

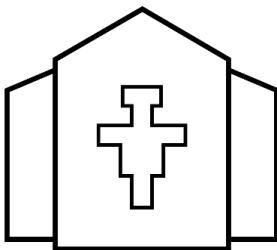
Celebration of the Eucharist

Fourth Sunday of Lent

12:30 PM Mass

In preparation for our encounter with Jesus later in the Mass we publicly humble ourselves by declaring our sinfulness with the penitential act. Throughout the Old Testament and the New Testament, God's people "confessed" their sins to God and each other. The words of the Confiteor lead us through an examination of conscience: our thoughts, our words, our actions, and inactions. We then express our deep sorrow and accept responsibility for our sins. Depending on the preference of the priest and the time of year, the Confiteor is not always said. Instead, we are given a moment of silence to examine our conscience. Whether vocal or not, this same examination should be done.

Finally, the priest leads us in asking three times for God to have mercy on us. Saint John Paul II equated this part of the Mass to the Prodigal son coming back to his father not only in sorrow and desperation but with a change of heart. In the Gospels so many approach Jesus asking for mercy for themselves and for others. Like them we ask for mercy for ourselves and for those we love.



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C A T H O L I C C H U R C H

March 30th, 2025

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING HYMN

Open Up the Heavens

We've waited for this day
We're gathered in Your Name
Calling out to You
Your glory like a fire awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing

Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Your presence in this place Your glory on our face
We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now
Lord unveil our eyes

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GREETING

CONFITEOR

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

PENITENTIAL RITE

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Joshua 5: 9a, 10 - 12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth of the month. On the day after the Passover, they ate of the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain. On that same day after the Passover, on which they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased. No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.

The Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7

R: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad. **R:**

Glorify the LORD with me,
let us together extol his name.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears. **R:**

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,
and your faces may not blush with shame.
When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,
and from all his distress he saved him. **R:**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5: 17 - 21

Brothers and sisters:

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So, we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

The Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 15: 1 - 3, 11 - 32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So, to them Jesus addressed this parable:

"A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So, the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So, he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger.' I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.'"

So, he got up and went back to his father.

While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was

dead, and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’ Then the celebration began.

Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, ‘Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, ‘Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.’ He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.’ But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, 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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

During this part of the Mass, we give thanks to God for our many blessings and bring gifts to the Altar. This is also the time of the Mass reserved to make our weekly donation. For your convenience, you can scan the QR code provided here for our new online giving platform, PushPay. Thank you for your generosity.



Run to the Father

I've carried a burden
for too long on my own
I wasn't created to bear it alone
I hear Your invitation to let it all go
I see it now
I'm laying it down
I know that I need You

I run to the Father
I fall into grace
I'm done with the hiding
No reason to wait
My heart needs a surgeon
My soul needs a friend
So, I'll run to the Father
Again, and again
and again and again

You saw my condition,
had a plan from the start
Your Son for redemption,
the price for my heart
I don't have a context,
for that kind of love
I don't understand
I can't comprehend
All I know is I need You

My heart has been in Your sights
Long before my first breath
Running into Your arms
Is running to life from death
I feel this rush deep in my chest
Your mercy is calling out
Just as I am You pull me in
I know I need You now

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION

Come Taste and See

Come taste and see that the Lord is good
His love for me never runs out
Come taste and see that the Lord is good
He's always good

Come now and drink and be satisfied
Forgiveness overflowing
Come now and drink and you will find
He's always good
God You're always good

Just one word just one touch
From You and I believe
That You love me and You are for me
And You hold nothing back from me

Come taste and see
That the Lord is good
Come sit at the table of mercy
Come taste and see
That the Lord is good
He is good God You're always good

And I'll never walk away the same
I'll never walk away the same
My heart forever rearranged
By Your love by Your love

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BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Father's House

Sometimes on this journey
I get lost in my mistakes
What looks to me like weakness
Is a canvas for Your strength
And my story isn't over
My story's just begun
And failure won't define me
'Cause that's what my Father does

Ooh lay your burdens down
Ooh here in the Father's house
Check your shame at the door
'Cause it ain't welcome anymore
Ooh you're in the Father's house

Arrival's not the end game
The journey's where You are
You never wanted perfect
You just wanted my heart
And the story isn't over
If the story isn't good
And failure's never final
When the Father's in the room

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