

Get Behind Me Satan, James Tissot, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

11 a.m. Solemn Mass + February 25, 2024
Church of the Ascension, Chicago, IL

New Weekday Mass Schedule

*Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples,
and be known to us in the breaking of bread.*

On Monday, February 19, we instituted a new weekday mass schedule.
We hope you will make our new weekday mass schedule part of your Lenten journey.

Monday & Friday – 12 p.m.; Tuesday & Thursday – 8 a.m.;

Wednesday – 6:30 p.m.

Sun	Feb 25	The Second Sunday in Lent
	9 a.m.	Sung Mass
	10 a.m.	Confession available
	11 a.m.	Solemn Mass followed by Images of Pilgrimage in the theology of St. Augustine of Hippo <i>(The Restless Journey toward Divine Love) - Library, lunch provided</i>
Fri	Mar 1	
	6 p.m.	Stations of the Cross & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Followed by a simple soup supper
Sun	Mar 3	The Third Sunday in Lent
	9 a.m.	Sung Mass
	10 a.m.	Confession available
	11 a.m.	Solemn Mass followed by Images of Pilgrimage in the poetry of Dante Alighieri <i>(The movement of Romantic love to love of neighbor & God) - Library, lunch provided</i>
Fri	Mar 8	
	6 p.m.	Stations of the Cross & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Followed by a simple soup supper
Sat	Mar 9	
	8 a.m.	Lenten Quiet Morning <i>(See inside back for more info)</i>

- Please join us for Coffee Hour in Wheeler Hall after the Mass.
- If you are a visitor, please consider completing one of the blue visitor cards found in the pews.

*Please silence all electronic devices that may distract you or others from worship.
Cameras in the church are for the purposes of live-streaming and/or recording our
liturgies and music, but anyone in the church may be incidentally viewed.*



Organ Voluntaries are omitted on this Sunday in Lent.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Please stand as you are able as the Ministers enter. The Altar, Ministers and People are aspersed, sprinkled with holy water, a reminder of our baptism as we prepare to worship God. During the Introit, the Altar is censed.

Opening Hymn 148

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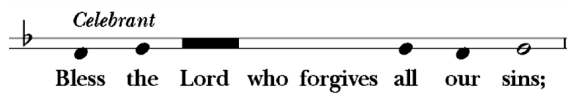
Introit “Reminiscere” (Ps. 25) Mode IV

Reminiscere miserationum tuarum, Domine, et misericordiae tuae, quae a saeculo sunt: ne unquam dominantur nobis inimici nostri: libera nos Deus Israel ex omnibus angustiis nostris. Ps. Ad te Domine levavi animam meam: Deus meus in te confido, non erubescam. V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Reminiscere ...

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies, and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old: O let not our enemies triumph over us: deliver us, O God of Israel, out of all of our troubles. Ps. Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul: O my God, I have put my trust in thee, O let me not be confounded. V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Call to remembrance ...

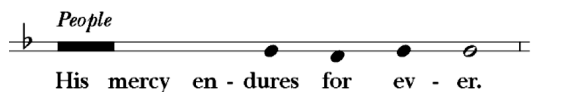
The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant



Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People



His mercy en - dures for ev - er.

Celebrant Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:29-31

The Deacon then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People kneel as able. Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Kyrie eleison

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Setting: Geoffrey Burgon (1941-2010) *Short Mass* (1965)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The People are seated.

The First Lesson

Genesis 22:1-14

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual "Sciant gentes" Mode I

Sciant gentes quoniam nomen tibi Deus: tu solus Altissimus super omnem terram.

Let the Gentiles know that God is Your Name. You alone are the Most High over all the earth.

The Epistle

Romans 8:31-39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

When the Gospel procession moves towards the pews, the People stand.

Tract "Confitemini Domino" (Ps. 106) Mode VIII

Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus: quoniam in saeculum misericordia eius.
V. Quis loquetur potentias Domini: auditas faciet omnes laudes eius? V. Beati qui custodiunt iudicium, et faciunt iustitiam in omni tempore. V. Memento nostri, Domine, in beneplacito populi tui: visita nos in salutari tuo.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever. V. Who can express the noble acts of the Lord: or shew forth all his praise? V. Blessed are they that alway keep judgement: and do righteousness. V. Remember us, O Lord, according to the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit us with thy salvation.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory be to you, Lord Christ.**

Then Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The People are seated.

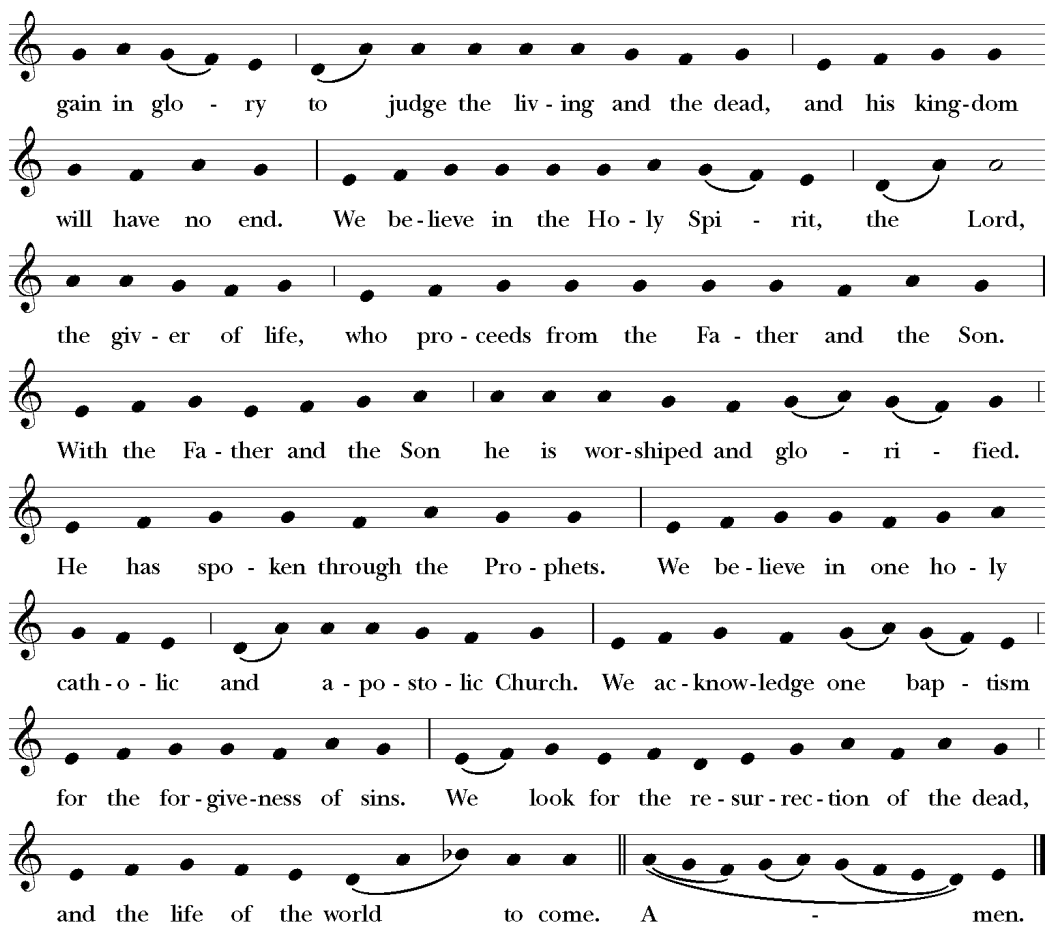
The Sermon

The Rev. Christopher Poore

The People stand as able.

The Nicene Creed (S-104 Contemporary)

We be - lieve in one God, the Fa - ther, the Al - might - y, ma - ker of
hea - ven and earth, of all that is, seen and un - seen. We be - lieve
in one Lord, Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, e - ter - nal - ly
be - got - ten of the Fa - ther, God from God, Light from Light, true God
from true God, be - got - ten, not made, of one Be - ing with the Fa - ther.
Through him all things were made. For us and for our sal - va - tion
he came down from hea - ven: by the pow - er of the Ho - ly Spi - rit
he be - came in - car - nate from the Vir - gin Ma - ry, and was made man.
For our sake he was cru - ci - fied un - der Pon - tius Pi - late;
he suf - fered death and was bur - ied. On the third day he rose a - gain
in ac - cord - ance with the Scrip - tures; he a - scend - ed in - to hea - ven
and is seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther. He will come a -



The Prayers of the People

Form I BCP p. 383

Deacon or other leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Anne, Saint Michael the Archangel, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory “Meditabor” (Ps. 119) Mode II

Meditabor in mandatis tuis, quae dilexi valde: et levabo manus meas ad mandata tua, quae dilexi.

My delight shall be in thy commandments, which I have loved exceedingly: my hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved.

Offertory Motet

Ad Dominum cum tribularer clamavi, et exaudivit me.

Domine, libera animam meam a labiis iniquis et a lingua dolosa.

When I was in trouble I called upon the Lord: and he heard me.

Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips: and from a deceitful tongue.

Setting: Alessandro Scarlatti (1660-1725) *Ad Dominum dum tribularer*
Ps. 120:1-2

Offertory Hymn 10

KEDRON

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP p. 361)

Orate Fratres

Celebrant Pray, beloved, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable
to God the Father Almighty.

People **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands, to the praise
and glory of his Name, both to our benefit and that of all his
holy Church.**

Celebrant Amen.

Sursum corda

The musical notation is presented in four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The first staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the People, with lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with lyrics "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and accidentals, with some notes marked with a double sharp symbol.

Celebrant
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

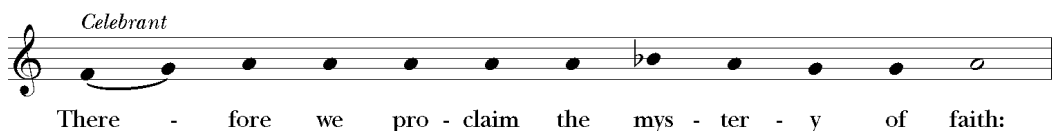
Setting: Geoffrey Burgon (1941-2010) *Short Mass* (1965)

The People stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
People
There - fore let us keep the feast.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that takes away the sins of the world. Happy are they who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof.

People **But speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

† *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion, and all may come forward.*

Those who are not baptized or who do not wish to receive may indicate a desire for a blessing by crossing arms on the chest upon approaching the priest. If you prefer not to receive the Chalice, please cross your arms on your chest and remain until the minister has said the words of reception, "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation." If you require a gluten-free host, put your right hand over your heart.

- *Please alert an usher if you need the Sacrament brought to you in the pew*

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

Setting: Geoffrey Burgon (1941-2010) *Short Mass* (1965)

THE COMMUNION

Communion "Intellige clamorem" (Ps. 5) Mode V

Intellige clamorem meum: intende voci orationis meae, Rex meus, et Deus meus: quoniam ad te orabo, Domine. V. Gloria Patri.

Consider my meditation: hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I make my prayer, O Lord. V. Glory be.

Communion Hymn 328 (vss. 1-3 & 8)

SONG 46

After Communion, the People kneel. The Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Solemn Prayer over the People

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

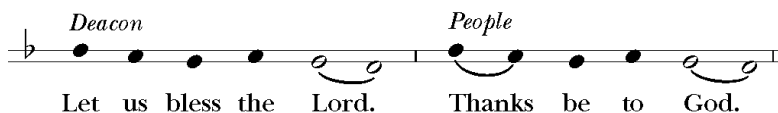
Celebrant Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People stand as they are able.

The Dismissal

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.



Ascension Prayer List

For our prayers: Lynn Wilber, Ellen, Kenneth Phillips, Amy & Amanda Boemer, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Greg Nigosian, Ellen Penrod, Andrew Carlin, Marilyn Labkon, Robert Bailly, Lee Gould, Robert Pischke, Derrick Petite, Florence Jones Clanton, David Schrader, Leslie Smebak Gormley, Rachel Smolinski, Sarah Reece Glanman, Suzanne Dines, MB Hwang, Juanita Malone, David S. Jones, Richard Francis Tracz, Victor Fernandez, Claire Green, Beth Hall, Sue Lenz, Brenda Martins

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The Rev. Meghan Murphy-Gill, *Deacon*; The Rev. Christopher Poore, *Preacher*;
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Tenor Enrico Bellomo, Damon Cole, Aaron Short
Bass Matthew Brennan, Dimitri German, Ian Prichard, Peter Wesoloski



Please do remember your financial offerings to the church. At this time, they may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed. You may also write a check and mail it to the church or make a gift by scanning this QR Code.

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LENT AT THE ASCENSION

Images of Pilgrimage 2024 Lenten Program led by Fr. Robert Petite

Our Lenten program will explore Images of Pilgrimage as they inform the practice of Christian love throughout the Christian's life journey. A pilgrimage is a journey to visit holy places: historical churches, religious shrines, or other sacred sites in a particular country. We can also speak metaphorically of the whole of life as "a pilgrimage", a metaphor for the spiritual journey we all take, with all the challenges, demands and hardship that accompany it. Please join us for this rich formation program led by Fr. Petite, following the 11:00 a.m. Solemn High Mass. A hearty lunch will be provided.

Sunday, February 18 – Images of Pilgrimage in Holy Scripture (The Creation Story, The Exodus, the Prodigal Son, and Christ's Journey into the Wilderness.)

Sunday, February 25 – Images of Pilgrimage in the theology of St. Augustine of Hippo (The Restless Journey toward Divine Love)

Sunday, March 3 – Images of Pilgrimage in the poetry of Dante Alighieri (The movement of Romantic love to love of neighbor and God).

Lenten Quiet Morning, Saturday, March 9, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. What's so good about a crucified God?

Mtr. KJ Oh, priest associate at St Paul and the Redeemer, Hyde Park and Emerita Professor in Practical Theology at Bexley Seabury Seminary, Chicago, will lead us as we reflect on what it means to follow a savior who was so easily exterminated and how Jesus' sacrificial act results in our salvation. Our conversations, while framed by theology, are offered as a time for personal, spiritual exploration rather than as a theological exercise.

Mtr. KJ requests retreatants simply come as they are in comfortable clothing. Breakfast will be served at 8 am. Please register using the link online or by talking to Mtr. Murphy-Gill

**Stations of the Cross
& Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
on the Fridays of Lent at 6 p.m.**

February 16 & 23 and March 1, 8, 15 & 22

*Following Stations & Benediction, a vegetarian soup and bread supper
will be offered in Wheeler Hall*

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Welcome to worship at the
Church of the Ascension
An Anglican-Episcopal parish in the
city and Diocese of Chicago

SOME WHO HAVE GATHERED HERE TODAY may have traveled from afar and visited before. Church of the Ascension has long been a destination for those who feel blessed by the Anglo-Catholic worship here. Others may have made a shorter trip, and those here for the first time may ask, “What’s Anglo-Catholic?” The term refers to two aspects of our history and ongoing faith and worship.

Anglican churches are those in the tradition of, and with ongoing ties to, the Church of England. (In the United States we are mainly called Episcopalians.)

The ‘Catholic’ part of our identity is evident all around us here, in the church interior and in our worship.

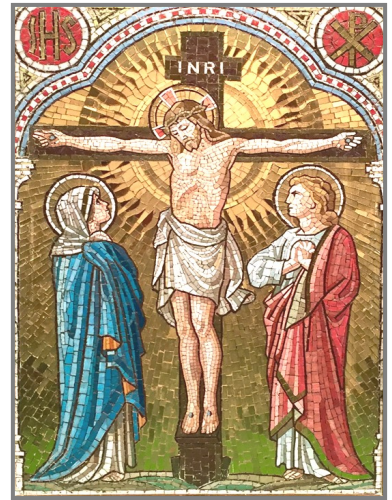
- + We value and relish liturgy and music that engage and nourish the heart the mind and all the senses.
- + Our reverence for the sacrament of the Eucharist, the Mass, Christ’s Body and Blood, is emphasized by the architecture of the space and many elements of our worship.
- + We have a strong sense of taking part, as Christ’s people, in the Communion of Saints, including Blessed Mary and our patron saint, Michael the Archangel. Our faith is inspired and sustained by remembering the lives and witness of those who are now eternally with God.

We hope and pray that our sense of grateful, divine fellowship translates to our welcome of all and to faithfulness in the ministries that we share beyond our life of worship.

Your questions about our parish community, our worship and other ministries may be found by inquiring with our clergy or parishioners, or on our website – www.ascensionchicago.org.

Thank you and bless you for joining us.

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The mosaic on the door of the altar tabernacle, Church of the Ascension

- **All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Communion.** Others are welcomed to come forward at the time of Communion to receive a blessing.
- **Please join us for Coffee Hour in Wheeler Hall** after the Mass.
- **If you are a visitor**, please consider completing one of the blue visitor cards found in the pews.
- **Live-Streaming** of select liturgies is available on Facebook and YouTube. Links for these can be found on our website Home page.
- **Please ask an usher about a parking permit** if your car will be in our parking lot after 1:30 pm today.

