



MASS FOR THE FEAST OF MARY
MOTHER OF THE WORLD

Apostolate of Black Catholics

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church,
Bridgeport

7:00 PM

Principal Celebrant
Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

FOR CATHOLICS

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

FOR NON-CHRISTIANS

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Immaculate Mary

PENITENTIAL ACT

Assembly: 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,

**And, striking their breast, they say:*
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.

Bishop: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Assembly: Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, Have Mercy

Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

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.

COLLECT

Lord our God, by the Blessed Virgin Mary you have given us your eternal Word so that he renews our human nature diverted from you. We implore you: grant us your grace so that through the example of the mother of the Word, we can receive the author and protector of life, Jesus Christ your Son and our Lord, God who lives and reigns with you in unity of the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

R. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14

Paul, an Apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our savior
and of Christ Jesus our hope,
to Timothy, my true child in faith:
grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father
and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our
Lord,
because he considered me trustworthy
in appointing me to the ministry.
I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and an arrogant man,
but I have been mercifully treated
because I acted out of ignorance in my unbelief.
Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been abundant,
along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;

I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you."

O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,
you it is who hold fast my lot.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

I bless the LORD who counsels me;
even in the night my heart exhorts me.

I set the LORD ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

You will show me the path to life,
fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

SEQUENCE — STABAT MATER

At the cross her station keeping,
Stood the mournful Mother weeping,
Close to Jesus to the last.

Through her heart, his sorrow sharing,
All his bitter anguish bearing,
Now at length the sword had passed.

Oh, how sad and sore distressed
Was that Mother highly blessed
Of the sole begotten One!

Christ above in torment hangs,
She beneath beholds the pangs
Of her dying, glorious Son.

Is there one who would not weep,
'Whelmed in miseries so deep,
Christ's dear Mother to behold?

Can the human heart refrain
From partaking in her pain,
In that mother's pain untold?

Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled,
She beheld her tender Child,
All with bloody scourges rent.

For the sins of his own nation
Saw him hang in desolation
Till his spirit forth he sent.

O sweet Mother! font of love,
Touch my spirit from above,
Make my heart with yours accord.

Make me feel as you have felt;
Make my soul to glow and melt
With the love of Christ, my Lord.

Holy Mother, pierce me through,
In my heart each wound renew
Of my Savior crucified.

Let me share with you his pain,
Who for all our sins was slain,
Who for me in torments died.

Let me mingle tears with you,
Mourning him who mourned for me,
All the days that I may live.

By the cross with you to stay,
There with you to weep and pray,
Is all I ask of you to give.

Virgin of all virgins blest!
Listen to my fond request:
Let me share your grief divine.

Let me to my latest breath,
In my body bear the death
Of that dying Son of yours.

Wounded with his every wound,
Steep my soul till it has swooned
In his very Blood away.

Be to me, O Virgin, nigh,
Lest in flames I burn and die,
In his awful judgment day.

Christ, when you shall call me hence,
Be your Mother my defense,
Be your cross my victory.

While my body here decays,
May my soul your goodness praise,
Safe in heaven eternally.
Amen. (Alleluia)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary;
without dying you won the martyr's crown
beneath the Cross of the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

LUKE 2:33-35

Jesus' father and mother were amazed at what was said about him;
and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,
"Behold, this child is destined
for the fall and rise of many in Israel,
and to be a sign that will be contradicted
and you yourself a sword will pierce
so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

Fr. Reggie: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, *Bishop of Bridgeport*

THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Bishop:

"As we honor Mary, the Mother of the World, let us bring forth our prayers, trusting that God will hear the desires of our hearts."

Fr. Reggie:

Our response is, "Lord Hear Our Prayer."

℟. Lord Hear Our Prayer

"For the Universal Church, that under the guidance of Our Lady of Kibeho, we may renew our devotion and find unity in our diversity, we pray to the Lord." **℟.**

"For peace in the world, that leaders of nations and all who hold power may be inspired by the reconciling messages of

Our Lady of Kibeho to seek nonviolent solutions to conflicts, we pray to the Lord." *R.*

"For those affected by war, violence, and injustice, that through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, they may find new hope and healing, we pray to the Lord." *R.*

"For our parish community, that we may be a sign of compassion and support for the poor, the marginalized, and the voiceless, following Mary's example of humble service, we pray to the Lord." *R.*

"For the sick and suffering in our midst, that they may feel the comforting presence of Mary with them in their time of need, and that we may be instruments of that comfort, we pray to the Lord." *R.*

"For Bishop Caggiano and Pope Francis, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit and the wisdom of Our Lady of Kibeho in their leadership and service to the Church, we pray to the Lord." *R.*

"For the intentions we hold silently in our hearts, (pause for a moment of silence)... we pray to the Lord." *R.*

Bishop:

"Gracious God, you gave us Mary to be our mother and guide. Hear our prayers offered with filial trust, and grant them according to your will, through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Assembly: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN

Blessed Assurance

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

GREAT AMEN

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

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

COMMUNION HYMN

Gentle Woman

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

After having received the sacrament of the eternal redemption, humbly we implore you Lord: by reminding us of the compassion of the Virgin Mary, may we bear the hardships of Christ. Him who...

THE CONCLUDING RITES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLEMN BLESSING

DISMISSAL

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God,

cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits,

who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

MARIAN ANTIPHON

Salve Regina

Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiae,

Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.

Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Hevae,

Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes

In hac lacrimarum valle.

Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos

Misericordes oculos ad nos converte;

Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,

Nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.

O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

God be With You