

Ash Wednesday



St. Joseph Catholic Church, Mishawaka, IN
Feb 17th, 2021

Bell: [STAND]

Entrance Hymn: Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

1. Again we keep this solemn fast,
A gift of faith from ages past,
These forty days that, year by year,
Bid contrite hearts to Christ draw near.
2. The law and prophets from of old
In figured ways his Lent foretold,
Which Christ, all ages Lord and Guide,
In these last days has sanctified.
3. More sparing, therefore, let us make
The words we speak, the food we take,
Our sleep, our laughter, ev'ry sense;
Learn peace through holy penitence.

Introit: ALL JOIN after music has stopped

You are merciful to all, O Lord,
And despise nothing that you have made.
You overlook people's sins, to bring them to repentance,
And you spare them, for you are the Lord our God.

Wis 11: 24, 25, 27

Greeting

V. In the name of the Father,
And of the Son,
And of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your Spirit.

The distribution of ashes takes the place of the penitential act

Collect

Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting
this campaign of Christian service,
so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils,
we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint.
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.

R. Amen.

Reading 1 - Jl 2: 12-18

Even now, says the LORD,
return to me with your whole heart,
with fasting, and weeping, and mourning;
Rend your hearts, not your garments,
and return to the LORD, your God.
For gracious and merciful is he,
slow to anger, rich in kindness,
and relenting in punishment.
Perhaps he will again relent
and leave behind him a blessing,
Offerings and libations
for the LORD, your God.
Blow the trumpet in Zion!
proclaim a fast,
call an assembly;
Gather the people,
notify the congregation;
Assemble the elders,
gather the children
and the infants at the breast;
Let the bridegroom quit his room
and the bride her chamber.
Between the porch and the altar

let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep,
And say, "Spare, O LORD, your people,
and make not your heritage a reproach,
with the nations ruling over them!
Why should they say among the peoples,
'Where is their God?'"

Then the LORD was stirred to concern for his land
and took pity on his people.

L. The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm – Ps 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

For I acknowledge my offense,
and my sin is before me always:
"Against you only have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight."

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Reading 2 – 2 Cor 5: 20—6:2

Brothers and sisters:
We are ambassadors for Christ,
as if God were appealing through us.
We implore you on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.
For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin,
so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

Working together, then,
we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.
For he says:

*In an acceptable time I heard you,
and on the day of salvation I helped you.*

Behold, now is a very acceptable time;
behold, now is the day of salvation.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation - Lk 7:16 (At the 9:15am Mass, please join in singing)

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of Endless Glory.
A great prophet has arisen in our midst,
God has visited his people.

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of Endless Glory.

Gospel – Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:
“Take care not to perform righteous deeds
in order that people may see them;
otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father.
When you give alms,
do not blow a trumpet before you,
as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets
to win the praise of others.

Amen, I say to you,
they have received their reward.
But when you give alms,
do not let your left hand know what your right is doing,
so that your almsgiving may be secret.
And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.
“When you pray,
do not be like the hypocrites,
who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners
so that others may see them.
Amen, I say to you,
they have received their reward.
But when you pray, go to your inner room,
close the door, and pray to your Father in secret.
And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.
“When you fast,
do not look gloomy like the hypocrites.
They neglect their appearance,
so that they may appear to others to be fasting.
Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward.
But when you fast,
anoint your head and wash your face,
so that you may not appear to be fasting,
except to your Father who is hidden.
And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you.”

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessing and Distribution of Ashes

Dear brethren, let us humbly ask God our Father
that he be pleased to bless with the abundance of his grace
these ashes, which we will put on our heads in penitence.

After a brief prayer in silence, and, with hands extended, he continues:

O God, who are moved by acts of humility
and respond with forgiveness to works of penance,
lend your merciful ear to our prayers
and in your kindness pour out the grace of your X blessing
on your servants who are marked with these ashes,
that, as they follow the Lenten observances,
they may be worthy to come with minds made pure
to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of your Son.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. Repent, and believe in the Gospel.

Or:

V. Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Meanwhile, the following are sung:

Antiphon 1 [ALL]

Let us change our garments to sackcloth and ashes,
let us fast and weep before the Lord,
that our God, rich in mercy, might forgive us our sins.

Antiphon 2 C f. J1 2: 17; Est 4: 17 [ALL]

Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord,
stand between the porch and the altar and weep and cry out:
Spare, O Lord, spare your people;
do not close the mouths of those who sing your praise, O Lord.

Antiphon 3: P s 51 (50): 3 [ALL join on refrain]

Refrain. Blot out my transgressions, O Lord.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offense.
O Wash me more and more from my guilt
And cleanse me from my sin.

Refrain. Blot out my transgressions, O Lord.

My offenses truly I know them;
My sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
What is evil in your sight I have done.

Refrain. Blot out my transgressions, O Lord.

That you may be justified when you give sentence
And be without reproach when you judge.
O see, in guilt was I born,
A sinner was I conceived.

Refrain. Blot out my transgressions, O Lord.

Indeed you love truth in the heart;
Then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.
O purify me, then I shall be clean;

O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

Refrain. Blot out my transgressions, O Lord.

Make me hear rejoicing and gladness,
That the bones you have crushed may revive.
From my sins turn away your face
And blot out all my guilt.

Refrain. Blot out my transgressions, O Lord.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
Put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
Nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Refrain. Blot out my transgressions, O Lord.

Give me again the joy of your help;
With a spirit of fervor sustain me,
That I may teach transgressors your ways
And sinners may return to you.

Refrain. Blot out my transgressions, O Lord.

O rescue me, God, my helper,
And my tongue shall ring out your goodness.
O Lord, open my lips
And my mouth shall declare your praise.

Refrain. Blot out my transgressions, O Lord.

For in sacrifice you take no delight,
Burnt offering from me you would refuse,
My sacrifice, a contrite spirit.
A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

Refrain. Blot out my transgressions, O Lord.

In your goodness, show favor to Zion:
Rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice,
Holocausts offered on your altar.

Refrain. Blot out my transgressions, O Lord.

Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful)

Please respond: "Lord, hear our prayer."

Offertory Antiphon: ALL JOIN [right after sitting down]

I will extol you, O Lord, for you drew me clear
and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, my God, I cried out to you and you healed me.

Psalm 30:2-3

Offertory Hymn: When I survey the Wondrous Cross

1. When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride	2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that charm me most I sacrifice them to his blood.
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Preparation of the Gifts

V. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
That my sacrifice and yours
May be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
R. 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

As we solemnly offer
the annual sacrifice for the beginning of Lent,
we entreat you, O Lord,
that, through works of penance and charity,
we may turn away from harmful pleasures
and, cleansed from our sins, may become worthy
to celebrate devoutly the Passion of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

Preface:

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.
R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R. It is right and just.

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 you will that our self-denial should give you thanks,

humble our sinful pride,
contribute to the feeding of the poor,
and so help us imitate you in your kindness.

And so we glorify you with countless Angels,
as with one voice of praise we acclaim:

R. 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:

R. We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection,
until you come again.

Doxology

V. 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.

R. Amen

Our Father

V. At the Savior's command
And formed by divine teaching,
We dare to say:
R. 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.
V. Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
Graciously grant 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.
R. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
Now and forever.

Sign of peace

V. 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.
R. Amen.

V. The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
R. And with your Spirit.

Agnus Dei

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.

Invitation to share in Holy Communion:

V. 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.

R. Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
But only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon: ALL JOIN [right after bell]

He who ponders the law of the Lord day and night
will yield fruit in due season.

Cf. Ps 1: 2-3

Communion Hymn: Forty Days and Forty Nights

1. Forty Days and forty nights
You were fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted and yet undefiled.

2. Shall not we your sorrow share
And from worldly joys abstain,
Fasting with unceasing prayer,
Strong with you to suffer pain?

3. Then, if Satan on us press,
Flesh or spirit to assail,
Victor in the wilderness,
Grant we may not faint nor fail!

4. So shall we have peace divine;
Holier gladness ours shall be.
'Round us, too, shall angels shine,
Such as served you faithfully.

5. Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
Ever constant by your side,
That with you we may appear
At the 'ternal Eastertide.

2nd Communion Hymn: Parce Domine [Please join on refrain]

Refrain: Parce Domine,
Parce populo tuo
Ne in aeternum
Irascaris nobis.

Prayer for Vocations

Priest:

Let us ask God to give worthy Priests, Brothers,
and Sisters to His Holy Church.

ALL:

O God, we earnestly beseech Thee
To bless this diocese
with many Priests, Brothers, and Sisters,
who will gladly spend their entire lives to serve Thy Church
and to make Thee known and loved.

Priest:

Bless our families; bless our children.

ALL:

Choose from our homes those who are needed for Thy work.
Amen.

Priest:

Mary, Queen of the clergy
And Blessed Joseph her spouse:

ALL:

Pray for us;
Pray for our priests and religious;
Obtain for us many more.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

May the Sacrament we have received sustain us, O Lord,
that our Lenten fast may be pleasing to you
and be for us a healing remedy.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Prayer over the People: [Please Bow for the blessing]

Pour out a spirit of compunction, O God,
on those who bow before your majesty,
and by your mercy may they merit the rewards you promise
to those who do penance.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen

V. May Almighty God bless you,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit [make sign of cross]

R. Amen

V: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R: Thanks be to God.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host,
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl
about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

Marian Antiphon: Ave Regina Caelorum (For Feb 3 - Holy Week)

ALL JOIN

Hail, Queen of heaven;
hail, Mistress of the Angels;
hail, root of Jesse; hail, the gate
through which the Light rose over the earth.

Rejoice, Virgin most renowned
and of unsurpassed beauty.
Farewell, Lady most comely.
Prevail upon Christ to pity us.

6. **A** -ve Re-gína cælórum, * Ave Dómina Ange-lórum :



Sálve rádix, sálve pórtá, Ex qua mundo lux est órta :



Gáude Vírgo glo-ri- ósa. Su-per ómnes spe-ci- ósa : Vá-le,



o valde decó-ra, Et pro nó-bis Chrístum exó-ra.

