

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 *Luke 9:46-50*
St. Wencelaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs
 12:10pm Gaspar J. LaSala
 Bob Rohde
 Vittoria Pasqualone

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020 *John 1:47-51*
Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Rafael, Archangels
 12:10pm Theresa & Patty Petrizzo (1st Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 *Luke 9:57-62*
St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church
 12:10pm Margaret Simek

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020 *Luke 10:1-12*
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
 12:10pm John Burke
 Alexandra Quevedo

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2020 *Matthew 18:1-5, 10*
The Holy Guardian Angels
 12:10pm Nehemiah Romano

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020 *Luke 10:17-24*
 5:00pm Jesus Bernie Palec
 Michael Drumm (Birthday in Heaven)
 Michelle Victoria Carbo
 Dorothy Kernizan &
 Jean Baptiste (25th Wedding Anniversary)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020 *Matthew 21:33-43*
Respect Life Sunday
 9:00am Parishioners of Holy Name of Mary
 Colleen Carey
 Margaret (Cookie) Buscemi &
 Loretta (Bunny) Valenti
 The Walsh Family
 11:00am Bernard Duffy
 Jeannine (Birthday Blessings)
 Ann Ward
 John Bosko
 Anna & Michael Apollo
 1:00pm Petronila Valerio

"Peace and war begin at home. If we truly want peace in the world, let us begin by loving one another in our own families. If we want to spread joy, we need for every family to have joy."

~Mother Teresa

Next Sunday's Readings

Sunday, October 4, 2020 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading } **Isaiah 5:1-7** In the song of the vineyard, a vintner's care is betrayed at the harvest.
2nd Reading } **Philippians 4:6-9** The faithful must guard their minds and hearts for worthy things.
Gospel } **Matthew 21:33-43** The tenants in the vineyard plot to keep the land and its yield to themselves.
FOCUS: Nothing we have is truly our own. It is all a gift from God.

Financial Information

Weekly offering budgeted to meet parish expenses	\$12,409
Weekly offering of September 13, 2020	\$ 9,188
Faith Direct (average of weekly donation)	\$ 1,696
TOTAL of weekly offering & Faith Direct	\$ 10,884
Deficit	\$ 1,525

See next week's bulletin for updated financial information.

St. Vincent de Paul Message

The Gospel today is a great example of saying, "actions speak louder than words." As you put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's poor box, know that you are putting your faith into action.

Pantry Needs: Paper towel, toilet tissue, pasta sauce, juice, evaporated milk, canned meats, tuna, soup, canned pasta, laundry detergent, soap, toothpaste

Thank you for your continuous contributions to the poor boxes each week. These generous offerings help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to assist families in need in our own parish.

Msgr. Mulligan Memorial

There are available dates to remember a loved one with the Msgr. Mulligan Memorial of
Bread & Wine, Candles, or Flowers.

These intentions begin on a Sunday and end on the following Saturday. Your loved one will be remembered at every Mass that is celebrated throughout the week. Please stop in the Parish Office to schedule a memorial.

From the desk of Fr. David Regan

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (P.1782-1783), “Man has the right to act in conscience and in freedom so as personally to make moral decisions. He must not be forced to act contrary to his conscience. Nor must he be prevented from acting according to his conscience, especially in religious matters. Conscience must be informed and moral judgement enlightened. A well-formed conscience is upright and truthful. It formulates its judgements according to reason, in conformity with the true good willed by the wisdom of the Creator. The education of conscience is indispensable for human beings who are subjected to negative influences and tempted by sin to prefer their own judgement and to reject authoritative teachings.”

The earliest documents of the founders of the U.S.A. are very interesting. In those documents, we find that our leaders were struggling for three things: 1). They wanted a nation that had balanced power; 2). They were not afraid to establish something that would be a work in progress; 3). They wanted to make sure they were explicit in the manner in founding a nation that did not reflect the very causes for the separation of the former mother-country (England). They wanted to make sure that the reasons for separation were made clear. Among these reasons was the freedom of religion.

The colonies had a horrible attitude against Catholics. In 1642, the Colony of Virginia enacted a law prohibiting Catholic settlers. In 1649, the Act of Toleration was passed in Maryland where “blasphemy and the calling of opprobrious religious names” became punishable offenses, but it was repealed in 1654 and thus Catholics were outlawed once again. By 1692, formerly Catholic Maryland overthrew its Government, established the Church of England by law, and forced Catholics to pay heavy taxes towards its support. They were cut off from all participation in politics and additional laws were introduced that outlawed the Mass, the Church’s Sacraments, and Catholic schools. In 1719, Rhode Island imposed civil restrictions on Catholics, such as denial of suffrage. In 1788, John Jay urged the New York Legislature to require office-holders to renounce the pope and foreign authorities “in all matters ecclesiastical as well as civil”, which included both the Catholic and the Anglican churches.

Anti-Catholicism in our country has been linked

to an anti-immigration and pro-nativist flavor. Though there has always been a sense of Anti-Catholicism in the U.S.A., I would like to focus on one person who understood us without being a member of our Church.

George Washington, as commander of the army and as president, was a vigorous promoter of tolerance for all religious denominations. He believed religion was an important support for public order, morality and virtue. He often attended services of different denominations. He suppressed anti-Catholic celebrations in the Army. In 1790, he wrote to the Catholic faithful in our country. The following is directly quoted from that letter.

“As mankind becomes free-er, they will be more apt to allow, that all those who conduct themselves as worthy members of the Community are equally entitled to the protection of civil Government. I hope ever to see America among the foremost nations in examples of justice...and I presume that your fellow citizens will not forget the patriotic part which you took in the accomplishment of their Revolution...or the important assistance which they received from a nation in which the Roman Catholic faith is professed...and may the members of your Society in America, animated alone by the pure spirit of Christianity, and still conducting themselves as the faithful subjects of our free Government, enjoy every temporal and spiritual felicity.”

It is my opinion, that our first president did not envision a country that protected the government from religion but rather envisioned a country that made protections FOR RELIGION in order for a better civil society. Therefore, informing the political and civic venue with religious vocabulary and reason is not antithetical to being American but rather part of it.

This is especially true in relationship to our right to vote. In the upcoming weeks, I hope to write about various issues that are near and dear to the hearts of voters. As I write, the attempt will be made to make it clear; 1). What we believe; 2). To inform our minds and hearts so that we are better informed.

You are always welcome to write me at frdaveregan@yahoo.com.

Fr. Regan

HNM Parish Registration

If you or someone you know attends Mass regularly at Holy Name of Mary and is not a registered parishioner, we ask that you please come into the Parish Office and fill out a short Registration form. This will be helpful if you should need recommendation letters, certificates and, especially, sponsor certificates for Baptism or Confirmation. Registration is mandatory for these requests. All donations are recorded by your Church envelope that you receive in the mail. Loose checks will not be recorded.

Parish School Registration

Join in the Spirit at Holy Name of Mary School, an AdvancEd Accredited School. To register your child for Nursery (full day, age 3), Pre-K (full day, age 4), Kindergarten (full day, age 5) or Grade 1 through 8, contact our School Office to make an appointment at 516-825-4009, or visit www.hnomschool.org for registration materials and details. Before and after school care is available for all registered students. Follow Holy Name of Mary School on Instagram and Facebook @ hnomschoolvalleystream.

HNM Information

Mass Schedule:

Monday through Friday, 12:10pm; Saturday, 5:00pm
Sunday, 9:00am and 11:00am, 1:00pm in Spanish

Confessions:

Saturday, 3:30pm-4:30pm

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday, 9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm

Closed Friday

Saturday and Sunday, 9am-1pm

Parish Outreach

Call for appointment, 516-825-0177

Religious Education

The Religious Education Office is currently accepting registration forms for the school year 2020-2021. If you have not registered your child yet, please do so as soon as possible. A registration form can be found on the HNM new website: hnomary.org.

HNM Parish Webpage

We are very excited to announce that Holy Name of Mary has a new and improved webpage at: hnomary.org
We will continue to expand on a regular basis!

Faith Direct

The best way to ensure our parish receives the support needed for our operating expenses and ministries is with eGiving through *Faith Direct*! Please enroll today by visiting www.faithdirect.net and use our code NY78.

Remember in Prayer

All Those Who Are Sick

Henrietta Adduci, Louis Adduci, Charles Blouin
Fr. Joel Davadilla, Berkean Gundogdu, Anthony Ippolito
Jackie Kauffman, Kevin Lynch, Helen McLaughlin
Mary Meyers, Wayne Montero, Laura Romano

All Those Who Have Died

Julia Perno Danheiser, Joseph S. Librizzi
Luis Lizana, Eric N. Ottochian, Rosemary Scaduto
Ellen Thompson, Stephen J. Zollo, Nelson Zumba

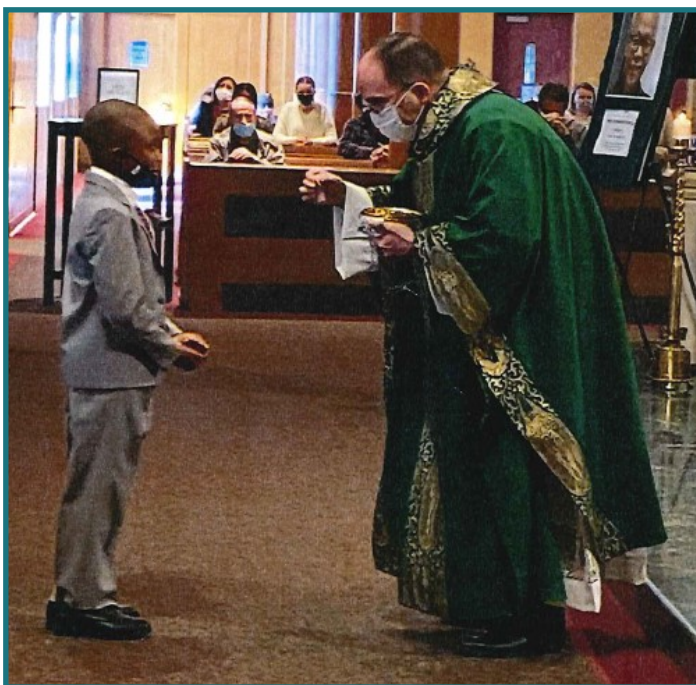
Safety During COVID-19

- *Stay at home if you don't feel well or have symptoms
- *Masks must be worn by all present**
- *Sanitize your hands when you enter & leave the Church
- *Keep social distancing in the pews, as indicated by the blue tape, on the Communion line & when you exit.
- Please do not remove any tape to make space to sit.**
- *Bathrooms will be locked. All hymnals have been removed. Holy water fonts are not available.
- Please hold your hand out FLAT when receiving Communion. **As per Diocesan directives, you must not wear gloves.** Keep your face covering ON until right before you receive, then immediately put it back on after receiving Communion.
- If you must receive by mouth, wait till the end of the line.
- The priest will sanitize his hands after each person.
- *There will be collection boxes placed in the main aisle where you can place your donation.
- *The Church will be sanitized daily at 2pm and after each weekend Mass.

Baptism Restrictions

Because of the restrictions due to COVID-19, we can only schedule five Baptisms at a time. Baptisms in English are scheduled for the second and fourth Sunday of every month. Please call the Parish Office for available dates.

The dates for Baptisms in Spanish are;
October 10, October 31, November 21, December 5



Pictured above is Brett, a student at Holy Name of Mary School, receiving Jesus Christ for the first time in Holy Communion on the weekend of August 29/30. Also pictured, Fr. David Regan, Pastor of Holy Name of Mary Parish.

The Catholic High Schools of Long Island OPEN HOUSES

You are invited to explore the benefits of a
Catholic High School Education

September 27	10am-1pm	St Anthony's HS
	2pm-4:30pm	St Mary's HS
October 3	10am-1pm	Kellenberg Mem HS
	2pm-4pm	Chaminade HS
October 4	10am-1pm	Our Lady of Mercy
	1pm-3:30pm	St. Dominic HS
October 17	11am-1:30pm	Holy Trinity Dioc HS
October 18	10am-1pm	St. John the Baptist

*Register today for TACHS ENTRANCE EXAM at
www.tachsinfo.com. Deadline is October 23, 2020.*

Heavenly Helpers Needed

Parish Members Willing and Able to Clean the House of God

Qualifications: a desire to give the gift
of your time and energy to serving the Lord
and our Church family.

As we begin to return to the "new normal"
of more Masses, Sacraments and events
being held in the Church, it is our goal
to put together a team of
volunteer ministers who would come together
and quickly sanitize the designated pews
and other high traffic areas in between
scheduled events (Masses and Sacraments).

The purpose is to maintain a clean and safe
environment for all. All "Heavenly Helpers"
will be trained and supplied with the needed
materials and equipment;
masks, gloves and cleaning supplies.

If you are able to assist in serving in this
manner, please contact the pastor
at frdaveregan@yahoo.com.

Please include your name, email,
phone number, and
which weekend Mass you usually attend.
Thank you much.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Sunday, October 4th, is Respect Life Sunday. As we celebrate Respect Life Sunday, we are reminded that the assaults on human dignity come in many forms. The Respect Life Office is charged with deepening our already strong commitment to pro-life activities and parish education. Please support this vital work through participation in the special Respect Life envelope which will be collected next weekend. Your prayers and assistance are greatly appreciated.



Meditations

Mysteries of faith

Legend says that St. Augustine was walking on a beach puzzling the mystery of the Holy Trinity when he spotted a boy filling a bucket from the ocean and

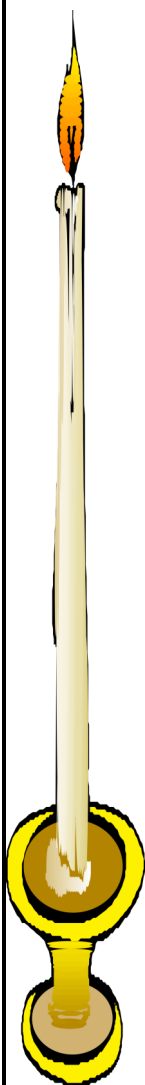


dumping it in a hole. The boy said he was trying to fit the ocean into the hole. St. Augustine cried, "But you can never do that!" The boy replied, "And neither can you understand the Holy Trinity," and he vanished. Some things we just have to take on faith!

"God bless you"

When you sneeze, think of Pope St. Gregory, the Great. In 590AD, the bubonic plague was spreading to Rome. To combat the disease, the pope requested increasing prayer. "God bless you!" in response to a sneeze was part of that effort.

"You shall not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that roams in darkness, nor the plague that ravages at noon"
(Psalm 91:5-6).



Do you trust God?

"The Lord is my strength and my shield, in whom my heart trusts" (Psalm 28:7). Do you trust God with everything in your life or only some things? Do you give him your problems but take them back when He doesn't do what you want? It is when we have complete trust in God that our lives work well.

Is God trustworthy?

A person worthy of trust is one of good character and integrity. We have more than two thousand years of history that prove God means what He says and says what He means. He does what He promises.

Is God capable?

God has power over all

creation. He even has power over life and death. Through the ages, we have learned that all things are possible with God. More to the point, God's Son told us that God loves us with unimaginable intensity so He always wants what is best

for us. In fact, God is more qualified than we are to take care of what we need.

Are you ready to really trust God?

Start by thanking him no matter what.

Everything that He allows to happen to us is for our

good. Then remind yourself that God is fully in charge.

Finally, ask him what you should do next and do it.



Why do
Catholics
Do That



Why do Catholics believe the Eucharist is Jesus' Body and Blood?

The concept of transubstantiation means that, during Mass, the entire substance of bread changes into the substance of the Body of Christ. The entire substance of wine changes into the substance of His Blood. This change is brought about in the eucharistic prayer through the Word of Christ and the action of the Holy Spirit. However, the outward characteristics of bread and wine, the "eucharistic species," remain unaltered. Jesus is truly present during Mass, Body and Blood, soul and divinity.

Make distractions a plus in prayer

There is no better way to build a relationship with Jesus than through prayer. Relying on His strength during difficult times is how we get through them. Yet when we become distracted during prayer, we can become discouraged and give up. Try these ideas for turning distractions into blessings:

Gently return. Start your prayer by placing yourself in the presence of God. When you wander, gently bring yourself back. **Practice recall.** St. Frances de Sales said, "When your mind wanders or gives way to distractions, gently recall it

and place it once more, close to its Divine Master. If you should do nothing else but repeat this during the whole time of prayer, your hour would be very well spent and you would perform a spiritual exercise most acceptable to God."

Turn distractions into prayer. If you start thinking about people and events unrelated to your prayer, pray about them and then return to the original subject of your prayer.

Pray out loud. When distractions overwhelm you, pray out loud.

from **Scripture**

**Matthew 21:28-32,
Faithful obedience.**

Jesus told of a man who asked his two sons to go work in his vineyard. The first said, "No," but went anyway. The second said, "Yes," but didn't go. Which son did as the father asked? The father in the parable is God. The first son represents the outcasts of society. They said "No" to God at first, but repented of their sins and changed. The second son represents the Jewish religious leaders. They said "Yes," but it was just lip service. They followed rules rather than changing their hearts. Saying, "Yes, God, I believe in you," is not enough. If we presume that the Lord will take us into Heaven just because we profess our faith, we will be disappointed. Words are not enough. True obedience is lived. When we realize we are in a state of sin, we have two options. We can say we're sorry, or we can show we're sorry by going to Confession, doing sincere penance and amending our lives. Living as Jesus taught us is our way of "working in our Father's vineyard."

FEASTS & CELEBRATIONS

Sept. 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1st century). Tradition holds that Mary was born in Jerusalem after her parents had been childless for more than twenty years. Mary's birth brought them - and us - joy.

Sept. 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows. In Luke 2:35, Simeon predicted Mary's sorrows as "a sword piercing" her soul. This referred, in part, to a time when Mary would stand at the foot of her son's Cross. Still, Mary stood dignified and fearless while others fled.

Sept. 21 - St. Matthew (1st century). Also known as Levi, he was a notorious tax collector. St. Matthew left everything behind when Jesus called him to spread the Gospel. He wrote the Gospel According to Matthew.

Sept. 23 - St. Padre Pio (1968). Francesco Forgione was born to farmers in southern Italy. Eight years after he became a Capuchin Friar, the five wounds of Our Lord's Passion (stigmata) appeared on his body. Despite intense personal and physical suffering, he remained dedicated to prayer.

**Q
&
A**

**How can I stop
worrying about what
other people think?**

The problem with placing too much importance on other people's opinions of you is that you give them inappropriate power over you. In effect, you are substituting other people's values and judgment for your own and there is no guarantee that they have your best interests - or your eternal future - at heart. Not everyone is interested in helping you get to Heaven. Try instead to live by the rules detailed in the Ten Commandments and in the Beatitudes. They tell us to be devoted to God, to care for other people, to be honest and dedicated to truth, and to value the blessings God has given us. Remember that there is value in being criticized or insulted even though you do the right thing. Not only can you offer it as penance for your sins, such suffering teaches humility and patience - two virtues that will help you get to Heaven. And when it comes down to it, the opinion of other people will pass, but God's judgment is forever.

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

If he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

PSALM:

Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

SECOND READING:

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves. (Phil 2:3)

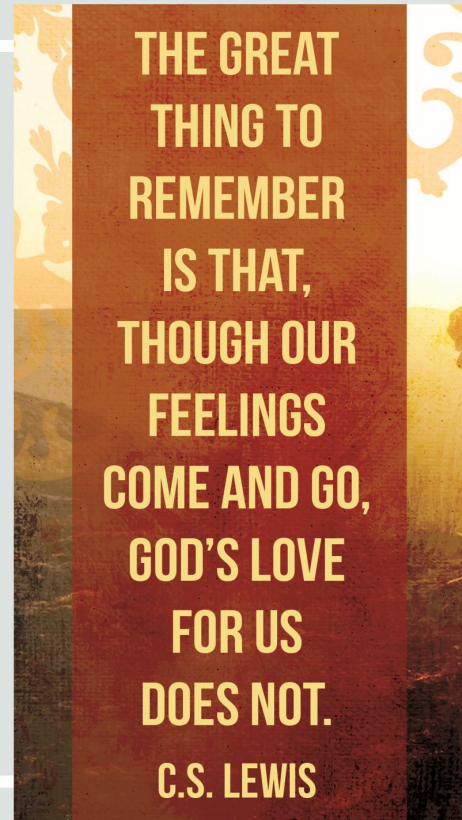
GOSPEL:

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." (Mt 21:32)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
Tuesday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Wednesday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels
Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday



REFLECT

FIRST READING

The prophet Ezekiel warned that even the just at times turn away from justice. But the just are saved through repentance. How do you turn away from your sin?

SECOND READING

Paul presents in Philippians one of the Church's earliest Christological hymns, emphasizing the humility of Christ. Who do you see as a model of humility in your life?

GOSPEL READING

In a tense exchange between Jesus and the religious leaders of Jerusalem, those on the margins of society are held in higher regard by Jesus because of their repentance. What do you think motivates anyone to repent?

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual's level of development.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and heightened sense of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's will. What is happening internally is



validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately

best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect.

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PENITENTIAL ACT

**I confess to almighty God
And to you, my brothers and sisters,
That I have greatly sinned,
In my thoughts and in my words,
In what I have done and
In what I have failed to do,**

(Pray while striking the breast three times)
**through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
All the Angels and Saints,
And you, my brothers and sisters,
To pray for me to the Lord our God.**

GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
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.**

**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;
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.**

**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. Amen.**

NICENE CREED

**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,**

*(At the words that follow, up to and including
and became man, bow your head)*
**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.**