

Nativity Catholic Church

Celebration of the Eucharist

Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi

Respect Life Sunday

11am, October 4, 2026

✠ Introductory Rites ✠

Processional Hymn

God, We Praise You

NETTLETON



1. God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God, we name you sov'reign Lord!
2. True a - pos - tles, faith - ful proph - ets, saints who set their world a - blaze,
3. Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, ev - er - last - ing Son of God,
4. Christ, at God's right hand vic - to - rious, you will judge the world you made;



1. Might-y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther, by your church a - dored:
2. mar-tyrs, once un - known, un - heed - ed, join one grow - ing song of praise,
3. hum - ble was your Vir - gin Moth - er, hard the lone - ly path you trod:
4. Lord, in mer - cy help your ser - vants for whose free - dom you have paid:



1. all cre - a - tion shows your glo - ry, heav'n and earth draw near your throne
2. while your church on earth con - fess - es one ma - jes - tic Tri - ni - ty:
3. by your cross is sin de - feat - ed, hell con - front - ed face to face,
4. raise us__ up from dust to glo - ry, guard us__ from all sin to - day;



1. sing - ing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts, and God a - lone!"
2. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, God, our hope e - ter - nal - ly.
3. heav - en o - pened to be - liev - ers, sin - ners jus - ti - fied by grace.
4. King en - throned a - bove all prais - es, save your peo - ple, God, we pray.

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Penitential Rite

Gloria
Collect

Mass of Renewal

Stephan

✠ 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



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

Prayer of St. Francis

Temple

Verses 1, 2, 4



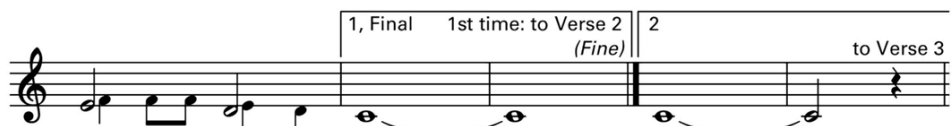
1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there is ha-tred,
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there's de-spair in
4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It is in par-don-



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. ev - er
4. born to e - ter - nal life.
2. joy.



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 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

Gift of Finest Wheat

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Refrain



You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat;



Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

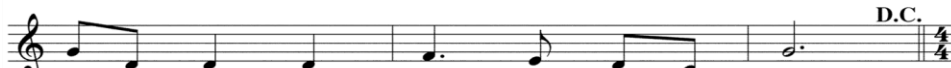
Verses



1. As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They
2. With joy - ful lips we sing to you Our
3. Is not the cup we bless and share The
4. The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, No
5. You give your - self to us, O Lord; Then



know and heed his voice; So when you call your
praise and grat - i - tude, That you should count us
blood of Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one
mor - tal tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
self - less let us be, To serve each oth - er



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.
wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
in your name In truth and char - i - ty.

Meditation

In Christ Alone

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1. In Christ alone my hope is found he is my
2. In Christ alone who took on flesh, full - ness of
3. There in the ground his bo - dy lay, light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe! This gift of love, and righ - teous
world, by dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fin - nal

ground, firm through the fier - est drought and storm. What heights of
ness, scorned by the ones he came to save. Till on that
day, breath; Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. And as he
No pow'r of

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse hast lost its grip on
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from his

cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the
fied. For ev - ery sin on him was laid; here in the
me; for I am his and he is mine, bought with the
hand; till he re - turns or calls me home, here in the

love of Christ I stand.
death of Christ I live.
precious blood of Christ.
pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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Prayer After Communion

✠ Concluding Rites ✠

Final Blessing and Dismissal Recessional Hymn

Cornerstone

Verse

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name
(Repeat)

Verse

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

Christ alone
Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Verse

Then He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

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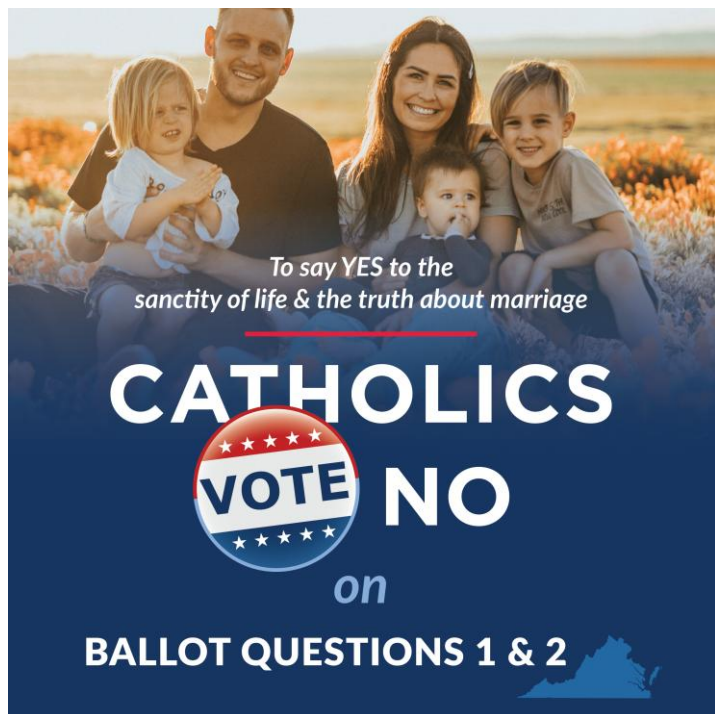


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Lord our God
we come before you and implore your help
as we strive to defend and protect
the lives of the unborn
and the sacred bond of marriage.

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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