

Blessed Sacrament Parish
Liturgy of the Word – presided by a Deacon
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - B
January 14th 2024

Entrance antiphon: *please stand*

(All) **All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!** (Psalm 65, 4).

To commemorate our baptism, and to begin our celebration, let us bless ourselves with the sign of the cross:

(All) **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(All) **And with your spirit.**

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare our hearts to hear the Word of God and to receive his body in Holy Communion:

(All)

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 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.
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May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. (All) **Amen.**

We are gathered to hear the Word of the Lord, to give thanks to God for his blessings, to seek his guidance and to give Glory for his abundant grace. With the entire Church, let us recite together:

(All)

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.
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Collect prayer

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. (All) **Amen.**

FIRST READING *please be seated.*

A reading from the First Book of Samuel (3, 3-10, 19)

Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" Samuel ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.

The Word of the Lord: (All) **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 40)

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited patiently for the Lord;
 he inclined to me and heard my cry.
 He put a new song in my mouth,
 a song of praise to our God.

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
 but you have given me an open ear.
 Burnt offering and sin offering
 you have not required.

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Then I said, "Here I am;
 in the scroll of the book it is written of me.
 I delight to do your will, O my God;
 your law is within my heart."

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have told the glad news of deliverance
 in the great congregation;
 see, I have not restrained my lips,
 as you know, O Lord.

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (6, 13-15, 17-20)

Brothers and sisters: The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself.

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The Word of the Lord: (All) **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *please stand*

(All) **Alleluia. Alleluia.**
We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ,
who brings us grace and truth.
Alleluia. (John 1, 41, 17)

The Lord be with you. (All) **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John
(John 1, 35-42)

(All) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated the Christ). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

HOMILY *please be seated*

PROFESSION OF FAITH: *please stand*

With the entire Church, let us now proclaim our Faith:

(All)

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under
Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died
and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose
again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

(Claude) Let us now present our requests to the Lord, for the Church, for the world and for ourselves; let us pray with confidence to the Lord our God:

For the Church, hearing and proclaiming God's call to holiness, we pray to the Lord:

(All) **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For world leaders, working for a lasting peace, we pray to the Lord:

(All) **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who hunger for food, for understanding and for companionship, we pray to the Lord:

(All) **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For ourselves, gathered to share the gifts of faith, hope and love, we pray to the Lord:

(All) **Lord, hear our prayer**

(Claude) God, our Father, to your greatness, there is no limit. In your great goodness, look at our desire to collaborate for a more just world and grant us the grace to work tirelessly for your greater glory and the good of all. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

(All) **Amen.**

COMMUNION RITE

As we prepare ourselves to receive the Body of Christ in Holy Communion, and following the teaching and command given by our Saviour, we dare to say,

(All) **Our Father, who art in Heaven...**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. You who live and reign forever and ever. (All) **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

(All) **And with your spirit.**

Let us offer each other the sign of Peace.

(The Holy Ciborium is brought to the altar).

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.**

We shall now receive the Body of Christ, in Holy Communion. Let us recite together the communion antiphon:

(All) **We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.** (1 John 4, 16)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *please stand*

God our Father, in your beloved Son, you call each one of us personally to set out and follow behind him to share in your life. Grant that we may grow in our hearing and obedience to your Word, as joyful witnesses of the Gospel. We ask this through Christ our Lord, him who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.

(All) **Amen.**

FINAL PRAYER AND BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

(All) **And with your spirit.**

May the Lord look over each of us and each of our families, may he protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life, and may the blessing of almighty God, † *the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit*, come down on you and remain with you.

(All) **Amen.**

Let us go, in peace, to love and to serve the Lord.

(All) **Thanks be to God.**