



The Parable of the Weeds, Domenico Fetti, ca. 1622,
Museo Nacional Thyssen-Bornemisza, Madrid

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
11 a.m. Solemn High Mass
July 19, 2026
Church of the Ascension

Parish Schedule

Sun July 19 The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9 a.m. Sung Mass

No Confession this Sunday

10:30 a.m. Blessing of the New Columbarium

Please be seated before the start of the liturgy. The service will begin with at the High Altar, then the Ministers will process to the new columbarium for the blessing and inurnment.

11 a.m. Solemn High Mass

Sun Jul 26 The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9 a.m. Sung Mass

10:15 a.m. Confession available

11 a.m. Solemn High Mass

Weekday Mass Schedule

12 p.m. on Monday & Friday

8 a.m. on Tuesday & Thursday

6:30 p.m. on Wednesday

Holy Days & Major Feasts

Thurs August 6 The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ

8 a.m. Low Mass

7 p.m. Sung Mass with Schola

Sat August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11 a.m. Procession, Angelus & Solemn High Mass

Parish Events

Fri August 7 Ascension at the Orchestra

6:30 p.m. Grant Park Musical Festival (Free Concert)

Please RSVP for our parish outing by contacting James Baran at Jameschicago61@gmail.com

- 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 in the pews.

ORGAN Variations on O God, Thou art so goode Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)
A Fancie for a Double Orgaine

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Please stand as you are able as the Ministers enter. The Altar, Ministers and People are aspersed, sprinkled with holy water. During the Introit, the Altar is censed.

Opening Hymn 440

LIEBSTER JESU

Introit “Ecce Deus adiuvat me” (Ps. 54) Mode V

Ecce Deus adiuvat me, et Dominus susceptor est animae meae: averte mala inimicis meis, in veritate tua disperde illos, protector meus Domine. Ps. Deus in nomine tuo saluum me fac: et in virtute tua iudica me. V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Ecce ...

Behold, God is my helper, the Lord is with them that uphold my soul: reward thou evil unto mine enemies: and destroy thou them in thy truth, O Lord, my defender. Ps. Save me, O God, for thy Name's sake: and avenge me in thy strength. 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. Behold ...

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie eleison

Organ

Lord, have mer-cy___ u-pon us, Lord, have mer-cy u- pon us, Lord, have mer-cy u-

pon us. Christ, have mer - cy u-pon us, Christ, have mer-cy u-pon us, Christ, have mer-cy u-

pon us. Lord, have mer - cy u - pon_ us, Lord, have mer - cy u -

pon_ us, Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us._____

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Celebrant *People*

Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth, peace, good - will towards men.____ We praisethee, we

bless thee,____ we wor-ship thee, we glo-ri - fy thee,____ we give thanks to thee for thy_ great glo -

- ry._____ O Lord, God, hea-ven-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al might-y.____ O Lord, the on-ly-be-

got-ten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son_ of the Fa-ther, that tak-est a-way the

sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on_ us._____ *Organ* Thou that tak-est a -

way the sins of the world, re- ceive our prayer. Thou that sit-test at the right hand of

God the Fa - ther, have mer cy up - on us. —

For_ Thou on-ly art ho - ly;_ thou on - ly art the Lord;_ thou on - ly, O

Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost art most high_ in the glo - ry of God_ the

Fa - ther. A - men, a - men. —

The Salutation and The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; for your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual “Domine Dominus noster” (Ps. 8) Mode V

Domine Dominus noster, quam admirabile est nomen tuum in universa terra!

O Lord our Governour, how excellent is thy name in all the world!

The Epistle

Romans 8:18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia “Eripe me” (Ps. 59) Mode II

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Eripe me de inimicis meis, Deus meus: et ab insurgentibus in me libera me. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Deliver me from mine enemies, O God: defend me from them that rise up against me. Alleluia.

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

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” ... Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The People are seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Gary E. A. Lawler

The People stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

Organ

We be-lieve in one God, the Fa - ther the Al-might-y, ma-ker of heav'n 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: *Genuflect* *Organ* 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. *Rise* *Organ* For

our sake he was cru-ci-fied un-der Pon-tius Pi-late; he suf-fered death and was bur-ied. *Organ*

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. *Organ* He will come a-gain in glo-ry to

judge the liv-ing and the dead, and his king-dom will have no end. We be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit, the
 Lord, the giv-er of life, who pro-ceeds from the Fa-ther and the Son. With the Fa-ther and the
 Son he is wor-shipped and glo-ri-fied. he has spo-ken through the Pro-phets.
 We be-lieve in one ho-ly cath-o-lic and a-po-stol-ic Church. We ack-now-ledge one
 Bap-tism for the for-give-ness of sins. We look for the re-sur-rec-tion of the dead, and the
 life of the world to come. A-men. A-men.

The Prayers of the People

Form III (BCP p. 387)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People kneel as able.

**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 stands and 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.**

The People stand as able.

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 People remain standing as the oblations are brought forward.

Offertory “Iustitiae Domini” (Ps. 19) Mode IV

Iustitiae Domini rectae, laetificantes corda, et dulciora super mel et favum: nam et servus tuus custodiet ea.

The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart, sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb: moreover thy servant keepeth them.

The People are seated.

Offertory Motet

O Lord our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Out of the mouths of infants and children your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What is man that you should be mindful of him? the son of man that you should seek him out?

You have made him but little lower than the angels; you adorn him with glory and honor;

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; you put all things under his feet:

All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

O Lord our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Setting: Thomas Hoekstra (1941-2018) *Psalm 8* (1996)

Translation: BCP

The People stand as able.

Offertory Hymn 375

DU LEBENSBROT

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B (BCP p. 367)

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 treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with 'Celebrant' and 'People' labels above the corresponding parts.

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

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

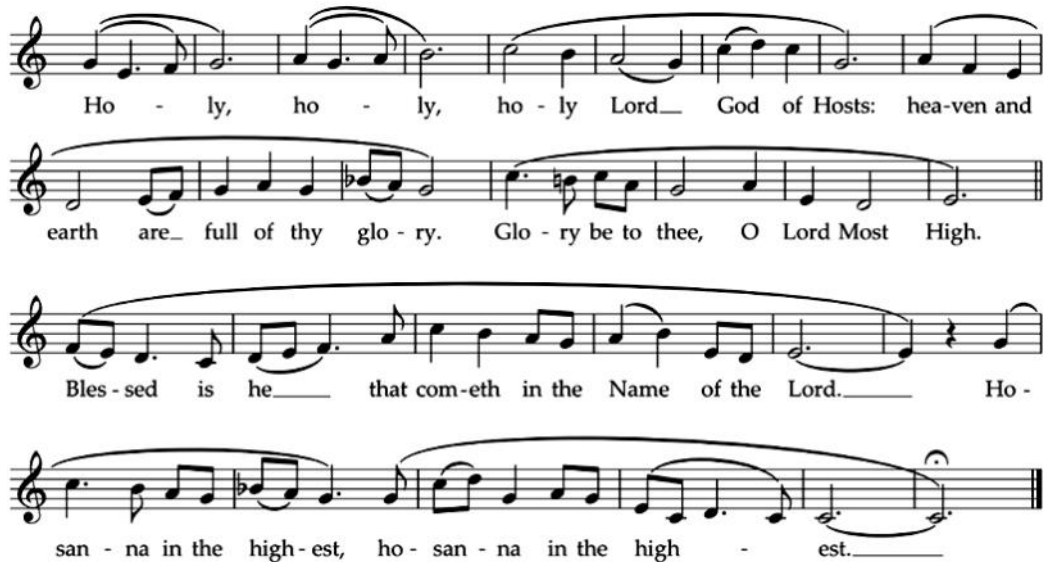
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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; for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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



The People stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Celebrant

There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

Celebrant and People

We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -

rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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.

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

Agnus Dei



The musical score for 'Agnus Dei' is written on three staves. The first staff begins with the word 'Organ' above it. The lyrics 'O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on_ us.' are written below the first two staves. The second staff also has 'Organ' written above it. The third staff continues the lyrics 'O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, grant_ us_ thy_ peace._'. The music features treble clefs, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. It includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests, with some triplets indicated by a '3' over a bracket.

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on_ us.

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on_ us.

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, grant_ us_ thy_ peace._

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.

THE COMMUNION

Communion "Acceptabis" (Ps. 51) Mode IV

Acceptabis sacrificium iustitiae, oblationes et holocausta, super altare tuum, Domine. Ps. Miserere mei Deus secundum magnam misericordiam tuam. V. Audire me facies gaudium et laetitiam, et exultabunt ossa, quae contrivisti.. V. Cor mundum crea in me, Deus, et spiritum rectum innova in visceribus meis. V. Ne proicias me a facie tua, et spiritum sanctum tuum ne auferas a me. V. Gloria Patri.

Thou shalt be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations upon thine altar, O Lord. Ps. Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy; V. Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, and the bones Thou hath crushed shall rejoice. V. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. V. Cast me not from Thy presence, and take not Thy holy spirit from me. V. Glory be.

Communion Motet

Iustitiae Domini rectae, laetificantes corda;
et iudicia eius dulciora super mel et favum.
Nam servus tuus custodit ea.

*The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart
his judgments sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.
For thy servant keeps them.*

Setting: Alessandro Scarlatti (1660-1725) *Iustitiae Domini*
Text from Psalm 19

Communion Hymn

DUNDEE

1. Al - might - y God, your word is cast like seed up - on the
2. Let not our self - ish - ness and hate this ho - ly seed re -
3. Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de -
ground, now let the dew of heav'n de-scend and right-eous fruits a-bound.
move, but give it root in ev' - ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
stroy, but let it yield a hun-dred-fold the fruits of peace and joy!

The People kneel as able. 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.

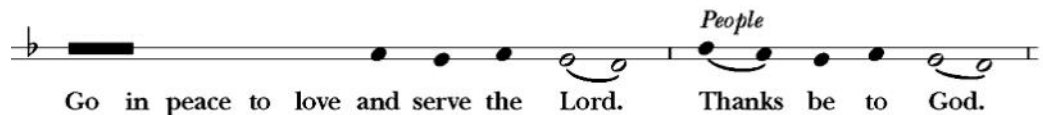
The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the + Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The People stand as able.

The Dismissal

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.



Closing Hymn 344

SICILIAN MARINERS

ORGAN A Running Fancie of Four Partes

Orlando Gibbons

Ascension Prayer List

For our prayers Christine Callahan, Ismael Ingco, Greg Spoor, Kirsten Finn, Michael Robertson, William Petite, Bekah and Josiah Hurty, Mary Jane Kowalski, Nat Simpson, Elsa Pineda, Todd Oswald, Mary Callahan, Lynette Ngumi, Leslie Sterk, Marcela Simpson, Christina Kimmel, Nate Cole, Ed Blatz, Marlea Edinger, Elizabeth McLaughlin, MB Hwang, Juanita Malone, Claire Green, Brenda Martins

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John Clifford Hedley, 7/25

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Margaret Whybrew, 7/20/2007; Taylor Hope Homko, 7/22/2004;
Theodore (Ted) Saunders, 7/24/2022; Astrid Olivia Felton, 7/25

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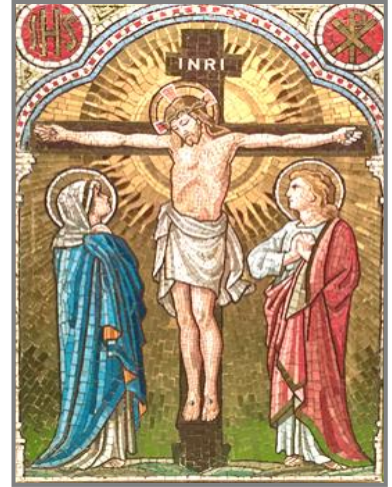
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The mosaic on the door of the Altar tabernacle, Church of the Ascension

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