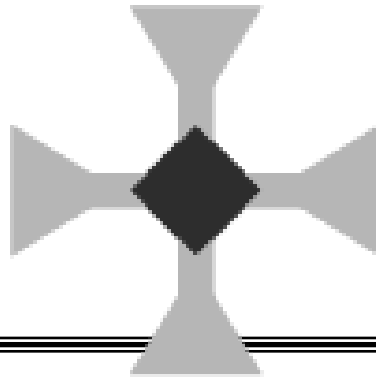


The Order of Mass

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7 & 8, 2024 † 5 p.m. Vigil † 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. † 6 p.m.



St. Stephen's Catholic Community † Anoka, MN

Welcome to St. Stephen's Catholic Community!

We are so glad you are here to worship with us today.

*Upon the conclusion of Mass, please return your worship aid
to one of the entrances of the church. Thank you!*

Archdiocesan Prayer for Vocations

O God, we earnestly ask you to bless this archdiocese with many priests, brothers and sisters who will love You with their whole strength and gladly spend their entire lives to serve your Church and to make You known and loved. Bless our families, bless our children. Choose from our homes those needed for your work. Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us, pray for our priests, religious, and deacons.

Obtain for us many more.

Amen.

*The Mass is made up of two parts:
The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. There are also certain rites that
open and conclude the celebration.*

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*The purpose of the Introductory Rites is to ensure that the faithful who come together as
one establish communion and dispose themselves to listen properly to God's word and
to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.*

Entrance Song

O Spirit All-Embracing



1. O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,
2. O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,
3. Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



Un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:
You show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.
And give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart



Un - fail - ing is your treas - ure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
To know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



Sur - pass - ing world - ly pleas - ure, the rich - es you af - ford.
You fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.
To seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
For vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



Come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
Un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your Church a - new.
In prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

Gloria

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on
earth peace to peo ple of good will. We praise you, we
bless you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we
give you thanks for your great glo ry,
Lord God, heav'n - ly King, O God, al - might - y
Fa - ther, Lord Je - sus Christ, On ly Be got - ten
Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us: you take a - way the sins of the world, re -
ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the
Fa - ther. A - - men, a - - men.

Collect

The Collect is made up of three parts:

1. *The invitation (“Let us Pray”).*
2. *Silent prayer by all gathered.*
3. *The formal prayer proclaimed by the priest, which “collects” the individual prayers of the people and offers them to God.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the readings God speaks to His people, opening up to them the mystery of redemption and salvation, and offering spiritual nourishment; and Christ himself is present through His word in the midst of the faithful.

Reading I

Isaiah 35:4-7a

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

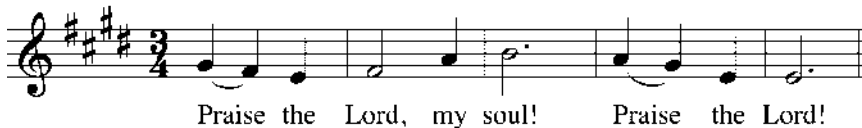
Thus says the LORD: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146



Responsorial Psalm (6 p.m.)

Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Reading II

James 2:1-5

A reading from the Letter of Saint James.

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please," while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All respond: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Please Stand.*

We welcome and greet the Lord who is about to speak to us in the Gospel. During this time, we stand and face the ambo as a special reverence for the Gospel of Christ. The "Alleluia" is sung in every time of year, except Lent.



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Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

This is the high point of the Liturgy of the Word, which is why we stand for the reading. The priest proclaims the reading and then kisses the Book of the Gospels. Candles and incense are often used.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All respond: *And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

All respond: *Glory to You, O Lord.*

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis.

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him.

He took him off by himself away from the crowd.

He put his finger into the man's ears

and, spitting, touched his tongue;

then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him,

“Ephphatha!”— that is, “Be opened!” —

And immediately the man's ears were opened,

his speech impediment was removed,

and he spoke plainly.

He ordered them not to tell anyone.

But the more he ordered them not to,

the more they proclaimed it.

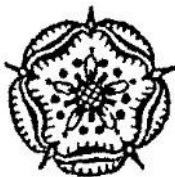
They were exceedingly astonished and they said,

“He has done all things well.

He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All respond: *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*



Homily *Please be seated.*

Profession of Faith

The whole people respond to the Word of God proclaimed in the readings and explained in the homily, and honor and confess the great mysteries of the faith.

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,
(bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man **(stand upright)**.

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.

Universal Prayer

Response: *Lord, Hear Our Prayer*

We pray for the needs of the Church, the world, and our community.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*A collection is taken for our parish during the Preparation of Gifts.
Every second Sunday of the month, St. Stephen's takes a second collection to support
various charitable and advocacy organizations.*

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Preparation of Gifts

Holy Spirit

Holy spirit, You are welcome here.

Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.

Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for.

To be overcome by Your presence, Lord. Your presence, Lord.

Invitation to Prayer

Please Stand.

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

***All respond: 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.***

The Eucharistic Prayer

*This is the center and high point of the entire Mass. This prayer requires that all listen to
it with reverence and in silence.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All respond: And with your spirit.

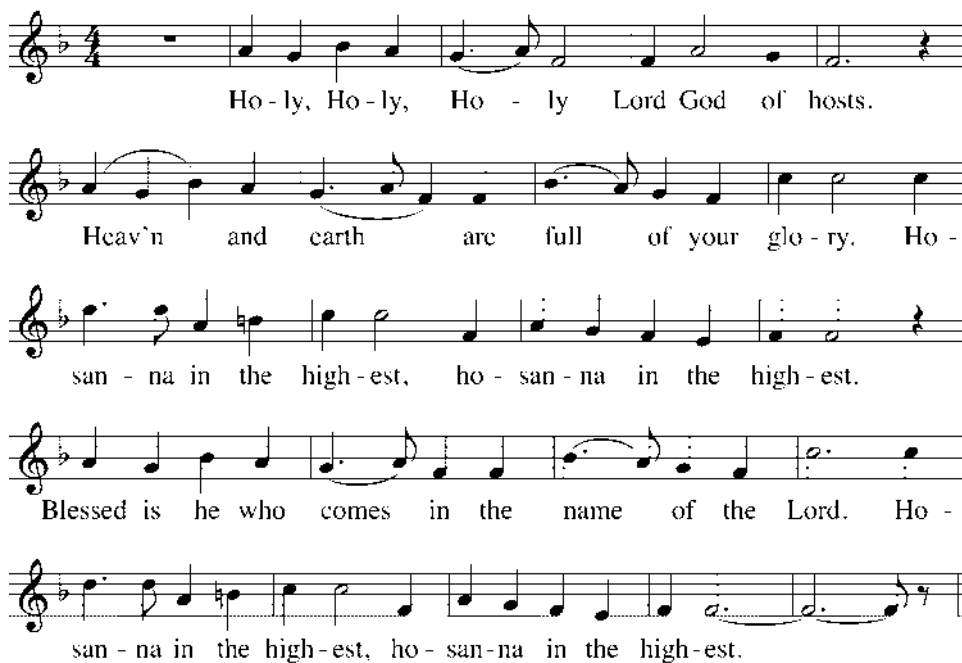
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

All respond: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All respond: It is right and just.

Preface Acclamation



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

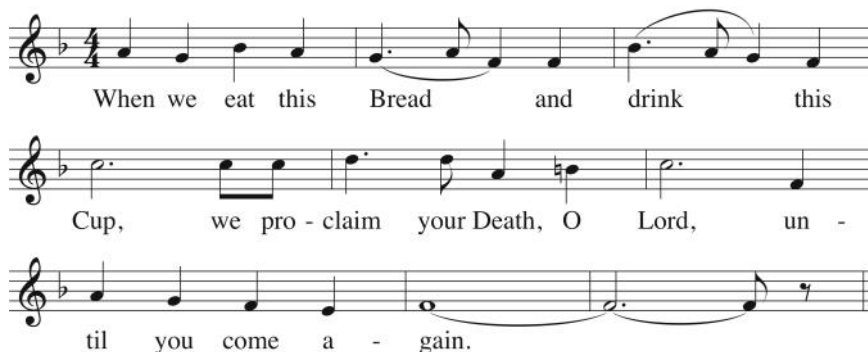
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Please Kneel.

Throughout the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer, the Holy Spirit is called down upon the gifts (The Epiclesis; bells are rung once at this point); the words of Christ at the Last Supper are prayed; Christ's perpetual sacrifice on the cross is remembered; and prayers are made for the Church, the world, and all the people, living and dead.



Memorial Acclamation



When we eat this Bread and drink this
Cup, we pro - claim your Death, O Lord, un -
til you come a - gain.

Amen

This "Amen" is affirmation, our statement of "I believe", to the entire Eucharistic Prayer.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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Please Stand.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: ...as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

Lamb of God

The priest puts a piece of the host into the chalice to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Please Kneel.

Celebrant: 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.

All respond: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion

All Catholics who have prepared themselves to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward. Our brothers and sisters of other faiths are invited to approach with arms crossed over the chest to signal the desire to receive a blessing.

Communion Song

Make Us One



To this meal and sac-ri-fice, Lord, you draw us near:



Taste of God's a - bun-dant grace for all gath-ered here.



In your love you sum-mon us; bro-ken now we come. By your



bod-y and your blood, heal us, make us one.

Verse 1



1. May this meal be med-i-cine for the weak,



that we may love as you have loved. At this har-vest of



good-ness, may we feast in u - ni - ty.


D.C.

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Verse 2



2. May this feast bring heal - ing for the poor,



that we may serve as you have served. At this



ta - ble of jus - tice, may we serve in u - ni - ty. **D.C.**

Verses 3-6



3. May our hearts be o - pen to your pres - ence,
4. May this food be wel - come for the "oth - er,"
5. May our hands bring com - fort to the sick,
6. May this bread trans - form our hearts for peace,



that we may share as you have shared. At this
em - brac - ing all hu - man - i - ty. At this
em - pow'ring all who gath - er here. At this
re - viv - ing hope for all our days. At this



D.C.

gath - 'ring of na - tions, may we live in u - ni - ty.
ban - quet of glad - ness, may we work for u - ni - ty.
al - tar of heal - ing, may we sing for u - ni - ty.
tem - ple of mer - cy, may we pray for u - ni - ty.

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Meditation

Prayer after Communion

Concluding the prayer of the People of God and the whole Communion Rite, the Priest says the Prayer after Communion, in which he prays for the fruits of the mystery just celebrated, The people make this prayer their own when they acclaim "amen."

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Blessing

Transformed by the power of the Liturgy, we are sent out to seek, love, and serve Jesus Christ through those we meet outside of Mass.

Dismissal

Closing Song

Send Down the Fire

Send down the fire of your jus - tice, _____

Send down the rains of your love; _____ Come,

send down the Spir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and

we shall be peo-ple of God. _____

VERSES

1. Call us to be your com - pas - sion, _____
2. Call us to learn of your mer - cy, _____
3. Call us to an - swer op - pres - sion, _____
4. Call us to wit - ness your King - dom, _____

1. Teach us the song of your love; _____ Give us
2. Teach us the way of your peace; _____ Give us
3. Teach us the fire of your truth; _____ Give us
4. Give us the pres - ence of Christ; _____ May your

1. hearts that sing, Give us deeds that ring, Make us
2. hearts that feel, Give us hands that heal, Make us
3. right - eous souls, 'Til your jus - tice rolls, Make us
4. ho - ly light Keep us shin - ing bright, Ev - er

To Refrain

1. ring with the song of your love. _____
2. walk in the way of your peace. _____
3. burn with the fire of your truth. _____
4. shine with the pres - ence of Christ. _____

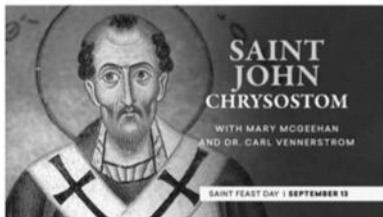
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A Bible Study on the Annunciation

In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26–38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.



St. John Chrysostom | Catholic Saints

From Antioch, the political center of the fifth-century world, arose a golden-tongued preacher and bishop: St. John Chrysostom. Listen to Dr. Carl Vennerstrom and Mary McGeehan discuss the life and preaching of this great doctor of the Church who gave us countless powerful prayers and homilies.



The Eyes Have It | Benjamin Cello | Episode 2

Glow Worm is losing her glow, and her eyes are going with it! It'll take the ministrations of mother and expert Lady Iris to help Glow Worm fix her eyes on Jesus and see with a heavenly perspective.

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