

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME < B

August 21-22, 2021

Intercessions: For the Church

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop and all the clergy

For the Dead

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

In Communion with the Saints

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the Blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Concluding Doxology

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. **Amen.**

Communion Rite

STAND

The Lord's Prayer

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Priest:

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant us 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.

People:

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Sign Of Peace

Priest : 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. 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.**

Priest : Let us offer each other the sign of peace

Breaking of the Bread

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.

Reception of Communion

KNEEL

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.

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

Priest : The body of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

Priest : The blood of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

Communion

Oratio Imperata

Prayer after Communion

[Pleasing God]

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you. Through Christ our Lord. **R/ Amen.**

General Announcements

SIT

Blessing

STAND

May God of majesty and glory, grant you grace of His presence in your midst as we gather to praise His Holy name.

R/ Amen.

Today is a good opportunity to examine the sincerity of your self-surrender to our Lord, if you could firmly put aside anything that prevents the path to following Jesus, that lead you to holiness.

R/ Amen.

May God give you the faith and courage to do so, and may the blessing of almighty God the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R/ Amen.

Let us go with the strength of Christ and sustain one another.

R/ Thanks be to God.

MC: Greeting

Entrance song

STAND

Introduction by the Celebrant

ENTRANCE ANT.

[Save Us]

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Penitential Act

Through sin, we have not given to the Lord the place that is rightfully his.

Let us ask forgiveness from the Lord:

(pause)

Lord Jesus, your people wants to serve you; let your light shine on our path:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, your Church wants to respond to your love; keep it young and vigorous:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, we want to follow you; keep us faithful to your word of life:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us our frailty and failures.

Help us to always be on your side and lead us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Glory to God in the highest

C: Collect

[One in Mind and Heart]

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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.

R/ Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

SIT

First Reading Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

[Serving the Lord]

Joshua admonished the Israelites to decide their allegiance to God. They answered that they would serve the God of their fathers who delivered them from slavery and protected them.

A reading from the Book of Joshua

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods. For it was the Lord, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among all the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 34

[Refuge in God]

R./ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the Lord; the lowly will hear me and be glad. **(R.)**

The Lord has eyes for the just, and ears for their cry. The Lord confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth. **(R.)**

When the just cry out, the Lord hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves. **(R.)**

Many are the troubles of the just one, but out of them all the Lord delivers him; he watches over all his bones; not one of them shall be broken. **(R.)**

Second Reading Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

[Sacrament of Marriage]

Paul gives specific directives to wives and husbands. Wives are to be submissive to their husbands as the Church submits to Christ. Husbands must love their wives as their own bodies. They are to be ever faithful to each other.

[If the "Shorter Form" is used, indented text in brackets is omitted.]

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters:

[Be subordinate to one another out of reverence

for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body. As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything.]

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Jn 6:63c, 68c

[Living Words]

STAND

R/ Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

R/ Alleluia, alleluia.



Gospel Jn 6:60-69

[Words of Life]

Jesus emphasizes that to believe in him demands faith—a gift from his Father. Many left Jesus, but his Twelve turned and said, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You alone have the words of eternal life.”

R/ The Lord be with you.

R/ And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R/ Glory to you, O Lord

Many of Jesus’ disciples who were listening said, “This saying is hard; who can accept it?” Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, “Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life.

But there are some of you who do not believe.” Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father.”

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, “Do you also want to leave?” Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

SIT

I believe in God

STAND

General Intercessions

The Lord has ears for our cry. Entrusting all our cares to him, we voice our prayers to the Father:

(Pause)

For the Church, where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom: to be truly free, by the grace of God, we need to be opened to God and be liberated by the conversion of heart. Let us pray to the Lord:

Hear us, O Lord!

For our Parish community: that we may remain always whole-hearted disciples of our Saviour and faithful members of our Parish, to undertake the work of evangelization and true justice, in the spirit of the loving God we serve. Let us pray to the Lord:

Hear us, O Lord!

We pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and to consecrated life; and an increase of members of the church to follow Christ to serve with humility and commitment in bringing Good News to the peoples. Let us pray to the Lord:

Hear us, O Lord!

For those who are going through struggle and pain in their marriage and family life: may they find forgiveness in their hearts and faith to believe that God’s healing love will help heal their wounds and bind them in family love and unity.

Let us pray to the Lord: **Hear us, O Lord!**

Lord Jesus, You are the head of the Church, we humbly seek Your providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, the grace to follow you with growing faith and to be the Light to the nations. Let us pray to the Lord:

Hear us, O Lord!

We pray for those intentions offered for the Mass and for our personal intentions ...

(Pause)

Let us pray to the Lord: **Hear us, O Lord!**

Loving Father, help us to face the challenges of daily life with confidence in Your love and protection. Through Christ our Lord.

R/ Amen.

Offertory hymn

SIT

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Bread

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.

All : Blessed be God for ever.

Preparation of the Wine

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.

All : Blessed be God for ever.

Invitation To Prayer

STAND

Priest : Pray, brethren, 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
[Unity and Peace]

STAND

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

STAND

Introductory Dialogue

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

Preface II of The Sundays In Ordinary Time

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For out of compassion for the waywardness that is ours, he humbled himself and was born of the Virgin; by the passion of the Cross he freed us from unending death, and by rising from the dead he gave us life eternal.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....

Eucharistic Prayer No.2

KNEEL

Praise to the Father

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord’s Supper

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in memory of me.

Memorial Acclamation

Priest : The mystery of faith.

All : When we eat this Bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

The Memorial Prayer

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.