



Opening Song

GATHER YOUR PEOPLE (HURD)

Gather Your people O Lord,
Gather Your people O Lord.
One bread, One body, One Spirit of Love,
Gather Your people O Lord.

1. Draw us forth to the table of Life,
brothers and sisters,
each of us called to walk in Your Light...
2. We are parts of the Body of Christ,
needing each other,
each of the gifts, the Spirit provides...

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer,
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the

priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head.

"The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Blessed is he whose fault is taken away,
whose sin is covered.

Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt,

in whose spirit there is no guile.

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
my guilt I covered not.

I said, "I confess my faults to the LORD,"
and you took away the guilt of my sin.

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just;
exult, all you upright of heart.

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

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

Alleluia

Lk 7:16

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A great prophet has arisen in our midst,

God has visited his people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.....Glory to you, O Lord.

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

The Gospel of the Lord....Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge

the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory Song

I LOVE YOU LORD (MAHER)

I love you, Lord. I love you, Lord.
I love you, Lord; you are my strength.

My heart, it longs to be with you
and nothing else will ever do.
So at your throne is where I'll be,
'cause your flesh and blood consumes me
and I am one with you.

My stronghold, my refuge,
your righteousness will see me through.
In dark of night and thorn of sin
I will stay close to you, my friend,
and I am one with you.

Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord 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

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

Our Father

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. Amen.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and for ever.

Lamb of God

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.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter un-
der my roof, but only say the word and my soul
shall be healed.

Communion Songs

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY (FOLEY)

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth.
We are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man,
no more.
2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord
of all.
3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gath-
ered to one, for all.

O COME TO THE ALTAR (ELEVATION WORSHIP)

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

CHORUS

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ
Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Recessional Song

HOLY IS THE LORD (TOMLIN)

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great, how awesome is He

And together we sing
Everyone sing

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

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I thought you should know – February 13, 2020

Lent starts this week! Ash Wednesday will look different this year because of the pandemic; we'll be distributing ashes according to a custom used in some places in Europe. Rather than putting a cross of ashes on your forehead, we will sprinkle some ashes on the top of your head. Someday the pandemic will be done; till then, we'll put up with changes like this to keep people safe.

I am grateful for the way Leona Ernst, Greg Hulub, and many others have helped people pray with music. After discussion and much prayer, I see that our parish needs to substantially increase our investment in music for weekend Masses. Excellent music at worship really matters a lot. Since we have limited resources, I believe that we should focus on achieving excellence in a style of music that will help people starting or restarting their faith life. As far as I can tell, that style of music is praise and worship music along the lines of Matt Maher or Audrey Assad.

So I've decided to eliminate the music position we've had in the past and create a new music ministry position. Finding the best candidate we can for the new position might take up to six months. We are looking for someone passionate about reaching the lost, excellent as a musician, skilled at leading congregations in praise and worship music, and a faithful Catholic. If you know someone who could be a good candidate, encourage them to apply. The role is part-time: about 150 services a year (our 4:30 and 10:00 masses, plus big holidays and special events) and one day of staff work each week. If you have ideas for what will make music better or questions about our plan, I'd love to talk with you.

Thank you to everyone who prayed our novena prayer with us, and please keep praying for our parish! The third installment of "Use words when necessary" is below. God bless you!

Do you realize how abundant is your hope?

Last week on vacation, grandma and grandpa took to me to an exotic locale: Costco. Now for grandma and grandpa Costco is where they take a walk every week, Costco is a strange place. They have four kinds of fruit snacks in 90 count boxes piled three stories high! What abundance. As disciples here every week, we in a sort of spiritual Costco with the reasons for hope piled all around us in 90 count boxes three stories high. Just to give you a sense of this, let's take 60 second to list reasons faith gives us hope.

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| 1. Resurrection from the dead. | 12. You are more than your past. |
| 2. Forgiveness of sins. | 13. Jesus loved you to the end. |
| 3. Heaven satisfies. | 14. Faithful love really happens. |
| 4. Jesus heals. | 15. And it can happen to you, in you |
| 5. God can work miracles. | 16. What you can't do, Jesus can do in |
| 6. He intends you to do good. | you. |
| 7. The Holy Spirit guides you. | 17. You can forgive. |
| 8. You are not an accident, instead, you are created. | 18. You can please God. |
| 9. And he's glad he made you. | 19. You have a big family in heaven. |
| 10. Your story will give others hope. | 20. They pray for you. |
| 11. Suffering has meaning. | 21. Jesus' resurrection is real. |

And that's not the end. Sure, as disciples, you have problems, I have problems, we all have problems, just like everyone in that Costco had problems. But as people in Costco faced their problems, they had the support of incredible material abundance. And as we face our problems, faith gives us the support of incredible spiritual abundance, abundant reasons to hope. I think we can lose sight of the fact that not everyone has this abundance.

Let's just make contact for a second with the fact that no one's life is 100% the way it looks on social media: trips, achievements, anniversaries and parties. That version of the story is not the whole story. Even in the midst of outward prosperity, life without God can leave some people quietly desperate. For a lot of people, even if they don't notice what they are missing when things go well, when their material prosperity takes a hit, or the material prosperity of someone they love takes a hit, then life all on their own, life on their own terms, life without God, gets bleak quick.

"If in bed I say, 'When shall I rise?', then the night drags on; I am filled with restlessness till the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. ... my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again." Job said those words when he felt like God had turned against him. Life without God can feel the same way, too. And that brings me to the reason I'm talking about this during our message series called "Use words when necessary". Here's a time when words are necessary, when we can really help someone with our words: when that person is spiritually desperate.

Do you remember the story of the rich man and Lazarus? You've heard the story. A poor man named Lazarus lives in a ditch; dogs come to lick his sores. A rich man lives in the house right by Lazarus in total abundance; never helps him. And hearing that story, we shake our heads at the rich man. Yet maybe there's a version of the story where you and I are one of the main characters, and not in a good way, for as disciples of Jesus Christ, when we struggle, we struggle surrounded by spiritual abundance, by abundant reasons for hope, knowing so many things that can help us and most of all, knowing someone who will help us. But maybe living right by us is someone else struggling, too, but desperate, because that person doesn't know what we know, doesn't know the one whom we know, doesn't know the reason for our hope.

So I hope that you go away from this homily a little unsettled, and may God give me the grace to go away unsettled, too. We have our abundance spiritual gifts because someone cared enough to tell us about Jesus and help us to have faith in him. Let's remember how bleak life can look when someone is desperate and doesn't know God. What should you do if you meet someone who is spiritually desperate?

Yes, show them kindness and care by your deeds. But this physical human being in front of you is also a spiritual human being, made by Love for a love that beyond what this world can give. So if you love that person you've met, or if you aspire to love that person, help that person to meet Jesus, to find faith, hope and love in him. It's just not reasonable to expect everyone to figure all that out on their own. Words are necessary, and for somebody, your words are necessary. For somebody, you can say about yourself what Saint Paul said about himself: "If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!"

When it's time to speak, humility is your superpower. Sometimes when I am talking with someone desperate, I get so wrapped up in trying to encourage them or guide them or reason with them that I miss the part, that I skip the part, that I forget the part where we talk about Jesus. Don't do that! Humility tells us that whatever it is that's making this person desperate, it's too big for you or me. We can't solve all the problems, answer all the questions, work miracles, or make everything work out. But we know someone who can: our Lord Jesus Christ. So look for the part where you talk about what Jesus said, about what Jesus did, about you think Jesus would say about the person in front of you whom he loves, and talk about that. That part is worth saying, even if you feel like you can't say it well. Just be humble. This week, I invite you to imagine someone desperate. What would you want them to know?

—Fr. Aaron Nord

“See That You Tell No One Anything.”

In today's Gospel Mark 1:40-45 Jesus made the leper clean. Jesus warned him sternly, “See that you tell no one anything.” Scripture tells us, “The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter.” Then what happens? “Jesus is not able to enter the towns openly. He had to remain in a deserted place, and people kept coming from everywhere.”

How do you feel about this? Will you want to be like the leper? Will you want to spread the word about Jesus?

I know I have spread the word. I know that is what I want to do! There is a slight concern with both of these sentences...it is about I. **I** have. **I** want to. The question is, does **Jesus** want me to spread the word? If I know anything, it is much smarter to obey Jesus and follow **his** will. **His** timing, not **my** own. I must pray and listen for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. As well meant as my message may be, I do not want to do anything that may interfere with what Jesus wants.

I have recently been like the leper. My intentions were heartfelt. I knew someone who was struggling on a variety of levels. I wanted to share how Jesus, God, my faith has carried me through life. I wanted to make things better. I was not successful. I think I made matters even more distant. I am also confident that **my** timing was not **God's** timing. Today's Gospel has spoken to me. It is important to talk to God before I talk to someone about Him. In prayer, I will be asking God for guidance, for his timing.

That does not keep me from sharing my trust and faith in God, every single day. Until, I am nudged by the Lord to speak, the most effective evangelism I can deliver, comes through my daily life, how I live, how I talk and how I treat people. Jesus showed us how to live, through his own life. If my actions come from love, generosity, patience, if I imitate Christ, I create the opportunity for people to experience Jesus. It is in living our lives in Christ, that shows people who Jesus really is.

“Dear Lord, help me to use the gifts you have given me, the wisdom to be aware of your guidance and your nudges of when to act or not. May your generosity flow through me and may I be an example of your love. Amen.”

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St. Louis Tax

Assistance Program offers **FREE** tax preparation assistance to families with an income under \$56,000. They will be offering assistance on Saturdays at St.

Mary's High School starting Jan. 30th and going through March 6th and on Wednesdays at Thomas Dunn Learning Center on Wednesdays through April 14th.

Due to Covid, no Walk Ins will be taken. You must make a reservation. Visit www.st.louistax.org to make an appointment.

Everyone must wear a mask entering and exiting the church. Parents with children nine and under may determine when the child is old enough to attend Mass and can abide by the safety guidelines.

We ask you to please sit in the open pews away from the aisles.

Please use your own best judgement concerning when you will return to Mass. Do not jeopardize your health.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the rectory.



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Celebration of the Holy Mass

Saturday 4:30 p.m. (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Weekdays Monday-Friday 8am Mass (Church)

1st Saturday of the Month 8:00 a.m. (Church)

Holydays As announced inside bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration

1st Saturday of the month following 8:00 a.m.

Mass until 11:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Sacraments

Please call the Rectory to inquire about receiving the Sacraments.

Care for those who are homebound, hospitalized, or in nursing home. Please call the Rectory to arrange for Communion to be brought to any parishioner who is unable to come to Mass. Please inform the Rectory as soon as any parishioner is admitted to any hospital or nursing home.

New Parishioners

Please call the rectory to register as soon as possible.

PARISH NEWS

Rice Bowl, the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, begins on

Ash Wednesday, February 17. If you would like to participate in raising funds for humanitarian relief outside the United States as well as in our local community, you may pick up your donation box at the rectory. For more information, visit <http://www.crsricebowl.org>




Masses for Ash Wednesday will be at 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**No meetings scheduled this week.****IMPORTANT!**

Meetings in the FKC are limited to 50 people and meetings in the RMR are limited to 15.

MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED.**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Thursday
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

**ST. PATRICK CASSEROLES**

Casserole supplies may be picked up in the vestibule of Church **this weekend**. Please return frozen to the Father Keaney Center **before 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 18th.**

Saint of the Week



Saint Conrad of Piacenza

Saint of the Day for February 19

Saint Conrad of Piacenza's Story

Born of a noble family in northern Italy, Conrad as a young man married Euphrosyne, daughter of a nobleman.

One day while hunting he ordered attendants to set fire to some brush in order to flush out the game. The fire spread to nearby fields and to a large forest. Conrad fled. An innocent peasant was imprisoned, tortured to confess, and condemned to death. Conrad confessed his guilt, saved the man's life, and paid for the damaged property.

Soon after this event, Conrad and his wife agreed to separate: she to a Poor Clare monastery and he to a group of hermits following the Third Order Rule. His reputation for holiness, however, spread quickly. Since his many visitors destroyed his solitude, Conrad went to a more remote spot in Sicily where he lived 36 years as a hermit, praying for himself and for the rest of the world.

Prayer and penance were his answer to the temptations that beset him. Conrad died kneeling before a crucifix. He was canonized in 1625.

Reflection

Francis of Assisi was drawn both to contemplation and to a life of preaching; periods of intense prayer nourished his preaching. Some of his early

followers, however, felt called to a life of greater contemplation, and he accepted that. Though Conrad of Piacenza is not the norm in the Church, he and other contemplatives remind us of the greatness of God and of the joys of heaven.



ROSES FOR EXPECTANT MOMS!!!

If you are expecting a child, we as a Parish would like to pray for you throughout your pregnancy. There are red roses on the table in front of the Blessed Mother's statue in the back of Church. Please write the parents-to-be names and due date on the card attached to one of the roses asking for prayers until the delivery. After baby (ies) arrive, please call Kathy at 314-832-6553. We will then share your blessing in our bulletin.

Keep the following couples in your prayers:

Teresa & Mike	January
Shannon & Andrew	March
Michael & Kat	July

Congratulations to Jessica and Patrick on the birth of their son Mitchell Louis!

God Bless, Immaculate Heart of Mary Pro-Life

JOKE OF THE WEEK



Mon.	2/15	8:00 a.m.	Rose Marie Horjes
Tues.	2/16	8:00 a.m.	Jim O'Fallon
Wed.	2/17	8:00 a.m.	Steve Zoricic
Thurs.	2/18	8:00 a.m.	Mary Matzig
Fri.	2/19	8:00 a.m.	Shirley Nord
Sat.	2/20	4:30 p.m.	Bernice & John Bock
Sun.	2/21	7:30 a.m.	Our Parish Family
		10:00 a.m.	Joseph Martin Fogarty



LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Pray for those who are sick and their caregivers. Pray for Jean Lampert (mother-in-law of Maureen & mother of Dave), Sandy Galis (niece of Rosalyn Oldenburg and Cindy Schmaltz), LaRita Heet (daughter of Judy Bruegger), Jerry Yudt, Ted Shear (husband of Therese), Angelo Bartola (husband of Katherine), Gayle Mohr, Andrew Freeman (Grandson of Jim and Roxanne Wolfslau), Jerry Brendel (husband of JoAnn, father of Jason), Sandy Ceriotti, Steve Baum (nephew of Jean Provaznik), Bob Simmons, Frank Sandrowski, Dorothy Seper, Rosemary Young, Kathleen Moody (daughter of Charlie & Julie), Deacon Jack Burke (brother of Joan Mowery), Stephanie Hagan (wife of Barry), Anna Corson, Nick Corson and those who are homebound, those no longer living in their homes, and all in our Prayer Book. May our Lord Jesus bring them comfort and healing.

If someone has been left off the prayer list or if you would like to add someone, please contact the rectory office.

If you are a senior city resident and need help with your **Property Tax Credit or Circuit Breaker** (as popularly called), here are two options:

Call the St. Louis Area Agency on Aging (SLAAA) at 314-612-5918 which is offering this service by telephone this year.

Lutheran Senior Services (LSS) has a social worker who will complete your Property Tax Credit at your home. She will also complete a benefits checklist for St. Louis City to determine if you are eligible for any other benefits. She can email and fax your claim to the MO Dept. of Revenue, or give you instructions on mailing it. If interested, please call Donna Adams at 314-446-2472. She wears a mask and gloves and tries to stay at least six feet apart.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS

February 13/14th

4:30 p.m.	Rebecca Hirschfield
7:30 a.m.	Glenn Mertens
10:00 a.m.	Maureen Lampert

February 20/21st

4:30 p.m.	Joyce Huelsmann
7:30 a.m.	Barb Vineyard
10:00 a.m.	Kevin O'Sullivan

February 27/28th

4:30 p.m.	Rita Springer
7:30 a.m.	Joyce Huelsmann
10:00 a.m.	Becky Will



**WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING
OUR COUNTRY IN THE ARMED
FORCES. WE HOLD THEM IN
OUR HEARTS AND AWAIT THEIR
SAFE RETURN.....**

Lance Cpl. Andrew Ceriotti, U.S. Marines
Pvt. David Walters, U.S. Army
LT. Benjamin D. Stolarski, U.S. Navy
Spec 4 Ian R. Larson, U.S. Army
P2 Derek Ryan, U.S. Army
Sgt. Lou Bolasina, U.S. Army
A1C John Pipes USAF
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Clark U.S. Force
Todd Bruemer, U.S. Navy
M.K. 2 Brett Winkelmann, Coast Guard
Cpl. Matthew T. Straub, U.S. Marines
Sgt. Victor A. Will, U.S. Army
Sgt. James A. Will, U.S. Army
Tech Sgt. James Dobrynski, U.S. Air Force
SSgt. Steve Appelbaum, U.S. Air Force
Lance Cpl. Troy Smith, U.S. Marines



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February 7, 2021

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