

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 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

**[True Faith]**

**STAND**

Nourished by these redeeming gifts, we pray, O Lord, that through this help to eternal salvation true faith may ever increase. Through Christ our Lord. **R/ Amen.**

### General Announcements

**SIT**

### Blessing

**STAND**

Brothers and sisters in Christ.

The word of God has been addressed to us as good news for today.

It is a message of hope and love that is mightier than all evil and mightier than all contradiction. **R/ Amen.**

May God's word keep us sensitive to the needs of our time and to the values we tend to forget and to the rights that are trampled upon. **R/ Amen.**

May God bless you all and give you his courage: the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. **R/ Amen.**

**R/ Amen.**

Let us go and speak with our lives the good news of our Lord.

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

## 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME < A

January 28 - 29, 2023

**MC: Greeting**

**Entrance song**

**STAND**

**Introduction by the Celebrant**

**ENTRANCE ANT.**

**[Save Us]**

**Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.**

### Penitential Act

Do we accept the responsibility willingly by the demands of the gospel?  
Do we have the courage to risk misunderstanding because of our faith?  
Let us examine ourselves:

*(pause)*

Lord, you have the Word of life.  
It has the power to wake us up from our self contentment.

Because we like to stick to our settled ways:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, you spoke out and you carried out your mission without fear  
Because we are afraid to speak and act according to our consciences:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you loved us without reservations.  
Because we lack the courage to love without compromise,  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us, Lord,  
forgive us our lack of understanding our cowardice and fears.  
Commit us to your gospel and lead us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

### Glory to God in the highest

**C: Collect**

**[Christian Love]**

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honor you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart.  
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** Zep 2:3, 3:12-13

**[Seek the Lord]**

*The Lord is to be found among a people who are humble and lowly. Those who are humble seek after God. They shall find repose in him.*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who have observed his law; seek justice, seek humility; perhaps you may be sheltered on the day of the Lord's anger.

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly, who shall take refuge in the name of the Lord; the remnant of Israel. They shall do no wrong and speak no lies; nor shall there be found in their mouths a deceitful tongue; they shall pasture and couch their flocks with none to disturb them.

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 148

**[Bounty of the Lord]**

**R./ Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
or R./ Alleluia.**

The Lord keeps faith forever,  
secures justice for the oppressed,  
gives food to the hungry.  
The Lord sets captives free. **(R.)**

The Lord give sight to the blind;  
the Lord raises up those who were bowed down.  
The Lord loves the just;  
the Lord protects strangers. **(R.)**

The fatherless and the widow the Lord sustains,  
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.  
The Lord shall reign forever;  
your God, O Zion, through all generations.  
Alleluia. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 1:26-31

**[Boast in the Lord]**

*Contrary to worldly standards, God chooses those who are weak, lowborn and despised. To these God has given his own Son, Jesus, for sanctification and redemption.*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. Rather, God chose the

foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God. It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia Mt 5:12a  
[Rejoice and Be Glad]**

**STAND**

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia.**

Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward will be great in heaven.

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia.**



**Gospel Mt 5:1-12a [A New Teaching]**  
*Jesus says that the poor in spirit, the sorrowing, those thirsting for holiness, the merciful, the peacemakers, and those who suffer for holiness' sake are "blessed" - their reward awaits them 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**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of slander against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

**Homily**

**SIT**

**I believe in God**

**STAND**

**General Intercessions**

Aware of our mission in the world to be witnesses of God's merciful love, let us pray to our Father in heaven to make us faithful and courageous in our task:

*(Pause)*

For Christian Unity: that the Octave of Christian Unity just celebrated may be a means for the fulfilment of the Lord's desire that "they may all be one" as the Father and the Son are one. Let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the peacemaker: that humility may triumph over pride in the hearts of all those who are responsible for the lives of many. Let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the people without voice or deprived of their rights, that Christians will have the courage to speak out for them. Let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For us gathered here around the Word and the bread of life, that we will experience the gospel as a message meant to us today, and the eucharist as our bond of unity in Christ. Let us pray to the Lord:

**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, the grace of virtue of beatitudes 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 surpass our own insights, open us to your world and your plans for each and everyone of us, through the challenging Word of Jesus 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  
[Sacrament of Redemption]**

**STAND**

O Lord, we bring to your altar these offerings of our service: be pleased to receive them, we pray, and transform them into the Sacrament of our redemption. 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 III of the Sunday 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 we know it belongs to your boundless glory, that you came to the aid of mortal beings

with your divinity and even fashioned for us a remedy out of mortality itself, that the cause of our downfall might become the means of our salvation, through Christ our Lord.

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 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