu illos adjuva.
Tu illos adjuva.
Tu illos adjuva.

*Help of Christians. Come to their aid.
Holy Michael. Come to their aid.
Holy Benedict. Come to their aid.*

All:



Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus ímpe-rat. ij.

*Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ
commands.*

Cantor:

Ipsi soli imperium, laus et iubilatio, per infinita saecula
saeculorum.

*To Him alone be empire, praise, and
jubilation for endless ages of ages.*

All: Amen.

Amen.

Cantor:

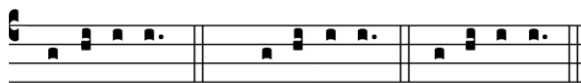
Tempora bona habeant!

May they have prosperous times!

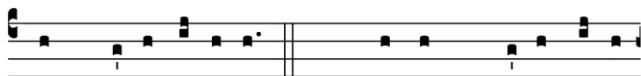
Choir:

Tempora bona habeant redempti sanguine Christi!

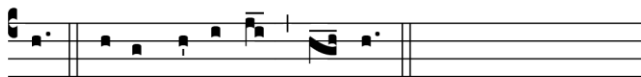
*May they, redeemed by the blood of
Christ, have prosperous times!*



Fe-lí-ci-ter! *All:* Fe-lí-ci-ter! Fe-lí-ci-ter!



Pax Christi vé-ni- at! *All:* Regnum Christi vé-ni-



at! De-o grá-ti- as. A-men.

Joyously! Joyously! Joyously!

*Let the peace of Christ come! Let the
reign of Christ come!*

Thanks be to God. Amen.

DEDICATION MASS

THE SOLEMN ENTRANCE

The Bishop and other ministers gather with some of the faithful outside the main entrance of the new church.

Bishop May grace and peace be with you all in the Holy Church of God.

All **And with your spirit.**

The Bishop addresses the people in these or similar words:

Beloved brothers and sisters, we have gathered with joy to dedicate a new church by celebrating the Lord's Sacrifice. Let us take part in these sacred rites with loving devotion, listening to the Word of God with faith, so that our community, reborn from the one font of Baptism and nourished at the same table, may grow into a spiritual temple and, brought together at one altar, may advance in the love from on high.

Representatives of those who have been involved in the building of the church hand over the building to the Bishop, each saying in turn:

Most Reverend Father,
I present to you [the plans, etc.]
of St. Ambrose Church.

One of the representatives briefly addresses the Bishop and the community about the design of the new church. Then the Bishop calls upon the Pastor to open the door of the church.

When the door is unlocked, the Bishop invites the people to enter the church in these or similar words:

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving, his courts with songs of praise.

All present sing the hymn as the procession enters the church.

Lauda Jerusalem

Theodore Decker & Pablo Colino

arr. Peter Latona (b. 1968)



Lau - da, Je - ru - sa - lem, Do - mi - num, lau - da De - um tu - um Si -
on. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na Fi - li - o Da - vid.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem, praise your God, O Sion. Hosanna to the Son of David.

1 He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you.
He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.

Lauda, Jerusalem...

2 He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.
He showers down snow white as wool,
he scatters hoar frost like ashes.

Lauda, Jerusalem...

3 He hurls down hailstones like crumbs.
The waters are frozen at his touch;
he sends forth his word and it melts them;
at the breath of his mouth the waters flow.

Lauda, Jerusalem...

4 He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has taught them his decrees.

Lauda, Jerusalem...

5 Give praise to the Father Almighty,
to his Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord,
to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts,
both now and for ever. Amen.

Lauda, Jerusalem...

THE BLESSING AND SPRINKLING OF WATER

The Bishop invites all to pray in these or similar words:

Dear Brothers and Sisters, as we solemnly dedicate this house, let us humbly call upon the Lord our God to bless this water he has created with which we are to be sprinkled as a sign of repentance and a remembrance of Baptism and by which the new walls and altar will be purified. May the Lord support us with his grace so that, docile to the Spirit whom we have received, we may remain faithful in his Church.

All pray in silence for a while. Then the Bishop continues:

O God, through whom every creature comes forth into the light of life, you accompany all people with such great love that not only do you nourish them with fatherly care, but you mercifully cleanse them of their sins with the dew of charity and constantly lead them back to Christ the Head. For in your merciful plan you established that those who descend as sinners into the sacred waters to die with Christ should rise free from guilt and be made his members, heirs with him to an

eternal reward.

Sanctify ✠ therefore with your blessing this water you have created, that, sprinkled on us and on the walls of this church, it may be a sign of the cleansing waters of salvation, in which we have been washed in Christ and made a temple of your Spirit. Grant that, with all our brothers and sisters who will celebrate the divine mysteries in this church, we may come at last to the heavenly Jerusalem. Through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Bishop sprinkles the walls, the people, and the altar with holy water as the choir sings the following antiphon:

VIII
V I-di aquam * egre- di- éntem de tem-plo,
a lá- te-re dex- tro, alle- lú- ia: et omnes, ad
quos pervé-nit a- qua i-sta, sal- vi fa- cti sunt,
et di- cent, alle-lú- ia, al- le- lú- ia. Ps. Confi- té-
mi-ni Dómino quó-ni- am bonus: * quó-ni- am in sæcu-lum
mi-se-ri-cór-di- a e-jus. Gló-ri- a Patri, et Fí- li- o, et
Spi-rí- tu- i Sancto. * Sic- ut e-rat in princí-pi- o, et nunc, et
semper, et in sæcu-la sæcu- ló-rum. Amen. Vidi aquam.

*I saw water flowing
from the temple, from
its right-hand side,
alleluia:*

*and all to whom the
water came were
saved, and shall say,
alleluia, alleluia.*

*Give thanks to the
Lord for he is good: for
his mercy endures for
ever.*

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit: as it
was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall
be, world without end.
Amen.*

The Bishop continues:

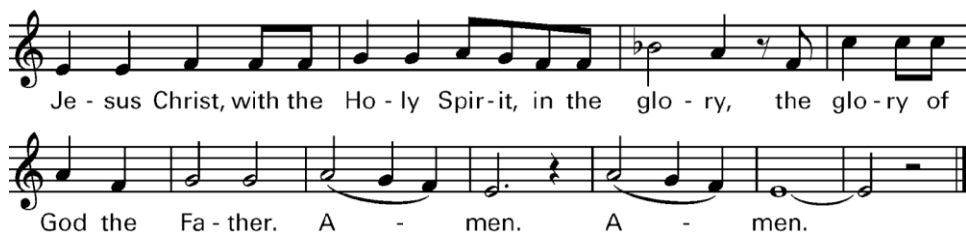
May God, the Father of mercies, dwell in this house of prayer and, by the grâçe of the Holy Spirit, cleanse us who are the temple where he dwells.

A **Amen.**

GLORIA



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace, peace to peo-ple of good
will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we
give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O
God, al-might-y Fa-ther. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the
world, have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re-
ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther,
have mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,



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COLLECT

Bishop Almighty ever-living God, pour out your grace upon this place and extend the gift of your help to all who call upon you, that the power of your word and of the Sacraments may strengthen here the hearts of all the faithful. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Lector carries the Lectionary to the Bishop, who takes it, shows it to the people, and says:

May the word of God resound always in this building, to open for you the mystery of Christ and to bring about your salvation in the Church.

All **Amen.**

The Bishop hands the Lectionary to the Lector.

FIRST READING (NEHEMIAH 8:2-4A, 5-6, 8-10)

A reading from the Book of Nehemiah.
Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly,
which consisted of men, women,
and those children old enough to understand.

Standing at one end of the open place
that was before the Water Gate,

he read out of the book from daybreak till midday,
in the presence of the men, the women,
and those children old enough to understand;
and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform
that had been made for the occasion.

He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it
(for he was standing higher up than any of the people);
and, as he opened it, all the people rose.

Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God,
and all the people, their hands raised high, answered,
“Amen, amen!”

Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves
before the LORD,
their faces to the ground.

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God,
interpreting it so that all could understand what was read.

Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe
and the Levites who were instructing the people
said to all the people:

“Today is holy to the LORD your God.

Do not be sad, and do not weep” –
for all the people were weeping
as they heard the words of the law.

He said further: “Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks,
and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared;
for today is holy to our LORD.

Do not be saddened this day,
for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!”

The word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 19: 8-10, 15)



R/. Your words, O Lord, are Spir - it and life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. R

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart.

The command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye. R

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.

The statutes of the LORD are true, all of them just.

Let the words of my mouth be acceptable, the thoughts of my heart before you,

Lord, my rock and my redeemer. R

SECOND READING (1 PETER 2:4-9)

A reading from the first Letter of St. Peter

Beloved:

Come to the Lord, 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 which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and

A stone which will make people stumble,

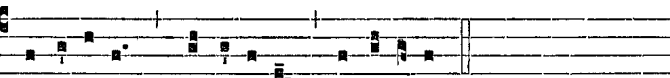
and a rock that will make them fall.

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.

All **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (MATTHEW 16:18)

Ant.
6.
A



Lle-lú-ia, * alle-lú-ia, alle-lú-ia.

℣. You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church,
 and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

GOSPEL (MATTHEW 16:13-19)

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All **And with your spirit.**

Deacon ✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All **Glory to you, Lord.**

Deacon When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi
 he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"
 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah,
 still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
 Simon Peter said in reply,
 "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
 Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.
 For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you,
 but my heavenly Father.
 And so I say to you, you are Peter,
 and upon this rock I will build my Church,
 and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”
The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge

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,

All bow at the following words:

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 DEDICATION AND ANOINTINGS

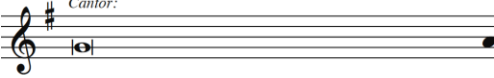
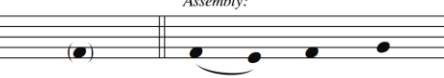
LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

The Bishop invites the people to pray in these or similar words:



Dearly beloved, let us pray to God the almighty Father, who makes the hearts of the faithful into spiritual temples for himself, and may the supplication of the Saints, our brothers and sisters, be joined with our voices.

The asterisks indicate the names of saints whose relics will be placed within the altar.*

<i>Cantor:</i>	<i>Assembly:</i>
	
Lord, have mer - cy.	Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy.	Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy.	Lord, have mer - cy.

<i>Cantor:</i>	<i>Assembly:</i>
	
Holy Mary, Mother of Saint	God, pray for us.
	Mich - ael, pray for us.

St. Michael • Holy Angels of God • St. John the Baptist • St. Joseph • St. Peter* and St. Paul • St. Andrew • St. John • St. Mary Magdalen • St. Stephen • St. Ignatius of Antioch • St. Lawrence* • St. Perpetua and St. Felicity • St. Agnes • St. Maria Goretti* • St. Gregory • St. Ambrose* • St. Augustine • St. Athanasius • St. Basil • St. Martin (of Tours) • St. Thomas Aquinas* • St. Juan Solano* • St. John Neumann* • St. Benedict • Blessed Gerard* (de Martignes) • St. Francis and St. Dominic* • St. Francis Xavier • St. Paul of the Cross* • St. John Vianney • St. Catherine of Siena* • St. Teresa of Jesus • St. Elizabeth Ann Seton* • St. Thérèse* (of the Child Jesus) • St. Gemma Galgani* • All holy men and women, Saints of God

<i>Cantor:</i>	<i>Assembly:</i>
	
Lord, be mer - ci - ful,	Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.
From all e - vil,	Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.
From ev - 'ry sin,	Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.
From ev - er - last - ing death,	Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.



By your In - car - na - tion, Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.
By your Death and Res - ur - rec - tion, Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.
By the outpouring of the Ho - ly Spir - it, Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.



Be merciful to us sin - ners, **R.** Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.



Govern and protect your ho - ly Church, **R.**

Keep the Pope and all the
ordained in faithful ser - vice to your Church, **R.**

Bring all peoples together in peace and true har - mo - ny, **R.**

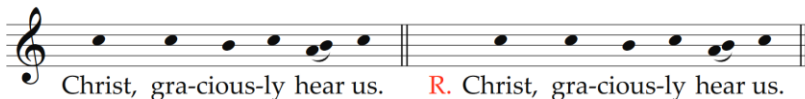
Strengthen us and keep us in your ho - ly ser - vice, **R.**

Consecrate this church for your wor - ship, **R.**

Jesus, Son of the liv - ing God, **R.**



Christ, hear us. **R.** Christ, hear us.



Christ, gra - cious - ly hear us. **R.** Christ, gra - cious - ly hear us.

After the Litany, the Bishop continues:

Mercifully accept our petitions, we pray, O Lord, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the Saints, so that this building to be dedicated to your name may be a house of salvation and grace where the Christian people, gathering as one, will worship you in spirit and in truth and be built up in charity. Through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE DEPOSITION OF THE RELICS

The Bishop approaches the altar. The relics of saints are brought to him, and he places each within. Then a stonemason closes the aperture containing the relics. Meanwhile the following antiphon is sung:

Sub altari Dei sedes accepistis, Sancti Dei,
intercedite pro nobis ad Dominum Iesum
Christum.

You have been placed beneath the altar of God, O
Saints of God: intercede for us to the Lord Jesus
Christ.

Saints whose relics are to be placed within the altar:	
ST. PETER	BLESSED GERARD DE MARTIGUES
ST. LAWRENCE	ST. DOMINIC
ST. MARIA GORETTI	ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS
ST. AMBROSE	ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS	ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
ST. JUAN SOLANO	ST. THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS
ST. JOHN NEUMANN	ST. GEMMA GALGANI

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Bishop continues:

O God, sanctifier and ruler of your Church, it is right for us to celebrate your name in joyful proclamation; for today your faithful people desire to dedicate to you, solemnly and for all time, this house of prayer, where they worship you devoutly, are instructed by the word, and are nourished by the Sacraments.

This house brings to light the mystery of the Church, which Christ made holy by the shedding of his blood, so that he might present her to himself as a glorious Bride, a Virgin resplendent with the integrity of faith, a Mother made fruitful by the power of the Spirit.

Holy is the Church, the chosen vine of the Lord, whose branches fill the

whole world, and whose tendrils, borne on the wood of the Cross, reach upward to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed is the Church, God's dwelling-place with the human race, a holy temple built of living stones, standing upon the foundation of the Apostles with Christ Jesus its chief cornerstone.

Exalted is the Church, a City set high on a mountain for all to see, resplendent to every eye with the unfading light of the Lamb and resounding with the sweet hymn of the Saints.

Therefore, O Lord, we beseech you: graciously pour forth from heaven your sanctifying power upon this church and upon this altar, to make this forever a holy place with a table always prepared for the Sacrifice of Christ.

Here may the flood of divine gr  ce overwhelm human offenses, so that your children, Father, being dead to sin, may be reborn to heavenly life.

Here may your faithful, gathered around the table of the altar, celebrate the memorial of the Paschal Mystery and be refreshed by the banquet of Christ's Word and his Body.

Here may the joyful offering of praise resound, with human voices joined to the song of Angels, and unceasing prayer rise up to you for the salvation of the world.

Here may the poor find mercy, the oppressed attain true freedom, and all people be clothed with the dignity of your children, until they come exultant to the Jerusalem which is above.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

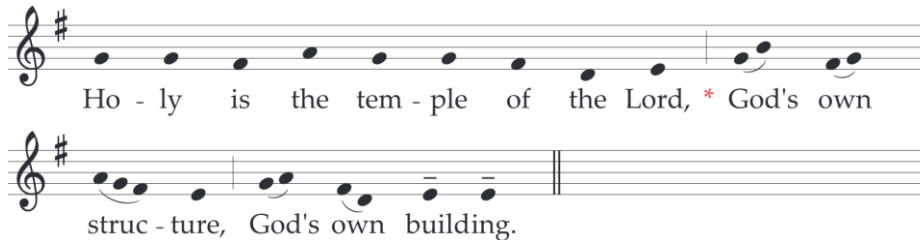
THE ANOINTING OF THE ALTAR AND THE WALLS OF THE CHURCH

The Bishop continues:

May the Lord by his power sanctify this altar and this house, which by our ministry we anoint, so that as visible signs they may express the mystery of Christ and the Church.

The Bishop pours oil on the altar, then anoints the walls of the church. Meanwhile, the following antiphon is sung:

Choir, then all:



How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my flesh cry out to the living God. **R**

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself
in which she sets her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God. **R**

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise.

Blessed the people whose strength is in you, whose heart is set on pilgrim ways. **R**

As they go through the Baca Valley, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rain covers it
with pools.

They walk with ever-growing strength; the God of gods will appear in Zion. **R**

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; look on the face of your anointed. **R**

THE INCENSATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE CHURCH

The Bishop lights incense which has been placed on the altar, saying:

Let our prayer rise, O Lord, like incense in your sight ; and as this house is filled with a pleasing fragrance, so let your Church be fragrant with the aroma of Christ.

The Bishop incenses the altar, and other ministers walk through the main body of the church, incensing the people and the walls. Meanwhile, the choir sings the following antiphon

Stetit Angelus

Stetit angelus juxta aram templi habens
thuribulum aureum in manu sua,
et data sunt ei incensa multa, et ascendit
fumus aromatum in conspectu Dei.

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

*An angel stood near the sanctuary of the Temple
holding a golden thurible in his hand,
and he was given much incense, and aromatic
smoke rose in the sight of God.*

THE LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR AND THE CHURCH

The newly anointed altar is prepared for the celebration of the Eucharist. Then the Bishop, handing a small lighted candle to the Deacon, says:

Let the light of Christ shine brightly in the Church, that all nations may attain the fullness of truth.

The candles around the altar and the church are lit as all sing the following hymn:

O God, Beyond All Praising



1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, We wor-ship you to - day
2. The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor In time must sure - ly die,
3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, Ac - cept the love we bring,



1. And sing the love a - maz-ing That songs can-not re - pay;
2. Its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der To you, the Lord most high;
3. That we who know your fa - vor May serve you as our King;



1. For we can on - ly won - der At ev - 'ry gift you send,
2. But hid - den from all na - ture Th'e - ter - nal seed is sown,
3. And wheth - er our to - mor - rows Be filled with good or ill,



1. At bless-ings with - out num - ber And mer-cies with - out end:
2. Though small in mor - tal stat - ure, To heav-en's gar - den grown:
3. We'll tri-umph through our sor - rows And rise to bless you still:



1. We lift our hearts be - fore you And wait up-on your word,
2. For Christ who came from heav - en From death has set us free,
3. To mar - vel at your beau - ty And glo - ry in your ways,



1. We hon - or and a - dore you, Our great and might - y Lord.
2. And we through him are giv - en The fi - nal vic - to - ry.
3. And make a joy - ful du - ty Our sac - ri - fice of praise.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

- ℣. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
- ℟. **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.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Bishop May the gifts of your joyful Church be acceptable to you, O Lord, so that your people, gathering in this holy house, may come through these mysteries to everlasting salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

PREFACE

- ℣. The Lord be with you.
- ℟. **And with your spirit.**
- ℣. Lift up your hearts.
- ℟. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
- ℣. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- ℟. **It is right and just.**

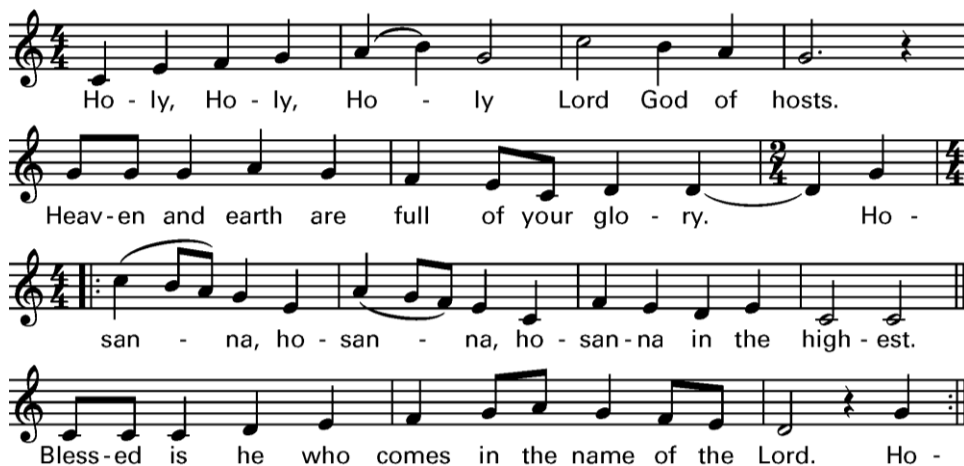
It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father most holy. For you have made the whole world a temple of your glory, that your name might everywhere be extolled, yet you allow us to consecrate to you apt places for the divine mysteries. And so, we dedicate joyfully to your majesty this house of prayer, built by human labor. Here is foreshadowed the mystery of the true

Temple, here is prefigured the image of the heavenly Jerusalem. For you made the Body of your Son, born of the tender Virgin, the Temple consecrated to you, in which the fullness of the Godhead might dwell. You also established the Church as a holy city, built upon the foundation of the Apostles, with Christ Jesus himself the chief cornerstone : a city to be built of chosen stones, given life by the Spirit and bonded

by charity, where for endless ages you will
be all in all and the light of Christ will shine
undimmed for ever. Through him, O Lord,

with all the Angels and Saints, we give you
thanks, as in exultation we acclaim :

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon)

Celebrating the Eucharist Missalette, page 15, or *St. Michael Hymnal*, p. 35

The proper form of "Therefore, Lord, we pray" is used:

Therefore, Lord, we pray: graciously accept this oblation of our service, and of these your
servants, who in a spirit of faith have offered to you this church and built it with tireless labor.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Two staves of music in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res - ur - rec-tion un - til you come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain."

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res - ur -
rec-tion un - til you come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain.

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AMEN



A single staff of music in 4/4 time. The melody is simple and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "A - men, a - men, a - men." The word "men" is written as "men." with a period.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Traditional melody

COMMUNION RITE

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

All **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.**

Bishop 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.

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

SIGN OF PEACE

Bishop Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: / Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity of your kingdom / in accordance with your
will.

Who live and reign forever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Bishop The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All **And with your spirit.**

Deacon Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

world, have mer - cy on us. world, grant us peace.

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GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

FOR CATHOLICS

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

FOR NON-CHRISTIANS

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (1 COR 5: 7-8; Ps 147)

Sicut novellae olivarum, Ecclesiae filii sint in circuitu mensae Domini.

Lauda, Jerúsalem, Dóminum: * lauda Deum tuum, Sion.

Quóniam confortávit seras portárum tuárum: * benedíxit fíliis tuis in te.

Qui pósuit fines tuos pacem: * et ádipe fruménti sátiat te.

Qui emíttit elóquium suum terræ : * velóciter currit sermo ejus.

Qui dat nivem sicut lanam: * nébulam sicut cínerem spargit.

Mittit crystállum suam sicut buccéllas: * ante fáciem frígoris ejus quis sustinébit?

Emíttet verbum suum, et liquefáciét ea: * flabit spíritus ejus, et fluent aquæ.

Like shoots of olive, may the children of the Church be gathered around the table of the Lord.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Sion.

Because he hath strengthened the bolts of thy gates, he hath blessed thy children within thee.

Who hath placed peace in thy borders: and filleth thee with the fat of corn.

Who sendeth forth his speech to the earth: his word runneth swiftly.

Who giveth snow like wool: scattereth mists like ashes.

He sendeth his crystal like morsels: who shall stand before the face of his cold?

He shall send out his word, and shall melt them: his wind shall blow, and the waters shall run.

HYMN

Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All



1. Je - sus, my Lord, my God, my All,
 2. Had I but Ma - ry's sin - less heart
 3. Thy Bod - y, Soul, and God - head, all,



1. How can I love thee as I ought?
 2. To love thee with, my dear - est King,
 3. O mys - ter - y of love di - vine.



1. And how re - vere this won - drous gift,
 2. Oh, with what bursts of fer - vent praise,
 3. I can - not com - pass all I have,



1. So far sur - pass - ing hope or thought?
 2. Thy good - ness, Je - sus, would I sing.
 3. For all thou hast and art are mine.



Sweet Sac - ra - ment, we thee a - dore;



Oh, make us love thee more and more.



Oh, make us love thee more and more.

MARIAN ANTIPHON

V
S Alve Re-gí-na, * ma-ter mi-se-ri-córdi-æ, Vi-ta, dul-
cé-do, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamá-mus, éxsu-
les, fí-li-i Hevæ. Ad te suspi-rá-mus, geméntes et flen-
tes in hac lacrimá-rum valle. E-ia ergo, Advo-cá-ta
nostra, illos tu-os mi-se-ri-córdes ó-cu-los ad nos con-
vér-te. Et Je-sum, be-ne-díctum fructum ventris tu-i,
no-bis post hoc exsíl-li-um osténde. O cle-mens:
O pi-a: O dulcis Virgo Ma-rí-a.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Bishop Let us pray.

Through these holy gifts we have received, O Lord, we pray, instill in our minds an increase of your truth, so that we may constantly adore you in your holy temple and glory in your sight with all the Saints. Through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Bishop The Lord be with you.

All **And with your spirit.**

Deacon Bow down for the blessing.

Bishop May God, the Lord of heaven and earth who has gathered you today for the dedication of this church, make you abound in heavenly blessings.

All Amen

Bishop May God, who has willed that all his scattered children be gathered in his Son, grant that you become his temple and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen

Bishop May you be made thoroughly clean, so that God may dwell within you and you may possess with all the Saints the inheritance of eternal happiness.

All Amen.

Bishop And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit come down on you and remain with you forever.

All Amen

Deacon Go in peace.

All **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned Above



All: 1. Hail, ho - ly Queen en - throned a - bove, O Ma - ri - a.
Men: 2. O gate of life, we hon - or thee,
Women: 3. O Ma - ry, has - ten with thine aid,
All: 4. And when our life on earth is done,



Hail, Moth - er of mer - cy and of love, O Ma - ri - a.
Our joy, our hope, and heav - en's key,
Most gen - tle, lov - ing, joy - ous Maid,
Then show us Christ, thy ho - ly Son,



All: Tri - umph, all ye cher - u - bim; Sing with us, ye ser - a - phim.



Heav'n and earth re - sound the hymn: Sal - ve, sal - ve, sal - ve, Re - gi - na!

VISITING A CHURCH ON THE DAY OF DEDICATION

A plenary indulgence is granted to the Christian faithful who devoutly visit a church or altar on the same day it is dedicated and recite the Lord's Prayer and the Creed.

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