

Welcome

Parents and family members: There will be extra priests available for confessions, so feel free to go to confession yourselves. It is a wonderful way to share your example of faith.

Sign of the Cross

The Lord be with you. **R. And with your Spirit.**

Call to Prayer

We gather here to celebrate God's forgiveness in the Church. He is a loving God. We ask him to give us his love, so that we may know the joy of salvation. Let us pray.
(Pause for silent prayer.)

Opening Prayer:

Lord, hear the prayers of those who call on you, forgive the sins of those who confess to you, and in your merciful love give us your pardon and your peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen**

Introduction to God's Word

Liturgy of the Word: John 15:9-14

Homily

Examination of Conscience

Each should spend time preparing for confession.

Individual Confessions and Absolution - Please remain in the church after your confession and penance, staying through the conclusion of this service.

Placement of Lambs

The children will have lambs to place near the picture of the Good Shepherd to symbolize that we who have strayed by sin are now brought into harmony and reconciliation with God and each other. Parents: Feel free to take a photograph of your child by the picture to help them remember this special day.

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer:

God our Father always seeks us out when we walk away from the path of goodness. He is always ready to forgive when we have sinned.
May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **R. Amen**

Family Blessing

Parents bless the children. Form a cross on the child's forehead with your thumb while saying, "I bless you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Blessing and Dismissal