

so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs, with Saint *N.*: *Patron Saint* and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.

### Intercessions: For the Church

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant *N.* our Pope and *N.* our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.

### For the Living

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.

### For the Dead

To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

### 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  
[Wise Judgment]*

**STAND**

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,  
that, through our partaking in this mystery,  
you may teach us to judge wisely the things of  
earth and hold firm to the things of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord. **R/ Amen.**

### General Announcements

**SIT**

### Blessing

**STAND**

Heavenly Father, Saint John the Baptist preached  
repentance and the coming of Jesus Christ, your  
Son. With repentant heart may we be worthy to be  
the members of the mystical body of Christ.  
**R/ Amen.**

May you prepare the way for his full coming with  
the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the  
Son, ✽ and the Holy Spirit. **R/ Amen.**

Let us go with the certainty  
that Christ will be with us these days.

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

## 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT < B

*December 9 - 10, 2023*

**MC: Greeting**

**Entrance song**

**STAND**

### Introduction by the Celebrant

**ENTRANCE ANT.** *Cf. Is 30:19,30*

*[Lord of Salvation]*

***O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to  
save the nations, and the Lord will make the  
glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.***

### Penitential Act

Why have we not done better  
to make our world more the Lord's world?  
We pray to him now to forgive us:

*(pause)*

Lord, you want our misery to be over  
and to lead us out of the prison of sin:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you let your sun of righteousness  
shine on us with its healing rays:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you came to give us a new heart  
and to put a new spirit in us:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us Lord  
and forgive us all our sins.  
Keep our hopes alive  
that with us you want to build a better world.  
Lead us on the long road to everlasting life. **Amen.**

### Glory to God in the highest (is not said)

**C: Collect** *[Heavenly Wisdom]*

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly  
undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to  
meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly  
wisdom gain us admittance to his company. 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 40:1-5. 9-11* *[God Is Near]*  
*Make ready the way for the Messiah. Make known  
the Good News, for God is near.*

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your  
God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to  
her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated;  
indeed, she has received from the hand of the Lord  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

In the desert prepare the way of the Lord! Make  
straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!  
Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and  
hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made  
a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the  
glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all mankind  
shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has  
spoken. Go up onto a high mountain, Zion, herald  
of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice,  
Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out  
and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God!  
Here comes with power the Lord God, who rules  
by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his  
recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds  
his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying  
them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 85* *[God's Salvation]*

**R./ Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us  
your salvation**

I will hear what God proclaims;  
the Lord-for he proclaims peace to his people.  
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear  
him.  
glory dwelling in our land. **(R.)**

Kindness and truth shall meet;  
justice and peace shall kiss.  
Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
and justice shall look down from heaven. **(R.)**

The Lord himself will give his benefits;  
our land shall yield its increase.  
Justice shall walk before him,  
and prepare the way of his steps. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** *2 Pt 3:8-14* *[A New Earth]*

*There is no counting of time with God. He does not  
want anyone to perish. We await a new heaven and  
earth, relying on the justice of God.*

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Peter

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the  
Lord one day is like a thousand years and a  
thousand years like one day. The Lord does not  
delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is  
patient with you, not wishing that any should  
perish but that all should come to repentance. But  
the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then  
the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and  
the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth  
and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way,  
what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting

yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

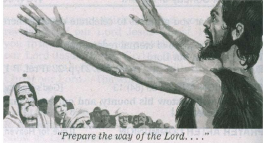
**Alleluia** Lk 3:4, 6 [Prepare the Way] **STAND**

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia.**

Prepare the way for the Lord make straight his paths:

all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia.**



*"Prepare the way of the Lord..."*

**Gospel** Mk 1:1-8 [Need for Repentance]

*John the Baptist announced the coming of Jesus. John called for repentance and promised that the Messiah would baptize in the Holy Spirit.*

**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**

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way.*

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:*

*"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."*

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledge their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

**Homily**

**SIT**

**I believe in God**

**STAND**

**General Intercessions**

Let us bring our petitions before the Eternal Father, who send Saint John the Baptist to announce the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We turn to him with our needs:

*(Pause)*

For the renewal of the Church: that the Lord may sanctify her during this holy season of Advent - with all missionaries who bring the faith to those far away, and with all those who preach the gospel and raise their voice in the world's deserts. Let us pray:  
**Lord, come and be our Peace.**

For the nations: that the Lord may guide the minds and hearts of all those who govern, to put utmost priority to resolve current global conflicts and bring peace to the nations. Let us pray:

**Lord, come and be our Peace.**

For our Parish Community: that the Lord may draw us together, to promote common good and justice. That we may be a true agent of mercy and love to the poor, the sick, the homeless, the addicted and the unemployed at this times of trials. Let us pray:

**Lord, come and be our Peace.**

For our Christian families: that all parents may show their children that the love within families is essential in keeping the family together, and to live the Lord's way is the way to goodness and grace. Let us pray:

**Lord, come and be our Peace.**

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 repentance, and for freedom from all that impedes our readiness for the kingdom of heaven, and to be the Light to the nations. Let us pray:

**Lord, come and be our Peace.**

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

*(Pause)*

Let us pray: **Lord, come and be our Peace.**

Loving Father, we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness and peace dwells. Keep us faithful to you this Advent. By your grace, may we be found worthy to enter your Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. **R/Amen.**

**SL: Offertory hymn**

**SIT**

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Offertory Song**

**SIT**

**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**  
*[Our Offering]*

**STAND**

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings, and, since we have no merits to plead our cause, come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy. 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 I of Advent**

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 he assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when he comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

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

**Eucharistic Prayer No. 3**

**KNEEL**

**Praise to the Father**

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

**The Lord's Supper**

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, 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, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, 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.

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

**The Memorial Prayer**

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

**In Communion with the Saints**

May he make of us an eternal offering to you,