

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul And the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia



November 13, 2022

Parish Mission Statement

With Jesus Christ as our Head and Foundation, the Cathedral Parish of Saints Peter and Paul forms a vibrant Roman Catholic community in Center City and serves all those who come to the Cathedral Basilica, the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Our parish community professes our Catholic Faith, ministers to others and welcomes all, as rooted in the Word of God and the celebration of the Sacraments of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*Adopted by the Parish Council
August 10, 2021*

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill
Rector

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The Cathedral Shop is open
Wed. 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM / Sat. 11:00 AM - 5:15 PM
Sun. 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM / 215-665-9032

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass on Saturday
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM in Basilica
12:30 PM Spanish in Cathedral Chapel
Sta. Misa en español, en la Capilla
6:30 PM in Basilica

Weekdays: 7:15 AM, 12:05 PM in Cathedral Chapel

Saturdays: 12:05 PM in Cathedral Chapel

Holy Days: See website

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE SCHEDULE

Sunday: 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM in Basilica
12:00 PM (español) en la Capilla

Weekdays: 11:30 AM in Basilica

Saturday: 4:15 PM in Basilica

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the:
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE,
SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK,
AND HOLY COMMUNION OF THE SICK
AND HOMEBOUND

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Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
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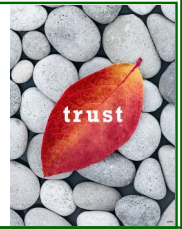
Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, November 13, 2022

"Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

LK 21:28

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



November 12 Saturday

St. Josephat

12:05 Deceased members of
the Legion of Mary
5:15 Don Heckwine

November 13 Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Ramon L. Serrano
11:00 Assunta Paolucci
12:30 Paulino y Asencia Pérez
6:30 For the Holy Souls

November 14 Monday, Weekday

7:15 Intentions of Michelle
Rosso
12:05 Romolo Sciarretta
Family

November 15 Tuesday, Weekday

St. Albert the Great

7:15 James J. Walsh
12:05 Adrian Zaccaria

November 16 Wednesday, Weekday

St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude

7:15 John Jung
12:05 Maria Min

November 17 Thursday

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

7:15 John Jung
12:05 Living and Deceased
members of the Mayer
Family

November 18 Friday, Weekday

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

7:15 Intentions of Teresa Lee
12:05 Louis Schipani

November 19 Saturday, Weekday

12:05 Charles Scary
5:15 Stephen J. Huggard

November 20 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 For the Holy Souls
11:00 Clarissa & Thomas
Frommer
12:30 Maria R. Fontanez
6:30 Charlotte Thomsen

Dear Parishioners,

This is the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. We listen to a rather ominous Gospel for this Sunday. The Gospel closes with the line, "By your perseverance, you will secure your lives (21: 19)." Jesus describes a future situation of great distress, confusion, and violence for his hearers, coming even from family members. However, he reassures his audience that in the midst of it all he is with them. The duty of the Christian in such dreadful circumstances is to persevere, to persevere in fidelity to Christ and his saving Word. When we think of the world today, there is also distress, confusion, and violence everywhere - in the world, in the Church, in the lives of so many. The persecution of Christians today far surpasses the persecutions of the first few centuries after the New Testament times. So, we hear the Lord in our day speaking clearly to us to hold fast to him and all that he teaches through his holy Church. His word cannot fail us and, in fact, gives us the path to peace and eternal life. At the same time, we need to support our perseverance with personal prayer for ourselves, our families and friends, the Church, and the world. Our perseverance will secure our lives!

This Sunday, the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, marks the sixth World Day of the Poor. This year our Holy Father invites us to consider the words of Saint Paul, "Jesus Christ...for your sakes became poor" (see 2 Corinthians 8: 9). The poverty of Christ, through his life and especially on the cross, invites us to find in our own hearts solidarity with the poor. This solidarity awakens in each of us an awareness of those in need all around us and throughout the world. As we observe this *World Day of the Poor* may we hear more deeply the call to conversion away from selfishness and sin to a greater charity and generosity with regard to the poor. In the neighborhood of the Cathedral Parish, there are many poor and needy homeless men and women. Many times, we do not know what to do to help. We do know that they belong to us in Christ. They invite us to be attentive and kind. The poor can lead us to Christ, our common companion.

Join us for the Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Center City next Sunday, November 20, 2022, at 2:00 PM. Please assemble in the Cathedral Basilica at 2:00 PM.

Please keep the intention for peace in our City and an end to gun violence in our neighborhoods in your prayers. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

November is the Month of the Holy Souls. Let us remember especially during Mass and in our prayers at home all the Holy Souls in Purgatory. May they soon know the full glory of God in Heaven.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be directed to the religious education programs in the Cathedral Parish. If possible, please make use of the on-line opportunities of making your weekly offering. Thank you so very much for all of your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish, especially with the annual Parish Fall Collection (Block Collection) taking place at this time.

God bless you!

Father Dennis Gill, Rector





PRAYER | PARTICIPATION | GENEROSITY

Gracious and loving Lord,
May cool mornings invigorate our souls,
and the crunch of leaves and fall breezes
remind us that change is a blessing. May

we imagine ourselves in your arms, close to your heart,
surrounded by your light, and find comfort in your consistency
as the world around us is constantly changing. You are with us
in all circumstances and seasons. Guide us to live with a
giving heart, a generous heart and a grateful heart.

Thank you for being a blessing to the Cathedral parish!

For more information, visit: www.cathedralphila.org.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Pray for us.

And let us remember to always pray for each other!

Your generosity on 11/6 was:

Regular \$4,979

Special 1,370 (for special maintenance projects of the

Electronic* 2,693 Cathedral Parish)

Total \$9,042

*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for October.

Thank you!

**We hope that your generosity will exceed
\$13,000 this week.**

Please consider a gift to support the good works of our
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

- You are invited to become a member of our parish family and take part in our ministries, programs, events, and worship. Please speak with Deacon Burgos or Sr. Eleanor McCann after any Sunday Mass or make an appointment with Father Gill or Father Biedrzycki, and one of them can help you register.
- Consider the Cathedral in your Financial Plan – call Rose at the Cathedral office 215-561-1313. She can help with your Estate planning – such as adding the Cathedral as a beneficiary of your life insurance, IRA, annuity or a memorial gift. She can also help you with Tax Planning – such as a gift of appreciated stock or a distribution from your IRA.
- **Text to Give** anytime, especially for your Sunday Mass offering – text “Cathedral” to 215-709-9955.
- **Venmo us @cathedralbasilica**
- **Donate on-line** at <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/> or scan this QR code:



THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE

Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 24,
will be at 9:00 AM in the Cathedral Chapel.

Mass on Friday, November 25, 2022,
also will be at 9:00 AM in the Cathedral Chapel.

November 26 is the Birthday of Saint Katharine Drexel.

Prayers at her Tomb will take place following the
12:05 PM Mass for this occasion.

Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us!

**Only the Chapel will be open on Thursday and Friday
for the 9 AM Mass.**

All buildings will be closed.

**The Parish office and Cathedral Basilica will close
at 1 pm on Wednesday, November 23, 2022.**



ADVENT GIVING TREE 2022 IS COMING!

The Cathedral Parish will be aiding
those in need once again. We will
assist the following organizations: St.
John's Hospice, Visitation Community
Center, the Little Sisters of the Poor

Holy Family Home, the Sisters of Life maternity home,
Guiding Star maternity home, Women of Hope, and the
Hispanic Ministry. We will also be helping twelve
families who have requested assistance.

The Giving Tree will go up in the Basilica prior to the
First Sunday of Advent, NOVEMBER 27th and will be
covered with decorative paper ornaments. Each will have
on it the name of a family/child or an item for one of the
organizations. **PLEASE TAKE ONE OR MORE
ORNAMENTS** and purchase a gift for that person or
group. **RETURN THE ORNAMENT AND GIFT,
UNWRAPPED but in a gift bag, along with a brief
Christmas prayer greeting,** to the parish office or give
it to someone in the sacristy after Mass. **YOU MAY
ALSO DONATE GIFT CARDS FROM TARGET,
WALMART, WAWA OR VISA;** place in the
collection basket at Mass in an envelope labelled “Giving
Tree”, or mail to the parish office.

**ALL GIFTS MUST BE IN BY THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT, DECEMBER 11th.**

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, please call or leave a
message with Sister Mary Raphael, Outreach Coordinator,
215-561-1313, x 134. Thank you for your generosity!

Readings for Mass for this Week

Please see the website of the United States
Conference of Catholic Bishops: usccb.org/bible/readings

LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS AT 11:00 AM

[Click Here](https://vimeo.com/event/2470138), or go to: <https://vimeo.com/event/2470138>

Worship Aid

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos:

Antonio, Edi & Fabio, Edmund Napieralski, TerriAnn DiMarcantonio, Joseph Maiellano, Alex and Paige Bednarsky, Lysiane, Liam
Wajda, Lily Greenwood, James Marra, Cosimo and his family, Adelin, Dr. Furlong and his daughter Elana, Regina Long, Johnny
Garcia, Susan Fuentes, Diana and Anuar Valencia Sr. Pauline Cope, May Muldoon, Annarella, Roberto Caiaro and his family,
Giorgia, Trace and Silas, Brother Leo, Eridania Guzmán, Allison Torres, and those in nursing homes or hospitals and all the sick.

To add or remove parishioners, friends or family members to the prayer list, please send an email to:

prayingforyou@cathedralphila.org. Por favor envíe un email o llame a la oficina parroquial para añadir o remover los
nombres de la lista de personas que estén enfermas.

***Declaración de la Misión de la
Parroquia Catedral de los Santos
Pedro y Pablo***

Con Jesucristo como nuestra Cabeza y Fundamento, la Parroquia Catedral de los Santos Pedro y Pablo forma una vibrante comunidad Católica Romana en el centro de la ciudad y sirve a todos aquellos que vienen a la Catedral Basílica, la Iglesia Madre de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia. Nuestra comunidad parroquial profesa nuestra fe católica, ministra a los demás y da la bienvenida a todos, enraizada en la Palabra de Dios y la celebración de los sacramentos de Jesucristo, nuestro Señor y Salvador.

*Adoptado por el Consejo Pastoral
Parroquial, agosto 10, 2021*

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Este es el Trigésimo tercer domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. Escuchamos un evangelio bastante siniestro para este domingo. El evangelio cierra con la línea: “Manténganse firmes y se salvarán (21: 19)”. Jesús describe una situación futura de gran angustia, confusión y violencia para sus oyentes, incluso por parte de familiares. Sin embargo, asegura a su audiencia que en medio de todo Él está con ellos. El deber del cristiano en tan terribles circunstancias es perseverar, perseverar en la fidelidad a Cristo y a su Palabra salvadora. Cuando pensamos en el mundo de hoy, también hay angustia, confusión y violencia en todas partes: en el mundo, en la Iglesia, en la vida de tantos. La persecución de los cristianos hoy en día supera con creces las persecuciones de los primeros siglos después de los tiempos del Nuevo Testamento. Así, escuchamos al Señor en nuestros días hablándonos claramente para que nos aferremos a Él y a todo lo que enseña a través de su santa Iglesia. Su palabra no puede fallarnos y, de hecho, nos da el camino hacia la paz y la vida eterna. Al mismo tiempo, necesitamos apoyar nuestra perseverancia con la oración personal por nosotros mismos, nuestras familias y amigos, la Iglesia y el mundo. ¡Manténganse firmes y se salvarán!

Este domingo, el Trigésimo tercer domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, marca la sexta Jornada Mundial de los Pobres. Este año nuestro Santo Padre nos invita a considerar las palabras de San Pablo, “Jesucristo... se hizo pobre por ustedes” (ver 2 Corintios 8: 9). La pobreza de Cristo, a través de su vida y especialmente en la cruz, nos invita a encontrar en nuestro corazón la solidaridad con los pobres. Esta solidaridad despierta en cada uno de nosotros la conciencia de los necesitados a nuestro alrededor y en todo el mundo. Mientras observamos esta Jornada Mundial de los Pobres, que podamos escuchar más profundamente el llamado a la conversión del egoísmo y el pecado a una mayor caridad y generosidad con respecto a los pobres. En el barrio de la Parroquia Catedral hay muchos hombres y mujeres pobres y necesitados sin hogar. Muchas veces no sabemos qué hacer para ayudar. Nosotros sabemos que ellos nos pertenecen en Cristo. Ellos nos invitan a ser atentos y amables. Los pobres pueden llevarnos a Cristo, nuestro compañero en común.

Únase a nosotros para la Procesión Eucarística por las calles del centro de la ciudad el próximo domingo 20 de noviembre del 2022 a las 2:00 p.m. Reúnase en la Catedral Basílica a las 2:00 p.m.

Mantenga en sus oraciones la intención de paz en nuestra ciudad y el fin de la violencia armada en nuestros vecindarios. ¡Nuestra Señora, Reina de la Paz, ruega por nosotros!

Noviembre es el Mes de las Ánimas del Purgatorio. Recordemos especialmente durante la Misa y en nuestras oraciones en casa a todas las Benditas Ánimas del Purgatorio. Que pronto conozcan la gloria plena de Dios en el Cielo.

La segunda colecta en la Misa del próximo domingo estará dirigida a los programas de educación religiosa en la Parroquia Catedral. Si es posible, aproveche las oportunidades en línea para hacer su ofrenda semanal. Muchas gracias por toda su bondad y generosidad con la Parroquia de la Catedral, especialmente con la Colecta Parroquial Anual de Otoño (Colecta de Bloques) que se lleva a cabo en este momento.

¡Dios te bendiga!
Padre Dennis Gill, Rector



**DEVOCIÓN
EUCARÍSTICA ANUAL
Cuarenta Horas 2022**

PARROQUIA CATEDRAL DE SAN PEDRO Y SAN
PABLO Y SANTUARIO DE SANTA
KATHARINE DREXEL

**DOMINGO 27 DE NOVIEMBRE DEL
2022, PRIMER DOMINGO DE
ADVIENTO**

El clero, los religiosos y los fieles laicos de la Arquidiócesis están invitados a participar en la Devoción de 40 Horas de este año en la Catedral. Es parte de la iniciativa Nada Se Compara del Arzobispo Pérez, que invita a los fieles a un renovado amor por la celebración presencial de la Misa.

**TALLER BILINGÜE (Inglés y Español)
Ministros Extraordinarios de la
Sagrada Comunión y Lectores**

Sábado, Noviembre 19, 2022 @10am
Capilla de la Catedral, Philadelphia

Para registrarse, envíe un correo electrónico a worship@archphila.org

«Ven y Verás»

Juan 1:39

**Diciembre
9 y 10 del 2022**



El fin de semana
comenzará a las
7:00 PM el
viernes y
terminará el
sábado a las
6:00 PM. Para
registrarse llame
a la Oficina para
Católicos
Hispanos al
215-667-2820
antes del 1 de
diciembre.

#IGIVECATHOLIC

Tuesday, November 29th

The Cathedral Basilica's participation in #iGiveCatholic presents an opportunity for our parishioners to affirm their faith as disciples of Jesus Christ by sharing their gifts out of love for God and one another.

Please visit <https://philadelphia.igivecatholic.org/organizations/cathedral-basilica-of-ss-peter-and-paul> to contribute.

**DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY
TO SUPPORT YOUR CATHEDRAL PARISH.**

CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE PREVIOUS BULLETIN

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE Sunday, November 20, 2022

**After the 12:30 PM Mass in Spanish,
A EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION
will follow at 2 PM
(Beginning in the Cathedral Basilica)**

The mission of the Revival is "to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist." The vision of this Eucharistic Revival overflows with hope for a life-changing experience of the Holy Eucharist - especially of the Mass - in the lives of all Catholics.



ALL SOULS MEMORIAL CANDLE

Six day candles are available now and all throughout the month of November as we join with the Church and pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. You are invited to remember especially your beloved deceased with an All Souls Memorial Candle.

These candles burn at the All Souls Altar on the Race Street side of the Basilica, **starting Nov. 2,** and remind us of our prayers for those who have died.

A **fifteen dollar** donation is requested for **each** candle. Your request for prayers for your loved one will be placed on the candle. You can complete the information below and place it with your donation in the collection basket, or drop it off at the office. You may also email the information and mail in a check to:

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
Attn: Memorial for All Souls
1723 Race Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1204

Name of the deceased: _____

(Please Print) This name will be placed on the candle
At the request of: _____

ANNUAL EUCHARIST DEVOTION

Forty Hours 2022

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS in the Cathedral Basilica
FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION OF THE
MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

6:30 PM MASS in the Cathedral Basilica
FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION OF THE
MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
THROUGH THE NIGHT IN THE
CATHEDRAL CHAPEL

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022, ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:15 AM MASS in the Cathedral Chapel
FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION OF THE
MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

12:05 PM MASS in the Cathedral Basilica
FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION OF THE
MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

5:15 PM EVENING PRAYER in the Cathedral
Basilica WITH BENEDICTION OF THE
MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION
THROUGH THE NIGHT IN THE
CATHEDRAL CHAPEL

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2022, ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:15 AM MASS in the Cathedral Chapel
FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION OF THE
MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

12:05 PM MASS in the Cathedral Basilica
FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION OF THE
MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

5:15 PM EVENING PRAYER in the Cathedral
Basilica WITH PROCESSION AND
BENEDICTION OF THE MOST
BLESSED SACRAMENT

*Clergy, religious, and lay faithful of the Archdiocese are
invited to participate in this year's*

Forty Hours Devotion at the Cathedral Basilica.

*This Annual Eucharistic Devotion is an occasion for us
to deepen our love for the Real Presence of Christ in His Holy
Body and Blood.*

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

-Adult faith formation-

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Sin, Mortal and Venial

Thursday, November 17, 2022, 7:00 PM

Meeting in the Neumann Room

The weekly catechetical session is primarily for the adults among us who are preparing to receive the Easter Sacraments. However, **anyone** interested in the topic for better understanding and faith formation is most welcome to attend. Anyone, especially our parishioners, seeking more information on the reception of the Sacraments or assisting as a sponsor, please call the Parish Office at 215-561-1313 or email Father Dennis Gill at fr.dgill@archphila.org

Recent Celebrations of the Sacrament of Baptism at the Cathedral Basilica



Juan Daniel Ruiz Hernandez
Brianna Velasquez
Riker Joseph Sullivan
Sofia Palacios Nolasco

Let us keep the newly baptized in our prayers.

Recent Celebrations of the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral Basilica



Patrick Glen & Jenna Marie Zalis Plank
Brian Aubrey & Tara Louise Vaughan Thornton
Albert Andres & Lieke Janssen Castro Bigalli
Jason Matthew & Michelle Denise Marzolini Lombardi
Matthew George & Megan Jones Peck Guzzardo
Matthew Ivan & Alexandra Elizabeth Heinkel Thompson
Donald Jacob & Gianna Francesca Spiganardo Caro
Shane Patrick & Deanna Marie Buccheri Galloway
Nicholas William & Lillian Claire Flashner Dowdle
Kenneth Stephen & Meaghan Elizabeth Clancy Fetchko
Joseph Christopher & Michele Eleanor Fitzgerald Greco
John Francis & Stephanie Loretta Baseline McMenamin III
Kellen William & Lindsey Elizabeth Barker Brown
David Allan Francis & Lindsey Marie Foster Custer

Let us keep these newlyweds in our prayers.

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About The Creed

But Were Afraid To Ask!

(Presented on Zoom) @ 7-8:30PM

November 29, 2022

"I BELIEVE . . ." WHAT IS THE CREED?

Rev. G. Dennis Gill, S.L.L., M.Div., Director, Office for Divine Worship and Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia

Register at the link below:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAocurrDgqGNeGXTJzEsqvQ2Srn3EnTV5](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAocurrDgqGNeGXTJzEsqvQ2Srn3EnTV5)

For more information and to submit your questions, contact Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. at: staugustineparish09@gmail.com

EVANGELIZATION

Prayer in the New Testament - Pt. III

Growing in Prayer (Part VII)

Friends, last week we continued our study of prayer as it is taught us by Jesus Christ. Our time was spent reflecting on the several petitions of the great prayer Jesus explicitly teaches his disciples, the **"Our Father"**. Jesus will continue to teach his disciples by way of certain parables that Christian prayer must not only be personal but also must be urgent (cf. Lk 11:5-13), patient (cf. Lk 18:1-8) and humble (cf. Lk 18: 9-14).

While it is important to listen to Jesus words in the scriptures it is also important to pay attention to his own example. We see Jesus in both Mark and Luke's Gospels (cf. Mk 1:35, Lk 6:12) passing time in prayer very early in the morning and even through the night. It is reasonable to conclude he was in the habit of doing this throughout his public ministry. Such persevering prayer would prepare Jesus in his humanity for the ultimate prayer he offers the Father in His Passion, Death and Resurrection.

On the night of the Last Supper, Jesus, gathered with his disciples, celebrates the Passover. This ritual meal, one of the principle liturgical prayers offered by the Jewish people will be context in which Jesus, the lamb of God, will be offered to the Father. Through this meal, he will establish for his followers the memorial which will not only call to mind his sacrifice but will actually make them sharers in it.

The Eucharist is the principle act of worship we offer as Jesus' followers. The work Eucharist means **"thanksgiving."** It is so because it is Jesus' own offering in which we share. In the Eucharist Jesus offers the work of human hands (bread and wine) which are symbolic of man's whole person being taken up in an act of praise. This time will also be the occasion for Jesus' parting words to his disciples and what has been called his High Priestly Prayer. (cf. Jn 13-17)

Jesus will make clear to his disciples that by way of their relationship with him, they are able to grow in relationship to the Father too. **"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."** (Jn 14:9) Jesus promises to return after his brief departure and to take his disciples to be with him. He will effectively do this through the Holy Spirit who will intercede on their behalf with **"inexpressible groanings."** (cf. Rom 8:26)

On the way to the cross, Jesus prays through the night beginning with his prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. Upon the cross, in the midst of his suffering, prayer continues. **"Father, into your hands, I commend my Spirit."** (Lk 23:46, cf. Ps 31:6) Jesus teaches us that in those moments where we feel most distant from God – even then, it is possible to cry out and be heard. Jesus' death is not the end of the lessons. Next week we will turn our attention to prayer in light of Jesus' resurrection and life in his Mystical Body, Church.

Fr. Matthew Biedrzycki