

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

January 15, 2023

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*Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament begins
Weekdays &
Sundays at 4:00 p
Saturdays at 3:00 p*

Mass Schedule

6 am 12:15 pm Monday—Friday
7 am Saturday Morning

5 pm Saturday Vigil Mass
7 am, 9 am, 11:45 am and 6 pm Sunday



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

What is the National Eucharistic Revival?

The National Eucharistic Revival is a three-year initiative sponsored by the Bishops of the United States to inspire and prepare the People of God to be formed, healed, converted, united, and sent out to a hurting and hungry world through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist – the source and summit of our Catholic faith. The Revival officially launched in June 2022, and its milestone event will be a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN, from July 17-21, 2024. The National Eucharistic Revival and National Eucharistic Congress are a direct response to the Holy Father’s call for a “pastoral and missionary conversion which cannot leave things as they presently are” so that the Church in the United States might be “permanently in a state of mission” (Evangelii Gaudium, n. 25).

This eucharistic movement seeks to bring together clergy, religious, laity, apostolates, movements, and parish and diocesan leaders to spur momentum, collaboration, and lasting impact for the renewal of the Catholic Church in the U.S. over the next three years. Each year will have a strategic focus for formation and missionary discipleship.

PRAY FOR US!



*Please remember St. Joseph
Parish in your will!*

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A – 2023

“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

John the Baptist refers to Jesus as the Lamb of God. Such an expression reminds of the paschal lamb whose blood was brushed on the doorposts of the house of the Jews to save them from the angel of death. Likewise, in the Jewish temple lambs had their lives taken as sacrifices in behalf of the people. So like a lamb placed on the temple’s altar, Jesus was to be the sacrifice offered on behalf of his people...on behalf of each and everyone of us.

And this we recall at every Eucharist, when we pray: “This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.” While this indeed speaks a lot about who Christ is and the great sacrifice he endured for all of us, it also reveals a lot about who we are in the eyes of God. We are so precious in the eyes of the Lord that he is willing to be sacrificed in our behalf. And this should give us a sense of our true worth. We are valuable because someone is willing to pay a great price for us. And that someone is the Son of God himself. The Lamb of God has paid the price and all because of his great and unconditional love for each one of us. We are truly precious because we are loved by God.

So that the next time, we pray “Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the Lord”, remember to thank the Lord from the depth of your heart.



TEACHING MASS - BULLETIN INSERT
INTRODUCTORY RITES:
“OUR ENTRANCE INTO MASS, OUR ENTRANCE INTO HEAVEN”
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023



GATHERING TOGETHER

Before we even begin the Mass, worship takes place from the moment we choose to come to Mass. We prepare ourselves by setting aside the business of our life and instead focus on God and the marvelous event about to take place. We dress in our Sunday best, just as the priest vests for Mass, and enter the Church in a spirit of prayer as we prepare ourselves to meet the Lord in His word and body. Just as the priest prepares for Mass, we prepare our hearts as well. For we are all part of the same celebration.



PROCESSION

At the beginning of Sunday Mass, before the priest begins the celebration, he makes a symbolic journey from the entrance of the church to the sanctuary, then kisses the Altar. This action is a sign of the priest's unity with us, who have traveled from home and entered the church from outside, a journey each of us makes. The priest does not enter into the church or the sanctuary alone, but is accompanied by those who assist him in his celebration of the Mass as the Mass is not a private affair. These ministers enter the church led by an image of Christ crucified, signifying how Christ leads His pilgrim people from the world into heaven, which is signified by the Altar.

As the priest processes through the church to the Altar, he walks past people in the pews, signifying that even as the priest is set apart for certain sacred functions, he too is part of the people of God. He is one of us, coming from among our own ranks before stepping up to the Altar as the Celebrant of the Mass. The priest kisses the Altar as he arrives, signifying not only reverence for this sacred table, but also how the words uttered by his lips are words of worship and praise.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

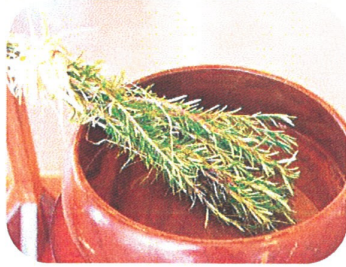
The Mass, like all prayers, begins with the Sign of the Cross. In this, we recall how Jesus used the cross as the tool of our salvation. As we sign ourselves, the priest says the words, “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” When we invoke the Holy Trinity during the sign of the cross, we recall our baptism, in which the same words were said by the priest as he poured water over our heads, cleansing us from Original Sin and making us members of the family of God.

These words are rightly used to begin our sacred liturgy because of the power of the God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Since ancient times in royal courts, whenever important business was conducted or some proclamation read, the president of the assembly would say, “In the name of the King!” In the same way, we invoke the name of our God in His Divine Persons as a symbol of recognition that our worship is focused on Him and we are gathered in His name, for His sake.

WORDS OF GREETING

We all know the exchange, “The Lord be with you,” with the people responding, “and with your spirit.” We say this several times throughout the Mass. Even from the first greeting, whether it be these exact words or other forms of greeting, they are not merely poetic words of welcome. These words are a spiritual exchange, not between priest and people, but between Christ and His Church. From the moment the priest enters the church, his words and actions are not his own. The priest takes on the role of Christ in the assembly, acting as the Head of the Church while we are the body. This is why the people respond, “and with your spirit,” rather than, “and also

with you.” In mentioning the spirit, we acknowledge the dynamic that the priest is both his own person and the *in persona Christi*, the person of Christ within the priest as he celebrates the Mass. This idea of Christ being active in our liturgy through the priest is a repeated key point that we return to throughout the Mass.



PENITENTIAL ACT

Immediately after the priest and people exchange the sacred greeting, they turn together to the Lord in repentance. This is usually done by everyone while praying together the Confiteor (“I confess to Almighty God...”) and invoking the Kyrie (“Lord, have mercy”). There is an option, often used during the Easter season, to have the priest sprinkle holy water over the people in remembrance of our baptism and the cleansing power of God’s forgiveness.

In all of this, we are acknowledging our sins and our need for God’s mercy. This part of the Mass is a summary of the pursuit of our earthly life: coming to God like the prodigal son and receiving His mercy and love. Just as Christ tells us to make peace with our brother before entering the temple, we make peace with God. We should clarify that serious sins require the Sacrament of Confession for forgiveness, but small (venial) sins can be forgiven by these penitential acts, which we pray at every Mass. In the Old Testament, priests would ritually purify themselves before offering the Old Covenant sacrifices. In the New Covenant, it is right that we spiritually purify ourselves through prayer before offering our own sacrifice of praise.

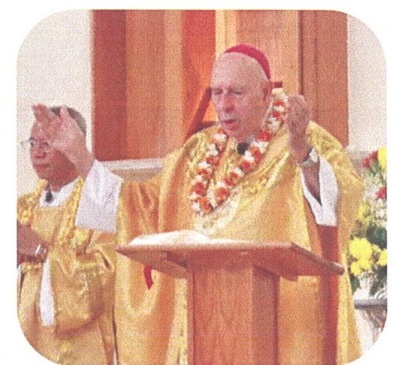
THE GLORIA

Once we have received God’s mercy, we immediately respond with that ancient hymn of praise, the Gloria. This hymn, sung on most Sundays and other Solemnities (High Feasts), comes to us from the nativity of our Lord, when angels appeared to shepherds singing the glory of God. They sang to announce that Christ had come. In this same way, we sing the Gloria to recognize that Christ is present with us at Mass, through our gathering together, through the priest, through the Word, and most of all, through the Eucharist. We proclaim with great joy the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, made present again and again at the Mass.

It is worth clarifying that we do not always sing this hymn. We do not sing the Gloria during Advent and Lent because during those seasons there is a greater focus on penance and mercy. By contrast, Easter, Christmas, and other Sundays are most appropriate occasions to praise God for His glory. It is appropriate that the Gloria take place directly after the Penitential Acts, acting as a joyous response to the forgiveness from God that we have just received.

THE COLLECT: THE OPENING PRAYER

After the Gloria (or the Penitential Acts, if there is no Gloria), the priest invites the entire community to pray as one by the call, “Let Us Pray.” This call, used since the earliest days of the Church, calls the community to enter into the mysteries about to happen. The priest extends his hands outward, a sign that he is speaking to God on behalf of all of us, and he prays the Collect, the opening prayer that is proper to this day. He alone says the words, but we are called to bind our thoughts to those words and to be united in this prayer, our hearts being gathered (or *collected*, one might say) into the arms of the priest as he brings them to God.



The Collect gives us a kind of theme of this particular Mass, like a first look at the readings of this Mass, or the particular reason for this Mass. The Collect acts as the main point of the beginning phase of the Mass. The parts before this prayer were inviting us into the Mass. The Collect then brings us into the heavenly sanctuary where we offer ourselves, our presence, and our intentions to God. Entering into this liturgy, God invites us to listen to Him in the Liturgy of the Word.

January 2022

15 7:00 Mass 9:00 Mass 11:45 Mass 6:00 Mass	16 7:00 Mass Martin Luther King Holiday	17 6:00 Mass 12:15 Mass	18 6:00 Mass 12:15 Mass	19 6:00 Mass 12:15 Mass	20 6:00 Mass 12:15 Mass	21 7:00 Mass 10:00 Confessions 5:00 Mass
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Sunday, January 15

Is 49:3, 5-6
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
1 Cor 1:1-3
Jn 1:29-34

Monday, January 16

Heb 5:1-10
Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 17

Heb 6:10-20
Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 18

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17
Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 19

Heb 7:25—8:6
Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17
Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 20

Heb 8:6-13
Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 21

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Mk 3:20-21

Sunday, January 22

Is 8:23—9:3
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS 2023

In lieu of the annual Memorial Mass, this year St. Joseph Church will remember and honor those parishioners & their loved ones who died in the past year (2022). **The names will be displayed in the Church on the WEEKEND of JANUARY 28-29, 2023.**

If you have a loved one who died in 2022, please call the rectory office at (808)-935-1465, to submit their name. All names **MUST** be collected by January 25.



Sisters of the Holy Trinity Hermitage

Forty days after the birth of Jesus Christ, on February 2nd, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord with a Candle Mass and the blessing of candles. In preparation for this feast the sisters of Holy Trinity Hermitage will be selling candles after the 9 am Mass this Sunday.

They will have many types of devotional candles available so please stop by after the 9 am Mass to get yours.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil.

Amen