



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 26 and 27, 2026

St. Gertrude Parish, Cincinnati

Welcome

Welcome to St. Gertrude Church, a Roman Catholic parish of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati shaped and enlivened by the charism of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans).

Using this Booklet

This booklet contains the order of Mass. Texts spoken by the priest (the celebrant) appear in regular type, and responses by the congregation are in **bold**. Instructions when to stand, sit, kneel, etc. are in *italicized gray* typeface, as are descriptions of liturgical action. Hymns can be found in the blue *St. Michael Hymnal* in each pew.

For Visitors

If you are visiting today, know that you are most welcome. Restrooms may be found at the back of the church. Assisted listening devices and low gluten hosts are available; please speak with an usher, who will gladly assist you. If you are unable to stand or kneel, please feel comfortable remaining seated — your presence and prayer matter most. We use incense at Mass, an act of worship described in Scripture that symbolizes our prayers rising to God; those with breathing sensitivities are encouraged to sit toward the back of the church. Thank you for joining us today, and we hope that you will return often to pray with us.

The Reception of Holy Communion

As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is not merely a symbol, but is truly the Body and Blood of Christ, the greatest gift he bestowed upon humanity. This sacred mystery is founded upon Jesus's own words at the Last Supper and has been affirmed in Christian writings since the first century. To receive this Blessed Sacrament, one should be a practicing Catholic, free from grave sin, and normally have fasted for one hour. Those Catholics who are not prepared to receive today and our non-Catholic guests are warmly invited to approach the altar with arms crossed over the chest to receive a blessing.



ORDER OF MASS

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRELUDE

10 A.M. Prelude in F

Fanny Mendelssohn

12 P.M. Arietta in F Major

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSION

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

At the Name of Jesus

St. Michael Hymnal 434

INTROIT *(Sunday)*

As the celebrant censes the altar, the choir sings:

In nomine Jesu omne genuflectatur,
caelestium, terrestrium, et infernorum:
quia Dominus factus obediens usque ad
mortem, mortem autem crucis:
ideo Dominus Jesus Christus
in gloria est Dei Patris.

*In the name of Jesus let all kneel,
those in heaven, on earth, and in the inferno:
for the Lord became obedient unto
death, even death on the cross:
therefore the Lord Jesus Christ
is in the glory of God the Father.*

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

Ÿ. *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.*

Words: Philippians 2:10, 8, 11

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

Deacon/cantor: Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. *All:* Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mercy.

Deacon/cantor: Chris - te, e - le - i - son. *All:* Chris - te, e - le - i - son.
Christ, have mercy.

Deacon/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 manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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

Ezekiel 18:25–28

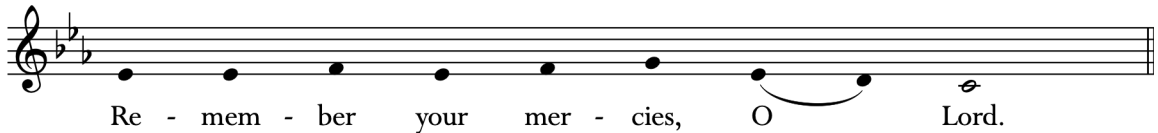
Thus says the LORD: You say, “The LORD’s way is not fair!” Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25:4–5, 6–7, 8–9



Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths,
guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior. *℟.*

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old.
The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not;
in your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD. *℟.*

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way. *℟.*

Music: Dominican Chant — Christus factus est, adapted by Christopher Holman

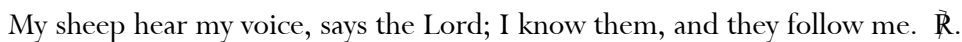
READING II

Philippians 2:1–11

Brothers and sisters: if there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Thanks be to God.

All stand



Music: Dominican Chant — Alleluia, Domine refugium, adapted C. Holman

Matthew 21:28–32

And with your spirit.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All sit

HOMILY

Fr. Mefin Francis, OFM Cap

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

**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.**

All rise

**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 say:

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.

All sit

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

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY *(Saturday and 10 A.M.)*

All sit and sing:

Praise to the Holiest in the Height

St. Michael Hymnal 717

MOTET *(12 P.M.)*

The Schola Cantorum sings:

O salutaris Hostia,
quae caeli pandis ostium:
bella premunt hostilia,
da robur, fer auxilium.

*O saving victim,
who opens the gate of heaven:
hostile enemies press against us,
give us strength, bring us aid.*

Words: St. Thomas Aquinas, O.P.

Music: Charles Gounod

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.**

Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you, and that
through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PREFACE DIALOGUE AND SANCTUS

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 Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba-oth.
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts.

Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et ter-ra glo-ri-a tu-a. Ho-san-na in ex-cel-sis.
Full are heaven and earth of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Be-ne-di-ctus qui ve-nit in no-mi-ne Do-mi-ni. Ho-san - na in ex-cel - sis.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XVIII "Deus Genitor alme"

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 prayer the celebrant takes the chalice and the host; raising both, he 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,

Priest(s): *All:*

for ev - er and ev - er. 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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: *Peace I leave you, my peace I give you*, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will, who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

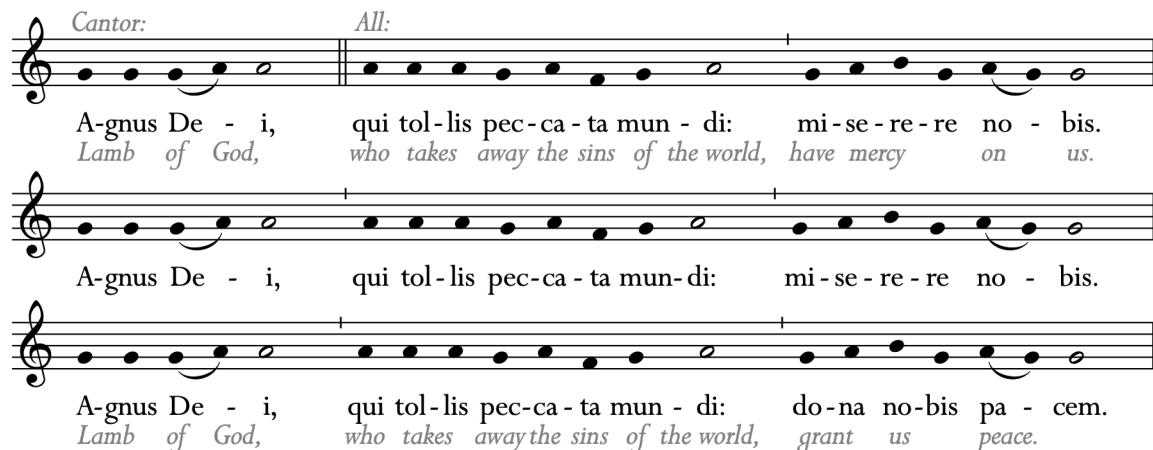
And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All offer one another a sign of peace

AGNUS DEI

Cantor: *All:*



A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca - ta mun - di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca - ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.

A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca - ta mun - di: do-na no-bis pa - cem.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XVIII "Deus Genitor alme"

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All kneel

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.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION

Memento verbi tui servo tuo, Domine
in quo mihi spem dedisti:
haec me consolata est in humilitate mea.

℣. Superbi deriserunt me vehementer;
a lege autem tua non declinavi.

℣. Memor fui iudiciorum tuorum
a saeculo, Domine, et consolatus sum.

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

The cantor/choir sings:

*Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.*

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

℣. *The proud laughed at me vehemently;
yet from your law I have not turned away.*

℣. *I have remembered your judgements
from of old, O Lord, and I am consoled.*

℣. *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: Psalm 119:49–50

Verses: Psalm 119:51, 52

Music: Dominican Chant

MOTET (10 A.M.)

Laudate, pueri, Dominum;
laudate nomen Domini.
Sit nomen Domini benedictum
ex hoc nunc et usque in saecula.

The Parish Choir sings:

Praise, you servants of the Lord,

praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord

both now and forever.

Words: Psalm 113:1–2

Music: Felix Mendelssohn

MOTET (12 P.M.)

O Pastor animarum et O prima vox
per quam omnes creati sumus,
nunc tibi, tibi placeat ut digneris nos
liberare de miseriis
et languoribus nostris.

The Schola Cantorum sings:

*O Shepherd of souls, O first Voice,
through whom we all were created,*

*be pleased, we pray,
to deliver us from our misery
and from all our infirmities.*

Words and music: St. Hildegard of Bingen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

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 ST. 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.**

RECESSION

All stand and sing:

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

St. Michael Hymnal 412