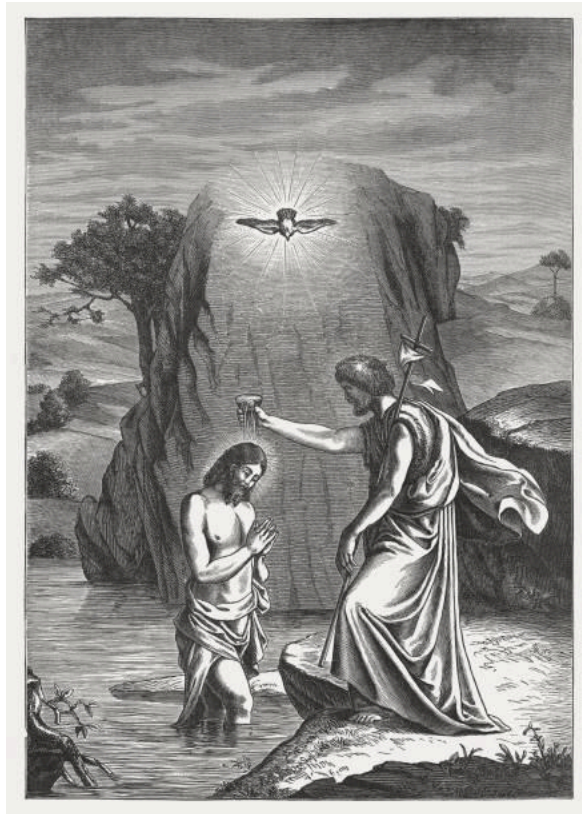


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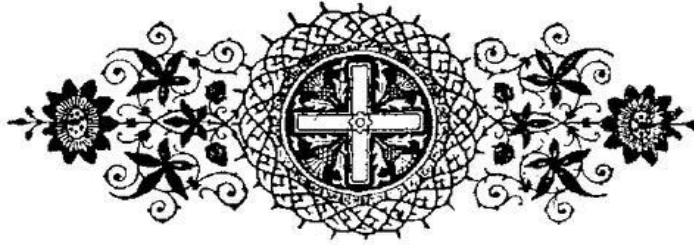


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THE ANGELUS

Mass begins with the recitation of the Angelus: a devotion in honor of Our Lord's Incarnation.

V. The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

V. Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it unto me according to thy word.

V. Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. And the Word was made Flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

V. Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

482 – LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

The Altar Servers and Celebrant approach the altar in procession. The Celebrant blesses incense and ascends the altar to incense the cross and altar, thus cleansing the whole area and preparing it for the worship of God.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant begins mass with an affirmation of God's praise:

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant prays, on behalf of the people, for the purity necessary to worship God:

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

The Celebrant turns to the people and recalls to them Our Lord's summary of the law:

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

MATTHEW 22:37-40

THE KYRIE

The Celebrant and People join in singing this ancient hymn, pleading for God's mercy, followed by the joyful hymn of the angels:

Lord, have mer-cy up- on us. Lord, have mer-cy up- on us.

Lord, have mer-cy up- on us. Christ, have mer-cy up- on us.

Christ, have mer-cy up- on us. Christ, have mer-cy up- on us.

Lord, have mer-cy up- on us. Lord, have mer-cy up- on us.

Lord, have mer-cy up- on us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glo-ry be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glo-ri-fy thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo-ry, O Lord

God, heav'n-ly King, God—the Fa-ther al-migh-ty—

O Lord, the on-ly be-got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ, O Lord God

Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak-est a- way the sins of the
world, have mer- cy up- on us. Thou that tak-est a- way the sins of the
world, re- ceive our prayer. Thou that sit- test at the right hand of
God the Fa- ther, have mer- cy up- on us. For thou on- ly art
ho- ly. Thou on- ly art the Lord. Thou on- ly, O
Christ, with the Ho- ly Ghost, art Most High in the glo- ry of
God the Fa- ther. A——— men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD."

“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 37:I-II



**1 Fret not yourself because of the un- | godly, *
neither be envious of those who are evil- | doers.**

**2 For they shall soon be dried up like the | grass, *
and be withered even as the green | herb.**

**3 Put your trust in the LORD, and do | good: *
dwell in the land, and surely you shall be | fed.**

**4 Delight yourself in the | LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's de- | sire.**

**5 Commit your way unto the LORD and put your trust in | him, *
and he shall bring it to | pass.**

**6 He shall make your righteousness as clear as the | light *
and your just dealing as the noon- | day.**

**7 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for | him; *
do not grieve yourself over the one whose way prospers,
over the one who carries out evil | counsels.**

8 Refrain from wrath, and let go of | anger; *
fret not yourself, lest you be moved to do | evil.

9 **For evildoers shall be rooted | out, ***
but those who wait patiently for the LORD, they shall inherit the | land.

10 Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean | gone; *
you shall look for their place, and they shall not be | there.

11 But the meek-spirited shall possess the | land *
and shall be refreshed with an abundance of | peace.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:

1 **Corinthians 1:18-31**

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

GRADUAL & ALLELUIA

All standing Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy Spirit.*

Celebrant: +The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew.**

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons[a] of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ**

GRADUAL & ALLELUIA

SERMON: Father Mark Bigley

NICENE CREED

We proclaim our Faith in the words of the ancient Nicene Creed. At the words “And for our salvation...” it is customary to genuflect in honor of Our Lord’s incarnation.

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten,

not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation, (genuflect)

CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, AND WAS INCARNATE BY THE HOLY GHOST OF THE VIRGIN MARY, AND WAS MADE MAN; (rise) and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church; I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; I look for the Resurrection of the dead, + and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lector will now read the prayers. After each prayer is the following response:

Lector: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The people remain kneeling as the celebrant calls the people to repentance in preparation for receiving the holy sacrament:

Celebrant: LET us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honor and glory of thy Name: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant prays for the people's absolution, and turns saying:

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; have mercy upon you; +pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant then adds the following Comfortable Words:

Hear what comfortable words our Savior Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him: "Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you."

Matthew 11.28

"So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3.16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith: "This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." 1 Timothy 1.15

Hear also what Saint John saith: "If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins (and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world)." 1 John 2.1,2

THE PAX

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

The People are invited to greet one another with a sign of our Lord's peace.

THE OFFERTORY

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with an appropriate sentence of Scripture.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

632 – O CHRIST, THE WORD INCARNATE

Celebrant then censes the altar, and having washed his hands, invites the prayers of the congregation as he begins the Eucharistic Liturgy.

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Altar, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

PREFACE

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

CANON OF THE MASS

All glory be to thee, Almighty God our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his Holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice until his coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and of thine almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify with thy Word and Holy Spirit these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood. †

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink, ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty with these, thy holy gifts, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ and through faith in his Blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

FRACTION ANTHEM

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated host. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant:

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People:

There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People together may say:

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

The People join in singing this hymn of adoration to Christ in the Sacrament:

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -

way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of

God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, grant us thy peace.

Silence may be kept as the Celebrant prays quietly.

ECCE AGNUS DEI

The priest then takes the Blessed Sacrament, and faces the people, showing them the Lord's Body and Blood saying:

Celebrant: +Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

The people respond together with the Celebrant three times:

People: **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving. The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

COMMUNION HYMN:

508 – BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us, thereby, of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works that thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PROCESSION HYMN:

690 – GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Suggested Private Prayers Before Departing



Thanksgiving for Holy Communion

Thanks be to Thee, O Blessed Jesus, my Lord and my God, for the Precious Gifts of Thy Body and Blood. May this heavenly Food increase my faith, love, and devotion, give me a meek, lowly, humble, and penitent heart and make me serve Thee truly all my days unto Everlasting Life. **Amen.**

Concluding Prayers

Receive, O Holy Trinity, this act of worship, bless this Sacrifice to my soul's salvation, and the salvation of all men, living and departed, for whom it has been offered. Forgive my wandering thoughts, and grant that we who have worshipped round thine altar here on earth, may meet before thy Throne in Heaven at last. **Amen.**

+May the divine assistance remain with us always, and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. **Amen.**

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, Sanctify me.
Body of Christ, Save me;
Blood of Christ, Inebriate me;
Water from the side of Christ, Wash me;
Passion of Christ, Strengthen me;
O Good Jesus, Hear me;
Within thy wounds hide me;
Suffer me not to be separated from thee;
From the malicious enemy defend me;
In the hour of death, Call me,
And bid me come to thee.
That with thy saints I may praise thee
For ever and ever. **AMEN**

The Anglican Church's Mass Discipline

- ✓ Fasting a minimum of one hour before receiving Holy Communion is expected of all Catholic Christians.
- ✓ The Church admits to Holy Communion those who:
 - have been baptized with water in the Name of the Holy Trinity;
 - believe with the Church in Our Lord's Real Presence in the Sacrament;
 - and have made their spiritual preparation to receive Him.

The Six Precepts of the Church

1. To attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation
2. To keep the Fasts and Abstinences prescribed
3. To seek Sacramental Absolution for mortal sin
4. To receive Holy Communion regularly
5. To give regularly to support the Church
6. To keep the Church's law of Marriage



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

February 1st - Fr. Bigley will lead Sunday School on how to add prayers and contemplations to our study of scripture.

February 5th - We are beginning a new weekday bible study to take place on Thursdays at 11am in the Parish Hall. First up: the Book of Revelation! Stick around afterward for mass at 12:10pm.

February 8th - Bishop Reed will come celebrate and preach for us. Let's give the bishop a great turnout on this special yearly visit. A small reception to follow the late service.

February 8th - Let's shower Baby Margaret with gifts and a cake after late service.

February 17th - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 5pm – 8pm.

February 18th - Ash Wednesday Services.

February 24th - Vestry Meeting at 6pm.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday 2/2/26	The Presentation of Our Lord	No Services
Tuesday 2/3/26	Anskar, Bishop	Mass 10:00am
Wednesday 2/4/26	Cornelius, The Centurion	Mass 6:30pm
Thursday 2/5/26	Martyrs of Japan	Mass 10:00am
Friday 2/6/26		No Services
Saturday 2/7/26		No Services

WEEKLY TREASURE

Attendance last Sunday	49
Average Sunday Attendance	49
Annual Budget 2026	\$309,002
Weekly Treasure Needed	\$5,942
Gifts to God received last week January 25, 2026	\$1,500
Operating Fund needed through January 25, 2026	\$23,769
Operating Fund received through January 25, 2026	\$10,482

SCAN BELOW TO GIVE



VESTRY MEMBERS ON DUTY

Tommy Forsythe & Troy Willich (VOD)
Ted Benke (Teller) & Laura Fahey (Teller)

"Holy Spirit, Holy Scripture, Holy Tradition"