June 5-6, 2021 The Solemnity of Corpus Christi





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Think of Sacraments. Think of Divine Life.

Sacrament of Baptism. The sacrament through which God, in Jesus Christ, makes us His sons and daughters. To prepare for

reception, call Father Edison @ 924-7111.

Sacrament of the Eucharist. The sacrament through which God, like a responsible parent, feeds us, with food from heaven: His Word, and the Body and Blood of Jesus.

- Weekend Masses: Saturday at 4:30 PM, Sunday at 8:30, 10:30 AM and 5 PM. Important Note: The Sunday Obligation resumes this weekend, June 5-6, 2021.
- Weekday Masses: Monday-Wednesday, Friday at 8:30 AM.
- For First Holy Communion, call Donna DeJoode at 924-2800 for more info.
- Family members may bring Holy Communion to other family members who are sick and homebound.

Sacrament of Confirmation. The sacrament through which God by the gift of the Holy Spirit strengthens us to give faithful witness to our Catholic Faith. To prepare for reception, call Elizabeth Johnston @ 924-2800.

• Children, older than 7 y/o, and adults who needs to be baptized, receive Communion and/or be Confirmed, call Deacon John @ 924-7111.

Sacrament of Reconciliation. The sacrament through which God's mercy and love, justice and truth heals the wound of human sin. *Generally offered an hour before each Mass*. Please give the priest fifteen minutes before Mass to prepare for Mass.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The sacrament through which Jesus continues to heal the sick among us. Anointing is offered at each Mass on the first weekend of the month. Or call Fr. Edison @ 924-7111 to schedule an anointing.

Sacrament of Marriage. The sacrament through which God calls a man and woman to become visible signs of His Love. Call Fr. Edison or Deacon John @ 924-7111 for more info.

Sacrament of Holy Orders. The sacrament through which the mission Jesus entrusted to the apostles is continued in the Church. To learn more about vocations to the ordained ministry, please call Fr. Edison or Deacon John @ 924-7111.

Never miss an opportunity to celebrate a sacrament.

Year of the Sacraments Christ, Catechesis, Celebration XXXIX. Faithfulness and Gratitude

Catechism 1646: By its very nature conjugal love requires the inviolable fidelity of the spouses. This is the consequence of the gift of themselves which they make to each other. Love seeks to be definitive; it cannot be an arrangement "until further notice." The "intimate union of marriage, as a mutual giving of two persons, and the good of the children, demand total fidelity from the spouses and require an unbreakable union between them."

The vows that the groom and the bride mutually exchange on the day of their wedding set the tone of their vocation from that day to the rest of the days of their lives. Their love for each other remains exclusive at any time, in any situation. Many unknowns they could and should anticipate, and through all these, their faithful love remains.

It is good for married couples to regularly visit their marriage vows and renew them. The grace that was given to them on the day of wedding remains and God daily renews His gift to them.

Catechism 1647: The deepest reason is found in the fidelity of God to his covenant, in that of Christ to his Church. Through the sacrament of Matrimony the spouses are enabled to represent this fidelity and witness to it. Through the sacrament, the indissolubility of marriage receives a new and deeper meaning.

Because of marriage, the faithfulness of the husband and wife becomes much more than what it is on its own. It become rooted and associated with the faithfulness of God to His people, and of Jesus to His Church. As in any sacrament, God never fails to offer us more, to keep elevating us.

If and when we experience God's faithful love, there is just no other way, no other sensible way by which to love. Our hearts would not let us settle for anything less, both as recipients of divine love and imitators of divine love.

Catechism 1648: It can seem difficult, even impossible, to bind oneself for life to another human being. This makes it all the more important to proclaim the Good News that God loves us with a definitive and irrevocable love, that married couples share in this love, that it supports and sustains them, and that by their own faithfulness they can be witnesses to God's faithful love. Spouses who with God's grace give this witness, often in very difficult conditions, deserve the gratitude and support of the ecclesial community.

We express our profound gratitude to all spouses in the parish who have responded to the call to married life.

Liturgy & Sacramental Life

because Jesus taught us to pray

HOLY MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday June 5 - St. Boniface

4:30pm - Mary Margaret Clasby by Patricia Garrahan

Sunday June 6 - Corpus Christi

8:30am - Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peck by Nancy Peglow 10:30am - Eileen Mountan by Mary, Judy, Lee and JoAnn

5:00pm - Amy Demoras by Sokolowski family

Monday June 7

8:30am - Thomas Mariano by Annabelle Sutter

Tuesday June 8

8:30am - Virginia Beal

Wednesday June 9 - St. Ephrem

8:30am - Joann Cho by Ena Gill

Thursday June 10

8:30am - No Mass

Friday June 11 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:30am - Clare Miller and Margaret Salamone by Rita Martens

Saturday June 12

4:30pm - Mary Margaret Clasby by Anthony Burkhart

Sunday June 13 - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am - Greg Mulson by Mark and Perri Geiser

10:30am - Mary Lou Palumbo by Liz and Rich Seiter

5:00pm - Basilia Rivera by Maria Otero

For Mass intentions, please email catherine.fafone@dor.org

We Lift Each Other in Prayer

Carol Estes, Bill & Marlene Goodermote, Frank Acquilano, Daniel Haldeman, Joseph Felice, Jerry Martin, Ann Amico, Dick Ashlaw, Michael Keane, Carole Annesi, Martin Neenan, Ann Spadaro, Jim McMahon, Caroline Gillen, John Becker, Christine Palmer, Bev Henehan, Stephen & Marian Melenric, Karen Wicks, Linda Gensiejewski, Duane Pancoast, Pat Cargnoni, Vickie Petilli, Alice Rizzo, Paul Sanelli, Stephen Vacanti, Charles Callari, June Cotter, Bob Foster, John Tucker, Mary Miller, Clare Miller, Margaret Salamone.

Note: This list of parishioners who are ill appears once a month in the bulletin. Please help keep this list up-to-date by informing the Parish Office at the end of the month if you want your name to be kept.

Daily 3 PM Prayer Intentions

Please include any of these intentions at your daily 3 PM prayer:

- For the success of the resumption of the Sunday obligation,
- For growth in spiritual life in marriages and in families,
- For a Vocation Awareness Team in our parish, for our teens as they discern God's will for them,
- For the souls in purgatory.

Let us be known by our praying for each other.



Catechism 101

HANDS

• Why is the ecclesiastical form normally required for a marriage? (CCC 1631) The ecclesiastical form is normally required for a marriage because: (1) of the

liturgical character of matrimony, (2) it initiates into an ecclesial order, (3) it is an ecclesial state of life, and (4) of the public character of the consent.

- What double preparation is important for Matrimony? (CCC 1632) The double preparation important for Matrimony is: (1) the example and teaching of parents and families, and (2) instruction by the priest and the parish
- What is a mixed marriage? (CCC 1633) A mixed marriage is a marriage between a Catholic and a baptized non-Catholic.
- What is a marriage with disparity of cult? (CCC 1633)
 A marriage with disparity of cult is a marriage between a Catholic and a non-baptized person.
- Under what condition is a Catholic allowed to marry a non-Catholic? (CCC 1635) A Catholic is allowed to marry a non-Catholic if: (1) both parties know and do not exclude the ends and properties of marriage, (2) the Catholic intends to preserve his faith, (3) the Catholic is willing to ensure the baptism and education of the children in the Church. The non-Catholic party must be aware of these commitments.

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of June 12 – 13

Ministry	Saturday 4:30 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:00 PM	
Sacristan (1)	Helen Barnes	Mary Sabin	Ena Gill	Fransia Agulia	
Lector (1-2)	Thom Rafferty	Sarah Parsons	Gayle Reh	Rob Sokolowski	
Communion Minister (1)	Bob Muto	Bill Colaizzi	Amanda Didas		
Ushers (2)	Pat Bolger, Mike Manikowski, Bill Cilfford	Mark Weigert, Wayne Brotsch, Bob Kolb, Ken Reasoner	David O'Hare, Joe LeMark Adline Nwugwo, Gene Petilli	Phim Dalupang, Jack Miller	
Cantor (1)	Adult Choir	Adult Choir	Adult Choir	Last Chance Choir	

Note: Ushers/Greeters, we appreciate you helping parishioners to their pews during this time.

If interested in serving as liturgical minister during the weekend Masses, please give the coordinators a call. See page 5 for contact info.



The Return to the Sacramental

Dear parishioners, Last Sunday, May 23, the Upstate NY Dioceses, including ours, Rochester, re-

leased a statement on the resumption of the Sunday obligation, effective this weekend of June 5-6, 2021, which is also the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

The statement acknowledges that those who are frail or at risk due to advanced age or medical condition are always excused from the Sunday obligation. To those who are healthy and not at great risk, unless caring for those at risk or ill, the Sunday obligation is resumed. If you have any question related to the subject, please contact me at (585) 924-7111.

From my previous invitations to parishioners concerning the return to in-person celebration of the Mass, some have shared with me their unforeseen and ongoing struggles brought about by the livestream phenomenon. We need to discern, "Where is God in these struggles? What are these struggles teaching us? How can we make use of these struggles for our benefit?"

- When children, in particular, seem to favor to sit in the comfort of the living room... Take this as an opportunity to ask them the difference of just sitting in front of the screen for Mass and of being in church in person for Mass. Is there a difference between staring at a box of cereal and getting an actual bowl of cereal? Let us help our children succeed in properly understanding and encountering the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist!
- Let's review. What was the intended use of livestreaming the Sunday Masses before COVID? We put in place the digital infrastructure in the parish to serve the homebound and the sick by offering them the daily and Sunday Masses. Through these, they were able to hear the Word of God, and in order to receive Jesus sacramentally, family members or friends bring them Holy Communion. When COVID struck, we used this infrastructure to keep our community connected in the celebration of the Mass, albeit virtually and only temporarily.
- How come the video recordings are no longer posted on the YouTube Channel? For several reasons: (i) participation, even via livestream, is still expected to happen during the actual celebration of the Mass, (ii) participation during the actual celebration must express and foster our sense of community. For the homebound and the sick, thank you for knowing your weekend schedule and identifying which of the four weekend Masses you can participate in. For the others, discover the worth and the importance of the Mass beyond the Sunday obligation.
- In prayerful reflection, may we discern the nuances created by the COVID phenomenon and see through a proper understanding of our faith, that is, <u>sacramental</u>, <u>as communitarian</u>, <u>and as incarnational</u> (in the flesh, face to face).

Corpus Christi Procession

June 6, 2021; after the 5 PM Mass On Parish Grounds

Membership & Parish Life

because Jesus called a community



Spiritual Discernment on Our Sense of Community

- ★ Do I pray daily for Saint Patrick's Church and all her parishioners?
- * Have I formalized my membership in the parish by registering at Saint Patrick's?
- How many parishioners do I know?

 Do they represent the diversity of parishioners young and old, men and women, etc?
- ★ Do I pray with my parish at Sunday Masses? Do I pray with my parish at 3 PM daily (set your phone to alarm at 3 PM, and pray a Hail Mary for the intention of our parish)?
- ★ Do I participate in the Christian Formation Programs, and in other parish events—social, liturgical, etc?
- ★ Do I serve in any of the parish ministries?
- ★ Do I use my God-given time, talent, and treasure to give back to God through the missionary work of Saint Patrick's?
- ★ If I go to other churches for some of their offerings, programs, do I explore ways to bring these to Saint Patrick's for the benefit of my fellow parishioners?

Live like the Trinity. Live in community.

Church Gardens

We begin working on the gardens around the church, the Parish Center and the Marian Grotto in May, on Tuesdays from 5 PM until dusk.

Volunteers are needed for raking, clearing, weeding and mulching. Please join Becky Fountain if you can help for an hour or two. You may contact Becky by calling 281-8004. Many hands make light work!

Vegetable Garden

Our vegetable garden produces thousand of pounds of produce annually, donated to the Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard. Volunteers manage the entire process. Now that gardening season is soon upon us, we are planning to get the garden in shape next month. If you are interested in joining us to prep, plant, weed or harvest, please email Dan and Karen Lynch at linky49@mac.com

Ongoing Christian Formation

Formed.org

- 1. It is easy and free! Go to Formed.org/register.
- 2. Enter access code: 3KRJJK (capitalized).
- 3. Enter your email and password (you need these to log in later). Enjoy and share the faith.

Featured Resource

Joan of Arc. Joan of Arc is a riveting epic film of faith, inspiration, triumph, and tears. Born to a peasant French family, Joan hears the voices of saints calling



out to her to unite her besieged nation. Gaining an audience with the young French king, Joan convinces him that God is calling her to command an army into battle to save France. It becomes an incredible adventure that leads to thrilling victories and heartbreaking betrayals — as Joan of Arc defies all odds and marches into history. This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain violence indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed. We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children. Although she died at nineteen in 1431, her legend and legacy is stronger than ever five hundred years later.

We Are Hiring!

WE'RE **HIRING!**

Preschool Teacher. Saint Patrick's Preschool is looking for someone to coteach in the 3s program who leads with compassion, creativity, and especially love

for our children and their families. If you are interested in being a part of this outstanding team, please submit cover letter, resume, and references to donna.dejoode@dor.org. Additional information is posted on St. Patrick's website.

PreK Stepping Up Day!

Congratulations to all our PreK students and families for a great year! We applaud you as you step up to your next adventure in learning and faith!



St. Patrick's Playground!

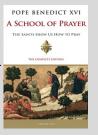
St. Patrick's Church & Preschool, a non-profit organization, is planning a playground! The playground will look similar to the one pictured here and will include fencing along with poured rubber flooring for extra cushion. We will begin fundraising



once bishop approval is received. For additional information, please contact Donna DeJoode at donna.dejoode@dor.org or 585-924-2800.

Adult Formation Resource

A School of Prayer. Prayer is essential to the A SCHOOL OF PRAYER life of faith. In this superb book, based on Pope Benedict's weekly teaching, he examines the foundational principles of the life of prayer. Believers of various backgrounds and experience in prayer-from beginners to spiritually advanced-will be enriched by this spiritual masterpiece. Benedict begins consider-



ing what we can learn from the examples of prayer found in a wide range of cultures and eras. Next, he turns to the Bible's teaching about prayer, beginning with Abraham and moving though Moses, the prophets, the Psalms to the example of Jesus. With Jesus Christ, Pope Benedict considers not only the Lord's teaching about prayer, but also his example of how to pray, including the Our Father, his prayers in the Garden of Gethsemane, and prayers on the Cross. The prayers of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and the early Church are also explored. Benedict also draws on insights from spiritual masters, the saints, and the Church's liturgy. He challenges readers to live their relationships with God even more intensely, as it were, at a 'school of prayer'.

Vacation Bible School



ed in volunteering, please contact Donna

DeJoode in the Christian Formation Office. All volunteers tions also needed!

Happenings This Week

- ★ LifeTeen Sunday, 6/6, **NO LIFETEEN**
- ★ Beginning Confirmation Tuesday, 6/8, 6:30p
- ★ Parent Retreat—Sacraments Camp Saturday 6/12, 9:00a

Stewardship

because Jesus gave us gifts to share

We are grateful...

- To parishioners who faithfully joined in the livestreamed Masses while the Sunday Obligation was lifted. We now welcome you back to the in-person celebration of the Eucharist.
- To the church cleaners and garden crews for the care of the church space, parish grounds and the giving garden.
- To our ushers who have been patiently helping implement ever-changing guidelines concerning the use of public space in church.
- To all parishioners who supported the CMA and Pentecost Appeal.
- to LifeTeen Youth: Emma, Gemma, Gavin, Zoey, Elizabeth, Ella, Kacey, Kyra & Molly for creating fleece lap robes, & their support of the Prayer Shawl ministry.

Sunday Collection Revenue									
July 2020 - March 2021									
We are grateful for your financial generosity to our parish.									
		<u>Actual</u>		<u>Budget</u>		<u>Variance</u>			
Regular Envelopes	\$	188,180	\$	202,500	\$	(14,320)			
Loose Plate	\$	9,672	\$	37,500	\$	(27,828)			
Electronic (EFT)	\$	167,059	\$	155,250	\$	11,809			
Holy Days	\$	3,652	\$	4,500	\$	(848)			
Christmas	\$	14,873	\$	14,000	\$	873			
Total	\$	383,436	\$	413,750	\$	(30,314)			

2021 Building Projects

Church Exterior

- Repointing of brick pilasters of the church
- Restore the front steps of the church
- Repair the stucco sections of the eastern walls of the church and garage
- Repoint the church chimney
- Re-caulk the brick flashing joint above the side entrance
- Replace the plexy glass window covers

Parish Office Exterior

- Seal cracks in the limestone sills
- Repointing of the brick mortar joints and capstone of chimney

We accept donations to the Building Fund. Call Rich O'Donnell at 924-7111 for inquiries.

Cemetery Development

- Installation of the columbarium for cremain burials
- Install a gathering space (gazebo) by the columbarium
- Install parking space by the columbarium
- Building of additional roadways

2020-21 CMA Update



As of May 17, we are just \$13K close to our goal! Do make your donation before the end of May. To make your donation online, visit stpatricksvictor.org.



Your Gift of Presence May 29-30 Sat 4:30: XX of 110 Sun 8:30: XX of 150 (+Parish Center) Sun 10:30: XX of 150 (+Parish Center) Sun 5:00: XX of 110 Your Gift of Treasure

May 29-30: To be reported Budgeted, without EFT: \$3,980.00 Upcoming Second Collection: June 13 Catholic Communications Campaign Thank you for your presence and generosity.

Our Parish Ministries: Serving God and Neighbor

Call. Ask. Discern. Serve like Jesus.

I. Liturgy and Sacramental Life

Altar Linen Sue Stehling / 924-3409 Altar Servers Pat Bolger / 857-3201 Judy & James Miller / 924-8158 Baptism Preparation Team Children's Lituray of the Word Beth Lombard / 430-5372 Church Cleaners Lei Dalupang / 224-6091 Communion Ministers (EMHC) Amanda Didas / (508) 981-6668 Funeral Liturgy Team Coordinator Needed

Thom & Margie Rafferty / 734-2818 Lectors Nerina Bellinger / 742-8023 Liturgy Committee Marriage Preparation Team Gayle & Brian Reh / 924-4804 Music Ministry (choirs, cantors) Carl Galland / 924-7111 Sacristans Ena Gill / 733-6650 Ushers & Greeters Dave O'Hare / 924-5816 Visitation Ministry Helen Barnes / 298-2247

II. Membership and Parish Life

Patty Weigert / 924-7393 Coffee Hour Team Funeral Brunch Team Kelly Mason / 924-3532 Wayne Brotsch / 924-3855 Knights of Columbus Membership Team Coordinator Needed Parish Life Committee Coordinator Needed Women's Group Judy Klein / 924-7022

III. Ongoing Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation Group Sam & Tina Condo / 678-4472 Bible Study Anne Leitner / 742-3417 Catechists & Aides Donna DeJoode / 924-2800 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Carolyn Robinson/ 924-2800 **Confirmation Coordinator** Elizabeth Johnston/924-2800 Parish Christ Life Team Sam Condo / 678-4472 Preschool Donna DeJoode / 924-2800 RCIA Team Deacon John Payne / 924-7111 Elizabeth Johnston / 924-2800 Youth Ministry

IV. Social Ministry and Outreach

Marcie Hamilton / 924-1528 Assisi Ministry Community Dinner Jean Acquilano / 645-7998 Giving Garden Dan & Karen Lynch / 314-5098 Prayer Shawl Ministry Mary E 742-2949/Mary S 924-7724 Prison Ministry Helen Barnes / 298-2247 Social Ministry Committee Joan Muto / 924-2501 Family Promise of Ontario County Joan Trost / 924-3092

V. Stewardship

Buildings and Grounds Committee Joan Oliphant / 742-3452 Cemetery Board John Butler / 924-7111 CASE Review Board Cathy Fafone / 924-7111 Finance Council Richard VanKuren/742-2317 Parish Gardens Becky Fountain / 281-8004 Parish Magazine Father Edison / 924-7111 Parish Office Volunteers Ev DeVelder / 924-2903 Pastoral Council Thomas Kolb / 662-7126 Money Counters Marge Gawronski / 398-7802 Stewardship Committee Dave Keebler / 208-6923

> Looking for second collection envelopes? Please find them at the entrance tables a week before the collection weekend.

Let there be light...

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Brothers and sisters: When Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. - Hebrews 9:11-12

The Letter to the Hebrews in the New Testament explores both the high priesthood of Jesus and His own sacrifice to God the Father, that is, the sacrifice of His own self. In this sense, the letter presents us a profound reflection and understanding by the early Christians, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, about what Jesus did in the Upper Room, at Calvary, and His Empty Tomb.

In these verses, Jesus is addressed as High Priest, the One who stands before God the Father and offers to God the sacrifice on behalf of the faithful. His sacrifice is identified as "of the good things that have come to be," which could be understood as His very life - His teachings, His actions, how He lived.

And His sacrifice was offered through Him. In so doing, Jesus is unlike any other tabernacle. Other tabernacles are made by human hands. Jesus is God, always greater, always perfect. Jesus does not belong to the order of creation because He Himself is the Creator.

Jesus entered the sanctuary, the place of sacrifice, the place of offering. And at the sanctuary, in the Upper Room, at Calvary, and in the Empty Tomb, Jesus offered His own Precious Blood, that is, His life, for the forgiveness of sin. We gave Him our sins; Jesus gave us His life.

For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God.

- Hebrews 9:13-14

The old sacrifice relied on the lesser blood of animals to remind the faithful of the life they lost in sin and the life they gained back from sacrifice. The old sacrifice had to be repeated year after year to remind people of the goodness of God, His mercy and justice for their contrition and repentance.

But the Blood of Jesus is the Blood of the unblemished God, the Blood of the Creator of every life. How much more effective is the Blood of God than the blood of animals! To understand the sacrifice of Jesus is to see the priceless love of God for us. To understand the sacrifice of Jesus leads to taking the humble stance of passive participant in the sacrifice allowing Jesus to redeem me, first and foremost, and only then to actively receive what Jesus has freely and lovingly sacrificed for me. To understand the sacrifice of Jesus leads me

Parish Office & Preschool Information

Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM (lunch time: 12:30 PM - 1 PM) Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Parish Office Phone: (585) 924-7111 Parish Office Fax: (585) 742-3296

Faith Formation & Preschool: (585) 924-2800

Stay Connected

- Parish Website: www.stpatricksvictor.org
- Parish Facebook Pages: St. Patrick's Church / Saint Patrick's Victor Youth Ministry

Parish Youtube Channel: St Patricks of Victor NY

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Building Maintenance

Keep your parish staff in your daily prayers.

to fall on my knees in worship, in utter gratitude to God.

For this reason he is mediator of a new covenant: since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant,

those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

- Hebrews 9:15

Jesus is the only mediator between God and us. Jesus has come to help us get to heaven because none of us can based on our own effort alone. None of us can even bear to stand before God because of our sins—we will utterly die before God in our sinfulness. The death of Jesus is no small matter: His death is the price of every human sin.

On this Solemnity of Corpus Christi, I ask you to renew your faith and commitment to Jesus our High Priest. Jesus represents us before God; through Him, we can stand before God. Jesus offers us His own Blood, His own life: therefore, never miss an opportunity to receive Him sacramentally at Mass, particularly at every Sunday Mass. At Mass, take the time to fall on your knees to show Him your gratitude. At Mass, Jesus has made it real our participation to His once-forall sacrifice as High Priest, as Altar, and as Sacrifice.

- Father Edison