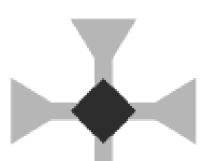
The Order of Mass

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 3 & 4, 2024 † 5 p.m. Vigil † 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. † 6 p.m.





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.



- 2. spir it with faith and full ness of life.
- 3. glad-ness to flood the depths of your soul.
- 4. har-vest, will send my rain on the soil.

Gloria





Collect

The Collect is made up of three parts:

- 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 Job 7:1-4, 6-7

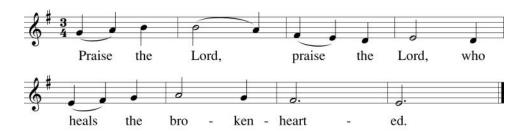
A reading from the Book of Job.

Job spoke, saying:
Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?
Are not his days those of hirelings?
He is a slave who longs for the shade,
a hireling who waits for his wages.
So I have been assigned months of misery,
and troubled nights have been allotted to me.
If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?"
then the night drags on;
I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.
My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle;
they come to an end without hope.
Remember that my life is like the wind;
I shall not see happiness again.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. All respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 147



Responsorial Psalm (6 p.m.)

Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Response: Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Reading II

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

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

Brothers and sisters: 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! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my recompense? That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

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 1:29-39

This is the high point of the Liturgy of the Word, which is why we stand for the reading, the priest kisses the Book of the Gospels and proclaims the reading, and there is often candles and incense 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.

On leaving the synagogue

Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John.

Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever.

They immediately told him about her.

He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up.

Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

When it was evening, after sunset,

they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons.

The whole town was gathered at the door.

He cured many who were sick with various diseases,

and he drove out many demons,

not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

Rising very early before dawn, he left

and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed.

Simon and those who were with him pursued him

and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you."

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages

that I may preach there also.

For this purpose have I come."

So he went into their synagogues,

preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

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

Universal Prayer

Response: Lord, Hear Our Prayer

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

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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.

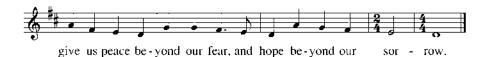
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Invitation to Prayer

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.



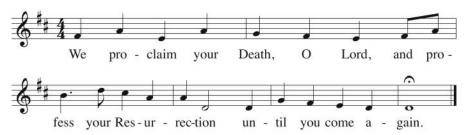
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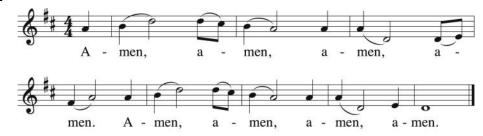
Please Kneel.

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



Amen



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The Lord's Prayer

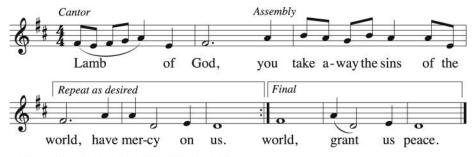
Celebrant: ...as we await the blessed hope and the coming

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.



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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

Come, Receive the Living Bread



Meditation You Are Near



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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





Week of February 04, 2024



Sts. Benedict and Scholastica | Littlest Saints

A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica. Visit their website here: www.littlestsaints.com



St. Scholastica | Holy Women You Never Heard Of | Episode 3

Dive into the lives of Holy Women You've Never Heard Of with Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Dr. Jessica Murdoch. St. Scholastica is the sister of St. Benedict. Holy siblings and holy families change the world!



Bakhita: From Slave to Saint

Bahkita: From Slave to Saint tells the incredible story of St. Josephine Bakhita. Originally born in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped by slavers and was eventually sold to a merchant in Italy. By the grace of God, she lived a heroic life of forgiveness and mercy which led her to become a saint.

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Mondays from 8:30am-8pm

Tuesdays from 8:30am-8pm

Wednesdays from 8:30am-Midnight

Thursdays from Midnight-8pm

Please prayerfully consider becoming a committed adorer and/or sub for Eucharistic Adoration, especially in this upcoming season with people travelling to warmer places in the winter, etc. If you would like to become a committed adorer or a sub please sign up for an hour via the QR code or on the parish website. We are using the software called We Adore Him, which is extremely user friendly and will help

people sign up for hours and requests subs with ease. If you have any questions please contact Laurie Keller, 612-978-8813.

"People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer."

-St. Teresa of Calcutta



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