



ST. PETER CANISIUS INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC PARISH

Friday of the Third Week of Eastertide

Mass for Priests

May 6, 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour, alleluia. (Cf. Rv 5:12)

PENITENTIAL ACT

COLLECT

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who have come to know the grace of the Lord's Resurrection, may, through the love of the Spirit, ourselves rise to newness of life. 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. Amen.

FIRST READING

ACTS 9:1-20

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Saul was still breathing threats to slaughter the Lord's disciples. He had gone to the high priest and asked for letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, that would authorize him to arrest and take to Jerusalem any followers of the Way, men or women, that he could find.

Suddenly, while he was travelling to Damascus and just before he reached the city, there came a light from heaven all round him. He fell to the ground, and then he heard a voice saying, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' 'Who are you, Lord?' he asked, and the voice answered, 'I am Jesus, and you are persecuting me. Get up now and go into the city, and you will be told what you have to do.' The men travelling with Saul stood there speechless, for though they heard the voice they could see no one. Saul got up from the ground, but even with his eyes wide open he could see nothing at all, and they had to lead him into Damascus by the hand. For three days he was without his sight, and took neither food nor drink.

A disciple called Ananias who lived in Damascus had a vision in which he heard the Lord say to him, 'Ananias!' When he replied, 'Here I am, Lord', the Lord said, 'You must go to Straight Street and ask at the house of Judas for someone called Saul, who comes from Tarsus. At this moment he is praying, having had a vision of a man called Ananias coming in and laying hands on him to give him back his sight.'

When he heard that, Ananias said, 'Lord, several people have told me about this man and all the harm he has been doing to your saints in Jerusalem. He has only come here because he holds a warrant from the chief priests to arrest everybody who invokes your name.' The Lord replied, 'You must go all the same, because this man is

my chosen instrument to bring my name before pagans and pagan kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he himself must suffer for my name.' Then Ananias went. He entered the house, and at once laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, I have been sent by the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on your way here so that you may recover your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' Immediately it was as though scales fell away from Saul's eyes and he could see again. So he was baptised there and then, and after taking some food he regained his strength.

He began preaching in the synagogues, 'Jesus is the Son of God.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 116(117)

**GO OUT TO THE WHOLE WORLD;
PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS.**

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! **R.**

Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful forever. **R.**

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia!

It was ordained that the Christ should suffer and rise from the dead, and so enter into his glory.

Alleluia!

(Lk 24:46,26)

GOSPEL

JN 6:52-59

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me.'

This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live forever.'

He taught this doctrine at Capernaum, in the synagogue.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: The resurrection of the Lord fills us with the sincere desire to live a new life, characterized by honesty, sincerity, purity, dedication and love. Let us ask the Lord that this may become a reality for all as we pray:

MERCIFUL GOD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

Reader: For the Church and her leaders: May they be an inspiration to all the faithful through their dedication, unity, and faithfulness to Christ. *Let us pray to the Lord! R.*

For all those who are afflicted by physical, psychological or moral illness: May they always find healing and relief through the compassion of all believers. *Let us pray to the Lord! R.*

That the Holy Father, our Bishops and all our spiritual leaders may enjoy the consolation and peace that flow from Christ's resurrection. *Let us pray to the Lord. R.*

Lord Jesus, you are the head of the Church, grant us Your providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, the grace to love and to proclaim your Word and to be the Light to the nations. *Let us pray to the Lord. R.*

Let us now *pause* to pray for all intentions offered in this mass and for our personal intentions.
Let us pray to the Lord. R.

Priest: Lord God, may the splendor of Your Son's resurrection always illumine our lives. And may our thoughts, words, and actions bear witness to the new life You have given us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray, and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, make of us an eternal offering to you.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE II OF EASTER

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but in this time above all to praise you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

Through him the children of light rise to eternal life and the halls of the heavenly Kingdom are thrown open to the faithful; for his Death is our ransom from death, and in his rising the life of all has risen.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Crucified is risen from the dead and has redeemed us, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ADORATION

Priest: My Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that You are really here in this Sacrament. Night and day You remain here compassionate and loving. You call, You wait for, You welcome everyone who comes to visit You.

Reader 1: I thank You, Jesus my Divine Redeemer for coming upon the earth for our sake and for instituting the Adorable Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist in order to remain with us until the end of the world.

Reader 2: I thank You for hiding beneath the Eucharistic species Your infinite majesty and beauty, which Your Angels delight to behold, so that I might have courage to approach the throne of Your mercy.

I thank You dear Jesus, for having become the priceless Victim, to merit for me the fullness of heavenly favors.

Awaken in me such confidence in You that their fullness may descend ever more fruitfully upon my soul.

I thank You for offering Yourself in thanksgiving to God for all His benefits, spiritual and temporal which He has bestowed on me.

Grant me grace and perseverance in your faithful service.

Amen.

NOVENA TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Priest:

Divine Jesus, you have said, • “Ask, and you shall receive; • seek, and you shall find; • knock, and it shall be opened unto you.” • Behold me kneeling at your feet, • filled with a lively faith and confidence • in the promises dictated by your Sacred Heart • and pronounced by your adorable lips. I come to ask this favor: (Silently mention your petitions.)

Reader 1:

To whom can I turn if not to you • whose heart is the source of all graces and merits? • Where should I seek if not in the treasure • which contains all the riches of your kindness and mercy? • Where should I knock • if not at the door through which God gives himself to us • and through which we go to God? • I have recourse to you, Heart of Jesus. • In you I find consolation when afflicted, • protection when persecuted, • strength when burdened with trials, • and light in doubt and darkness.

Reader 2:

Dear Jesus, I firmly believe • that you can grant me the grace I implore, • even though it should require a miracle. • You have only to will it, • and my prayer will be granted. • I admit that I am most unworthy of your favors, • but this is not a reason for me to be discouraged. • You are the God of mercy • and you will not refuse a contrite heart. • Cast upon me a look of mercy, I beg of you, • and your kind heart will find in my miseries and weaknesses • a reason for granting my prayer.

O Sacred Heart, • whatever may be your decision with regard to my request, • I will never stop adoring, loving, praising, and serving you. • My Jesus, be pleased to accept this my act of perfect resignation • to the decrees of your adorable heart • which I sincerely desire may be fulfilled • in and by me and by all your creatures forever.

Reader 1:

Sacred Heart of Jesus, • I know that there is but one thing impossible to you: • to be without pity for those who are suffering or in distress. • Look upon me, I beg of you, dear Jesus, • and grant me the grace for which I humbly implore you • through the Immaculate Heart of your most sorrowful Mother. • You have entrusted me to her as her child, • and her prayers are all-powerful with you. • Amen.

THE DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.

Amen.