

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS
RITE OF ORDINATION OF PRIESTS
Archdiocese of Detroit
Saturday, May 23, 2026, 10:00 am
His Excellency, Edward J. Weisenburger, celebrant
Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Detroit

Candidates to be Ordained Priests

Reverend Mr. Lizandro Barba

Reverend Mr. Karl Finkbeiner

Reverend Mr. James Musgrave

Reverend Mr. Daniel Whalen

Ordaining Prelate

His Excellency, Edward J. Weisenburger

Archbishop of Detroit

Vesting Clergy

Reverend Mr. Lizandro Barba

Fr. Charles Altermatt and Fr. Bernardo Cruze

Reverend Mr. Karl Finkbeiner

Msgr. Todd Lajiness and Fr. Bob McCabe

Reverend Mr. James Musgrave

Fr. Jim Bilot and Fr. John Riccardo

Reverend Mr. Daniel Whalen

Fr. Tim Birney and Fr. Charles Fox

Lectors:

Dr. Patricia Cooney Hathaway

Eduardo Orozco Barba

Welcome

Father Benjamin Schroder

Entrance Hymn All Creatures of our God and King St. Francis of Assisi



1. All	crea - tures of our God and King,	Lift
2. O	rush - ing wind and breez - es soft,	O
3. O	flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear,	Make
4. Dear	moth - er earth, who day by day	Un -
1. Oh,	cri - a - tu - ras del Se - ñor:	Can -
2. Vien - to	ve - loz, po - ten - te a - lud;	Nu -
3. Oh,	fuen - tes de_a - gua de cris - tal:	A
4. Pró - di - ga	tie - rra ma - ter - nal	Que



up	your voice and with us sing:	Al - le -
clouds	that ride the winds a - loft,	Sing your
mu - sic	for your Lord to hear.	Sing your
fold	rich bless - ings on our way,	Sing your
tad	con me - lo - dio - sa voz:	¡A - le -
bes	en cla - ro cie - lo_a - zul:	¡A - le -
vues - tro	Cre - a - dor can - tad,	¡A - le -
brin - das	fru - tos sin ce - sar:	¡A - le -



lu - ia!	Al - le - lu - ia!	O	burn - ing sun with gold - en
prais - es!	Al - le - lu - ia!	O	ris - ing morn, in praise re -
prais - es!	Al - le - lu - ia!	O	fire so mas - ter - ful and
prais - es!	Al - le - lu - ia!	The	flow'rs and fruits that in you
lu - ya!	¡A - le - lu - ya!	Ar - dien - te	sol con tu ful -
lu - ya!	¡A - le - lu - ya!	Sua - ve,	do - ra - do_a - ma - ne -
lu - ya!	¡A - le - lu - ya!	Oh,	fue - go_e - le - va tu lo -
lu - ya!	¡A - le - lu - ya!	Ri - ca	co - se - cha, bel - la



beam	And	sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
voice,	O	lights of eve - ning, find a voice.
bright,	Pro -	vid - ing us with warmth and light,
grow,	Let	them God's glo - ry al - so show.
gor;	Oh,	lu - na de sua - ve_es - plen - dor:
cer;	Tu	man - to, no - che_al ex - ten - der:
or,	Tú	que nos das luz y ca - lor:
flor,	Glo -	ri - fi - cad al Cre - a - dor:

Sing your praises! Alleluia! Alleluia,
 ¡Alleluia! ¡Alleluia! ¡Alleluia,
 Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Alleluia, Alleluia!

5. And ev'ryone of tender heart,
 Forgiving others, take your part.
 Sing your praises! Alleluia!
 All you who pain and sorrow bear,
 Praise God and cast on him your care.
 Sing your praises...

5. *Pueblo de tierno corazón,
 Que paz buscáis, y dais amor:
 ¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya!
 Pues, si sufrís de pena cruel,
 Vuestro dolor confiadle a él:
 ¡Aleluya...*

6. And you, most kind and gentle death,
 Waiting to hush our final breath,
 Sing your praises! Alleluia!
 You lead to heav'n the child of God,
 Where Christ our Lord the way has trod.
 Sing your praises...

6. *Muerte, tan dulce y sin temor
 Para quien sigue al Salvador:
 ¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya!
 Hacia el hogar nos llevas tú
 Que nos prepara el buen Jesús:
 ¡Aleluya...*

7. Let all things their Creator bless,
 And worship God in humbleness.
 Sing your praises! Alleluia!
 Praise God the Father, God the Son,
 And God the Spirit, Three in One!
 Sing your praises...

7. *Con gratitud y con amor
 Cante la entera creación,
 ¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya!
 Al Padre, al Hijo Redentor,
 Y al Eternal Consolador:
 ¡Aleluya...*

Entrance Antiphon

Protector noster (Ps 83)

H. Buchholz

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and
 look on the face of your anointed one.

Greeting

Penitential Act

Kyrie

Missa San José

Reza



1, 3. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad. Se - ñor,
2. Cris - to, ten pie - dad. Cris - to,

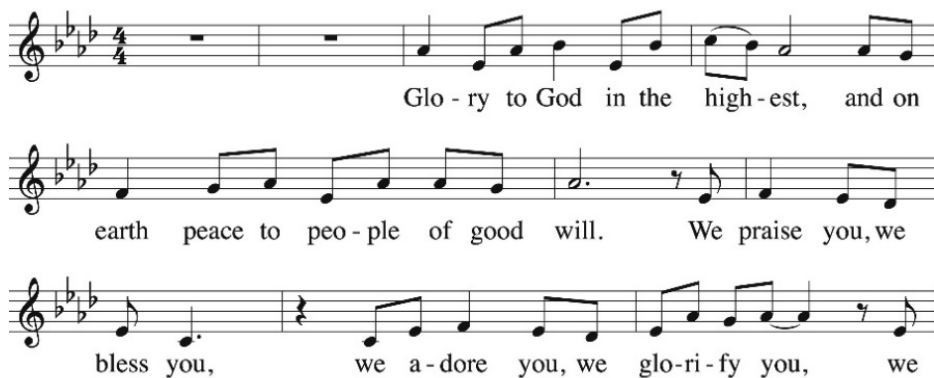
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2. Cris - to, ten pie - dad, ten pie - dad.

Gloria

Holy Name of Jesus

Norah Duncan IV



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on
earth peace to peo - ple of good will. We praise you, we
bless you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we

give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God,

heav - en - ly King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther.

Choir (Cong. ad lib.):

Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of

God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the

sins of the world, have mer - cy on us;

you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have

mer - cy on us.

All:

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the
 Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus
 Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the
 Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Numbers 11:11b-12, 14-17, 24-25

I will take some of the Spirit that is on you and I will bestow it on them.

A reading from the Book of Numbers.

Moses asked the LORD:

“Why are you so displeased with me that you burden me with all this people? Was it I who conceived all this people? Or was it I who gave them birth, that you tell me to carry them at my bosom, like a foster father carrying an infant, to the land you have promised under oath to their fathers? do you treat your servant so badly?” I cannot carry all this people by

myself, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you deal with me, then please do me the favor of killing me at once, so that I need no longer face this distress.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Assemble for me seventy of the elders of Israel, men you know for true elders and authorities among the people, and bring them to the meeting tent. When they are in place beside you, I will come down and speak with you there. I will also take some of the Spirit that is on you and will bestow it on them, that they may share the burden of the people with you. You will then not have to bear it by yourself.”

So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. Gathering seventy elders of the people, he had them stand around the tent. The LORD then came down in the cloud and spoke to him. Taking some of the Spirit that was on Moses, he bestowed it on the seventy elders, and as the Spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 116: 12-13, 17-18 see 1 Cor 10:16

Nickel

Our bless- ing cup is a com - mun - ion
with the Blood of Christ.

Christ was acclaimed by God as High Priest in the line of Melchizedek

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters:

Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness, and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one who said to him:

*You are my Son: this day I have begotten you;
just as he says in another place,
You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.*

In the days when he was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of the eternal salvation for all who obey him, declared by God high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Lector: Palabra de Dios.

All: Te alabamos, Señor.

Gospel Acclamation

Easter Alleluia

H. Buchholz

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

Matthew 28:19a-20b

*Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, until the end of the world.*

Gospel

Luke 22:14-20, 24-30

Do this in memory of me. I am among you as the one who serves.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

When the hour came, Jesus took his place at table with the apostles.

He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until there is fulfillment in the Kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and share it among yourselves; for I tell you that from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the Kingdom of God comes."

Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my Body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my Blood, which will be shed for you."

Then an argument broke out among them about which of them should be regarded as the greatest. He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over them are addressed as ‘Benefactors’; but among you it shall not be so. Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant.

For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table? I am among you as the one who serves. It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me, that you may eat and drink at my table in my Kingdom; and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RITE OF ORDINATION

THE ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATES

Deacon Anthony Riley: Let those to be ordained Priests come forward.

The name of each candidate is called out individually by the Deacon, and when called each one says, “Present”.

Each candidate goes to the Archbishop, to whom he makes a sign of reverence. When the candidates are in their places before the Archbishop, the Rector says:

Very Reverend Stephen Burr: Most Reverend Father, holy Mother Church asks you to ordain these men, our brothers, to the responsibility of the Priesthood.

Archbishop Weisenburger: Do you know them to be worthy?

Very Reverend Stephen Burr: After inquiry among the Christian people and upon the recommendation of those concerned with their formation, I testify that they have been found worthy.

Archbishop Weisenburger: Relying on the help of the Lord God and of our Savior Jesus Christ, we choose these our brothers for the Order of the Priesthood.

All: Thanks be to God.

All present give their assent to the choice by means of applause. Please be seated.

THE HOMILY His Excellency, Archbishop Edward J. Weisenburger

THE PROMISE OF THE ELECT

In the presence of God and of the whole Church, the candidates declare their willingness to undertake the responsibilities of the ministerial priesthood with the reply of "I do" to each of the questions asked by the Archbishop.

THE PROMISE OF OBEDIENCE

Each candidate kneels before the Archbishop and places his joined hands between the hands of the Archbishop. They promise respect and obedience to the Archbishop of Detroit and his successors.

THE LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

As the candidates prostrate themselves, all present unite their voices with the Church universal in praying for God's grace and mercy for those to be ordained to the priesthood.

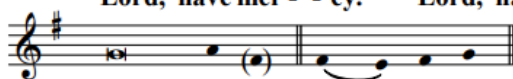
Please stand (remain standing during the Easter Season for the Litany).

Archbishop Weisenburger: My dear people, let us pray that God the all-powerful Father will pour out abundantly the gifts of heaven on these, his servants, whom he has chosen for the office of Priest.

LITANY OF THE SAINTS



Lord, have mer - - cy. Lord, have mer - - cy.
Christ, have mer - - cy. Christ, have mer - - cy.
Lord, have mer - - cy. Lord, have mer - - cy.

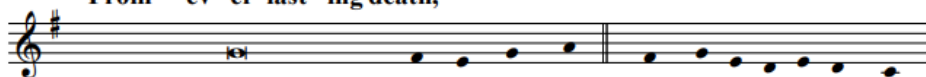


Holy Ma-ry, pray_ for us.

Repeat until "All holy men and women, Saints of God..."



Lord, be mer - ci - ful, Lord, de - liv - er us we pray.
From all e - vil,
From ev-'ry sin,
From ev - er - last - ing death,



By your in - car - na - tion, Lord, de - liv - er us we pray.
By your Death and Res - ur - rec - tion,
By your outpouring of the Ho - ly Spir - it,

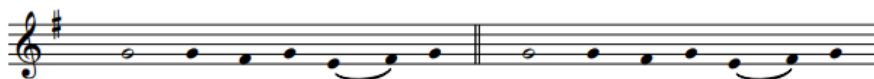


Be merciful to us sin - ners, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Repeat until "Jesus, Son of the living God..."



Christ, hear_ us. Christ, hear_ us.



Christ, gra - cious - ly hear_ us. Christ, gra - cious - ly hear_ us.

Archbishop Weisenburger: Hear us, we pray, O Lord our God, and pour out upon these your servants the blessing of the Holy Spirit and the power of priestly grace, that you may surround with your rich and unfailing gifts those whom we present to your fatherly care for consecration. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS AND THE PRAYER OF ORDINATION

Archbishop Weisenburger lays his hands upon the head of each of the elect without saying anything. All priests present follow and lay hands on each of the elect without saying anything. The choir leads the chants invoking the Holy Spirit.

“Veni Sancte Spiritus”

Taize

Melody:
Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

Harmony:
Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

Come Holy Ghost

Maurus/Caswell

Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, Vouch - safe with - in our
 To Thee, the Com - fort - er, we cry, To Thee, the Gift of
 The sev'n-fold gifts of grace are Thine, O Fin - ger of the
 Thy light to ev - 'ry thought im - part And shed Thy love in
 Drive far a - way our wi - ly Foe And Thine a - bid - ing
 Make Thou to us the Fa - ther known, Teach us the e - ter - nal
 Praise we the Fa - ther and the Son And Ho - ly Spi - rit
 souls to rest; Come with Thy grace and heav'n - ly
 God Most High, The Fount of life, the Fire of
 Hand Di - vine; True Pro - mise of the Fa - ther
 ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our mor - tal
 peace be - stow; If Thou be our pro - tect - ing
 Son to own; And Thee, whose name we ev - er
 Three in One; And may the Son on us be -
 aid And fill the hearts which Thou has made.
 love, The soul's A - noint - ing from a - bove.
 Thou, Who dost the tongue with speech en - dow.
 state With death - less might in - vi - gor - ate.
 Guide, No ev - il can our steps be - tide.
 bless, Of both the Spir - it, to con - fess.
 stow The gifts that from the Spir - it flow!

The Prayer of Ordination follows. The elect kneel before Archbishop. With hands extended he sings or says the Prayer of Ordination. This prayer is essential to the Sacrament of Holy Orders, especially the words "Grant, we pray, Almighty Father, to these your servants the dignity of the Priesthood; renew deep within them the Spirit of holiness; may they hold the office second in order, received from you, O God, and by the example of their manner of life may they inspire right conduct."

The prayer concludes with:

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

INVESTITURE

(Choir)

“Tu es Sacerdos”

by Max Filke

*Christ the Lord, a Priest for ever according to the order of Melchizedek,
offered bread and wine. Alleluia.*

*The vesting priests help the newly ordained to arrange the stole in the manner proper to
Priests and vest each with a chasuble.*

THE ANOINTING OF HANDS

*The Archbishop anoints the palms of each of the newly ordained with Holy Chrism as each
priest kneels before him.*

THE HANDING ON OF BREAD AND WINE

FRATERNAL KISS

Roman Missal



You are my friends, says the Lord, if you do what I com - mand you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

Lord Whose Love in Humble Service



1. Lord, whose love in hum - ble serv - ice
 2. Still the chil - dren wan - der home - less,
 3. As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion,
 4. Called from wor - ship in - to serv - ice,
 1. *Con tu fiel ser - vi - cio, oh Cris - to,*
 2. *Aún los po - bres pa - san ham - bre,*
 3. *Hoy ve - ni - mos a_a - do - rar - te*
 4. *Hoy sa - li - mos a ser - vir - te*



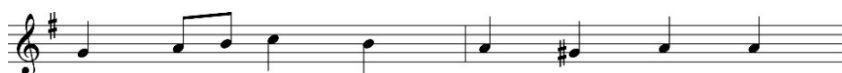
Bore the weight of hu - man need,
 Still the hun - gry cry for bread.
 Till your love's re - veal - ing light
 Forth in your great name we go
Nos mos - tras - te tu hu - mil - dad
Mu - chos hay por con - so - lar.
Y pe - dir - te tu vi - sión:
Y en tu nom - bre a ben - de - cir.




Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
 Still the cap - tives long for free - dom,
 In its height and depth and great - ness
 To the child, the youth, the a - ged,
Por tu Cruz, el sa - cri - fi - cio
Aún llo - ra - mos nues - tros muer - tos,
Que la luz de tu gran - de - za
Jó - ven, vie - jo, ni - ño— to - dos



Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed:
 Still in grief we mourn our dead.
 Dawns up - on our hu - man sight,
 Love in liv - ing deeds to show.
De per - fec - ta ca - ri - dad.
Aún hay gen - te sin ho - gar,
Cam - bie nues - tra con - di - ción;
Van tu a - mor a re - ci - bir.




We, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion,
 Mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens
 Hope and health, good - will and com - fort,
Hoy ve - ni - mos a_a - do - rar - te
Cris - to, tu mi - se - ri - cor - dia
Que_a - yu - de - mos a los o - tros
Fe, sa - lud, y di - cha da - mos;



Not of voice a - lone, but heart,
 Healed the sick and freed the soul,
 Your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
 Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give
No de la - bios, de ver - dad,
Tra - jo_a to - dos re - den - ción;
Hoy sus pe - nas so - por - tar:
So - mos fuen - te de bon - dad,



Con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose
 Use the love your Spir - it kin - dles
 Stir - ring us to faith - ful serv - ice,
 That your chil - dren, Lord, in free - dom,
Con - sa - gran - do_a - sí_a tu cau - sa
Ven, Es - pí - ri - tu di - vi - no,
Co - mo tú, ser com - pa - si - vos,
Que tu pue - blo, con tu gra - cia,



Ev - 'ry gift that you im - part.
 Still to save and make us whole.
 Your a - bun - dant life to share.
 May your mer - cy know, and live.
Ca - da don que tú nos das.
Da - nos hoy tu sa - na - ción.
Y tu vi - da i - mi - tar.
Vi - va siem - pre_en li - ber - tad.

Sanctus

A Community Mass

Proulx

$\text{♩} = 84$
Optional introduction *All: f*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly
Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
san - na,
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Soprano Descant: Ho -
non rit.

Memorial Acclamation

Community Mass

Proulx

$\text{♩} = 84$ *Optional introduction* ***f*** *All:*

When we eat this Bread and
drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O
Lord, un - til you come a - gain. *non rit.*
Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time. It begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 84 and includes dynamic markings of *f* and *All:*. The lyrics are: "When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain. non rit. Lord, un - til you come a - gain." The score features various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. A "Descant:" marking is placed above the final measure of the first line.

Amen

Community Mass

Proulx

$\text{♩} = 84$ *Optional introduction* ***f*** *All:*

A - men, a - men,
a - men.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time. It begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 84 and includes dynamic markings of *f* and *All:*. The lyrics are: "A - men, a - men, a - men." The score features various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. A "Descant:" marking is placed above the first measure of the second line.

Agnus Dei

Holy Cross Mass

Isele

Cantor or choir: *All:*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
have mer-cy on us. grant us peace.

Communion Antiphon

“Ego Sum Pastor Bonus”

Gregorian Chant

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.*



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Communion Hymn “Alimento y Salvación” Santiago Fernandez

Estrofas



1. Va - mos a la me - sa pa - ra co - mul - gar;
2. Es me - mo - ria vi - va, tu ce - na, Se - ñor;
3. Co - mul - gan - do jun - tos es - te pan de a - mor,
4. Que es - te pan nos lle - ne de fe - li - ci - dad,
5. To - dos so - mos cuer - po de nues - tro Se - ñor;



1. da - nos tu pro - me - sa, y da - nos tu ver - dad.
2. pan que nos da vi - da, y go - zo y re - den - ción.
3. nos ha - ce - mos u - no con - ti - go hoy, Se - ñor.
4. y que a to - dos lle - gue y nues - tra ca - ri - dad.
5. de suj - gle - sia miem - bros, y fa - mi - lia de Dios.

Estrillo



Pan y vi - no en o - bla - ción, cuer - po y san - gre



del Se - ñor; es la san - ta Co - mu - nión nues -



tro a - li - men - to y sal - va - ción.

Communion “Panis Angelicus” Fr. Lambilotte

*The Bread of Angels becomes Bread of men;
The Bread of Heaven puts an end to all symbols:
Oh, most wonderful thing! The Lord becomes our food.
Poor, a servant, and humble.*

Hymn of Thanksgiving To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King Hellriegel



1. To Je - sus Christ, our sov - 'reign King, Who is the
2. Your reign ex - tend, O King be - nign, To ev - 'ry
3. To you, and to your church, great King, We pledge our



world's sal - va - tion, All praise and hom - age do we bring And
land and na - tion; For in your King - dom, Lord di - vine, A -
heart's ob - la - tion; Un - til be - fore your throne we sing In



thanks and ad - o - ra - tion.
lone we find sal - va - tion. Christ Je - sus, Vic - tor!
end - less ju - bi - la - tion.



Christ Je - sus, Rul - er! Christ Je - sus, Lord and Re - deem - er!

Prayer after Communion

Following the Prayer after Communion, Archbishop Weisenburger kneels in front of the altar to receive the blessing of the newly ordained priests.

Father Lizandro Barba will give some brief words of thanksgiving.

For the Solemn Blessing, the newly ordained priests stand and bow in front of the Archbishop.

Episcopal Blessing

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

R. Now and forever.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who made heaven and earth.

May almighty God bless you, ✠ the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

Dismissal



O God, be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to -
 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac - cept the love we
 day and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re -
 bring, that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our
 pay; for we can on-ly won-der at ev - 'ry gift you
 King; and whe-ther our to - mor-rows be filled with good or
 send, at bless - ings with - out num - ber and
 ill, we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and
 mer - cies with - out end: we lift our hearts be -
 rise to praise you still: to mar - vel at your
 fore you and wait up - on your word, we
 beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways, and
 hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord
 make a jof-ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

The newly ordained would like to thank those who helped in
this celebration, especially,

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and Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**Please join the newly ordained Priests
outside in the plaza for first blessings
and a reception.**

Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion.

We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Holy Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is not opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of personal contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (Canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For our fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad division which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer "that all may be one" (Jn 17:21). Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are not ordinarily admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of

canon law (Canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (Canon 844 § 3).

For those not receiving Holy Communion

All those who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

For non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and unity of the human family.

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