

5th SUNDAY OF LENT < C

April 5-6, 2025

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.

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 Blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with your blessed Apostles and all the Saints.

For the Departed Souls

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.

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

[Union with Jesus]

STAND

We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **R/ Amen.**

General Announcements

SIT

Blessing [Gift of Mercy]

STAND

Bless, O Lord, your people, who long for the gift of your mercy, and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire they may receive by your generous gift. Through Christ our Lord. **R/ Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come upon you and remain with you for ever. **R/ Amen.**

Let us go in this lent, to lead a life of reconciliation and conversion. **R/ Thanks be to God.**

MC: Greeting

Entrance song

STAND

Introduction by the Celebrant

ENTRANCE ANT. [Rescue Me]

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Penitential Act

In the light of God's forgiveness let us become aware of the ugliness of sin and the goodness of God:

(pause)

Lord Jesus, you came into our world not to condemn it but to save it:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, you tell us go and sin no more:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, when we have sinned you lift us up and make us free:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Make us reconcilers like you and lead us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Gloria Is Not Said

C: Collect [Walk in Charity]

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. 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 Is 43:16-21 [Hope for the Future]

A call to look with hope to the future. God is not dead. Look around you and see his wonderful works.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, who opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters, who leads out chariots and horsemen, a powerful army, till they lie prostrate together, never to rise, snuffed out and quenched like a wick. Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not;

see, I am doing something new!

Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers.

Wild beasts honor me, jackals and ostriches, for I put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland for my chosen people to drink, the people whom I formed for myself, that they might announce my praise. *The word of the Lord.*

R/ Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 126 [Joy of the Redeemed]

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 that 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 3:8-14 [Life in Christ]

Faith in Christ is our salvation, but we cannot relax. We must continue, while in this life, to strive for the good things of life in Christ-heaven.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters: I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by

Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

*The word of the Lord.
R/ Thanks be to God.*

Verse Before The Gospel Jn 2:12-13
[Return to God]

STAND

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

Even now, says the Lord,
return to me with your whole heart;
for I am gracious and merciful.

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



Gospel Jn 8:1-11 *[Christ's Forgiveness]*

By his example and works the Lord teaches us that God extends his mercy to sinners to free them from slavery to sin.

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

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

SIT

I believe in God

STAND

General Intercessions

In his love, God wants to make the world ever new. Let us entrust to his mercy our intentions and those of our brothers and sisters:

(Pause)

For the Church we love: that it will be healed from all spiritual worldliness and be able to preach God's Word with integrity; that it may be in our world a place and sign of forgiveness and reconciliation. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those in authority: that with God's grace, they are strengthened to commit in paying extreme care for the wellbeing of the peoples and to protect the sanctity of life. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the whole world: that our days may truly become the acceptable time of grace, salvation and peace, especially peace for the nations in conflicts. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For us, the sinners and the neglectful: that in this season of reconciliation we may find God's forgiveness and return to Christ, for a time of deeper conversion. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those wounded by the hardships of life and overwhelmed with difficulties: that they may experience the transfiguring power of God to find consolation, faith, hope and love. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord, You are the head of the Church. We humbly seek Your providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, for the grace to keep our eyes on Jesus to truly live as citizens of heaven and to be the Light to the nations. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

(Pause)

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Loving Father, you are rich in mercy, because of your great love for us, brought us life with Christ even when we are dead in our transgression. Let us live by that life. 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 [Hear Us]

STAND

Hear us, almighty God,
and, having instilled in your servants
the teachings of the Christian faith,
graciously purify them
by the working of this sacrifice.
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 [God Raised Lazarus]

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 as true man he wept for Lazarus his friend and as eternal God raised him from the tomb, just as, taking pity on the human race, he leads us by sacred mysteries to new life.

Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty and rejoices in your presence for ever. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim:

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

Eucharistic Prayer For Reconciliation II

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.