



SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

DECEMBER 31, 2020 & JANUARY 1, 2021
ST. ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
MT. PLEASANT, IOWA

REV. PAUL CONNOLLY, CELEBRANT

WELCOME TO ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH

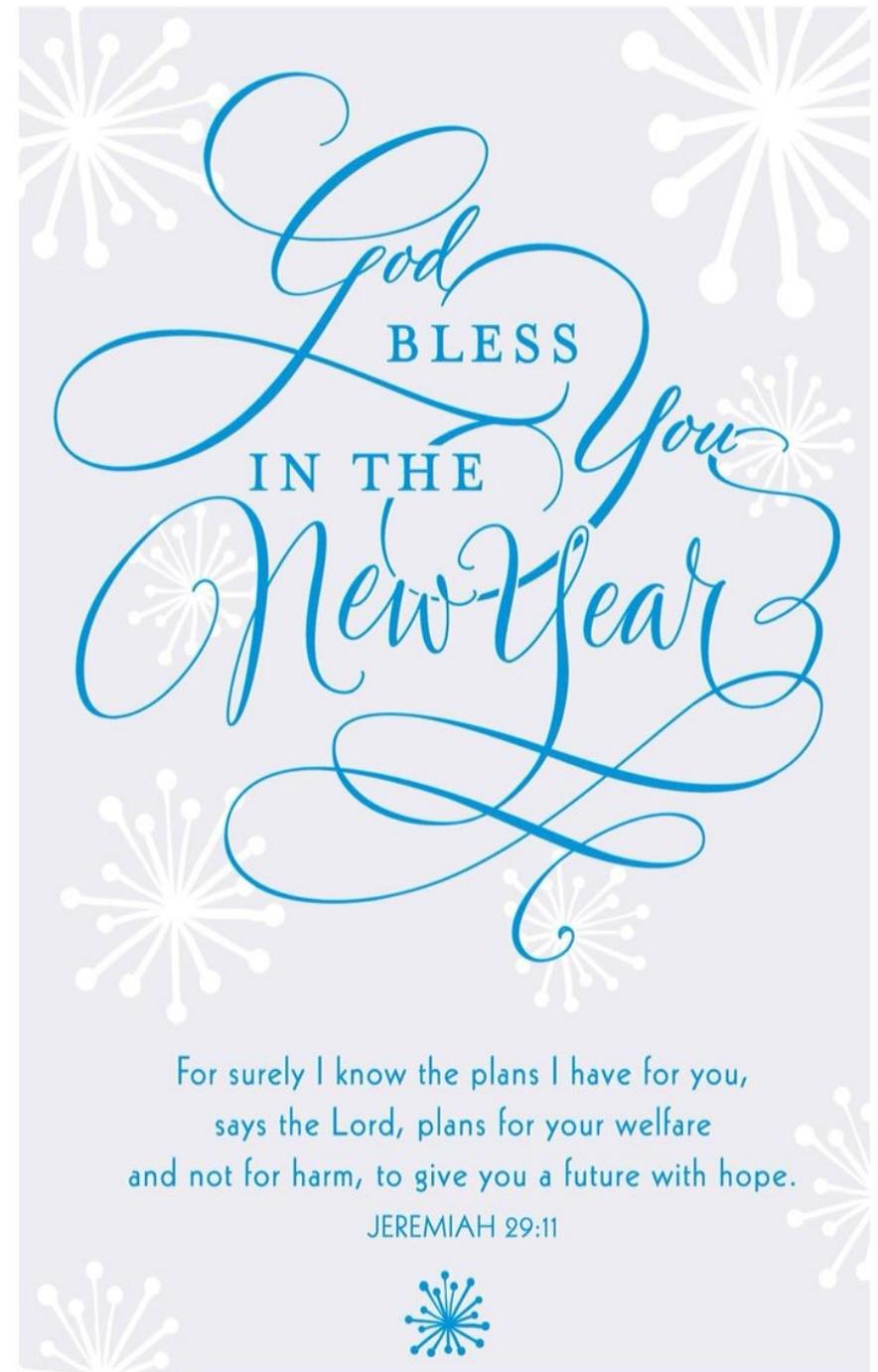
Procedure for receiving Communion during COVID-19 Pandemic

COMMUNION PROCESSION

- * *Leave your seat only when directed by an usher.*
- * *Maintain 6 feet physical distance in the Communion line. Look for marks on the floor.*
- * *Use the provided hand sanitizer before Communion; after sanitizing please do not touch any surfaces.*
- * *Approach the priest/Eucharistic minister only after you are called forward. Do not remove your face covering.*
- * *Extend a single hand to receive the host.*
- * *Move to the spot marker 6 feet to the right/left; then remove your mask and consume the host.*
- * *Replace your mask.*
- * *Follow instructions to return to your pew.*

At the end of Mass.....

- *Please leave your worship aid at your seat as you exit the sanctuary. It will be used to mark your place for cleaning, and then destroyed. You are welcome to take a fresh worship aid from the gathering space if you wish to take one home.*
- *You will be dismissed by pew or seating area.*
- *Please do not congregate outside the church doors.*
- *Please continue to wear your face covering until you leave the area where there are worshipers.*



AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION—*ST. ALPHONSUS LIGOURI**(For those who are unable to physically receive Communion with us today.)*

**My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**ALL: Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday, today, and for ever.**

COMMUNION PROCESSION

*If you are not of the Catholic faith, or do not wish to receive Communion today,
you may join procession, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing.*



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING and DISMISSAL

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**All: Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King,
who rules heaven and earth for ever.**

GREETING, PENITENTIAL ACT

GLORIA

**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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord said to Moses: "Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them: The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace! So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 105:1-9

R. May God bless us in his mercy.

May God have pity on us and bless us;
may he let his face shine upon us.

So may your way be known upon earth;
among all nations, your salvation.

R. May God bless us in his mercy.

May the nations be glad and exult
because you rule the peoples in equity;
the nations on the earth you guide.

R. May God bless us in his mercy.

May the peoples praise you, O God;
my all the peoples praise you!

May God bless us,

and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

R. May God bless us in his mercy.

RITE OF PEACE

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

People: And with your spirit.

The people exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,

Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy**

that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.



HOLY **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.**

MYSTERY OF FAITH

After the words of Institution of the Eucharist, the Priest sings or says:

The mystery of faith:

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

AMEN

The Eucharistic Prayer culminates and concludes when the Priest

sings: 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.

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven.....
.....but deliver us from evil.**

Priest: 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 forever.**

SECOND READING

Galatians 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets, in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant king lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying, and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father, the 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 (bow) 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 "Lord, hear our prayer."

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through Your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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..... And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim: