

Order of Mass

When Mass begins please stand as you are able, and join us in singing the Opening Hymn.

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

Priest: The Lord be with you. People: **And with your spirit.**

The priest invites us to acknowledge our sins, so we are better prepared to celebrate Mass.

Priest or Deacon: Lord, have mercy. (or, Kyrie Eleison)

People: **Lord have mercy. (or, Kyrie Eleison)**

Priest or Deacon: Christ have mercy. (or, Christe Eleison)

People: **Christ have mercy. (or, Christe Eleison)**

Priest or Deacon: Lord have mercy. (or, Kyrie Eleison)

People: **Lord have mercy. (or, Kyrie Eleison)**

People: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*The priest prays the opening prayer, called the Collect. At the end of the prayer, we say: **Amen.**
Please be seated.*

After the reading, the reader says, "The word of the Lord," and all respond: **Thanks be to God.**

The cantor leads the people in singing a psalm. The cantor sings a refrain and the people repeat it. Then the cantor sings verses, and after each verse the people sing the refrain.

After the reading, the reader says, "The word of the Lord," and all respond: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

The cantor leads the people in singing "Alleluia" as the ministers process with the Gospel book.

Priest or Deacon: The Lord be with you. People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest or Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to (name). People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

It is customary to make a cross over your forehead, lips, and heart with your thumb as you say the response. This reminds us to keep the message of the Gospel on our minds, lips, and hearts.

At the conclusion, he will say: The Gospel of the Lord. People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Please be seated for the homily, in which the priest or deacon shares a reflection on the scripture readings. After the homily, please stand as you are able.

People: **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, (bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. (rise) 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.**

We pray for our needs and those of the world. After each prayer, the reader says, "...we pray to the Lord."

People: **Lord hear our prayer.**

*Please be seated, and join in singing our Offertory Hymn. Then the priest will invite the people to stand.
During this hymn, a free-will offering can be made into baskets as they are passed.*

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The priest begins the Eucharistic Prayer.

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts

People: **We lift them up to the Lord**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right and just.**

The priest continues the Preface prayer, and at its conclusion the people sing:

People: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.**

After the consecration, the priest says, "The Mystery of Faith."

People: **Save us Savior of the world, for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.**

Please kneel as you are able. If you cannot kneel, please be seated. At the close of the prayer, the priest prays:

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

Please stand as you are able. During the "Our Father," many members of our community join hands with those near them. Feel free to either join hands with those around you or pray with your hands folded.

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

People: **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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

Priest: Deliver us Lord...as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ.

People: **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ...Who live and reign for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

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

People: **And with your spirit.**

All are invited to share God's peace with those around you with a handshake, hug, or another sign, saying "Peace be with you!"

People: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

Priest: Behold the lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: **Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Please remain standing until everyone has had the opportunity to receive communion.

There will be a moment for quiet reflection when everyone is seated. Catholics who are prepared to receive communion may come forward. If you're not receiving communion, you may come forward through the line, until you return to your seat or choose simply remain in your seat. We do not give blessings in the communion line, as everyone receives a blessing at the end of Mass. Please join in singing our Communion Hymns.

The priest gives us a final blessing.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

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

Priest or Deacon: Go in peace.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please join in singing our Closing Hymn.