

## 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT < B

February 24 - 25, 2024

### In Communion with the Saints

Just as you have gathered us now at the table of your Son, so also bring us together, with the glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with your blessed Apostles and all the Saints.

### For the Dead

With our brothers and sisters and those of every race and tongue who have died in your friendship. Bring us to share with them the unending banquet of unity in a new heaven and a new earth, where the fullness of your peace will shine forth in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### 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.**

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**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  
[Things of Heaven]**

**STAND**

As we receive these glorious mysteries,  
we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,  
for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers  
even now of the things of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R/ Amen.**

### General Announcements

**SIT**

### Blessing

**STAND**

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord,  
with a blessing that endures for ever,  
and keep them faithful to the Gospel  
of your Only Begotten Son,  
so that they may always desire  
and at last attain that glory  
whose beauty he showed in his own Body,  
to the amazement of his Apostles.  
Through Christ or Lord.

**R/ Amen.**

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.**

Go in the peace of Christ  
and live in his presence.

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**MC: Greeting**

**Entrance song**

**STAND**

### Introduction by the Celebrant

**ENTRANCE ANT. [God's Merciful Love]**

**Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your  
merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our  
enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel,  
from all our distress.**

### Penitential Act

We ask God to take from our shoulders  
the burden of our sins  
and to change us into people of hope:

*(pause)*

Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
destroy in us the darkness of sin:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, beloved Son of the Father,  
give us the light of the children of God:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, our Saving Lord,  
open our heart to the Words you speak:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us, Lord,  
reconcile us with the Father  
and with one another, and lead us  
to the glory of eternal life. **Amen.**

### Gloria is not said

**C: Collect [Nourish Us]**

O God, who have commanded us  
to listen to your beloved Son,  
be pleased, we pray,  
to nourish us inwardly by your word,  
that, with spiritual sight made pure,  
we may rejoice to behold your glory.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
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 Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18**

**[Testing of Abraham]**

*Abraham and his son, Isaac, prefigure God, the  
Father, and Jesus, his divine Son. God tests  
Abraham's faith and because of it, God promises  
abundant blessings on the family of Abraham and  
all his descendants.*

A reading from the Book of Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him,  
"Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God  
said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom  
you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you  
shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I  
will point out to you." When they came to the place  
of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar  
there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached  
out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the  
LORD's messenger called to him from heaven,  
"Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered.  
"Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the  
messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know  
now how devoted you are to God, since you did not  
withhold from me your own beloved son." As  
Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its  
horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram  
and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.  
Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham  
from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares  
the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not  
withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless  
you abundantly and make your descendants as  
countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of  
the seashore; your descendants shall take possession  
of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants  
all the nations of the earth shall find blessing-all this  
because you obeyed my command."

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 116**

**[Walking with God]**

**R/ I will walk before the Lord,  
in the land of the living.**

I believed, even when I said,  
"I am greatly afflicted."  
Precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful ones. **(R.)**

O Lord, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;  
you have loosed my bonds.  
To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and I will call upon the name of the Lord. **(R.)**

My vows to the Lord I will pay  
in the presence of all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

**Second Reading Rom 8: 31b-34 [God Is for Us]**

*God sent his Son into the world to die for us. Who is  
then going to judge God's chosen ones? Is this not  
the right of Jesus, who loves those for whom he  
gave his life?*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died-or, rather, was raised-who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Verse Before the Gospel** Cf. Mt 17:5

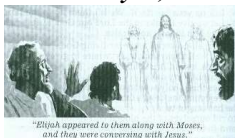
**[Beloved Son]**

**STAND**

**R/ Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ!\***

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

**R/ Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**



**Gospel** Mk 9: 2-10 **[Jesus Transfigured]**

*Jesus becomes transfigured before Peter, James and John. God spoke, "This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him." Jesus asked his disciples to keep this a strict secret until he would be raised from the dead.*

**R/ The Lord be with you.**

**R/ And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.  
**R/ Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and let them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

**SIT**

**I believe in God**

**STAND**

**General Intercessions**

God the Father has not spared his own Son. We believe after such a gift that he will not refuse us anything he can give. With faith we stand before him now and we pray:

*(Pause)*

That the Church might stand before the world without stain or blemish, holy and obedient to God's word; that the voice of God is heard in every age, by every individual human being in a particular way, through the teaching of the Church. Let us pray:

**Lord, renew us in Your image.**

For the whole world in this Lenten observance : our days may truly become the acceptable time of grace for repentance, fervent prayers, fasting, and charity in keep doing what is right and just. Let us pray:

**Lord, renew us in Your image.**

For our parish community: that this season of Lent might be a time of deeper conversion as we are about to commence the return of physical mass celebration in our parish; and a season of reconciliation for those who are far from Church, so they may rediscover Christ. Let us pray:

**Lord, renew us in Your image.**

For those who are downhearted or are burdened with difficulties: that they may experience the transfiguring power of God, and the solidarity of their neighbors, that may become visible signs of God's Kingdom. Let us pray:

**Lord, renew us in Your image.**

Lord Jesus, you are the head of the Church, we humbly seek your Providence of the St. Peter Canisius Internaional Catholic Parish, for the grace to see glory of Jesus in our lives and to be the Light to the Nations. Let us pray:

**Lord, renew us in Your image.**

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

*(Pause)*

Let us pray: **Lord, renew us in Your image.**

Most merciful Father, you did not spare your own Son but handed him over for our Salvation. We trust that you will always keep us save and keep us true to you. Through Christ our Lord.

**R/Amen.**

**SL: 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**

**[Cleanse Our Faults]**

**STAND**

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. 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** *[Jesus in Glory]*

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 after he had told the disciples of his coming Death, on the holy mountain he manifested to them his glory, to show, even by the testimony of the law and the prophets, that the Passion leads to the glory of the Resurrection.

And so, with the Powers of heaven, we worship you constantly on earth, and before your majesty without end we acclaim:

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

**Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation 2**

**KNEEL**

**Praise to the Father**

You, therefore, almighty Father, we bless through Jesus Christ your Son, who comes in your name. He himself is the Word that brings salvation, the hand you extend to sinners, the way by which your peace is offered to us. When we ourselves had turned

away from you on account of our sins, you brought us back to be reconciled, O Lord, so that, converted at last to you, we might love one another through your Son, whom for our sake you handed over to death.

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

And now, celebrating the reconciliation Christ has brought us, we entreat you: sanctify these gifts by the outpouring of your Spirit, that they may become the Body and \* Blood of your Son, whose command we fulfill when we celebrate these mysteries.

**The Lord's Supper**

For when about to give his life to set us free, as he reclined at supper, he himself took bread into his hands, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread 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, on that same evening, he took the chalice of blessing in his hands, confessing your mercy, and gave the chalice 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**

Celebrating, therefore, the memorial of the Death and Resurrection of your Son, who left us this pledge of his love, we offer you what you have bestowed on us, the Sacrifice of perfect reconciliation.

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

Holy Father, we humbly beseech you to accept us also, together with your Son, and in this saving banquet graciously to endow us with his very Spirit, who takes away everything that estranges us from one another.

**Intercessions: For the Church**

May he make your Church a sign of unity and an instrument of your peace among all people and may he keep us in communion with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop and all the Bishops and your entire people.