

## **Sunday, March 9, 2025**

### **First Sunday of Lent**

#### **Gathering: Beyond the Days (Manalo) ... 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.

#### **First Reading**

##### **A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy**

Moses spoke to the people, saying:

“The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the Most High, your God. Then you shall declare before your God, ‘My ancestor was a wandering

Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien. But there they became a nation great, strong, and numerous. When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us, imposing hard labor upon us, we cried to the Most High, the God of our ancestors, and God heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

God brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders; and bringing us into this country, God gave us this land flowing with milk and honey.

Therefore, I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O God, have given me.' And having set them before the Most High, your God, you shall bow down in God's presence."

### **The word of God.**

### **Responsorial: Create in Me A Clean Heart-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**

### **A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans**

Brothers and sisters:  
What does Scripture say?

*The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart*  
—that is, the word of faith that we preach—,  
for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord  
and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead,  
you will be saved.

For one believes with the heart and so is justified,  
and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

For the Scripture says,  
*No one who believes in the Lord will be put to shame.*

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;  
the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon God.

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

## **The word of God**

### **Lenten Gospel Acclamation**

Praise and honor to you, O Lord, Jesus Christ

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **A reading from the Gospel according to Luke**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. Jesus ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry.

The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.”

Jesus answered him, “It is written, *One does not live on bread alone.*”

Then the devil took Jesus up the mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, “I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me.”

Jesus said to him in reply, “It is written: *You shall worship the Most High, your God, and God alone shall you serve.*”

Then the devil led Jesus to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: *God will command the angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*”

Jesus said to the devil in reply, "It also says, *You shall not put the Most High, your God, to the test.*"

When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from Jesus for a time.

## **The Good News of Salvation.**

### **Homily**

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

### **Universal Intercessions**

**Response: God, our strength, hear our prayer.**

(God, our strength, hear our prayer.)

For the Church, that the Holy Spirit inspires it with the words of Pope Francis, let us pray...

For all people suffering from societal injustice, let us pray...

For this community of faith: that through our Lenten journey we may bare our hearts to accompany all who find themselves persecuted, let us pray...

For all who feel overwhelmed by life: that they may have the courage to call out to God to send angels to support them through the chaos and challenges of life, let us pray...

For all who exercise power: that they may be good stewards of the authority entrusted to them and use their power for the common good, 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 faceRefrain:

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 2:

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

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.**

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. 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) ... BB900**

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

**Amen: Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB904**

**Lamb: Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB905**

**Communion 1: Eat This Bread (Berthier/Taize) ... BB323**

Refrain: Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.

Vs. 1: I am the bread of life,  
the true bread sent from the Father.

Vs. 2: Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,  
but this is the bread come down from heaven.

Vs. 3: Eat my flesh and drink my blood,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.

Vs. 3: If you believe and eat this bread,  
you will have eternal life.

Vs. 4: Anyone who eats this bread, will live forever.

Vs. 5: If you believe and eat this bread,  
You will have eternal life

**Communion2: Dwelling Place (Foley SJ) ... BB480**

Refrain: May Christ find a dwelling place of faith in our hearts.  
May our lives be rooted in love, rooted in love.

2. May he in his love give us strength for our living  
The strength of his spirit the glory of God.

3. May grace and peace be yours in God our father  
and in his son

## **Prayer after Communion**

### **Announcements**

#### **Sending: Enter the Journey...BB638**

[Refrain]

Enter the journey. Come to the song.  
By God you are chosen, by name you are called  
to follow the vision, carry the cross.  
Enter the journey of faith as the fam'ly of God.

[Verse 1]

Enter the journey, the way may be long.  
Enter the journey, yet we are made strong.  
God's spirit will guide us, God's gifts will enfold.  
Enter the journey of hope!

[Verse 2]

Enter the journey, though lost and unsure.  
Enter the journey, God's peace will be yours.  
And all who are thirsting be filled with God's grace.  
Enter the journey of faith!

[Verse 3]

Enter the journey, the old and the young.  
Enter the journey, the kingdom is won.  
By faith now united, as servants we come.  
Enter the journey of love!