

# 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME < A

June 24 - 25, 2023

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*  
*[Pledge of Redemption]*

**STAND**

Renewed and nourished by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son, we ask of your mercy, O Lord, that what we celebrate with constant devotion may be our sure pledge of redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

**R/ Amen.**

## General Announcements

**SIT**

## Blessing

**STAND**

Do not be afraid, for the Father loves us. Do not be afraid, for Christ walks by our side. Do not be afraid, for the Holy Spirit will give us courage. Do not be afraid, for God's love tries, refines and purifies our soul. **Amen.**

Go and face life and bear witness to God's love with the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. **R/ Amen.**

Go in peace and put your trust in God. **R/ Thanks be to God.**

## MC: Greeting

## Entrance song

**STAND**

## Introduction by the Celebrant

ENTRANCE ANT. *[Saving Refuge]*

*The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.*

## Penitential Act

Our trust in the Lord is often weak and we have been too timid to bear witness to him. Let us ask the Lord to forgive us:

*(pause)*

Lord Jesus, you tell us not to be afraid. But to proclaim our faith openly. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, you tell us not to be afraid. For your perfect love casts out fear. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you tell us not to be afraid. For you stand by our side. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us all our sins. Save your people, Lord, make our faith strong and lead us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

## Glory to God in the highest

C: **Collect** *[Foundation of God's Love]*

Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. 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 Jer 20:10-13*

*[The Lord Our Champion]*  
*Jeremiah, a man chosen by God, tells how threatened his life is. His enemies lurk on every side, anxious to take vengeance on him. The Lord will protect him and confound the evildoers.*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah  
Jeremiah said: "Yes, I hear the wisperings of many: 'Terror on every side! Denounce! Let us denounce him!' All those who were my friends are on the

watch for any misstep of mine. 'Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him.' But the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutor will stumble, they will not triumph. In their failure they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion. O Lord of hosts, you who test the just, who probe mind and heart, let me witness the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!"

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

*Responsorial Psalm Ps 69*

*[The Lord's Kindness]*  
**R./ Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

For your sake I bear insult, and shame covers my face. I have become an outcast to my brothers, a stranger to my mother's children, because zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall upon me. **(R.)**

I pray to you, O Lord, for the time of your favor, O God! In your great kindness answer me with your constant help. Answer me, O Lord, for bounteous is your kindness; in your great mercy turn toward me. **(R.)**

"See, you lowly ones, and be glad; you who seek God, may your hearts revive! For the Lord hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not. Let the heavens and the earth praise him, the seas and whatever moves in them!" **(R.)**

*Second Reading Rom 5:12-15*

*[The Grace of God]*  
*Through the sin of Adam, death and the consequences of sin came into the world. Hope of God's promise began to form at the time of Moses. But through Jesus Christ the grace of God abounds in the world.*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come.

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if

by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.  
*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia** Jn 15:26b, 27a [*God's Truth*] **STAND**

**R./ Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord; and you also will testify.

**R./ Alleluia, alleluia.**



“What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light.”

**Gospel** Mt 10:26-33 [*Witnesses for Christ*]  
*Jesus directs his apostles to fear no human beings. All truth will become known. He describes people's worth in the eyes of God who knows all things. Whoever confesses Jesus before others will be acknowledged before God in heaven.*

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

**R/ And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**R/ Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said to the twelve: “Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

**Homily**

**SIT**

**I believe in God**

**STAND**

**General Intercessions**

Whoever belongs to Christ is a new creation. With a longing with this newness, we turn to the Father with our prayers:

*(Pause)*

For the Church, carrying out the missions to preach,

to teach or to minister the faithful, may bear witness to Jesus Christ without fear and without compromise, and may not be discouraged by trials of renewal. Let us pray:

**Loving Father, give us strength.**

For world leaders, that they will put their priorities to protect human justice, dignity and peace, especially on the conflicts among nations and the threat of global recession, which take significant toll on people all across the world - in physical harm, financial and social distress. Let us pray:

**Loving Father, give us strength.**

For the repose of the souls of those who have gone before us, and for all the souls of victims of the Covid-19. May the merciful streams of Christ's blood gushed forth to diminish their suffering and to shorten their waits for heaven. Let us pray:

**Loving Father, give us strength.**

For our Parish communities: that we may be united as one Body in Christ, to build God's kingdom on earth and to be the witnesses for Christ. Let us pray:

**Loving Father, give us strength.**

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the head of the Church, we humbly seek your providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, for the grace to live without fear, acknowledging You in all that we say and do, and to be the Light to the nations. Let us pray:

**Loving Father, give us strength.**

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

*(Pause)*

Let us pray:

**Loving Father, give us strength.**

Loving Father, we offer you our prayers with ardent faith. Strengthen that faith and keep us true to you. Through Christ our Lord. **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**  
*[Pleasing Offering]*

**STAND**

Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise and grant that, cleansed by its action, we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you. 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 VIII of The Sundays In Ordinary Time**

*The Church united by the unity of the Trinity*

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.

For, when your children were scattered afar by sin, through the Blood of your Son and the power of the Spirit, you gathered them again to yourself, that a people, formed as one by the unity of the Trinity, made the body of Christ and the temple of the Holy Spirit, might, to the praise of your manifold wisdom, be manifest as the Church.

As so, in company with the choirs of Angels, we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord .....**

**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 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 the Blessed Joseph, her spouse, with the Blessed Apostles,