



# St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 20, 2020**

## Parish Mission

We are one Church: loving Jesus,  
serving Jesus, and sharing Jesus.

## Parish Vision

We are a vibrant Catholic church  
serving a diverse community in a  
safe and welcoming environment  
where we care for all people  
along their faith journey.

## Core Values

Discipleship • Hospitality  
Serving • Worship

## Weekend Masses

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:45 a.m.,  
3:00 p.m. (Spanish)

## Weekday Masses

Monday 6:30 a.m.  
Tuesday 6:30 a.m.  
Wednesday 6:30 a.m., 5:15 p.m.  
Thursday 6:30, 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m.  
Friday 6:30, 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday 6:30 a.m.

## Confessions

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
or by appointment

## *Waiting*

God of wisdom and strength, we await you.  
Like David, we await your prophetic guidance and the peace you promise.  
Like Mary, we await the liberation of all people  
and the fullness of your kingdom.  
Do not keep us waiting.  
Deliver us from hatred, ignorance, and apathy.  
Bring us your justice and your healing.  
Give us your wisdom, compassion, and courage. Show us your light.  
We await you, for you alone can save us.  
Come quickly, Lord! Do not delay. We await you.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *Favored Ones*

*Today's Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38.* God chose David, the youngest son in his family and a mere shepherd, to be king. David was a skilled and competent leader, but he was also devout. As he acknowledges all that God has done for him, he expresses his wish to do something for God, namely, to build God a temple. God replies that he needs no such favors from David. God then elevates the king still further by promising that David's descendants would rule over Israel forever.

Mary, an insignificant woman from a Galilean village, would never have imagined how much God would favor her. She does not think there is anything important she could do for God, but the angel assures her that there is. Though startled and hesitant, Mary accepts God's will. She is ultimately elevated even above King David. She both bears God's Son and becomes part of the new era that this long-awaited descendant of David brings about.

We are God's favored ones, too. God strengthens us to live devoutly. He speaks to us in the law and the prophets and now also in the letters of the Apostles and in the Gospels. He sent his Son to reveal his extraordinary love. The love of God is a mystery that broadens and deepens the more we enter into it. We are surrounded and uplifted by this endless love. God invites us to bear that love in the world so that all will know his grace and favor.

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## • Mass Intentions •

**Monday, December 21** St. Peter Canisius

6:30 am Lazar Ruga (living)

**Tuesday, December 22**

6:30 am Gary Pewitt ☩

**Wednesday, December 23**

St. John of Kanty

6:30 am Barbara Beard ☩

5:15 pm Lucille Dufek ☩

**Thursday, December 24** Christmas Eve

6:30 am Ray and Geneva Viox ☩

4:00 pm Lou Hannaford ☩

4:15 pm Anna Grace Miller ☩

6:00 pm Therese Pierce ☩

6:15 pm Julius Lueders ☩

11:00 pm Living and Deceased Members  
of the Cantoni and VanGennip Families

**Friday, December 25**

The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Parish Family

10:00 am Peace in the World

12:00 pm Jesus Salvador Reyes ☩  
(Bilingual)

**Saturday, December 26** St. Stephen

6:30 am Joseph Yuede ☩

5:00 pm Ola Mae Diebold ☩

**Sunday, December 27**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30 am St. Vincent de Paul Parish Family

9:00 am Living and Deceased Members  
of the Pat and Katy Patrick Family

10:45 am Living and Deceased Members  
of the Jack and Shirley Cracraft Family

3:00 pm Jesus Salvador Reyes ☩  
(Bilingual)

## • Prayer Requests •

Please remember **Donna Aye**, the sick, the hospitalized, the homebound, and those who care for them. Pray also for those suffering from COVID-19 and for all healthcare workers.

## Act of Spiritual Communion

The “**Act of Spiritual Communion**” is a prayer for anyone who desires to receive the Eucharist but is unable.

*“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.”*

*In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary’s “Yes” — “I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say.” — that the promise finds fulfillment.*



## Rosary Prayer Group

The Holy Rosary will be prayed at 1:30 p.m. this Sunday, December 20, inside Old St. Vincent Chapel of Ease (downtown Cape).

## Confessions before Christmas

“Prepare the Way of Lord” by making a Confession! This is the best gift you can give to yourself and to your family during the days leading up to Christmas. Confessions will be offered on the hour starting on Saturday, December 19. (“On the hour” means that the priest will be in the confessional starting at the top of the hour and remain there for 10 minutes. If no one is there, the priest will leave and return at the next hour.) Below are the times for confessions.

Saturday, December 19, at 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 20, at 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m.

Monday, December 21, at 12:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 22, at 12:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 23, at 12:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m.

## Christmas Gifts for Birthright

If you wish to share with a Birthright baby during this Christmas season, gifts will be collected in the gathering area at all Christmas Masses. Most items collected will be used in layettes given to mothers just before their babies are born. Items needed include **new** heavy weight pajamas, warm outfits, and long sleeve onesies (sizes 0-3 and 3-6 months). Birthright is also in need of small fleece blankets (new and gently used), receiving blankets (new and gently used), diapers and pullups (all sizes), baby lotion and wash (15 oz.), bottles (4 oz. slow flow for 0-3 months), Enfamil formula, sippy cups, hooded towels, washcloths, baby hygiene items, small board books, small stuffed animals (new), teething toys, breastfeeding supplies (shields and storage bags), sanitary napkins, new or gently used maternity clothing (XS-3XL), and nursing bras (new or gently used). Also needed are gently used baby clothing for boys and girls (18 months - 4T). Your generosity is appreciated.

## Special \$300 Tax Deduction This Year

**Special \$300 tax deduction helps most people give to charity this year — even if they don’t itemize.** Following special tax law changes made earlier this year, cash donations of up to \$300 made before December 31, 2020, are now deductible when people file their taxes in 2021. Under this new change, individual taxpayers can claim an “above-the-line” deduction of up to \$300 for cash donations made to charity during 2020. This means the deduction lowers both adjusted gross income and taxable income — translating into tax savings for those making donations to qualifying tax-exempt organizations.

***Congratulations to Dick and Judith McClard as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 23!***

*May They Rest in Peace*

Sympathy is extended to the families of:

**Robert Hotop**, a member of the St. Vincent Parish family; and  
**Vince Seyer**, a member of the St. Vincent Parish family.

*May they and all the souls of the faithful departed,  
 through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

*Christmas Mass Schedule*

**Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24**

**Christmas Vigil Mass**

**4:00 p.m. (Church) • 4:15 p.m. (DePaul Center Gym)**

**6:00 p.m. • 6:15 p.m. (DePaul Center Gym)**

**Midnight Mass**

**11:00 p.m. (Church)**

For Christmas Eve Masses when the **Church** and **Upper Meeting Room** are at capacity for the current "social distancing" restrictions, the Church doors will be locked. People will be invited to attend the Mass immediately following in the DePaul Center Gym.

The Masses celebrated at 4:00 and 11:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve will be livestreamed and will be available to view on the **St. Vincent de Paul Facebook page** (<https://www.facebook.com/svcape/>). The videos will also be available to view after Masses on the parish website ([www.svcape.com](http://www.svcape.com)).

**Christmas Day - Friday, December 25**

**Christmas Mass of the Dawn**

**8:00 a.m. (Church)**

**Mass of the Day**

**10:00 a.m. (Church) • 12:00 noon (Church) - Bilingual**

On Christmas, all parishes of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau will be conducting a collection to help fund the education of seminarians and help to meet the needs of retired priests. This is an opportunity to show gratitude for those who have and those who will serve the diocese. You are asked to use Faith Direct or the envelope in your envelope packet.

*Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedule*

*(Holy Day)*

**New Year's Eve - Thursday, December 31**

**5:15 p.m.**

**New Year's Day, Friday, January 1**

**8:00 a.m. • 10:00 a.m.**

• **The Week Ahead** •

**Monday, December 21**

12:00 pm Confession

5:00 pm / 6:00 pm Confession

7:00 pm / 8:00 pm Confession

**Tuesday, December 22**

12:00 pm Confession

5:00 pm / 6:00 pm Confession

7:00 pm / 8:00 pm Confession

**Wednesday, December 23**

12:00 pm Confession

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour

6:00 pm / 7:00 pm / 8:00 pm Confession

**Thursday, December 24**

**Friday, December 25**

*Merry Christmas!*

**Saturday, December 26**

3:30 pm Reconciliation

**Sunday, December 27**

*In observance of the Christmas  
 and New Year holidays,  
 the parish office will be closed  
 Thursday, December 24,  
 Friday, December 25,  
 Thursday, December 31 (12:00 noon),  
 and Friday, January 1.*

• **Readings** •

**Christmas (Vigil)**

Isaiah 62:1-5 • Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Matthew 1:1-25

**Christmas (Night)**

Isaiah 9:1-6 • Titus 2:11-14 • Luke 2:1-14

**Christmas (Dawn)**

Isaiah 62:11-12 • Titus 3:4-7 • Luke 2:15-20

**Christmas (Day)**

Isaiah 52:7-10 • Hebrews 1:1-6 • John 1:1-18

**December 27, 2020**

Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 • Luke 2:22-40-2

**Collection - December 13, 2020**

<b>Collection</b>	\$30,111.40
<b>E-Tithing</b>	\$41,740.67
<b>Total</b>	\$71,852.07
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$31,450.00
<b>Year-to-date Difference</b>	-\$63,043.15

*Thank you for being good  
 stewards of God's gifts!*

Please remember that St. Vincent Parish's main source of income, the Sunday collection, is taking place in a limited way. If you have signed up for Faith Direct, thank you! Faith Direct allows you to support St. Vincent de Paul Parish using electronic funds transfer from a bank account or credit/debit card. It is simple, safe and convenient. You can begin supporting St. Vincent electronically today by visiting **faith.direct/MO885**. If you do not want to use this option, feel free to mail in your Sunday donation or drop it in the designated containers at weekend Masses. **As always, thank you for your contributions!**



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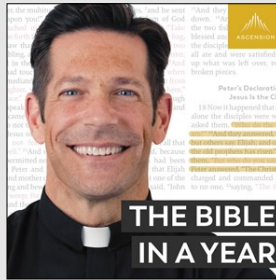
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## Online Advent and Christmas Gifts from Pauline Books

Give the gift of hope this Christmas! Visit the Daughters of St. Paul/ Pauline Books & Media's online Advent and Christmas Gift Guide at their webstore: <https://paulinestore.com/christmasgifts>. Here you will find that gift and also support the sisters in their important mission of evangelization. You may also visit the Sisters at **Pauline Books and Media, 9804 Watson Road, Crestwood or call 314-965-3512.**



## Discipleship Corner

Do something great in 2021!

**Read the Bible!**

New Podcast beginning January 1

Fr. Mike Schmitz:

**The Bible in a Year**

<https://ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear>

Have you tried to read the whole Bible before, only to get bogged down in Leviticus and given up? That's because the Bible is not meant to be read cover-to-cover like a normal book. It's more like a library. There are many different genres, and without the context for these books, the Bible can get incredibly confusing.

*The Bible in a Year* podcast walks you through daily readings of the Bible in an accessible way. Dive deep into the beauty of God's Word by listening as Fr. Mike reads the Bible passages to you and makes them clear in the context of the overall story of salvation. Anywhere you are, on a drive, cleaning, working out ... you can experience God speaking to you through his words!

Sign up for the reading plan at <https://ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear>.

*As you write your Christmas cards this year, remember the priests, sisters, deacons, and seminarians who served St. Vincent Parish in the past.*

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## Gathering

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten - der stem hath  
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas for - told it, The Rose I have in  
 3. This Flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the



sprung! Of Jes-se's lin-eage com - ing, As seers of old have  
 mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The Vir - gin Moth - er  
 air, Dis - pels with glo-rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry -



sung. It came, a blos - som bright, A -  
 kind. To show God's love a - right, She  
 where. True man, yet ver - y God, From



mid the cold of win - ter, When half spent was the night.  
 bore to us a Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.  
 sin and death he saves us, And light - ens ev - 'ry load.

Text: Isaiah 11:1; *Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen*; *Speier Gesangbuch*, 1599; tr. sts. 1-2 by Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, alt.; st. 3, Friedrich Layritz, 1808-1859; tr. by Harriet Reynolds Krauth, 1845-1925, alt.  
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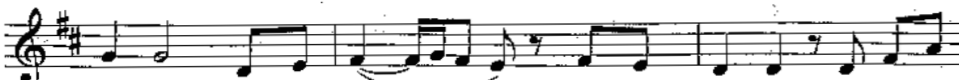
## Communion

*Sanctuary*

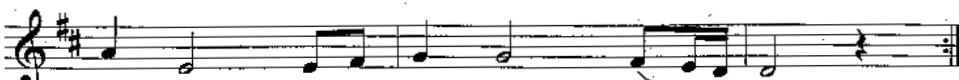
Congregation: (sing twice)



Lord, pre - pare me \_\_\_\_\_ to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and



ho - ly, tried and true; \_\_\_\_\_ with thanks-giv-ing, I'll be a



liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for \_\_\_\_\_ you.

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*First Reading***2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a16**

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?'"

"'It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.'"

*Responsorial Psalm*

Forever I will sing of  
 the goodness of the Lord.

## Second Reading

**Romans 16:25-27**

Brothers and sisters:  
To him who can strengthen you,  
according to my gospel and the  
proclamation of Jesus Christ,  
according to the revelation of the  
mystery kept secret for long ages  
but now manifested through the  
prophetic writings and, according  
to the command of the eternal God,  
made known to all nations to bring  
about the obedience of faith,  
to the only wise God, through Jesus  
Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Gospel Reading

**Luke 1:26-38**

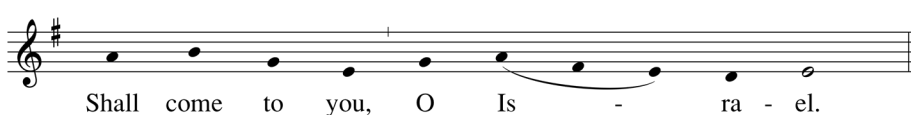
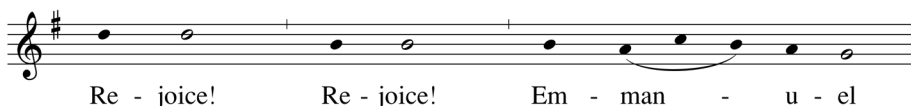
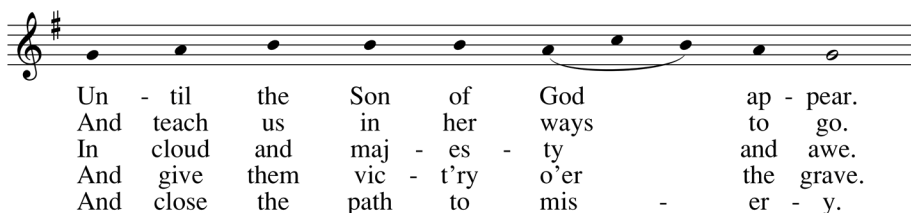
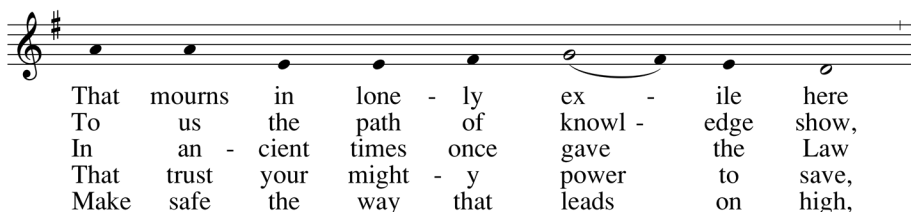
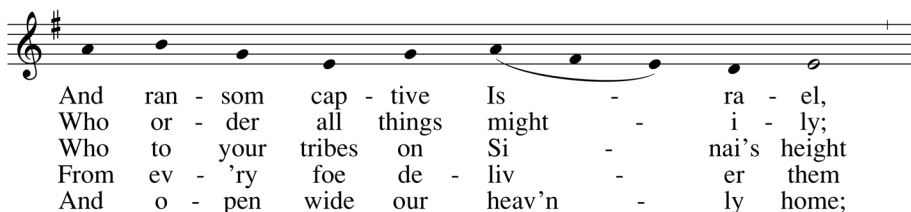
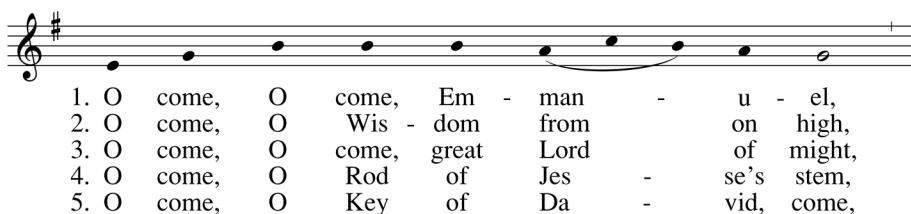
The angel Gabriel was sent from God  
to a town of Galilee called Nazareth,  
to a virgin betrothed to a man named  
Joseph, of the house of David,  
and the virgin's name was Mary.  
And coming to her, he said, "Hail,  
full of grace! The Lord is with you."  
But she was greatly troubled at what  
was said and pondered what sort of  
greeting this might be. Then the angel  
said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary,  
for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your  
womb and bear a son, and you shall  
name him Jesus. He will be great  
and will be called Son of the Most High,  
and the Lord God will give him the  
throne of David his father, and he will  
rule over the house of Jacob forever,  
and of his kingdom there will be no  
end." But Mary said to the angel,  
"How can this be, since I have no  
relations with a man?"

And the angel said to her in reply,  
"The Holy Spirit will come upon you,  
and the power of the Most High will  
overshadow you. Therefore the child to  
be born will be called holy, the Son of  
God. And behold, Elizabeth, your  
relative, has also conceived a son in her  
old age, and this is the sixth month for  
her who was called barren;  
for nothing will be impossible for God."  
Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid  
of the Lord. May it be done to me  
according to your word." Then the  
angel departed from her.

## Communion

## O Come O Come Emmanuel



6. O come, O Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by your drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadow put to flight.

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of humankind;  
O bid our sad divisions cease,  
And be for us our King of Peace.

Text: *Veni, veni Emmanuel*; Latin 9th C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Tune: VENI EMMANUEL, LM with refrain; Mode I; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890; acc. by Richard Proulx, 1937–2010


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## Bible Quiz

After Mary learned she was pregnant with God's Son, what relative — also miraculously pregnant — did she go visit?

A. Esther  
B. Elizabeth  
C. Anne  
D. Anna

Answer: B (See Luke 1:39-41.)



## Recessional

*People, Look East*

Peo - ple, look East. The time is near  
Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,  
An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth

Of the crown - ing of the year.  
One more seed is plant - ed there.  
One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Him who brings new life to earth.

Make your house fair as you are a - ble,  
Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,  
Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,  
Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming

Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.  
That in course the flow'r may flour - ish.  
Bright as the sun and moon to - geth - er.  
With the word, the Lord is com - ing.

Peo - ple look East and sing to - day—

Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
Love, the Bird, is on the way.  
Love, the Star, is on the way.  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965, © David Higham Assoc. Ltd.  
Tune: BESANÇON, 87 98 87; French traditional; harm. by Martin Shaw, 1875–1958, © Oxford University Press

*The Nicene Creed*

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.*

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.



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