



# HOLY FAMILY

December 27 and 28, 2025

St. Gertrude Parish, Cincinnati



# ORDER OF MASS

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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## PRELUDE

In dulci jubilo

*Johann Michael Bach*

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### PROCESSION *(Sunday)*

What Child is This

*At the ringing of the sacristy bell, all stand and sing:*

*St. Michael Hymnal 824*

### INTROIT

Exsultat gaudio pater Justi,  
gaudeat Pater tuus et Mater tua,  
et exsultet quae genuit te.

℣. Quam dilecta tabernacula tua,  
Domine virtutum!

℟. Gloria Patri, et Filio,  
et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat  
in principio, et nunc, et semper,  
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*As the celebrant censes the altar, the cantor sings:*

*Let the Father of the Just rejoice,  
let your Father and Mother rejoice,  
and let her who bore you rejoice.*

℣. How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O LORD of hosts.

℟. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was  
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

*Antiphon: cf. Proverbs 23:24–25*

*Versicle: Psalm 84:1*

*Music: Dominican Chant*

### GREETING

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

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**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,  
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.**

*All strike their breast three times*

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

## KYRIE, ELEISON

*Cantor:* Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. *All:* Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

*Cantor:* Chris - te, e - le - i - son. *All:* Chris - te, e - le - i - son.  
*Christ, have mercy.*

*Cantor:* Ky - ri - e, e - le - i son. *All:* Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

*Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XVI*

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Celebrant:* *All:*

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o. Et in ter - ra pax ho - mi - ni - bus  
Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to people of

bo - næ vo - lun - ta - tis. Lau - da - mus te. Be - ne - di - ci - mus te.  
good will. We praise you. We bless you.

A - do - ra - mus te. Glo - ri - fi - ca - mus te.  
We adore you. We glorify you.

Gra - ti - as a - gi - mus ti - bi prop - ter mag - nam glo - ri - am tu - am.  
We give thanks to you for your great glory,

Do - mi - ne De - us, Rex cæ - le - stis, De - us Pa - ter om - ni - po - tens.  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God the Father almighty.

Do - mi - ne Fi - li u - ni - ge - ni - te Je - su Chri - ste.  
O Lord, the only - begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

Do - mi - ne De - us, Ag - nus De - i, Fi - li - us Pa - tris.  
Lord God, Lamb of God Son of the Father.

Qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, mi - se - re - re no - bis.  
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di,  
You take away the sin of the world,

su - sci - pe de - pre - ca - ti - o - nem no - stram.  
receive our prayer.

Qui se - des ad dex - te - ram Pa - tris, mi - se - re - re no - bis.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us.

Quo - ni - am tu so - lus San - ctus. Tu so - lus Do - mi - nus.  
For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord.

Tu so - lus Al - tis - si - mus, Je - su Chri - ste.  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.

Cum San - cto Spi - ri - tu, in glo - ri - a De - i Pa - tris.  
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

A - - - men.

*Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa VIII "de Angelis"*

## COLLECT

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*All sit*

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## READING I

*Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14*

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins — a house raised in justice to you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 128:1–5*



Bles-sed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways!

For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored. *℟.*

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home;  
your children like olive plants around your table. *℟.*

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion:

may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. *℟.*

*Music: Dominican Chant — Unam petii, adapted Christopher Holman*

## READING II

*Colossians 3:12–21*

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA

*All stand*



Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;  
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. *℟.*

*Verse: Colossians 3:15a, 16a*

*Music: Plainchant*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 2:13–15, 19–23*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.” Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, *Out of Egypt I called my son.*

When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there. And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, *He shall be called a Nazorean*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*All sit*

## HOMILY

*Friars of the Order of Preachers*



## CREED

*All stand*

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,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

*All bow*

*All stand*

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.

## UNIVERSAL PRAYER

*Each petition concludes with:*

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*After the final petition, all pray:*

**Almighty Father,**

**you have created us for some definite purpose.**

**Grant us the grace to know the path you have planned for us in this life  
and to respond with a generous “Yes.”**

**Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes, and hearts  
fruitful ground for your gift of vocations.**

**May our young people respond to your call with courage and zeal.**

**Stir among our men a desire and the strength  
to be good and holy priests.**

**Bless us with consecrated religious  
and those called to a chaste single life,  
permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives,  
who are a sign of Christ’s love for His Church.**

**We commend our prayer for vocations to you, Father,  
through the intercession of Mary our Mother,  
in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Words: The Most Reverend Dennis Schnurr,  
Archbishop Emeritus of Cincinnati*

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## OFFERTORY

*All sit as the cantor sings:*

Tulerunt Jesum parentes ejus in Jerusalem,  
ut sisterent eum Domino.

*The parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem  
to present him to the Lord.*

Ÿ. Cantate Domino canticum novum:  
cantate Domino omnis terra.

Ÿ. *O sing to a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

Ÿ. Cantate Domino: benedicite nomen ejus:  
bene nuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus.

Ÿ. *O sing to the Lord, bless his name.  
Proclaim his salvation day by day.*

*Antiphon: Luke 2:22*

*Verses: Psalm 96:1–2*

*Music: Dominican Chant*

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

*All stand*

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that, through the  
intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families  
firmly in your grace and your peace. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## PREFACE DIALOGUE AND SANCTUS

*Saturday: St. Michael Hymnal 101*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just.**

The celebrant says the preface. At the end all sing:

*Cantor:*                      *All:*

San - ctus,      San - ctus,      San - ctus,  
*Holy,                      Holy,                      Holy,*

Do - mi - nus      De - us      Sa -  
*Lord                      God                      of                      hosts.*

-      ba - oth.      Ple - ni      sunt      cae - li  
*-                      Full                      are                      heaven*

et      ter - ra      of      glo - ri - a      tu - a.  
*and      earth                      of                      your                      glory.*

Ho - san - na      in      ex - cel - sis.  
*Hosanna                      in      the                      highest.*

Be - ne - di - ctus      qui      ve - nit  
*Blessed                      is he                      who                      comes*

in      no - mi - ne      Do - mi - ni.      Ho - san - na  
*in      the      name      of      the      Lord.                      Hosanna*

in      ex - cel - sis.  
*in      the                      highest.*

Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa VIII "de Angelis"

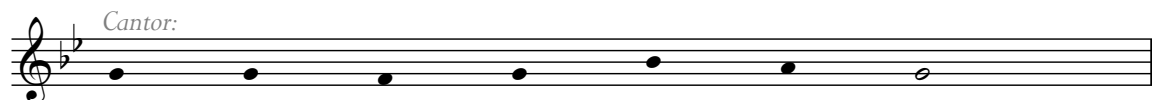
## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*All kneel*

*The celebrant says the Eucharistic Prayer. After the words of Consecration, the celebrant sings:*


The mystery of faith.

*Cantor:*



We pro - claim your death, O Lord,

*All:*




and pro-fess your re - sur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

*At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer the celebrant takes the chalice and the paten with the host, and raising both, sings:*


Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,

*Celebrant:*



for ev - er and ev - er.

*All:*



A - men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*All stand*

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

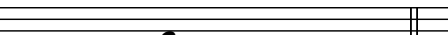
And with your spirit.

*All offer one another a sign of peace*

*Saturday: St. Michael Hymnal 104*

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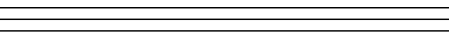
*Cantor:*



A - gnus De - i,

*Lamb of God,*


*All:*



qui tol - lis pec-ca - ta mun - di:

*who takes away the sins of the world:*

*Cantor:*



do - na no - bis pa - cem.

*grant us peace.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

## COMMUNION

Descendit Jesus cum eis, et  
venit Nazareth, et erat subditus illis.

V. Obaudite me, divini fructus, et quasi rosa  
plantata super rivos aquarum fructificate.

V. Gloria Patri, et Filio,  
 et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat  
 in principio, et nunc, et semper,  
 et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*Antiphon: Luke 2:51a. Versicle: Sirach 39:13*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament, most merciful Father, to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

# THE CONCLUDING RITES

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Go in peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

*All kneel*

**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 host,  
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.**

## HYMN

Of the Father's Love Begotten

*All stand and sing:*

*St. Michael Hymnal 697*

## POSTLUDE

Puer natus in Bethlehem, BWV 603

*A Child is Born in Bethlehem*

*Johann Sebastian Bach*