

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME < A

September 9 - 10, 2023

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,
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

[Word and Sacrament]

STAND

Grant that your faithful, O Lord,
whom you nourish and endow with life
through the food of your Word and heavenly
Sacrament,
may so benefit from your beloved Son's
great gifts that we may merit an eternal share
in his life.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R/ Amen.

General Announcements

SIT

Blessing

STAND

With Jesus among us,

We can make our community a place
where we can help those in trouble
to keep them in the community or
to win them back and offer them new chances.
R/ Amen.

For we are responsible for one another
May God give us caring heart and courage
to take on the responsibility for each other's
concerns. **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 peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
R/ Thanks be to God.

MC: Greeting

Entrance song

STAND

Introduction by the Celebrant

ENTRANCE ANT. *Ps 119 (118) : 137, 124*

[Plea for Mercy]

*You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.*

Penitential Act

Do we love the Lord enough, and one another
and the community of the Lord,
to help one another when one goes astray?
Let us examine ourselves before the Lord:

(pause)

Lord Jesus, you hold us responsible
for a brother or sister who errs:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, you hold us responsible
for the unity and integrity of the Church:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you hold us responsible
for reconciliation not only in the Church
but also in the world at large:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us, Lord,
Make us aware of our own weakness
and give us the courage to help those who err.
Lead us all to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Glory to God in the highest

C: Collect *[Christian Freedom]*

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive
adoption, look graciously upon your beloved
sons and daughters, that those who believe
in Christ may receive true freedom and an
everlasting inheritance.

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 *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

[Warning the Wicked]

*Ezekiel is charged to dissuade evildoers from their
faults. If evildoers do not heed this warning, then
they will die for their guilt.*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel
Thus says the Lord: You, son of man, I have
appointed watchman for the house of Israel;

when you hear me say anything, you shall
warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked
one, you shall surely die," and you do not
speak out to dissuade
the wicked from his way, [the wicked] shall die
for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible
for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying
to turn him from his way, and he refuses to
turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but
you shall save yourself.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95

[Answering the Lord's Call]

**R./ If today you hear his voice, harden not
your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord;
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with
thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him. **(R)**

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.
For he is our God, and we are the people he
shepherds, the flock he guides. **(R.)**

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,
where your fathers tempted me; they tested
me though they had seen my works." **(R.)**

Second Reading *Rom 13:8-10*

[Love of Neighbor]

*All who love their neighbors truly fulfill the law.
The commandments forbidding adultery, stealing,
murder, and coveting are all summed up in this
law of laws.*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the
Romans

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone,
except to love one another; for the one who
loves another has fulfilled the law. The
commandments, "You shall not commit
adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal;
you shall not covet," and whatever other
commandment there may be, are summed up
in this saying, namely, "You shall love your
neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to
the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of
the law.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Alleluia 2 Cor: 5:19 [Reconciliation] STAND

R/ Alleluia, alleluia.

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

R/ Alleluia, alleluia.



“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Gospel Mt 18:15-20

[Communal Correction and Prayer]

To correct another person's fault, first speak to him or her. If this fails, invite a witness or two. But if the person continues in this fault, note it before the church assembly. Pray together and make your petitions in the name of Jesus.

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 his disciples: “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

SIT

I believe in God

STAND

General Intercessions

We come in worship before the Lord who made us, offering the Father all our needs:

(Pause)

For renewal of the Church, that she may reach out to the world, and through the ministry of the Church, God's salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. Let us pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who govern and legislate will endeavor to imitate the goodness of the Lord to uphold justice, social equality, law and order, and generous defense of the oppressed. Let us Pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those whose employment has been affected, may the Holy Spirit remove their fear and sense of hopelessness that they may find new opportunity and support to sustain them. Let us pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the community: that there may always be a climate of piety in the families filled with cares, forgiving love and family praying together in solidarity in a special way pleasing to our Lord. Let us pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

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 of reconciliation among Parish community and to be the Light to the nations. Let us pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

(Pause)

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

Loving Father, in Your great mercy hear our prayers and hold us close.

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 [True Prayer and Peace]

STAND

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.

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 VIII of the Sundays In Ordinary Time

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.

And 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.