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 Departed Souls

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

Prayer after Communion
[Wise Judgment] ***STAND***

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.
R/ Amen.

General Announcements ***SIT***

Blessing ***STAND***

Dearly beloved:
To be a highway to God
level, smooth, and straight,
we need to become more Christ-like ourselves.
R/ Amen.

We can show the road to Christ
and prepare the way for his full coming
only if we ourselves take his gospel seriously.
R/ Amen.

May God give you His strength and bless you all:
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
R/ Amen.

Let us go with one another the way of the Lord.
R/ Thanks be to God.

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT < C

December 7 - 8, 2024

MC: Greeting

Entrance song ***STAND***

Introduction by the Celebrant

ENTRANCE ANT. ***[Lord of Salvation]***
O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Penitential Act

How much do we stand in the way
of the coming of the Lord in our World?
Let us examine ourselves:

(pause)

Lord Jesus, you offer to people
the peace of your justice,
but we ourselves are not always just:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, you came to bring
freedom to those who are in chains,
but how much freedom do we give them?
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you want to live among us
but have we made room for you?
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us, Lord,
and forgive us our sins.
Open our heart to welcome you
and lead us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Gloria Is Omitted

C: **Collect** ***[Heavenly Wisdom]***

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **R/ Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word ***SIT***

First Reading *Bar 5:1-9*
[God's Favor on Jerusalem]

Baruch tells Jerusalem of God's favor. God will gather the people together that Israel may grow secure in the glory of God. He leads in joy, mercy, and justice.

A reading from the book of the Prophet Baruch

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery;
put on the splendor of glory from God forever:
wrapped in the cloak of justice from God,
bear on your head the mitre
that displays the glory of the eternal name.
For God will show all the earth your splendor:
you will be named by God forever
the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.
Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;
look to the east and see your children
gathered from the east and the west
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.
Led away on foot by their enemies they left you:
but God will bring them back to you
borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones.
For God has commanded
that every lofty mountain be made low,
and that the age-old depths and gorges
be filled to level ground,
that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God.
The forests and every fragrant kind of tree
have overshadowed Israel at God's command;
for God is leading Israel in joy
by the light of his glory,
with his mercy and justice for company.
The word of the Lord.
R/ Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 126*
[The Lord's Wonders]

R./ The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord brought back the captives of Zion,
we were like men dreaming.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with rejoicing. **(R.)**

Then they said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."
The Lord has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed. **(R.)**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the torrents in the southern desert.
Those who sow in tears
shall reap rejoicing. **(R.)**

Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown,
they shall come back rejoicing,
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

Second Reading *Phil 1:4-6, 8-11*
[Cooperating with Joy]

Paul rejoices in the progress of faith among the Philippians. He is sure that God who began this good work will help it grow. Paul prays that their love may even more abound that they may be rich in harvest.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that come through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Alleluia *Lk 3:4, 6*

[Prepare the Way] ***STAND***

R/ Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R/ Alleluia, alleluia.

"John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance."

Gospel *Lk 3:1-6* ***[Prepare for the Lord]***

Luke outlines some historical facts at the time of John the Baptist's preaching. It is the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah. John prepares the way for the Lord.

R/ The Lord be with you.

R/ And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R/ Glory to you, O Lord

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.
Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily ***SIT***

I believe in God ***STAND***

General Intercessions

Let us offer our petitions to the Eternal Father, who sent Saint John the Baptist to announce the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We turn to him with our needs:

(Pause)

For the renewal of the Church: that the Lord may sanctify her during this holy season of Advent; and that Jesus' peace may emanate and enlighten all the members of the Church, to bring peace into our hearts, peace into our homes and peace into our communities. Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our nation: may the Lord guide the minds of those who govern, that their ways may be straight and their missions are to promote the common good and justice for all. Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the world today: that valleys of poverty may be filled, mountains of injustice leveled and rough roads of selfishness made smooth. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our Parish Community: that the Lord may draw us together through the sacramental life of the Church; that we may build roads to one another in services; and to prepare the way to welcome our saving Lord. Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the catechist and all who teach the faith: that they may be given wisdom and grace as they form new generations of disciples of Christ; and for the parents to help their children grow in their faith, by family prayers and sharing the knowledge of God's Word. Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord Jesus, You are the head of the Church, we humbly seek Your providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, for the grace to approach the wounded with a truly Christ-like presence and to be the Light to the nations.
Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, graciously hear us.

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

(Pause)

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, graciously hear us.

Loving Father, we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness and peace dwell. Keep us faithful to you this Advent. Through Christ our Lord. **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
[Our Offering] ***STAND***

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings, and, since we have no merits to plead our cause, come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.
R/ 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 I of Advent

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 he assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when he comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope.

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.

Intercessions: For the Church

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout