

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 30, 2022

FOR THE SON OF MAN



LUKE 19:10

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 Thirty-first 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: Wisdom 11:22 — 12:2

Before the LORD the whole universe is as a grain from a balance or a drop of morning dew come down upon the earth. But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things; and you overlook people's sins that they may repent. For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for what you hated, you would not have fashioned. And how could a thing remain, unless you willed it; or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you? But you spare all things, because they are yours, O LORD and lover of souls, for your imperishable spirit is in all things! Therefore you rebuke offenders little by little, warn them and remind them of the sins they are committing, that they may abandon their wickedness and believe in you, O LORD!

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145: 1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

- I will extol you, O my God and King,
and I will bless your name forever and ever.
Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your name forever and ever. **R.**
- The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works. **R.**
- Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,
and let your faithful ones bless you.
Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might. **R.**
- The LORD is faithful in all his words
and holy in all his works.
The LORD lifts up all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down. **R.**

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11 — 2:2

Brothers and sisters: We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, in accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ.

We ask you, brothers and sisters, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our assembling with him, not to be shaken out of your minds suddenly, or to be alarmed either by a "spirit," or by an oral statement, or by a letter allegedly from us to the effect that the day of the Lord is at hand.

Alleluia: John 3:16

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life. **R.**

Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10

At that time, Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, “Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.” And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, “He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner.” But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.”

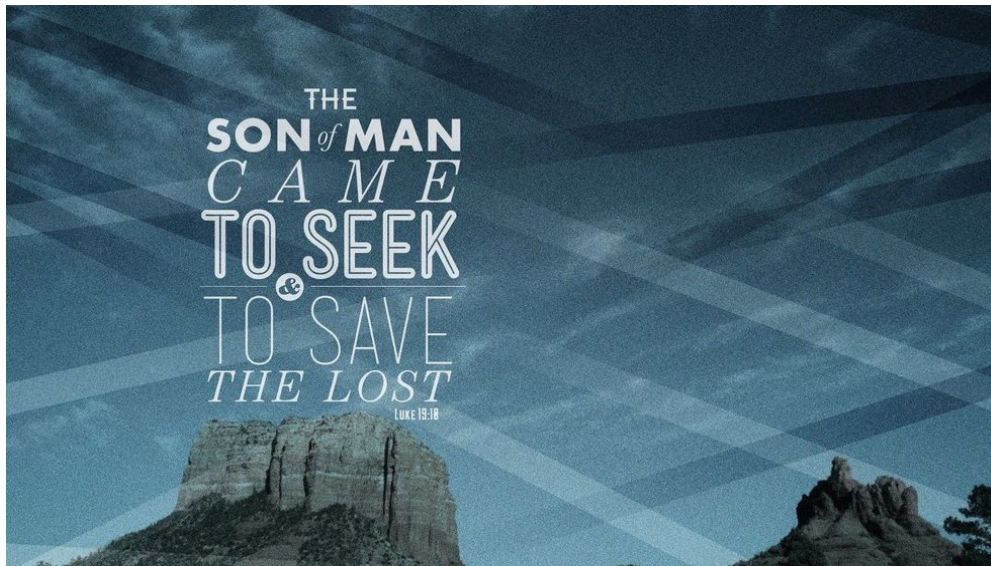
Profession of Faith:

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.

**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 29

9:00 AM

Parishioners of Christ the Good Shepherd Parish

5:00 PM

Parishioners of Christ the Good Shepherd Parish

Sunday, October 30 *(Thirty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time)*

8:00 AM

Parishioners of Christ the Good Shepherd Parish

9:30 AM

Gary Cheli †

Req. Rick and Celestine Pollock

11:00 AM

Eugenia Kavanagh †

Req. Her Grandchildren

(Anniversary Remembrance)

12:30 PM

Pablo Barrios †

Req. Esther Flores

Monday, October 31

8:00 AM

Rosa Sansone †

Req. Mark and Leonarda Tamagni

9:00 AM

Gary Cheli †

Req. Mike and Joe Pollock
& Melissa Miller

Tuesday, November 1 *(Solemnity of All Saints)*

8:00 AM

Marie Sterchele †

Req. The Mesiano Family

9:00 AM

Parishioners of Christ the Good Shepherd Parish

Wednesday, November 2 *(The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed – All Souls' Day)*

8:00 AM

All Souls of Christ the Good Shepherd Parish

9:00 AM

All Souls of Christ the Good Shepherd Parish

7:00 PM

All Souls of Christ the Good Shepherd Parish

Thursday, November 3 *(Saint Martin de Porres, Religious)*

8:00 AM

Anthony and Dee Campanella †

Req. Their Family

(Wedding Anniversary)

9:00 AM

Parishioners of Christ the Good Shepherd Parish

Friday, November 4 *(Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop)*

8:00 AM

Parishioners of Christ the Good Shepherd Parish

Saturday, November 5

9:00 AM

Justino Cabrera †

Req. Onie Belen Salita & Family

5:00 PM

Robert Barker †

Req. The Amari and Tamagni Families

Fred Angelo †

Req. Nancy and Alex Balentine

Francis Curtis †

Req. Rick and Celestine Pollock

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Gabriel Solazzo – Air Force
Marco Bassetti – US Coast Guard

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Christopher Vega
Tiffany DiNiglio
Thomas Ardecki
Francis Dondero
Mario D'Addato
Betty McManus
Mildred Collini
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Esther Flores
Lynn Pepper
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Jim Casadia
Rose Valora
Tanni Trout
Judy Sacco
Patty Bush

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Louis Vit

Administrator's Note

My Dear Friends,

This is without a doubt one of my favorite stories in the Gospels. Two things that we must take out of the reading from the Gospel: Zacchaeus believes in Jesus and he does the right thing by turning away from his cheating practices. He commits himself to right belief and right living at the same time. Salvation is a change of heart and a change of life! Please read the below reflection from The Monastery of Christ in the Desert.

Zacchaeus wants to see Jesus and then wants to follow Jesus. This is such a wonderful account in the Gospel. Because Zacchaeus is short, he needs to find a way to get higher. He is humble and simple enough to climb a tree! And Jesus invites himself to dine with Zacchaeus.

Today we can ask if we are as simple and humble as Zacchaeus? Are we so interested in Jesus Christ that we are willing to be a bit foolish in our following of him? Can we really trust Jesus that much? And are we willing to risk being misunderstood by others and perhaps even being judged harshly by them?

Sometimes, perhaps, we are like the grumblers in the Gospel and doubt that some others really are serving the Lord. Or we have fairly fixed ideas about what makes a person a sinner. Always, Jesus invites us to love every other person and never to judge them. Even when the other person may do something that is clearly wrong and even evil, we never know what is making that person do such an act. Instead, we are always invited to presume the best.

Jesus' invitation to follow His way of living is an invitation to change the way that we live. In order to follow Jesus, we must begin by changing our own vision of what real life is about. We must recognize that real life is about loving others and not about getting our own personal pleasure, joy and happiness. Again, we need to remember that there is nothing totally wrong about pleasure, joy and happiness. On the other hand, if getting our own pleasure, joy and happiness is our goal in life, then we have missed the teachings of our Lord Jesus.

Let us take a few moments today and look honestly at our own lives. Let us renew our commitment to Jesus and to following what he taught us. Let us rejoice in God's love and forgiveness and learn how to love and forgive one another. Blessed be God forever.

Peace,

Fr. Junior





Christ the Good Shepherd Collections

October 15-16, 2022: \$7,827.00

September Online Giving Total: \$1,430.00

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



The parish office will be closed on Tuesday, November 1st, for All Saints' Day.

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

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





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Mass for All Souls – Cemetery Visitation

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

10:00 AM

Sacred Heart Cemetery

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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.



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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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*Please return them through the
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Thank you for your generosity.



Stewardship Sharing**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, ‘Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.’”

(LUKE 19:8)



We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the gifts we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but everyone is called to give equal sacrifice. Open your heart and talk to God about how you use your money. How is God calling his **Stewards** to be more generous with their financial resources and possessions?

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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):

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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:

Sister Mary Cronin,
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"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**

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

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 November **3** | **6:30pm**



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Understanding the Mass

Part 5

The Rite of Communion

Introduction

On the Road to Emmaus, the two disciples listened to their fellow traveler and their hearts burned within them. At table, he gave thanks and broke the bread and that action, they recognized the Risen Lord. At every Mass, we listen, we give thanks, and we share the Body and Blood of Christ so that in fact we may become what we receive.

The Lord's Prayer

The first preparation for the reception of Holy Communion is to pray the prayer that Jesus himself taught his disciples—reaffirming who we are as members of His Body.

United in prayer to “Our Father,” the community acknowledges the holiness of God’s name which should never be taken in vane (Second Commandment). It prays for the coming of the Kingdom in its fullness and that God’s will, not our own, be done on earth just as it is in heaven. The community also asks for sustenance, most especially in the daily bread of the Eucharist, and seeks forgiveness and freedom from temptation and evil.

Gestures During the Our Father

No where in the General Instructions of the Roman Missal are directions given instructing the faithful to join hands for the Our Father. In fact, the practice is discouraged for the simple reason that joining hands can be considered intimate contact that may be difficult for some who are expected to hold hands with a stranger. While not forbidden, great care should be taken not to impose the practice at Mass. In the same way, only the priest is instructed to extend his hands during the prayer.

The question “why?” should be asked when gestures not called for by the Missal are introduced.

Embolism & Doxology

The words spoken by the priest after the Our Father are called an embolism. With these words, he restates the assembly’s request for freedom from evil and sin, for relief from all distress and for peace. For all of this, we must rely upon God’s mercy, especially in this present time while we await the second coming of Christ.

The people respond with an antiphon of praise. *For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.*

The Rite of Peace

This simple rite has been placed at various points in the Mass over the course of Church history—each with its own significance. For some time it was placed at the beginning of Mass between the Penitential Act and the Gloria as a way of signifying unity among the assembly. At other times it was placed before the Preparation of the Altar in keeping with the Scriptures that tell us to *leave your gift at the altar and go first to be reconciled with your brother*. It was, however, Saint Augustine who placed it where we find it today—between the Eucharistic Prayer and the Reception of Holy Communion. Here, it shows the unity of the assembly created by the Holy Spirit during the Eucharistic Prayer and which will be effected by sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ.

During this rite, the deacon or priest invites the people, *let us offer each other a sign of peace*. The sign given has and can be interpreted in accord with the circumstances. While a couple may wish to offer each other a kiss, a hand shake or a wave can be sufficient. People should not get upset when the person next to them does not wish to shake hands—they may be trying to preserve you from the common cold or COVID.

Fraction

There are two parts to the Fraction Rite—the breaking of the bread and the mingling of the Body with the Blood.

The Breaking of the Bread signifies that the many faithful are made one body from the one Bread of Life which is Christ. It is Christ Himself who feeds us and who is not diminished by being broken just as love given away is never lessened. We each share in the whole Christ.

The mingling of the Body and Blood of Christ is that moment when the priest breaks a small piece of the Host and places it into the Chalice. As he does so, he prays: *May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.* This action has a very long history in the Church's liturgy. In the ancient Church, the bishop alone celebrated the Sunday Mass in his church. When parishes were founded to carry out the work of the Church more locally, the pastor of every parish participated in the bishop's Mass and carried to his parish church a small fragment of the Eucharist. During Mass celebrated at the parish, this fragment was placed into the Chalice to remind all gathered that they were united to their bishop and the other parishes of the diocese. Again, emphasizing the unity of the Church.

The Agnus Dei

The *Lamb of God* is a 7th C addition to the Mass. Sung or recited during the Breaking of the Bread, it is an acclamation that provides the faithful another opportunity to praise God for the sacrifice of His Son, the Lamb of God, which has won for us the gift of salvation.

Quietly the priest prays: *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through your Death gave life to the world, free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood, from all my sins and from every evil; keep me always faithful to your commandments and never let me be departed from you.* As a sign of reverence, he genuflects.

Elevation of the Body and Blood

Having prayerfully prepared his own heart, the priest raises the Host and Chalice and proclaims: *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.* The word *behold* or in Latin *Ecce* should bring to mind several Scripture passages. The first, in the Gospel of John—John the Baptist points to Jesus and says “*Behold the Lamb of God.*” Then, also in the Gospel of John—Pontius Pilate presents Jesus to the jeering crowd saying “*Behold the man!*” And on Good Friday we say “*Behold the wood of the cross.*” The word “*behold*” has us fix our gaze on depths of a mystery—in which is revealed God's love for us.

The only possible response—*Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.* Like the many sinners Jesus welcomed to his table, so we are welcomed.

The Communion Procession and Song

As we have seen with other processions in the liturgy, the movement of the faithful towards the altar for the reception of Holy Communion has a purpose. It is not a time to greet friends and family or to contemplate the hair style or clothing of the person in front of you. It is a time to seriously reflect on what you are about to receive—the very Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Communion Song is not simply intended to cover the sound of people moving, it is to encourage contemplation on the Mystery we receive—listening to the words and signing them can help one to prepare their mind and heart to encounter the Lord who gives himself to us.

How to Receive

The Church provides two options for receiving the Body of Christ. One may receive on the tongue or in the hand. The priest, deacon or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion presents the Host and states—The Body of Christ. Names are not to be used at this moment (the Missal does not call for it) because the encounter is between the Host and communicant—not the with the minister. The communicant should loudly reply *Amen!* Which means I believe.

If receiving on the tongue, the communicant opens their mouth and extends their tongue onto which the minister places the Host.

If receiving in the hand, the communicant places their “writing hand” under their other hand into which the minister places the Host. Then using their “writing hand,” the communicant places the Host into their mouth.

Please remember that what we receive are the Body and Blood of Christ. It is incorrect to call the Sacred Species the bread and wine and displays a level of ignorance about what is offered at this most holy time.

Return to your seat and give quiet thanks to God.



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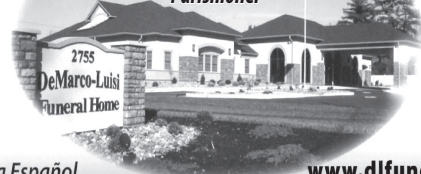


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