

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 23, 2022

**... all who exalt
themselves will
be humbled,
but all who
humble
themselves will
be exalted."**
Luke 18:14

MASS SCHEDULE

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Sunday: 8:00 am
Sunday: 11:00 am (Live-streamed)
Every Sunday: 12:30 pm Spanish Mass
Monday through Thursday: 9:00 am

ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER CHURCH

Saturday: 5:00 pm Vigil
Sunday: 9:30 am
Monday through Friday: 8:00 am
Saturday AM Mass: 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

held at ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER CHURCH
Saturday: Following 9:00 am Mass
Saturday: 3:00 pm
or by appointment anytime (Call 856-691-9077)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (at ST. ISIDORE'S)

Begins after the Thursday 9:00 am Mass
until Friday at 8:45 am before the 9:00 am Mass

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Readings for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**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: Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-18

The LORD is a God of justice, who knows no favorites. Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet he hears the cry of the oppressed. The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint. The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens. The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds, judges justly and affirms the right, and the Lord will not delay.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34: 2-3, 17-18, 19, 23

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

- I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad. **R.**
- The LORD confronts the evildoers,
to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.
When the just cry out, the LORD hears them,
and from all their distress he rescues them. **R.**
- The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.
The LORD redeems the lives of his servants;
no one incurs guilt who takes refuge in him. **R.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia: 2 Corinthians 5:19

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, and entrusting to us the message of salvation. **R.**

Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. “Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, ‘O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity — greedy, dishonest, adulterous — or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.’ But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’ I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Profession of 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,

(All bow towards the tabernacle)

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.

The Lord hears
the cry of the poor

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

PRAY FOR US

Saturday, October 22 (*Saint John Paul II, Pope*)

9:00 AM	The Infanti Families	Req. Fr. Infanti
5:00 PM	Johnnie St. Clair †	Req. His Wife Roseann
	Fred Angelo †	Req. Rosalie Hutchinson
	Janene Sherban †	Req. JoAnn and Paul Alan Betz
	Suzanne Casazza †	Req. Terry and Lou Casazza

Sunday, October 23 (*Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time*)

8:00 AM	Parishioners of Christ the Good Shepherd Parish	
9:30 AM	Gary Cheli †	Req. The Polaha Family
11:00 AM	Phyllis Bracaliello †	Req. Janice and Lou Capra
12:30 PM	Minerva Baez †	Req. Esther Flores

Monday, October 24 (*Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop*)

8:00 AM	Fred Angelo †	Req. Barbara Daley
9:00 AM	Julia Conte †	Req. Paula Thibodeau-Hirsch

Tuesday, October 25

8:00 AM	Parishioners of Christ the Good Shepherd Parish	
9:00 AM	The Infanti Families	Req. Fr. Infanti

Wednesday, October 26

8:00 AM	James McFadden †	Req. Mark and Leonarda Tamagni
9:00 AM	Janene Sherban †	Req. Carol Polaha

Thursday, October 27

8:00 AM	Parishioners of Christ the Good Shepherd Parish	
9:00 AM	Alexandra Pastore Procopio †	Req. CTGS

Friday, October 28 (*Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles*)

8:00 AM	William and Joan Martini †	Req. Bill Martini & Family
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Saturday, October 29

9:00 AM	Parishioners of Christ the Good Shepherd Parish	
5:00 PM	Parishioners of Christ the Good Shepherd Parish	

**BLESSED
MOTHER
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Parishioners of Christ the
Good Shepherd Parish



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Parishioners of Christ the
Good Shepherd Parish

Any prayer requests for sick, deceased, or military family members that you would like added to, or **removed from**, the bulletin can be submitted to the rectory by phone or email:
(856) 691-9077
ctgssecretary@gmail.com

For Our Military...

John F. Blankemeyer – National Guard
Andrew Robinson – Army
Thomas A. Pease – US Coast Guard
Chief Warrant Officer
Joshua Robinson – Marines
Gabriel Solazzo – Air Force
Marco Bassetti – US Coast Guard

For Our Sick...

Capt. Angela Milano
Nicoletta Franchetta
Christopher Vega
Tiffany DiNiglio
Thomas Ardecki
Francis Dondero
Mario D'Addato
Betty McManus
Mildred Collini
Kathy Beckett
Letty Arrocho

Josie Sanchez
Norene Ritter
Esther Flores
Lynn Pepper
Ramon Diaz
Jim Casadia
Rose Valora
Tanni Trout
Judy Sacco
Patty Bush

In Loving Memory...

Valentina "Tina" Ann Curry
Ellen "Joan" MacDade
Suzanne W. Casazza
Florence B. O'Hara
Grace D'Augustine
Janene M. Sherban
Chase Fehrenbach
Lois T. Middleton
Carl R. Blanchet
Peter P. Casazza
Wayne F. Eby

Gay Renaldo
Fred Angelo
Erin Semus
Julia Conte
Diane Lee
Louis Vit

Administrator's Note

My Dear Friends,

Here is a reflection I came across from Mount St. Abbey. Hope you enjoy.

To live with humility

Humanity has a long-standing struggle with humility. We seem not to like it. We see it biblical and other ancient manuscripts but, also, just as much in today's world, where some politicians seemingly have no capacity for admitting they are wrong, and who would always have the last word, even if that last word were not the truth. But it is not just politicians. Most of us are the same, because we have a way of thinking about ourselves that makes us feel special or privileged. Whilst this can occur to a widespread degree in human organizations – including the Church – it also happens in the innermost hearts of all.

One group of biblical characters who struggled with humility were our own spiritual ancestors: the disciples. Jesus had to rebuke them, check them, wade into their conceited squabbles. When we struggle ourselves, it is good to remember the disciples and Christ instructing them – and, through them, us.

Christ told us that we should be like little children. What he meant was, as Sister Wendy Beckett put it, to see with the eyes of a child, and to respond with the mind of an adult. This can be very difficult, because we must put aside our own good notion of ourselves and walk directly into dangerous waters. Do we think we're very spiritual, or that our prayer life is better than others? Do we scoff at other liturgies and lambast other forms of worship because they are not our own? Do we feel special because we pray the divine office for longer than others or because we read such and such a saint? It is easy to do these things when we lose our way, when we forget to be like little children. But Christ tells us to see as children, to see with new eyes, to be little, and to take care that we remain little, because that is what we are in his eyes. Loved, yes, but little. We do not have the capacity to understand like he does.

In Catholic ministry on social media, it can often be fellow Catholics who most despise other Catholic posts. This is because we have not remained open to Christ's resounding call to humility. In biblical times, there were the same people, and Sundays Gospel makes us remember that what we see today is nothing new:

“Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else: ‘Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, “I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get.”

The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner”. This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Peace,

Fr. Junior





Christ the Good Shepherd Collections

October 8-9, 2022: \$8,700.00

Thank you always to all our parishioners for their generous support.

Our Christ the Good Shepherd Bereavement Ministry invites you to offer your time and talent to share with those who have suffered a loss.

We offer support and comfort while working with families to plan the Funeral Liturgy. The expected length of commitment is three years. During this time, both parish and diocesan training will be offered.

For more information, contact the rectory at (856) 691-9077, or Paula Thibodeau-Hirsch at (856) 696-8653

Second Collection

There will be a second collection this week for World Mission Sunday



Welcome Back To
First Saturday Devotions at Christ the Good Shepherd
In Honor Of Our Lady of Fatima
and the 105th Anniversary of Her Apparitions



St. Isidore the Farmer Church
1655 Magnolia Road, Vineland, NJ

Schedule:

- 9:00 AM Holy Mass
- Rosary
- Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary
- Confession
- Procession and Crowning of the Blessed Mother Statue

Mary promises us salvation through this Devotion
Won't you accept her promise for yourself and your family?

Remaining First Saturdays of 2022 are:

November 5th
December 3rd

FYI From Father Junior!

Please be advised that any advertisements for ministries and/or events cannot be hung on Church property without the prior approval of Fr. Junior. Unauthorized postings will be taken down.

To better aid the spiritual practices of our parishioners, anyone who would like religious articles blessed are asked to drop the items off in a bag at the parish office with your name and phone number. After one of the priests have blessed the items, the office staff will call for the articles to be picked up.

All major Mass celebrations will be held at Sacred Heart Church this year. We will begin to alternate Churches each year, with next year being held at St. Isidore the Farmer Church.

Please remember to not park in the area designated for priest parking at St. Isidore's.

Thank you,
Fr. Junior



Christmas Shop Fair

Early shopper for the holiday season? Looking for unique gift ideas? Come on by and support our school.....vendors and crafters with cash & carry! Food, drinks, and snacks will be available.

DATE: SATURDAY, NOV. 5TH

TIME: 10AM-4PM

PLACE: CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESCHOOL

1655 MAGNOLIA ROAD

VINELAND, NJ 08360

*For more information, please contact the school: (856) 696-0506 or Mary Watson, Director (missmaryctgsp@gmail.com)

If you are interested in being a vendor for this event, a Vendor Request Form is available to pick up at the parish office.





SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

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Mass for All Souls – Cemetery Visitation

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

10:00 AM

We encourage our families to visit our cemeteries and mausoleums and pray for their dearly departed loved ones and all souls who have gone before us. All Souls Day Masses will be held on Wednesday, November 2nd, at 10:00 AM in our chapel mausoleums located in Cherry Hill, Bellmawr, Vineland, Mays Landing and Newfield. A complete listing can be found on our website. We join you in praying for the souls of all of those who have gone before us.

Visit SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org to learn more or call us at 855-MyPrePlan (855-697-7375) and a member of our staff will gladly assist you.

CODE BLUE

We will be assisting The Word of Life Church in Vineland, who will be housing the homeless when temperatures dip below freezing. We have decided to participate by supplying paper products. We would appreciate your support by bringing the following items to the gathering space:

Paper Cups

Napkins

Soup Bowls

Paper Towels

Toilet Paper

Plastic Silverware (Forks, Knives, and Spoons)

This will be an on-going project for the winter as we assist our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thank you in advance for your support.



**Attend the ManUp
South Jersey Men's
Spirituality Conference
November 12, 2022**

**To Purchase Tickets and
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Bishop Schad Regional School

Presents

CAMPUS MINISTRY
CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH



NOVEMBER 6, 2022

MASS AT 11:30AM

12:30PM - THE TALK! Introduction on teen violence and teen dating

1:00PM - Basketball Game

2:15PM - Food, Refreshments and discussion



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FATHER JUNIOR FLORES

Coordinator
Joe Vasturia

Coordinator of Catholic Charities
JoAnne B. Farrell

Christ the Good Shepherd Parish

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS
MONTH**

Sunday, October 30th, 2022

*Presentation immediately after the 12:30 Mass at
Sacred Heart*

Spanish Presentation Given By



Rizel Luna BSW

Topic on domestic violence

C.T.G.S. acknowledges the work and assistance of
Jane Farrell of the Diocese of Camden Catholic
Charities Division and Gloria Aviles Formerly of
CASA PRAC.

Food and Refreshments to follow after presentation

OFFICE OF FAMILY & YOUTH
PRESENTS

THURSDAY
November 3 | 6:30pm

MOVIE NIGHT

FATIMA

Regal Cinema - Vineland, NJ

\$14 A TICKET

FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION PLEASE CALL :
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Prison Ministry's
UNDERWEAR & SOCK DRIVE



Catholic Charities' Prison Ministry is collecting items for inmates in the Camden Diocese who are in need of clothing. Some correctional facilities only supply jumpsuits, and many inmates have no means to buy clothing to wear under the jumpsuits.

The following is greatly needed in all sizes (new and unused only):

MALES: white tee-shirts and white boxers

FEMALES: white sports bras and white cotton briefs

MALES & FEMALES: white crew socks

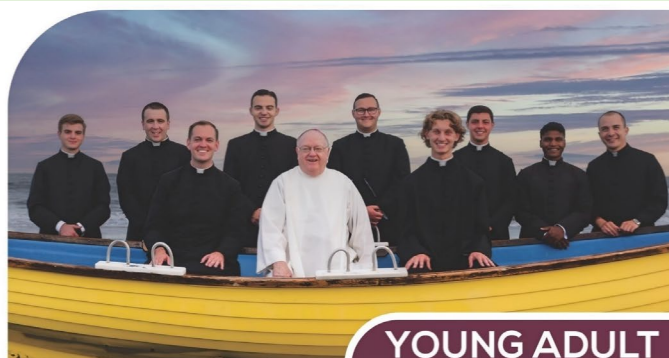
DROP OFF/MAILING ADDRESS:

Catholic Charities' Camden office
1845 Haddon Avenue,
Camden NJ, 08103
Anytime Monday - Friday
between 8:30 AM & 4:00 PM.

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

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856-342-4106

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these
brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40



DISCERNMENT GROUP



YOUNG ADULT DISCERNMENT GROUP

OCT 16	Who do you say that I am?
NOV 20	Pray Without Ceasing
DEC 18	Behold Thy Mother
JAN 8	"Come and See" Life as a Seminarian
FEB 5	Proclaim the Gospel to Every Living Creature
MAR 12	Whose Sins You Forgive Are Forgiven Them
MAY 7	I am the Bread of Life

YOUNG ADULT (16-39) DISCERNMENT GROUP

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PARISH OFFICE
135 N WHITE HORSE PIKE | LINDENWOLD | 2:30-4:00PM



"Speak Lord,
for your servant
is listening."

1 Samuel 3:9

NJ SAMUEL GROUP

Samuel Group is a spiritual formation program designed to help you go deeper in your prayer life and receive formation on discerning God's voice in your life.

Ages 18-39**1:30PM - 5:30PM**

Oct. 9 / Nov. 13 / Dec. 11
Jan. 8 / Feb. 12 / Mar. 12 / Apr. 23

Our Lady of the Lakes Church

19 Malaga Rd
Collings Lakes, NJ 08094

Obligations

- Interview with a member of the leadership team over the phone.
- Full participation and attendance at **all** meetings.
- Meet monthly with a Spiritual Director (we can help you find one).
- Commitment to daily prayer.

Registration is open from Aug. 1 - Oct. 1

To learn more and register, go to:
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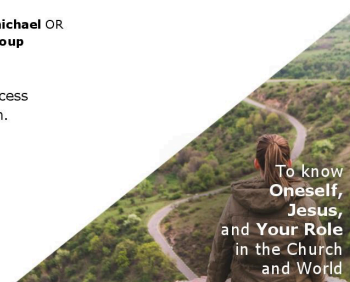


Scan here for direct access
to the registration form.

Contact

Sr. Ann Kateri
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Ourselves,
Jesus,
and Your Role
in the Church
and World



Understanding the Mass

Part 4

The Eucharistic Prayer

Lift Up Your Hearts

The Eucharistic Prayer begins with a dialogue which describes the action to come—it is right and just that we should lift up our hearts to Lord and give thanks. The word Eucharist is derived from the Greek, meaning “to give thanks”. The series of prayers that follow this dialogue are central to the action of the Mass, but are all too often “missed” by those gathered whose minds tend to drift as the priest prays.

Hutzpah!

Before looking at the parts of the Eucharistic Prayer, it is important to know that they are derived from the traditional Jewish table prayers recited at the Passover and at the weekly Sabbath meal. The Jewish people prayed with attitude—with hutzpah. They praised God for his actions throughout history beginning with Creation and concluding with the present day. They thanked God for redeeming them through Exodus and with firm faith and hutzpah they would ask (petition) God to do it all over again for them **today!**

The Preface

At Mass the *Preface*, which is specific to the particular celebration (the liturgical season or feast) narrates the great saving deeds of God through our history which includes what he has done for the Jewish people. It reminds us that Jesus is our Exodus—that in and through him, his life, death and resurrection, and his sending the Holy Spirit (the Paschal Mystery) we have been redeemed and our sins forgiven. Catholics should listen to these words and with hutzpah ask God to once again, here and now—

today realize our redemption by our participation in these sacred mysteries.

The Sanctus

This song of the angels found in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah recounts the prophet’s vision of God’s throne located in the Temple. Isaiah saw—the glory of God represented by the train of his garment and a cloud of incense filling the Temple—all of heaven and earth—every nook and cranny. To this is added, from Saint Matthew’s Gospel, the words shouted at Jesus as he entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday—*hosanna in the highest*. “Hosanna” is an expression of praise and rejoicing addressed to the one who saves. *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord* reminds us that the Son of God deigned to descend from the glory of heaven; that he entered into the Holy City of Jerusalem to suffer and die for us; and that in this Eucharist, he comes under the form of bread and wine to save us **today**.



It is with hutzpah that we should sing this hymn, our response to the *Preface*, and recount the great love that God has for us in sending his son redeem us.

Kneeling

The bishops of the United States requested and received an indult from the Holy See that has the faithful kneel from the end of the *Sanctus* until the *Great Doxology*. This change in position reminds us that we come humbly before God as we silently join the priest in prayer—attentively listening to the words of the *Eucharistic Prayer*. In doing so, the sacred actions at the altar also transform the hearts of the faithful gathered uniting them as the Body of Christ.

The First Epiclesis (Ehp—eh—clee—sis)

The words prayed by the priest after the *Sanctus* acknowledge the trinitarian nature of God who is indeed holy. It is God who gives life and holiness to us and who gathers us from the corners of the world inviting us to make a continuous sacrifice *from the rising of the son to its setting*.

Then extending his hands over the bread and wine, the priest calls down the Holy Spirit by whose power these gifts (and us) will be transformed—a divine, not a human, action.

The Institution Narrative

Faithful to the Lord's command at the Last Supper, "Do this in memory of me," the Eucharistic Prayer continues with the priest narrating, in word and ritual, what Jesus did on the night before he suffered. The telling of this story *and* the work of the Holy Spirit *consecrates* the bread and wine which become the Body and Blood of the Lord.

Part of the ritual action has the priest elevate the Body of Christ (Host) and the Blood of Christ (Chalice). This dates back to the medieval Church when the faithful rarely received Holy Communion and therefore at least wanted to see the Host and Chalice. The priest then reverently genuflects in humble adoration and while not required, bells are often rung at this moment to add solemnity and too call the faithful's attention to this moment. In the past, the church's main tower bell would also be rung so that the faithful outside could pause for a moment of silent adoration.

The Anamnesis (A-nahm-knee-sis)

The *Memorial Acclamation* is a response made by the faithful to what has just happened at the consecration. Anamnesis is a fancy Greek word that simply means "remembrance". This moment of remembering, however, has a triple significance. According to St. Thomas Aquinas, "The Eucharist (i) looks to the past, commemorating the passion of Christ... (2) it looks to the present, signifying the unity of the Church...and (iii) it looks to the future, prefiguring our enjoyment with God in heaven (Summa IIIa 73.4).

The Offering and Second Epiclesis

As the Eucharistic Prayer continues, the Body and Blood are offered to God—these gifts given to us and representing us—help us to learn to offer ourselves by joining our lives to Christ's. He emptied himself for our salvation and calls us to similarly pour out our lives for others. Again, the priest calls down the Holy Spirit to form us into the Church—"grant that we, who are nourished with the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with the Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ."

The Intercessions

Again, like the prayers offered by the Jewish people at Passover and Sabbath table, the Eucharistic Prayer contains specific petitions for the Church, the Pope, the bishops, for the members of the Church, for the dead, and for our future joining with Christ and the communion of saints in eternal glory.

The Great Doxology

Elevating the Host and Chalice, the priest says or sings a hymn that sums up what has just happened in the Eucharistic Prayer. We have recounted God's great love for us in redeeming us through his Son and sending the Holy Spirit to make us into his holy people. It is a recognition that everything we have is graciously given to us by our loving God. Our response in one word is profound—"Amen"—a word that means "I believe." *All glory and honor are yours, for ever and ever.*

About the Eucharistic Prayers

The Church in the United States has ten different Eucharistic Prayers to choose from. However, most often we hear one of the four traditional prayers.

Eucharistic Prayer I is called the Roman Canon and was exclusively used from the time of the Council of Trent (mid-16th C) until the Second Vatican Council—it is rooted in the tradition of the ancient Church at Alexandria in Egypt.

Eucharistic Prayer II (most people's favorite since it is the shortest) is attributed to a 3rd C Roman priest named Hippolytus...but has its roots in the tradition of the ancient Church at Antioch in Turkey.

Eucharistic Prayers III and IV were composed during and after the Second Vatican Council but are likewise patterned after the prayers found in Antioch in Turkey. Eucharistic Prayer IV is unique because it comes with its own *Preface* meaning that its use is restricted to Ordinary Time on days not commemorating a saint or feast.

Other Eucharistic Prayers were also composed in the years after the Second Vatican Council—including those for Masses with Children; Masses of Reconciliation; and others adopted from other countries and focused on other needs.



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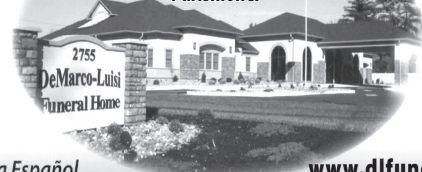


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