

# Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time- A

September 5-6, 2026

Welcome to the Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier in Hunt Valley, Maryland.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

## Gathering

*Gathered As One #841*

Many faces, the young and the old, gathered as in our God!  
Throughout hist'ry the story's retold, gathered as one in our God!  
Like those come before us, we listen and learn. We remember the promise and await your return.  
So without hesitation a new generation proclaims the salvation of God!

## Refrain

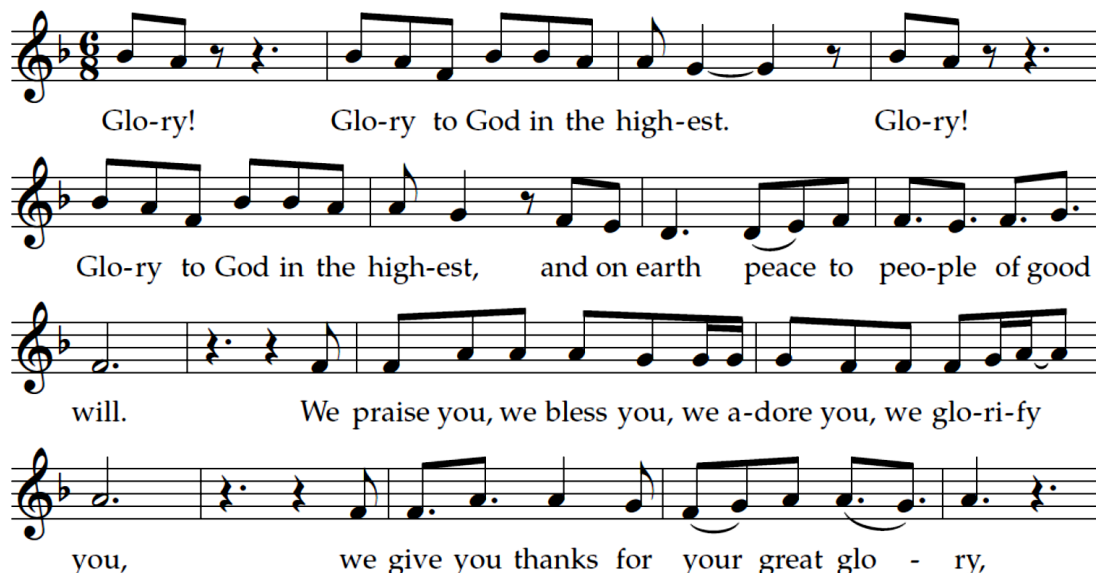
*Gathered as one in Jesus your Son, lifting our voices in praise,  
we know and believe and long to receive the bread that is strength for our days, gathered as one!*

2. Many pilgrims, sharing at feast, gathered as one in our God!  
All are welcome the greatest and least, gathered as one in our God!  
Like those come before us, we listen and learn. We remember the promise and await your return.  
So without hesitation a new generation proclaims the salvation of God!
3. Many voices, raised up in song, gathered as one in our God!  
In one fam'ly where all can belong, gathered as one in our God!  
Like those come before us, we listen and learn. We remember the promise and await your return.  
So without hesitation a new generation proclaims the salvation of God!

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## Penitential Act

### Glory to God



Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry!

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

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## Collect

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Reading I

**Ez 33:7-9**

Thus says the LORD:

You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die, " and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 95**

***R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.***

## Reading II

**Rom 13:8-10**

Brothers and sisters:

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet, " and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

## Gospel

**Mt 18:15-20**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.

If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.'

If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.

Amen, I say to you,

whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

## Homily

### Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with  
the Father; through him all things were  
made. For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
***(bow for the next two lines)***  
*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the  
Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.  
He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the  
giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the  
Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic  
Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the  
dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

## Universal Prayer

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

*The Summons*      **#790**

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, Will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare? Should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

#### Prayer Response

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.

#### Eucharistic Acclamations

## **Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

## **Memorial Acclamation**

*Save us, Savior of the World, for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.*

## **Amen**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **Sign of Peace**

## **Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (repeat)

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

## **Prayer before Communion**

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

## **Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You, come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## **Distribution of Holy Communion**

*Voice of Christ #231 SS*

O Lord, you bless us each day with gifts from your hand.

Now as our cup overflows, may we too bring forth.

***We the hands, we the eyes, we the voice of Christ. O faithful God, we entrust our treasure to your heart.***

The sparrow neither sows nor reaps, has store-house nor barn.

And flowers neither spin nor weave, yet they wear royal robes.

The Lord hears the cry of the poor; the lives of the weak he shall save.

Blessed those who care for the poor; happiness is their reward.

We await you with watchful eyes, our lamps burning bright.

Though we know not when you will return, we stand wakeful through the night.

## Sending

### *They'll Know We Are Christians #835*

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be re stored:

***And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

2. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,  
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
3. We will work with each other; we will work side by side,  
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard human's dignity and save human's pride:
4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

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