

Celebration of the Eucharist

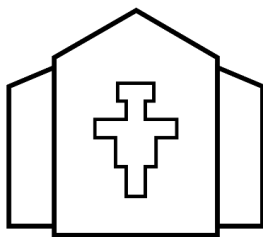
Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:30 PM Mass

In our relationships there are many things we do because we care about one another. We remember and celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and achievements. We care for each other when we are sick. Similarly, we have the 5 precepts in the Catholic Church.

The first precept of the Catholic Church is you shall attend Mass on Sundays. Every Sunday, we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord. The Second Vatican Council reminds us that Sunday has been underlined as a day in which the faithful gather "so that by hearing the Word of God, and taking part in the Eucharist, they may call to mind the passion, resurrection and glorification of the Lord Jesus, and may thank God."

The fourth precept is the obligation to attend Mass on certain holy days honoring the Lord, the Virgin Mary, and the saints. Holy days of obligation are days that remind us of God's great love for us. Although these days are called days of obligation, they are days of privilege and opportunity for us to focus on our most important relationship, with God.



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December 22nd, 2024

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING HYMN

Heaven Fall Down

Open our eyes Lord let us see
All that You are all that You mean
Open our ears Lord let us hear
All that You are be loud and clear
Please be near

As our praises rise may Your presence fall

Heaven Heaven fall down

Spirit Spirit pour out

On us all now Heaven fall down

Come Jesus come come like the wind
Fill up this place, we welcome You in
Come Jesus come come like the rain
Open the sky show us Your face
Oh Lord we wait

We're crying out in desperation

Waiting now in expectation

Crying out in desperation for You

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GREETING

PENITENTIAL RITE/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.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Micah 5: 1 - 4a

Thus says the LORD:

You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore, the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

The Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80: 2 - 3, 15 – 16, 18 - 19

R: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse your power,
and come to save us. **R:**

Once again, O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted
the son of man whom you yourself made strong. **R:**

May your help be with the man of your right hand,
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.
Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your name. **R:**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10: 5 - 10

Brothers and sisters:

When Christ came into the world, he said: “Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, ‘As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.’”

First, he says, “Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in.” These are offered according to the law.

Then he says: Behold, I come to do your will.” He takes away the first to establish the second. By this “will,” we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION- ALLELUIA

GOSPEL

Luke 1: 39 - 45

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

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.



Purify

In the wilderness, prepare a way
In the dessert, Your path made straight
Every valley high
Every mountain low

As we come to You, let us see Your face
In Your mercy, we shall be saved
Our hearts are restless
Until they rest in you

Purify our hearts

As we wait upon your coming, Lord

Purify our hearts

As we wait for you, as we wait for you

Now we come in faithfulness
Forever endures Your goodness
So, we shout for joy
Your Kingdom is drawing near

Come Lord Jesus Our Messiah
How we long for You
Holy Spirit set a fire
Make our hearts anew

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION

Prepare The Way

We've heard the revival stories
Of ancient and old time glory
Spirit of God come do it again
Miracle-working power
Moving in signs and wonders
Spirit of God come do it again

**Prepare the way He's coming through
Ready or not our God's on the move
We're going to see heaven on earth
Come Holy Spirit awaken Your church**

God You're just getting started
A testimony of more to come
Spirit of God come do it in us
We join in the faith of heaven
And prophesy Your kingdom here on earth
Spirit of God come do it in us

Fire fall wind come blow
We're ready for more ready for more
Break down the walls push back the doors
We're ready for more (ready for more)

We've heard the revival stories
Of ancient and old time glory
Spirit of God come do it again

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BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Even So Come

All of creation all of the Earth
Make straight a highway
A path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon

Call every sinner wake up the saint
Let every nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon

Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a church ready for You
Every heart longing for our King
We Sing

Even so come
Lord Jesus come

There will be justice all will be new
Your Name forever faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon

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