

Nativity Catholic Church

Celebration of the Eucharist

Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi

Respect Life Sunday

5pm, October 3, 2026

Introductory Rites

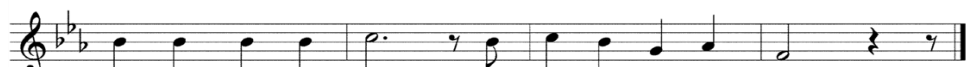
Processional Hymn

We Praise You

Ducote & Daigle



We praise you, O Lord, for all your works are won-der-ful.



We praise you, O Lord, for ev-er is your love.

Verses



1. Your wis-dom made the heav-ens and the earth, O Lord;
2. ¶ You have cho-sen Ja-cob for your-self, O Lord;
3. You led us out of E-gypt with a guid-ing hand.
4. The na-tions fash-ion sil-ver i-dols, gold-en gods;
5. O House of Is-ra-el, now come to bless the Lord,
- *6. ¶ Hap-py is the home of you who fear the Lord;
- *7. ¶ May the Lord God give you bless-ings all your days.



You formed the land then set the lights;
So ten-der-ly you spoke his name;
You raised your arm to set us free.
But none have hear-ing, speech or sight.
O House of Aar-on, bless God's name.
So fruit-ful shall your love be-come.
¶ May you see God fill your land



And like your love the sun will rule the day,
Then called a ho-ly na-tion, Is-ra-el,
And like a ten-der vine plant-ed us
Their mak-ers shall be like their emp-ty gods,
O bless the Lord, all you who hon-or God,
Your chil-dren flour-ish like the ol-ive plants,
Un-til your chil-dren bring their chil-dren home



And stars will grace the night.
To make them yours, you came.
To grow un-to the sea.
The Lord a-lone brings life.
And praise his ho-ly name.
For ev-er are you one.
To show God's love a-gain.

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Penitential Rite

Gloria

Mass of Renewal

Stephan

Collect

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Deuteronomy 10:8-9

Moses summoned all of Israel and said to them: "At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister to him, and to bless in his name, as they have done to this day. For this reason, Levi has no hereditary portion with his relatives; the LORD himself is his portion, as the LORD, your God, promised him."

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11



R. You are my in-her-i-tance, O Lord.

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Second Reading

Galatians 6:14-18

Brothers and sisters: May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does uncircumcision, but only a new creation. Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule and to the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters.
Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:25



R. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

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*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom.*

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus answered: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Homily

Profession of Faith

Universal Prayer

✠ Liturgy of the Eucharist ✠

Preparation of the Gifts

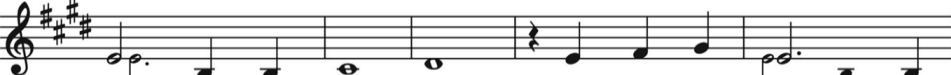
Servant Song

McGargill

Verses



1. What do you want of me, Lord? Where do you
 2. I hear you call my name, Lord, and I am
 3. A - bove, be - low, and a - round me, be - fore, be -
 4. You are the light in my dark - ness. You are my
 5. I am your song and ser - vant, sing - ing your



1. want me to serve you? Where can I sing your
 2. moved with - in me. Your Spir - it stirs my
 3. hind, and all through me, your Spir - it burns deep with -
 4. strength when I'm wea - ry. You give me sight when I'm
 5. praise like Ma - ry. Sur - ren - dered to your



1. prais - es? I am your song.
 2. deep - est self. Sing your songs in me.
 3. in me. Fire my life with your love.
 4. blind - ed. Come, see for me.
 5. Spir - it, "Let it be done to me."

Refrain



1. Je - sus, Je - sus, you are the Lord.
 2. Je - sus, Je - sus, you are my Lord.
 3. Je - sus, Je - sus, be the warmth of my heart.
 4. Je - sus, Je - sus, you are my Light.
 5. Je - sus, Je - sus, "Let it be done to me."



1-5. Je - sus, Je - sus, you are the way.

Prayer over the Offerings

The Eucharistic Prayer

Holy

We Proclaim Your Death

Amen

Mass of Renewal

Mass of Renewal

Mass of Renewal

Stephan

Stephan

Stephan

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

The Sign of Peace

The Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God

Mass of Renewal

Stephan

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

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 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.

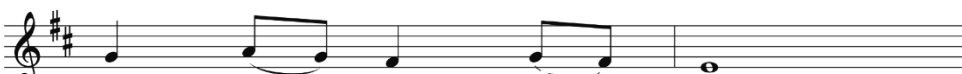
Music during the Communion Procession

Seek Ye First

Lafferty



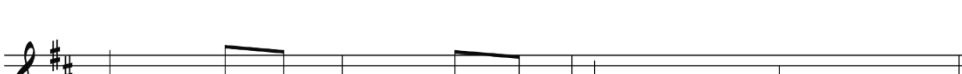
1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
 3. You do not live by bread a - lone,
 4. Where two or three are gath - ered in my name,



and his right - eous - ness,
 seek, and you shall find,
 but by ev - 'ry word
 there am I in their midst;



and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you;
 that comes forth from the mouth of God;
 and what - so - ev - er you ask I will do;



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Meditation

Prayer of St. Francis

Verses 1, 2, 4



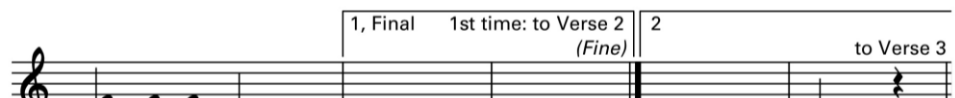
1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there is ha-tred,
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there's de-spair in
4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It is in par-don-



1. let me bring your love. _____ Where there is in - ju -
2. life, let me bring hope. _____ Where there is dark-ness -
4. ing that we are par-doned, _____ In giv-ing of our -



1. ry, your par-don, Lord, And where there's doubt, true
2. _____ on - ly light, And where there's sad - ness
4. selves that we re - ceive, And in dy - ing that we're



1. faith in you. 2. joy.
2. ev - er
4. born to e - ter - nal life.



3. O Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek So much to be con-



3. soled, as to con-sole, To be un-der-stood, as to un-der-



3. stand, To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

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Prayer After Communion

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✠ Concluding Rites ✠

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional Hymn

Go Make a Difference

Angrisano & Tomaszek



- Go make a dif - f'rence. We can make a dif -



- f'rence. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.



- Go make a dif - f'rence. We can make a dif -



- f'rence. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.



1. We are the salt of the earth, called to let the peo - ple
2. We are the hands of Christ reach-ing out to those in
3. So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to



1. see the love of God in you and me. _____
2. need, the face of God for all to see. _____
3. see. _____ Go make a dif - f'rence in the world. _____

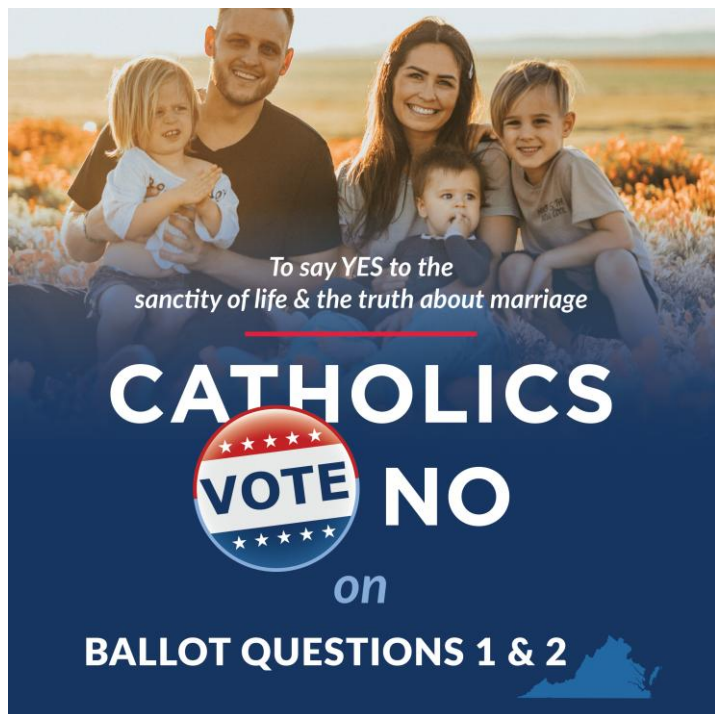


1. We are the light of the world, not to be hid - den but be
2. We are the spir - it of hope; we are the voice of
3. And the spir - it of Christ will be with us as we



1. seen. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.
2. peace. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.
3. go. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.

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Lord our God
we come before you and implore your help
as we strive to defend and protect
the lives of the unborn
and the sacred bond of marriage.

Hear our plea and grant that,
united in faith
and under the protection of Mary our Mother,
we may be fearless in defending
any attack against human life and the family
as we vote “no” in Virginia’s elections
to the amendments
that threaten these gifts.

Send your Holy Spirit upon government leaders,
especially upon those in our Commonwealth, and
inspire within them a profound respect for the
dignity of all human life
and the good of marriage and family.

Father in Heaven,
we cannot do this without Your help,
in Your mercy we beg You
to hear and answer our prayers.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



*Father and maker of all,
you adorn all creation
with splendor and beauty,
and fashion human lives
in your image and likeness.
Awaken in every heart
reverence for the work of your hands,
and renew among your people
a readiness to nurture and sustain
your precious gift of life.*

*Grant this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever.
Amen.*

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