30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2025



Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church 80 Mansion St. | Coxsackie, NY 12051

PROCESSIONAL HYMN [Please Stand]

As We Gather at Your Table



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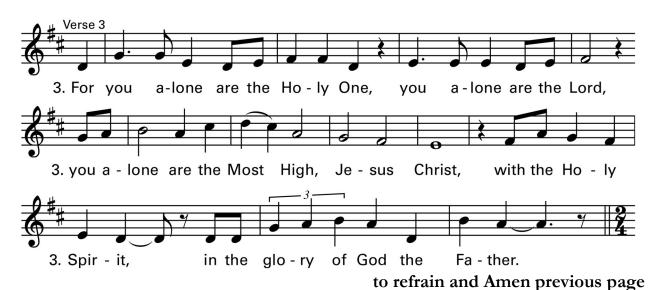
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GLORY TO GOD

Mass of Christ the Savior Dan Schutte



GLORY TO GOD (CONT. 2)

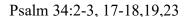


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FIRST READING

Sirach 35:12-14,16-18(150C)







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I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad. R

The LORD confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.

When the just cry out, the LORD hears them,

and from all their distress he rescues them.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.

The LORD redeems the lives
of his servants;
no one incurs guilt who takes refuge
in him.
R

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

R

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION [Please stand]



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Verse: God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, and entrusting to us the message of salvation.

GOSPEL READING Luke 18: 9-14

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

.PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS - PREPARATION HYMN No Greater Love



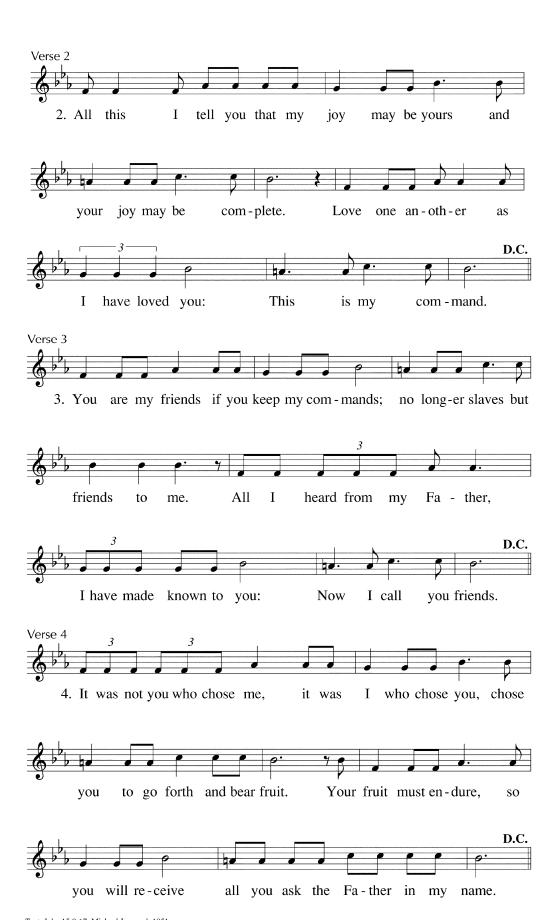






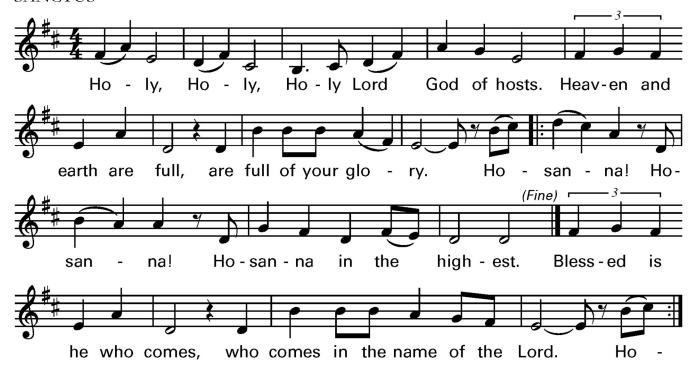






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MYSTERY OF FAITH

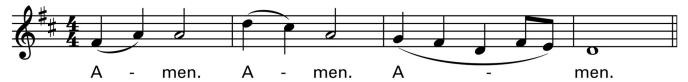


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GREAT AMEN



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~COMMUNION RITE~

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- V. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lord.
- R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

(For the communion procession, we ask that you form two lines in the center aisle, starting from the front, one row at a time, and then return to your pew by the side aisles. All are welcome to join in the communion procession. If you are not Catholic, or for spiritual, medical, or other reasons receiving Communion is not the right choice for you today, you can still come forward for a blessing. Simply fold your arms across your chest as you approach the priest or deacon.)

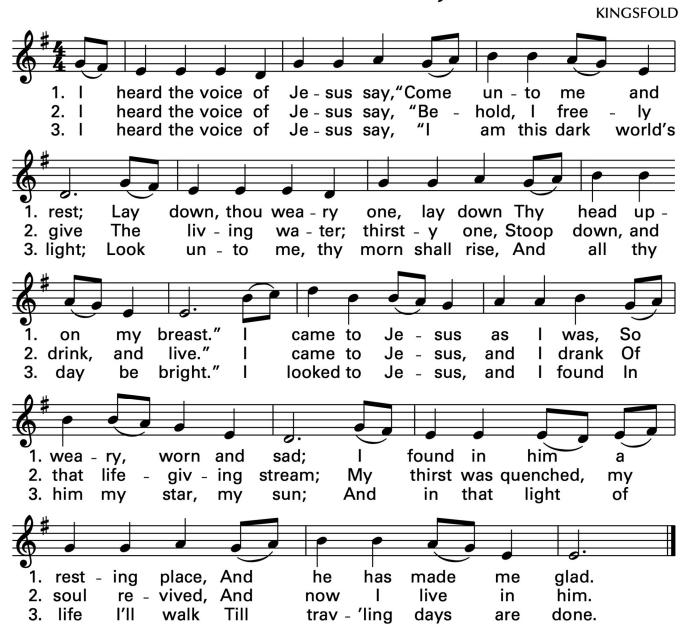
THERE IS A LONGING



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I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS



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October 25 & 26



What is the key to successful evangelization?

Your Questions Addressed

Answered by: Deacon Pat Bradley

Evangelization has been important to me since before I was ordained, yet creating a successful program is very difficult. Let me illustrate.

Example 1

At one parish we did a direct mail campaign and held an open house on a Sunday afternoon. Many people came to the open house, and we had volunteers to provide tours. Several visitors subsequently attended classes and joined the church. This effort involved the whole parish and was emphasized every Sunday and in the parish bulletin. This open house was a successful program.

Example 2

In another parish we tried several approaches:

- Radio spots inviting people to join us for Easter.
- A billboard inviting people to join us for Christmas.
- 3. Ads in the paper publicizing our Sunday mass schedule.
- 4. Larger ads for Christmas and Easter.
- 5. Cards for people to give to friends and neighbors inviting them to Mass.
- 6. Providing the thought for the day on a local Christian radio station.
- 7. A video on the Mass on the parish website and facebook page.

All these programs combined brought only six or eight people into the Church over a two-year period. These were not successful programs.

What was lacking in all programs at the second parish was parishioner buy-in. We were never able to build a welcoming committee. We had coffee and donuts after one Mass on Sunday. All newcomers were invited join us. But there was no concerted effort to ensure that newcomers felt welcome. No one to sit with newcomers.

On the other hand, most of the folks who joined the church everywhere I've been came with a friend or family member who invited them. Someone they could sit with and feel comfortable with. Someone who could help them stand, sit, and kneel at the right time. Someone who could show them the prayers in the missalette. Someone who could introduce them to the community.

So what is the key to a successful evangelization program? YOU. A couple of weeks ago, we heard that Jesus cured ten lepers but only one came back and thanked him. If we each invite one person or family a month, and get one in ten over a year's time, we will build the body of Christ. We will fill our Church to overflowing.

Advertising can make our parishes known. One-on-one evangelization will fill our churches.