

Sunday Missal

SAINT FRANCIS
Parish and Outreach



Welcome to Saint Francis!



We welcome you to Saint Francis! As pastor of this warm, wonderful, progressive, Franciscan Catholic community of people, who really care for others and themselves, I pray, and trust, that you find comfort and renewed energy here! Welcome home!

One of the richest blessings of our Saint Francis parish family is our strong sense of tradition enveloped with our Franciscan ethos and heritage. From our original founding as a parish, Saint Francis has been the parish home for a diverse panorama of individuals and families who take great pride in our Catholic faith, share a strong sense of inclusion and social justice, and deep sense of hope found in our liturgy and tradition. All of this has permeated our history and is found in the inspirational words of Cory Booker, "*Give more than is expected, more than seems wise, serve more than seems necessary, and help more than is asked.*" Our community is always growing as we welcome new parishioners who take their place in the pages of our parish faith story.

Whether you are a long time resident of the CSRA or a newcomer to our area, it is our hope that you find in Saint Francis the home you have been searching for. God is calling each of us to reclaim our faith in Jesus Christ lived out through our dedication to parish life. At our parish, you will discover priests, deacons, a pastoral staff, and a faithful lay community eager to help you become part of our *living* community.

Through our parish website and app, too, you will find a community that desires to make you feel welcome at Saint Francis. Please feel free to contact me directly, or any of the fine individuals who serve you, with your questions and interests. *Together* may we give much glory to the God who so graciously gave us each other and this wonderful parish.

Let us come together and celebrate!

A black cross symbol is positioned to the left of a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature appears to read "Bishop Greer".

Bishop Greer

Introductory Rites

Entrance Song - Stand

As the Entrance Hymn is played, the Presiding Priest, and any assisting ministers, make their way to the Chancel area, and after reverencing the altar, they remain standing with the Assembly for the Introductory Rites.

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
People: And also with you.

Penitential Rite - Stand

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A pause for silent reflection follows. After the silence, the following is sung:

Presider or Cantor All
You were sent to heal the con-true: Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have
mer-cy on us. Presider or Cantor You came to call sin-ners:
All Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy on us.
Presider or Cantor You plead for us at the right hand of the Fa-ther: Lord, have
All mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy on us.

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Priest: May almighty God cleanse us of our sins and through the celebration of this Eucharist make us worthy to sit at the table of the kingdom for ever.

People: Amen.

Gloria - Stand

The Gloria is not used in Advent or Lent.

Priest: Let us give praise, honor, and glory to God our Almighty Father.

Refrain: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est,
and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

Last time

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

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

Verses

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| 1. 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. | 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. |
| 2. 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; | 3. 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. |

The Opening Prayer is a different prayer for each Sunday and Holy Day, Feast or Solemnity, of the year, as there are specific prayers assigned for many of the feasts and memorials of saints we remember in our Liturgical Year.

Opening Prayer - Stand

Priest: Let us pray.

After the Opening Prayer, the People respond,

People: Amen.

Liturgy of the Word - Sit

The Readings of the Mass are found in the Lectionary and follow a set, three year cycle. There are three readings assigned to each Sunday; the first comes from the Hebrew Scriptures, except during Easter Season when we find selections from the Book of Acts. The responsorial psalm is taken from the Book of Psalms and is then followed by a reading from the New Testament Letters.

First Reading

A reading from the Hebrew Testament, will be offered, except in Easter Season.

The Response from the Reader, or Lector, comes at the end of the reading and is followed by the acclamation of the Assembly :

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

A psalm is offered from the Hebrew Testament, Book of Psalms. The psalm changes weekly and the proper response is repeated by the Assembly following each stanza of the psalm.

Second Reading

A reading from the New Testament, or an Epistle from the New Testament will be offered.

The Response from the Reader, or Lector, comes at the end of the reading and is followed by the acclamation of the Assembly:

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia or Gospel Acclamation

Gospel - Stand

The Gospel readings follow a three cycle of Year A, Year B, and Year C. Year A is generally taken from Matthew, Year B from Mark, and Year C is from Luke. John's Gospel is read throughout Lent and Easter seasons and on various occasions during the year. While not every passage is read, the Gospels are generally read from start to finish during this cycle.

Priest or Deacon: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Priest or Deacon: A reading from the holy gospel according to Saint N.
People: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the gospel:

Priest or Deacon: The gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The homily, or sermon, is done by a priest or deacon. Most generally the theme of the homily is taken from the readings and Gospel for the day, but may also be taken from the feast or a seasonal theme. The purpose of the homily is to take the sacred words of Holy Scripture, or sacred texts of the Holy Mass, and make them more relevant as a guide for us today.

Homily - Sit

[after the sermon, a time of silence and reflection is honored]

The Profession of Faith - Stand

In the Gospels, Jesus says where two or more pray in His name, the prayers will be answered. Before concluding the Liturgy of the Word, we pause as a community of faith to gather our prayers for the needs of the Church, the world, for the needs of God's people and our own needs, spoken aloud or held in silence.

F B \flat /F F G m/F B \flat /F C/F B \flat /F F

I be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, ma - ker of all heav'n and earth.
 Suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, cru - ci - fied, for me he died.
 At God's right hand he is seat - ed, till his com - ing, as he said;
 I be - lieve the church of Je - sus, un - i - ver - sal e'er re - mains;

F C/E F G m7/B \flat D m G m7 A m B \flat F

5 And in Je - sus Christ, our Sav - iour, God's own Son, of match - less worth; By the
 Laid with - in the grave so si - lent, gates of hell he o - pened wide; For the
 Fi - nal judg - ment will be met - ed to the liv - ing and the dead; I con -
 We are one through all the a - ges in com - mun - ion of the saints. I be -

C F/C B \flat C F D m A m D m G m7 G m7/C

10 Spi - rit was con - ciev - ed of the vir - gin Ma - ry born, He in
 stone - sealed tomb was emp - ty; on the third day he a - rose; In - to
 fess the Ho - ly Spir - it, who was sent through Christ the Son To ap -
 lieve sins are ffor - giv - en, that our bod - ies will be raised To e -

F F/C D m G m D m/F G m7 A m7 G m7 F

15 whom I have be - liev - ed; God Al - migh - ty three in one.
 heav - en made his en - try, migh - ty con - quer'r of his foes.
 ply sal - va - tions mer - it; God, the Spir - it Three in One.
 ter - nal life in glo - ry, ev - er let his name be praised.

General Intercessions - Sit

The Lector and/or Presider will guide the Assembly on the proper prayer response for the particular Mass. On some occasions, the petitions and responses are sung and the Leader will help guide the Assembly. The response is:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Sign of Peace

The exchange of a sign of peace is a welcomed tradition at Saint Francis! It may take a little longer than most parishes, but is well worth the added effort! Please, make yourself at home and greet one another in the name of Christ. And, if it is your first time, please don't be shy and meet your new friends! If you wish to not embrace, just put out your hand and everyone will simply shake your hand in return and welcome you to this wonderful place! During Lent, we are more reserved, in keeping with the season of penance and reflection, but still offer a warm Sign of Peace.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: And also with you.

Priest or Deacon: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

The Assembled exchange a sign of God's peace with one another!

Priest: We are healed and made holy by the mercy of God, and
so let us acclaim Christ our Savior.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Altar and of the Gifts - Sit

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through
your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through
your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit
of the vine and work of human hands. It will
become our spiritual drink.

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

We now enter the most solemn and sacred time in our celebration together with The Eucharistic Prayer. The Prayer begins with the Preface and "The Lord be with you" to which the people respond "And with your spirit." Throughout this entire Eucharistic Prayer, the priest says the vast majority of the prayer with only a few responses by the people. We are all called to share in the offering of our sacrifices. The priest, acting as the Presider, says the prayers on behalf of all us as the people of God. However, as we pray in the Eucharistic Prayer that the Spirit come upon the gifts of bread and wine, we also pray that the Spirit come upon us and transform us into "one body, one spirit in Christ." As active participants in the Mass, we listen and offer ourselves as the priest leads us in the Eucharistic Prayer.

Orate, Fratres

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of all God's Church.**

Preface - Remain Standing

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

After the Preface, continue with the Preface Acclamation:

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

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Eucharistic Prayer - Sit

Priest: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



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Doxology

Priest: Through God, with God, in God, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,
almighty Father, forever and ever.

People:



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As we prepare to receive Holy Communion, as a Community of God, we come together to pray in the words that Jesus taught us, The Lord's Prayer. We pray for the Lord to give us our daily bread. We also ask for forgiveness for our errors, and where we have fallen short, and we ask that we be strengthened to do God's will. This is a time for all to gather as one and offer our deepest intentions in prayer and hope.

Communion Rite - Stand

Lord's Prayer

Priest: Admonished and taught by our Lord's instruction, we are bold to say:

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us, deliver us from evil.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: **For the kingdom and the power and the glory are Yours
now and forever.**

The fraction rite is the breaking of the bread that has become the Body of Christ. In offering His life for us on the Cross, Jesus has become the Lamb of God that is offered for our sins. As the priest breaks the bread, the people sing the Lamb of God, acknowledging Jesus' sacrifice on the cross that takes away our sins.

Lamb of God - Stand

1-3. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:

1,2. have mer - cy, have mer - cy, mer - cy on
3. grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us your

1. us. 2. us. 3. peace.

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Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those called to the banquet of the Lamb.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

In receiving Communion, we profess faith in Jesus. In coming forth to receive Communion, we are agreeing to strive to do God's will in all things. If we don't agree to strive to do God's will, then Communion is not something we seek.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Saint Francis. As Catholics, the reception of Holy Communion is a sign of our unity in faith and life in the Catholic Church. We believe in the real Presence of Christ at the Table. Therefore, when you receive the consecrated Bread or Wine, please respond with your affirmation, "Amen!" You may receive the Bread on your tongue, or in your hands crossed over one another; the Wine should come from the Chalice, but please do not intinct (dip your Bread into the Cup). If, for any reason, you do not wish to drink from the Cup, please simply fold your arms across your chest and receive a blessing as you pass.

Period of Silence

When the distribution of Holy Communion is completed, the Presider retires to the Presidium, and we honor a period of silence for prayer. A meditation hymn may also be offered. We end the Communion Rite with a prayer that we will be strengthened and transformed by the Holy Communion we have just received as a community of faith.

Prayer after Communion - Sit

Priest: Let us pray.

[All pray in silence. The priest then says a Prayer after communion and all say,]

All: Amen.

Announcements - Sit

Dismissal - Stand

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: From this time forth for evermore.

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: The maker of heaven and earth.

Priest: May God bless you with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that you may seek truth boldly and love deep within your heart.

All: Amen.

Priest: May God bless you with holy anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all people.

All: Amen.

Priest: May God bless you with the gift of tears to shed with those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they cherish, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you really CAN make a difference in this world, so that you are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: And may the blessing of almighty God, ✠ the Father, ✠ and the Son , ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come upon you and remain with you forever.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve our neighbors.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



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