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SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 7:00pm (Saturday); 8am, 9:15am; 10:45am; 12:15pm, 3:00pm & 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: 10am; 12:10pm & 6.45pm Saturday: 10am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Weekday 12:45pm – 6:00pm; Sat.10:45am –12noon; Sun. 4pm-5.45pm

CONFESSION: Saturday after 10:30-11:30am; 6pm and at call.

ROSARY: 11.30am (Monday—Saturday)

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: B

1ST AUGUST 2021

Entrance Antiphon Ps 69: 2, 6

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

HYMN: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of Lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to His presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Lord Most High!

Liturgy of St James. Tr. G. Moultrie

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.

Collect

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in you
as their Creator and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.

First reading**Exodus 16:2-4,12-15**

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."'

And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

The word of the Lord.**Responsorial Psalm****Ps. 77(78):3-4,23-25,54****R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
these we will not hide from their children
but will tell them to the next generation: **R.**

the glories of the Lord and his might
and the marvellous deeds he has done,
Yet he commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. **R.**

Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food;
So he brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won. **R.**

Second reading Ephesians 4:17,20-24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be re-

newed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

The word of the Lord**Gospel Acclamation****Jn14:6****Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
No one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!**Gospel****John 6:24-35**

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last,
but work for food that endures to eternal life,
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,
for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven,
it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven,
the true bread;
for the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

The Gospel of the Lord**Homily****The Creed**

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,
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.

Prayer of the Faithful

OFFERTORY HYMN: Gifts Of Bread And Wine

Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we have offered,
fruits of labour, fruits of love;
taken, offered, sanctified,
blessed and broken; words of one who died:

**“Take my body, take my saving blood.”
Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord.**

Christ our Saviour, living presence here
as he promised while on earth:

“I am with you for all time,
I am with you in this bread and wine.”

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Prayer over the Offerings

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray,
and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice,
make of us an eternal offering to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Sanctus:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Agnus Dei:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Communion Antiphon Wis 16: 20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

HYMN: Word Made Flesh

1. Word made flesh, Son of God.
- Refrain: **Come, Lord Jesus, come again (2x)**
2. Lord and Saviour, Son of God.
 3. Prince of Peace, Son of God.
 4. Alleluia, Son of God.
 5. Bread of Life, Son of God.
 6. Light of the World, Son of God.
 7. Jesus Christ, Son of God.

Prayer after Communion

Accompany with constant protection, O Lord,
those you renew with these heavenly gifts
and, in your never-failing care for them,
make them worthy of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gifts of
our priests; help them to be strong in their vocation
and become instruments of your love and grace.
Send your Holy Spirit to give courage and guidance to
all those you are calling to the priesthood, diaconate
and religious life in our Archdiocese. May those called
hear your voice and respond wholeheartedly to become
the person you created them to be.
Heavenly Father, form us all in the likeness of your
Son, Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, so that we may
love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully.
We ask this through Christ, Your son, the Eternal
High Priest, **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN: Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, his the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
his the victory alone.

Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore?'

Alleluia! bread of heaven,
here on earth our food and stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me.
Where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool,
heaven thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest.
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the Eucharistic Feast.

W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98)

COVID-19 Step 4 Guidance

The important step to take during this period is to ensure a safe environment in our places of worship and other buildings where activities take place within our parish. This will be a collective responsibility of everyone, especially those involved in the daily life of our parish as the safeguarding of public health now lies with the management of each organization. In the absence of the 'rule of law,' we strongly emphasise on common sense and risk averse activities to continue to mitigate against transmission of the virus which is still prevalent in society. To this effect, we are urged to take note of the following as the route to take in our parish from July 19.

1. Hand sanitisation shall continue and we shall continue to observe good cleaning regime as we have always done.
2. Test and Trace contacts shall be taken during Sunday celebrations.
3. Those who drive to Church during the week for Mass and prayers need to register their vehicles.

4. We strongly advise the use of face coverings while at Mass and within our ancillary buildings.
5. Please, leave one seating space between you and a non-member of your family.
6. Congregational singing can now take place at Masses. It is highly recommended we do this with the masks on until infection levels reduce.
7. Our parish church will now open Monday to Saturday (8am-7.30pm) for private prayers.
8. The Weekday 12:10pm Mass can now have parishioners in attendance.
9. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will hold on Wednesday from 12:45pm to 6pm; Saturday 10:45am to 12noon with the various devotions; Sunday 4pm to 5:45pm.
10. Holy Water is provided now in the dispenser for those who come with their small bottles for this sacramental.
11. We shall resume offertory collection at Masses. We however encourage parishioners to do more of online donation, register for standing order donation and gift aid if they pay taxes.
12. Holy Communion will be given under one kind and is recommended to be received on the hand. However, those who wish to receive on the tongue are free to do so as long as the ministers are careful of contamination. We shall continue the practice of being ushered for communion by the stewards pew by pew from the front.
13. Baptism is still one child or family at a time but with no limit to numbers attending.
14. No restrictions on numbers attending Marriages as well as Funerals.
15. We shall resume home visits by priests, deacon and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy communion.
16. Social activities can resume in the parish; so also, catechetical and group activities.
17. Liturgical Ministers can take up their roles again: Choristers, Lectors, EHMC and Altar Servers. We however request that Old and would be Altar Servers are to register for serving. Forms are at the back of the church for this registration and once the forms are returned, we shall commence training sessions. Closing date for submission of forms is 31st August 2021.
18. Parish Surgery for Baptisms, Marriages, Signing of School forms, etc shall hold henceforth on Tuesdays & Fridays 9am-12:30pm; 2pm-4:30pm.

FR PETER SEBASTIAN'S Thanksgiving Mass for his First Ordination Anniversary holds at 12:15pm on Sunday 15th August 2021.