



SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Office Hours:

Sunday 7:30am-1:30pm
Monday—Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm

Closed for lunch from 12:00pm-1:00pm on weekdays
Friday-Saturday Closed

Religious Education

Religious Education classes will return on September 18th.

Mental Health Resources

St. Clare of Assisi is proud to partner with Journey to Peace, a Catholic counseling office, to provide mental health services on our campus. Journey to Peace accepts most major insurance plans, including BCBS, Cigna, United Health, and Medicare. Please contact Journey to Peace for more information: (480) 787-1955

Baby Safe Haven

St. Clare of Assisi is an official Baby Safe Haven location. Parents or agents of parents can drop off an unharmed newborn baby to a staff member during regular office hours. For more information, please visit azsafebabyhaven.org

Pro-Life Resources:

Are you experiencing a crisis pregnancy and need help? These resources are recognized by the Diocese of Phoenix and can help you, regardless of income.
Life Choices Women's Clinic: www.pro-lifeearizona.com | (602) 305-5100
Choices Pregnancy Center: www.choicesaz.com | (623) 486-5232
First Way Pregnancy Center: www.1stway.net | (602) 261-7522

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8, 2024



Liturgy Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00pm
Sunday Masses 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm
Daily Masses Monday-Saturday, 8:00am

Adoration & Reconciliation

Eucharistic Adoration Fridays, 1:00pm-4:00pm
Reconciliation Wednesdays, 12:00pm-1:00pm
Fridays, 5:00pm-6:00pm
Saturdays, 2:30pm-3:30pm

Sacraments

For more information on the Sacraments of Baptism or Marriage, and what is needed to complete your sacraments, please contact Pastoral Care Coordinator Joe Lukaszewski. For all other Sacraments, please contact Director of Religious Education, Sarah Camplese.

Ministry of Care

If you are homebound, hospitalized or in a care facility, or know of someone who is and would like Holy Communion on a weekly basis, please contact Joe to make arrangements.

Mission Statement

St. Clare of Assisi parishioners strive to be faithful disciples of Christ's Catholic Church, drawing strength from the Sacraments, living the Gospel of Jesus without compromise, doing works of charity and justice.

St. Vincent de Paul 24 Hour Assistance Helpline

We are here to help! Please call (623) 975-5617. This is not a manned phone line. Leave a message and someone WILL call you back.

Please Prayerfully Consider Joining a Ministry!

Adult Bible Study	Michelle Templeton mzaktemp@gmail.com
Altar Linen Society	Karen Baroni kbaroni@stcpaz.org
Anima Christi Charismatic Prayer	Jerianne Bender jeribender@aol.com Ferrell McNeal ferrell49@yahoo.com
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Knights of Columbus 12851	John Lortie az123ok@cox.net
Knights of the Altar	David Oliver (630) 962-7395
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Metanoia	Miguel Garcia (626) 539-0191
Nomad AA Group	Wes & Barb Ritchie (858) 220-4916
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Our Lady of Guadalupe	Leonor Ward (623) 986-9992
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St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity	Cathy Roszhart, OFS (309) 825-2900
St. Vincent de Paul Society	Pat Conlan (623) 975-5617
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Women's Guild	Marge Buckner margebuckner@att.net
Young Adult Fellowship	Gabriel David gabriel.fto.d@gmail.com

How can we pray for you?

Share your prayer requests with us online at
stcpaz.org/prayer-request

You can share your intentions, the names of those who need healing or conversion, pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, or whatever the need may be. Each month, we will include a prayer during weekend Masses for your intentions. Intentions can even be submitted anonymously!

If you have questions about the Prayer Request form, please contact Kaitlynn at keaton@stcpaz.org or (623) 975-5062

registered? ARE YOU

You attend Masses at St. Clare faithfully, you participate in the Eucharist, and you come to parish events but you haven't formally registered yet?! Here's why you should (yes, even if you're a snowbird!):

Registration is the official way to join our community! Many people think because they attend the parish, they are automatically members. Without formal enrollment, we can't accurately gauge our membership or take a census. Census numbers determine how many priests are assigned to a parish, how many Masses or Confession opportunities we provide, and the number or frequency of faith formation opportunities. Registration shows us you belong!

It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, getting God parent and sponsor certificates, getting approved for reduced tuition through Catholic schools, and getting copies of your donations for tax reporting. Registering in our parish is a statement of faith, of confidence in our mission, and your response to the call for the New Evangelization! You can register online at stcpaz.org/im-new or in the parish office.

Altar Flowers can now be reserved and donations for Altar Flowers can be made on the Parish website at: stcpaz.org/altar-flowers

Mass Intentions

Week at a Glance

Saturday, September 7, 2024		
8:00am	Jack Cleveland†	by Rita Cleveland
4:00pm	Vera, Geri, Elizabeth & Carol†	by The Harris Family
Sunday, September 8, 2024		
7:00am	Catherine M. Huber†	by William & Susan Clark
9:00am	Joseph & Bonnie Benard†	by Britney & Chris Platt
11:00am	Deceased Members of the Marcantonio & Paquette Families†	by Dr. & Mrs. John Paquette
5:00pm	St. Clare of Assisi Parishioners	
Monday, September 9, 2024		
8:00am	Blsd. Frederic Ozanam†	by Pat Conlan
Tuesday, September 10, 2024		
8:00am	Deceased Members of Ben & Nita Williams' Family	by Kathy Williams
Wednesday, September 11, 2024		
8:00am	William Kulpaka†	by Ronald & Patricia Kulpaka
Thursday, September 12, 2024		
8:00am	Ba Vuong†	by The Vuong Family
Friday, September 13, 2024		
8:00am	Helen Barber†	by Shelley & Jim Barber
Saturday, September 14, 2024		
8:00am	Brother Knight Luis Jutzi†	by The Knights of Columbus Council 12851
4:00pm	St. Clare of Assisi Parishioners	
Sunday, September 15, 2024		
7:00am	Brother Knight Glen Witman†	by The Knights of Columbus Council 12851
9:00am	Joseph D. Grego†	by Joe & Victoria Greco
11:00am	Sabado & Adams Families	by Faye Sabado
5:00pm	Flora Herran Gamez†	by Leonor Ward

Monday, September 9, 2024	
6:30pm	To Jesus Through Mary—CLASSROOM #3
Tuesday, September 10, 2024	
9:00am	Adult Bible Study—MODULAR HALL
11:30am	Legion of Mary Adults—MODULAR HALL
11:30am	Nomad AA—MODULAR OFFICE
6:30pm	CRHP Men's Classes—CLASSROOM #3
6:30pm	CRHP Women's Classes—MODULAR OFFICE
5:00pm	Children's Choir Practice—CHURCH
6:00pm	Knights of the Altar Meeting—CHURCH
6:30pm	Traditional Choir Practice—CHURCH
6:30pm	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—MODULAR HALL
Wednesday, September 11, 2024	
9:00am	Men's Scripture Study—MODULAR HALL
10:30am	Legion of Mary Jrs—MODULAR HALL
Thursday, September 12, 2024	
9:00am	Adult Bible Study—MODULAR HALL
11:30am	Nomad AA—MODULAR OFFICE
5:00pm	Contemporary Choir Practice—CHURCH
6:30pm	Anima Christi Charismatics—CHURCH
7:00pm	Metanoia—CLASSROOM #3
Friday, September 13, 2024	
8:45am	Holy Family Homeschool Co-Op—CLASSROOMS
1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry—MODULAR HALL
1:00pm	Rosary Makers—MODULAR OFFICE
4:00pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle—CLASSROOM #4
7:00pm	El Buen Pastor Carismatica—CHURCH
Saturday, September 14, 2024	
7:00am	Catholic Men's Fellowship—MODULAR OFFICE
9:00am	Baptism Parents Prep—MODULAR OFFICE
9:00am	Unlocking the Gifts of the Holy Spirit—MODULAR HALL
6:00pm	Marriage Prep Class—MODULAR HALL
Sunday, September 15, 2024	
Coffee & Donuts—After all morning Masses—MODULAR HALL	
6:30pm	Young Adult Fellowship—MODULAR HALL



Fr. Hans Ruygt, Marie Frasca, Karen Opsahl, Tim Lukaszewski, Brian Vergara, David White, Melissa Andrews, Christina Belcastro, Tracy Castrovinci, Wade Chio, Benjamin Catalan, Greg McNeal, Paul Vitola, Felix Sasso, Andrea Bernabey, The Caceres Family, Gustavo Caceres, Max Salomon, Kim O'Connor, Aurelia Formoso, Emily Wallenberg, Karen Walker, Tom & Sharon McCloskey, David Roybal, Frank Barlak, Brett Lyon,



The altar flowers this weekend are offered in loving memory of **Norbert & Esther Gutierrez†**



Weekly Reflection

Ch. 1: The Sacred Meal in the Life & Ministry of Jesus, pt. 3

This is just the kind of phony, self-destructive community that Jesus has come to interrupt. And so he responds to this criticism: "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick... For I have come to call not the righteous but the sinners."

Here we find a theme that will be developed throughout the tradition—namely, the sacred meal as medicine for the sin-sick soul. In light of Jesus' observation, we can see that the inclusion of sinners is the very heart and *raison d'être* of the meal that he hosts. The miracle of the feeding of the thousands with a few loaves and fish must have haunted the imaginations of the early Christian communities, for accounts of it can be found in all four Gospels. These narratives are richly iconic presentations of the great theme of the sacred meal that we have been developing. In Luke's version, crowds began to gather around Jesus when they heard that he had retired to Bethsaida. Moved with pity, Jesus taught them and cured their sick, but as the day was drawing to a close, the disciples worried about what this enormous crowd would eat. The Twelve, symbolic of the gathered tribes of Israel, act here in contradiction to their own deepest identity, for they want to scatter those whom Jesus has drawn magnetically to himself. So Jesus challenges them: "You give them something to eat." But the protest. Oblivious to their complaint, Jesus instructs them to gather the crowd in groups of fifty or so. Then, taking the loaves and fish, Jesus says a blessing over them, breaks them, and then gives them to the disciples for distribution. Everyone in the crowd of five thousand eats until they are satisfied. There is no better exemplification in the Scriptures of what I have been calling the loop of grace. God offers, as a sheer grace, the gift of being, but if we try to cling to that gift and make it our own (in the manner of Eve and Adam), we lose it. The constant command of the Bible is this: what you have received as a gift, give as a gift—and you will find the original gift multiplied and enhanced. God's grace, precisely because it is *grace*, cannot be held on to; rather, it is had only in the measure that it remains grace—that is to say, a gift given away. God's life, in a word, is had only on the fly. One realizes this truth when one enters willingly into the loop of grace, giving away that which one is receiving. The hungry people who gather around Jesus in this scene are symbolic of the hungry human race, starving from Adam and Eve for what will satisfy. In imitation of our first parents, we have tried to fill up the emptiness with wealth, pleasure, power, honor, the sheer love of domination, but none of it works, precisely because we have all been wired for God and God *is* nothing but love. It is only when we conform ourselves to the way of love, only when, in a high paradox, we contrive to empty out the ego, that we are filled. Thus the five loaves and two fish symbolize that which has been given to us, all that we have received as a grace from God. If we appropriate it, we lose it. But if we turn it over to Christ, then we will find it transfigured and multiplied, even unto the feeding of the world.

Join us each week as we work through Bishop Robert Barron's book, This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival.



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 8: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: [Isaiah 35: 4-7a](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 146: 7, 8-9, 9-10](#)

Second Reading: [James 2: 1-5](#)

Alleluia: [Matthew 4: 23](#)

Gospel: [Mark 7: 31-37](#)

September 9: St. Peter Claver

First Reading: [First Corinthians 5: 1-8](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 5: 5-6, 7, 12](#)

Alleluia: [John 10: 27](#)

Gospel: [Luke 6: 6-11](#)

September 10

First Reading: [First Corinthians 6: 1-11](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b](#)

Alleluia: [John 15: 16](#)

Gospel: [Luke 6: 12-19](#)

September 11

First Reading: [First Corinthians 7: 25-31](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 45: 11-12, 14-15, 16-17](#)

Alleluia: [Luke 6: 23ab](#)

Gospel: [Luke 6: 20-26](#)

September 12: The Holy Name of Mary

First Reading: [First Corinthians 8: 1b-7, 11-13](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 139: 1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24](#)

Alleluia: [First John 4: 12](#)

Gospel: [Luke 6: 27-38](#)

September 13: St. John Chrysostom

First Reading: [First Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22b-27](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 84: 3, 4, 5-6, 12](#)

Alleluia: [John 17: 17b, 17a](#)

Gospel: [Luke 6: 39-42](#)

September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

First Reading: [Numbers 21: 4b-9](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 78: 1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38](#)

Second Reading: [Philippians 2: 6-11](#)

Gospel: [John 3: 13-17](#)

September 15: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: [Isaiah 50: 5-9a](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 116: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9](#)

Second Reading: [James 2: 14-18](#)

Alleluia: [Galatians 6: 14](#)

Gospel: [Mark 8: 27-35](#)

Coffee & Donuts



is back! Come join the Knights for a cup of coffee and a donut after all morning Masses in the Modular Hall!

Ephphatha Be Opened!

VIA DEI FERTILITY

Our Mission is to help you work with God in His wonderful design of your fertility and marriage.

WHAT IS NFP?

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a holistic way for a husband and wife to monitor and observe a woman's fertility. The natural signs of a woman's fertility are recorded and used to either achieve or avoid a pregnancy. NFP involves practicing periodic abstinence for the husband and wife, and does not utilize any form of barrier or withdrawal of the marital act.

HORMONE MONITORING

Monitors fertile and infertile days by measuring female urinary hormones, with a home digital hormone monitor. The monitoring of female urinary hormones can help estimate a woman's fertile phase. Can be used in conjunction with basal body temperature and/or cervical mucus.

CLASSES AVAILABLE NOW

Now booking one on one classes via video conference with Amanda. \$100 class includes:
-Initial introductory class -1 hour
-Required follow up meetings at 1, 3, and 6 months
Amanda is available to you via text or email whenever questions arise during the 6 month instruction.



MARQUETTE METHOD IS FOR

- PRE-CANA COUPLES
- MARRIED
- POSTPARTUM
- PERIMENOPAUSE
- SINGLE WOMEN*

*Looking to monitor hormone health



AMANDA BRADNER
Marquette Student Instructor

Contact
viadefertility@gmail.com
602-826-2843 (text only)

PATRIOT DAY

Never Forget and Honor Forever

God of love we place in your loving arms the thousands of innocent lives that were lost on that unforgettable morning of September 11, 2001. We also remember the courage of countless men and women who put their lives at risk in order to rescue, alleviate and bring solace to the afflicted. Help us to continue to work for a world free from every form of hatred, violence and ignorance. May terrorism - in all its forms - disappear from the face of the earth. Amen.

-Fr. Alberto Cutie



FLOWER DONATION

- ✦ The parishioners of St. Clare of Assisi are invited to participate in supplying flowers for weekend Masses & Holy Days of Obligation.
- ✦ Monetary donations are requested for fresh flowers to be placed on the altar for weekend Masses.
- ✦ You may request a particular weekend to honor a loved one or a special occasion, or you can indicate it may be used as needed.
- ✦ Arrangements for week end Masses are \$100.00; however, all donations are very much appreciated!

Please fill out this form, place it in an envelope with your check and mail it to the church office or put in offertory basket.

Please print clearly.

Name & Phone No.:

Occasion/Person to be honored:

Date requested: _____

Donation amount: _____

For questions, please contact Kaitlynn Eaton at: (623) 975-5602 or keaton@stcpaz.org

Flowers can also be requested and donations provided online at: stcpaz.org/altar-flowers



Anima Christi Charismatic Prayer Group

THURSDAYS, 6:30PM-8:00PM IN THE CHURCH



Prayer Teams from the Anima Christi Prayer Group will be available the first Thursday of each month. Our Prayer Teams will be available on Thursday, September 5th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the Church. If you have physical needs, spiritual, mental, emotional needs, whatever the need may be—please come and let us pray with you. We trust in the healing power of Jesus! We meet each Thursday for Praise & Worship! All are welcome.

For more information call Ferrell McNeal at (623) 340-0057 or Jerianne Bender at (623) 544-1787

Journey to Peace Counseling Services

Contact: (480) 787-1955 OR jtpcs.org/contact

Journey to Peace is focused on the healing of the whole person. All of our staff are Catholic, so we are able to integrate spiritual themes when appropriate and if client-desired. We are now offering counseling services in the St. Clare of Assisi parish office two days per week.

We take BCBS, Aetna, most United Healthcare plans, and Medicare. Please contact us to make out-of-network arrangements.



HEROES OF THE EUCHARIST

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

Those who, here on earth, have had the chance to enjoy a small foretaste of paradise should be able to form an idea of what it will be like. And anyone may achieve that. One need only approach confession with sincerity and great care, with deep sorrow for sins and firm resolve to make amends. Then they will immediately experience a peace and a happiness compared to which all the fleeting but dishonest pleasures of the world are, rather, loathsome torments. Let everyone come to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament with a good preparation; let them never allow their souls to remain in sin, but purify them right away. Let them perform all their duties well; raise humble and frequent prayers to the throne of God, especially through the hands of Mary Immaculate. Let them also embrace their brothers with charitable hearts, enduring suffering and difficulties for God's sake. Let them do good to everyone, including their enemies, only for the love of God and not in order to be praised or thanked by men. Then they shall realize what it means to have a foretaste of heaven and find peace and happiness even in poverty, in suffering, in disgrace, in sickness. Such a foretaste of paradise is also a sure harbinger of eternal bliss. Indeed, it is not easy to exert self-control in the manner described above to achieve this happiness, but remember that those who ask it of the Immaculata with humility and perseverance will certainly achieve it, because she is unable to deny us anything, nor is the Lord God able to deny her anything. Anyway, we shall shortly know exactly what it will be like in heaven. Surely in a hundred years none of us will still be walking on this earth. But what are a hundred years in the face of what we have been through? And who will have to wait as many more years? ...Soon, therefore, provide we are well prepared, under the protection of the Immaculata.

UNLOCKING THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



A RETREAT DAY TO EXPLORE, RECEIVE, UNLOCK AND SHARE
GOD'S SUPERNATURAL GIFTS & POWER!

Saturday – September 14, 2024

8:00 mass + 8:45 Coffee & Fellowship

9:15 Retreat begins + 5:00 retreat concludes

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CATHOLIC PARISH

17111 West Bell Road – Surprise, Arizona Cost: \$20.00

includes lunch and materials

To Register and pay online visit: stcpaz.org/September-retreat

You may also print the registration form and return it to the office.



Questions: please call the ministry – 520.631.1408

REGISTER NOW

A love offering will be requested to support the mission of Vine of Grace.

MARY'S MANTLE

SEPTEMBER 28TH

1PM-3PM



MODULAR OFFICE BUILDING

Mary is the ultimate example of motherhood, humility, maternal love, and willingness to say “Yes!” to God. That’s why we chose to take up her mantle! Mary’s Mantle is a group of Catholic moms who try to live our lives in faith, holiness, humility, love for God, and love for our families. If you are currently pregnant, newly postpartum, or in the thick of child rearing, we invite you to join us. Whether this is your 1st baby or your 4th, we are better together! We meet the **4th Saturday of the month** in the **Modular Social Hall at 1pm**.

We intend to provide on-site childcare for 2s and older with the help of volunteers. Please contact Kaitlynn Eaton to volunteer to help with childcare or to determine if childcare will be available: keaton@stcpaz.org or (623) 975-5602.

23RD SUNDAY

HE MAKES

THE DEAF HEAR

& THE MUTE SPEAK

IN ORDINARY TIME

Discovering God Together: THE GUIDE TO RAISING FAITHFUL KIDS

Have you wondered what your responsibility is as a Catholic parent, on how to share and instill a deep love for our Faith that lasts through adulthood? Are you wondering what lies beyond “I take them to Mass and I take them to Religious Ed classes?” Join us each week as we work through *Discovering God Together: The Catholic Guide to Raising Faithful Kids* by Dr. Gregory K. and Lisa Popcak for help on your journey of raising faithful kids. In August, we will learn about: **Life in the Domestic Church:**

Rituals & Routines

Family Rituals: Your Key to “Disciplining” Your Children

Family rituals serve as the skeleton on which your entire family relationship hangs. They serve as the structures you need to make sure you are attending to all the important areas of your life together as a family. Family rituals make it possible to have deeper and more meaningful conversation and encounters with your children that give you the credibility you need to become your children’s spiritual directors. Ultimately, family rituals become the means by which God communicates the grace of the sacrament of marriage and family life and allows you to experience him, up close and personal, in the day-to-day interactions you share. Family rituals are the sacred rites of the domestic church that provide a graceful rhythm to your life together to encounter all the blessings that make life together the gift it was meant to be.



Welcome to St. Clare of Assisi Parish! We are glad you are here for the celebration of the Holy Mass. Please take note of the guidelines for the reception of Holy Communion: Prior to receiving Communion, Catholics should have fasted for one hour; water and medicine excepting. Catholics aware of grave sin (e.g. intentionally missing Mass on Sunday/Holy Days, abortion, theft, sexual sin, use of contraceptives, etc.) should go to Confession prior to receiving Communion. Because of our belief in the Eucharist being the Body and Blood of Christ, reception of Communion is reserved to Catholics. There may exist circumstances in the lives of some individual Catholics, which may not facilitate immediate participation in receiving Communion (e.g., cohabitation, marriage outside the Church). A priest would be happy to assist you in rectifying these situations. We come together to worship God in spirit and in truth.

Processional: O God Our Help in Ages Past (689)

- 1.O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.
- 2.Under the shadow of Your throne, Your saints have dwelt secure. Sufficient is Your arm alone, and our defense is sure.
- 3.Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting You are God, to endless years the same.
- 4.A thousand ages in Your sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
- 5.Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away. They fly forgotten as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- 6.O God, our help in ages past our hope for yyears to come, still be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

Sign of the Cross & Greeting

Penitential Act:

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Christe Eleison.

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Gloria 297: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite Iesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe. Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

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, Father almighty. 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. 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.

Liturgy of the Word: Worship Hymnal 1176

Responsorial Psalm: R/. Praise the Lord, my soul!

- 1.The God of Jacob keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.
- 2.The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers.
- 3.The fatherless and the widow the LORD sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation: R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (707)

- 1.I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down Your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad: I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
- 2.I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
- 3.I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

Prayer Over the Offerings & Invitation to Prayer

Preface Dialogue & Preface

Sanctus:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Mystery of Faith:

We proclaim Your death, O Lord, and profess Your Resurrection, until You come again.

The Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

The Sign of Peace

Agnus Dei:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. (2x)
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (2x)
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

Communion Antiphon: *Make vows unto the Lord, Your God, and accomplish them, all you who gather around Him to present offerings; to the awesome God who takes away the life of princes; He is greatly feared by all the kings of the earth.*

Communion Hymn: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (939)

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat; come give to us, O saving Lord, the Bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice; so when You call your fam'ly, Lord, we follow and rejoice.
2. With joyful lips we sing to You our praise and gratitude, that You should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly food.
3. Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured? Do not one cup, one loaf declare our oneness in the Lord?
4. The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell: whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell.
5. You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be, to serve each other in your name in truth and charity.

Communion Hymn: Shepherd of Souls (941)

1. Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless Your chosen pilgrim flock. With manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.
2. We would not live by bread alone, but by Your word of grace, in strength of which we travel on to our abiding place.
3. Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart; Savior, abide with us and spread Your table in our heart.
4. Lord, sup with us in love divine; Your body and Your blood, that living bread, that heav'nly wine, be our immortal food.

The Concluding Rites

Blessing & Dismissal

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 the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Recessional Hymn: I Know that My Redeemer Lives! (527)

1. I know that my Redeemer lives! What joy this blest assurance gives! He lives, He lives who once was dead; He lives, my everlasting Head!
2. He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above; He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
3. He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
4. He lives, all glory to His name; He lives, my Savior, still the same. What joy this blest assurance gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!

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