

Sunday, February 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent

Gathering: Beyond the Days (Manalo) (V1) ... BB131

Refrain:

Beyond the days of hope and mystery
we see a light of faith renewed,
and in our longing we thirst for guidance
to walk with you day by day.

1.

Forty days and nights,
you guide the steps of our journey.
May your presence be felt
in the whisper of your voice.

2.

Not on bread alone
are we to walk on this journey.
Speak the words that give life
to the yearnings of our hearts.

3.

In your hands, O God,
we feel the touch of your guidance.
Keep us safe in your care:
may your gentleness be there.

4.

On our Lenten path
we see the dawn of a new day.
Be our vision of hope;
be the promise of our lives.

Kyrie Eleison: Mass of John Carroll (Joncas) ... H/O

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Responsorial: Create In Me-Ps51 (Hurd)

(Refrain) Create in me a clean heart;
give me a willing spirit.

Create in me a clean heart.

(V1) In your goodness, have mercy on me;
in your compassion, wash me,
wash me, wash me.

(V2) Give me back the joy of your presence;
give me a steadfast spirit.

I will sing your praise.

(V3) A broken spirit I give you.

You will not spurn a humbled heart..

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Lenten Gospel Acclamation (Canedo & Hurd)

“Praise and Honor to you O Lord, Jesus Christ.”

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Homily

Universal Intercessions

Response: God of justice, hear our prayer.

(God of justice, hear our prayer.)

For the Church: that the Spirit will deepen our identity as daughters and sons of God and help us to faithfully live each day as disciples committed to the social teachings of the church, let us pray...

For all who struggle with attractions to wealth, power, and control: that God will free their hearts and guide them to a life of faith and trust, let us pray...

This Lent, as we forge new paths as pilgrims of hope, may we engage in actions that will change our communities, states and country to carry out the church’s social teaching, to emulate the Beatitudes, and to fight against the oppressive systems forged by our government and those tyrannies throughout the world. let us pray...

For people throughout the world who live with the reality of crime, trauma, and barbarous actions, may God offer them safety, strength, and consolation, let us pray...

For the growth of peace in our world: that God will guide those working to renew their nations and establish new structures of government as they confront challenges and resistance, let us pray...

For what other intentions do we want to pray...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts: Gracious God (Manibusan) ... BB136

Verse 1:

Lead us, Lord, into the des - ert;
Lead us through the wil-der-ness.
Through this journey we will fol - low,
For we long to see your face.

Verse 2:

In this time of sacred struggle,
In this time of sacrifice,
We rejoice, for we remem-ber
That you lead us into life.

Gra-cious God, mercy is your name.
Re-deem-ing love, you give your life away.
Gra-cious God, we bless your ho-ly name.
Re-ceiv-ing love, we give our lives away

Verse 3:

Lord, we hunger for your pre-sence;
Lord, we're thirsting for your grace.
When consuming all but you, Lord
All we gain is emptiness

Verse 4:

Teach us, Lord, who is your neigh-bor
Is it friend, or enemy?
When we welcome or con-demn them,
Is it you, O let us see
Gra-cious God, we bless your ho-ly name.

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Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*The Eucharistic Prayer* (if you are watching the video or listening to the audio, please follow along and participate with Fr. Jack; and continue with the Communion Songs below.)

**Holy: Mass of Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB897**

**Mem: Kauffman Renewal-Save Us Savior (Gokelman & Kauffman) ... H/O**

**Amen: Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB901**

**Lamb: Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB9052**

**Spirit and Grace (Manalo) ... BB350**

Verse 1

Spirit and grace, here in this meal.  
You are the wind that breathes through the field.  
Gather the wheat and form us in Christ.  
Come, be our source and breath of life.

Refrain:

In this bread, blessed, broken and shared,  
Christ is our life, whose presence we bear.  
Come, O spirit, make your grace revealed  
in this holy meal.

Verse 2

Spirit and grace, here in this meal.  
You are the life that flows through the vine.  
Gather this drink and form us in Christ.

Come, be our source and blood of life.

Verse 3

Spirit and grace, here in this place.  
You are the light that shines in this space.  
Gather your people and form us in Christ.  
Come, be the heartbeat of our lives.

Verse 4

Spirit of God, sending us forth;  
We spread your wisdom throughout all the earth  
Gather the nations and form us in Christ.  
Come, be the presence in our lives.

### **Communion Meditation: Lord, I Need You (Maher/Nockels)**

Lord I come, I confess  
Bowing here, I find my rest  
Without You, I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour, I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour, I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour, I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You  
You're my one defense, my righteousness  
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### **Closing Prayer**

Let us pray: Grant that our faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

Go in peace,  
Thanks be to God.

### **Sending: Take the Word of God With You (Walker) ... BB384**

Take the word of God with you as you go.  
Take the seeds of God's word and make them grow.  
Go in peace to serve the world, in peace to serve the world.  
Take the love of God, the love of God with you as you go.

Take the peace of God with you as you go.  
Take the seeds of God's peace and make them grow.  
Go in peace to serve the world, in peace to serve the world.  
Take the love of God, the love of God with you as you go.

Take the joy of God with you as you go.  
Take the seeds of God's joy and make them grow.  
Go in peace to serve the world, in peace to serve the world.  
Take the love of God, the love of God with you as you go.

Take the love of God with you as you go.  
Take the seeds of God's love and make them grow.  
Go in peace to serve the world, in peace to serve the world.  
Take the love of God, the love of God with you as you go.