

## Introductory Rites

*A hymn may be sung. Then, making the Sign of the Cross, the family begins:*

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: We gather today to celebrate the Lord's Day. We are unable to be with our parish family. However, one with our brothers and sisters at Saint Andrew Parish, and with the entire Church, let us now listen to God's Word and join in prayer.

### *Penitential Act*

Leader: Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us acclaim the Father's forgiveness, for God is full of gentleness and compassion.

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick. Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

Lord Jesus, you forgive sinners. Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your Body and Blood. Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

### *Opening Prayer*

Leader: Let us pray.

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## Liturgy of the Word

### **A Reading from the First Book of Kings**

**1 KGS 3:5, 7-12**

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered: "O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but

for understanding so that you may know what is right—I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you.”

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**PS 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130**

**R. (97a) Lord, I love your commands.**

I have said, O LORD, that my part  
is to keep your words.  
The law of your mouth is to me more precious  
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

**R. Lord, I love your commands.**

Let your kindness comfort me  
according to your promise to your servants.  
Let your compassion come to me that I may live,  
for your law is my delight.

**R. Lord, I love your commands.**

For I love your command  
more than gold, however fine.  
For in all your precepts I go forward;  
every false way I hate.

**R. Lord, I love your commands.**

Wonderful are your decrees;  
therefore I observe them.  
The revelation of your words sheds light,  
giving understanding to the simple.

**R. Lord, I love your commands.**

**A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

**ROM 8:28-30**

Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Gospel**

**MT 13:44-52**

Jesus said to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. “Do you understand all these

things?” They answered, “Yes.” And he replied, “Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.”

The Gospel of the Lord  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

*The Apostle’s Creed*

All: I believe in God, the Father  
almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
***At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.***  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of  
the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried; he  
descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead; he  
ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there  
he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy  
Catholic Church, the communion of  
saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and life  
everlasting. Amen.

### **Prayers of the Faithful – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Leader: On the day that we called for help, the Lord answered us. Renewing our trust in the Father’s love, we turn to Him again with our needs:**

Our response is: **“Lord, Hear our Prayer”**

That through the proclamation of the Word, the celebration of the Sacraments, and works of charity, the Church will guide all to meet and know Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

That our lawmakers may govern with wisdom as they seek to serve the needs of all those entrusted to them, let us pray to the Lord.

For Mike McGovern, and Peter Rettig, that’s God’s grace is with them as they continue through study and prayer to prepare for the reception of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, as a Permanent Deacon, and Transitional Deacon, let us pray to the Lord.

For Deborah, Dasnip and Azul as they entered into the fullness of the Catholic faith, let us pray to the Lord.

For the grace this week to live without compromise, believing that Christ is Truly Present in the Holy Eucharist, let us pray to the Lord.

That God will protect from all evil and harm all those who serve in the protection and defense of life, especially our first responders and our service men and women serving at home and abroad, let us pray to the Lord.

That the prayers we hold in our hearts will be united with those of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, our patron Saint Andrew, and all the saints in light, let us pray to the Lord.

For all our relatives and friends who have died, and for the people of the parish, let us pray to the Lord.

**Leader: Loving Father, when we called, You answered us. You built up strength within us. Help us now in our need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen!**

***The Lord's Prayer is recited by all.***

### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

All: 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 sacramentally, come at least 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.

### **Thanksgiving**

***After a period of silence, the following Psalm is recited together.***

*Psalm 116*

I trusted, even when I said:  
"I am sorely afflicted,"  
and when I said in my alarm:  
"No man can be trusted."

How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfill  
before all his people.  
O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;  
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfill  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

### **Blessing**

*Making the Sign of the Cross, we say together:*

May the Lord bless us, protect us from evil, and bring us into everlasting life. Amen.

*A concluding hymn may be sung.*