



MASS OF THANKSGIVING

in honor of the 175th Anniversary of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
in the United States in Saint Louis, Missouri in 1845
for the pastoral advantage of the Vincentian Family in Austin

MEMORIAL OF SAINT JEROME

Priest and Doctor of the Church

Principal Celebrant and Homilist
MOST REVEREND JOE S. VÁSQUEZ
Bishop of Austin

Wednesday, September 30, 2020
Cathedral of Saint Mary

ORDER OF MASS

PROCESSIONAL

God Has Spoken By the Prophets

God has spoken by His prophets, spoken His unchanging Word,
Each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil, one firm anchor holds us fast:
God is King, His throne eternal, God the First and God the Last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father ever one;
Spoken by the Word incarnate, God of God, ere time was born;
Light of Light, to earth descending, Christ as God in human form.

God is speaking by His Spirit, speaking to our hearts again;
In the ageless Word expounding God's own message, now as then.
Thro' the rise and fall of nations One sure faith yet standing fast:
God abides, His Word unchanging, God the First and God the Last.

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Tune: HYFRYDOL, 8 7 8 7 D; Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

PENITENTIAL ACT AND KYRIE

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.

✠ Kyrie, eleison. ✠ Kyrie, eleison.
✠ Christe, eleison. ✠ Christe, eleison.
✠ Kyrie, eleison. ✠ Kyrie, eleison.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

2 Timothy 3:14-17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

✠ Lord, teach me your statutes.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Acts 16:14

✠ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:47-52

HOMILY

Bishop Vásquez

It is fitting that Bishop Vásquez preaches the homily for this solemn liturgy. A person of spiritual insight, Bishop Vásquez has provided tremendous support to the Diocesan Council of Austin.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Bishop Vásquez leads the prayer of the community as an Apostle of the Gospel. With joy he calls us to prayer for the work of the Vincentian Family. Deacon Ron Walker announces the petitions.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

Falling In Love with Jesus

Kim Boston of Holy Cross Parish and Lauren Warner of Saint Michael's Catholic Academy

*Falling in love with Jesus was the best thing I've ever done.
In his arms, I feel protected; In his arms, never disconnected;
In his arms I feel protected; There's no place I'd rather be.*

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SUSCIPAT DOMINUS
AND PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Mystery of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Great Amen

Amen, Amen, Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

COMMUNION PROCESSIONAL I

Taste and See

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Text: Psalm 34; James E. Moore, Jr., b.1951, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITES

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CLOSING HYMN

To Jesus Christ, Our Sov'reign King

To Jesus Christ, our sov'reign King, who is the world's salvation,
All praise and homage do we bring and thanks and adoration.

Christ Jesus, Victor! Christ Jesus, Ruler!
Christ Jesus, Lord and Redeemer!

Your reign extend, O King benign, to ev'ry land and nation;
For in your Kingdom, Lord divine, alone we find salvation.

To you, and to your church, great King, we pledge our heart's oblation;
Until before your throne we sing in endless jubilation.

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Celebrant: Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez

Deacon: Deacon Ron Walker

Music: DeKarlos Blackmon, Lauren Warner
and Kim Boston of Holy Cross Parish

Lector: Joleen Boyer

Council President: Janie Alonso

Executive Director: Rosalind (Roz) Gutierrez

Council Staff: Kanobia A. Russell-Blackmon
Michael Tullius
Stacey Sherman

COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

of the President of the Diocesan Council of Austin

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is an international organization in the Church that strives to remain faithful to the objectives of Blessed Frederic Ozanam and his companions. Locally, the Diocesan Council of Austin maintains a close collaborative relationship with the Bishop of Austin as a sign of ecclesial communion. The Diocesan Council has supported the communities by recognizing and accepting the call to dialogue, collaborate, and cooperate with parochial, interfaith, and civic organizations arising from its charitable activity throughout Central Texas. The work of Vincentians represents a true volunteerism and charity that reveals the love of God to others, as they get their hands and shoes dirty in the realities of the harsh suffering of our communities.

After Deacon Ron Walker offers an introduction about the role and responsibilities of the Diocesan Council of Austin, Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of Austin will offer words about the responsibilities of the president of the Diocesan Council and acknowledge the service of the immediate past president, Joleen Boyer of Saint William Parish. Boyer will present the Manual and Rule of the Society to the new president, Janie Alonso of Saint Vincent de Paul Parish. Then, Bishop Vásquez will ask the promises of Alonso in the presence of the assembly. After the bishop leads the faithful assembled by praying together the Hail Mary, he will then conclude with the final prayer and blessing.

Bishop: My dear brothers and sisters,
let us ask God our Father
to look lovingly upon **Janie Alonso**,
who has been called to serve as our new President
for the Diocesan Council of Austin.

(Joleen Boyer presents Janie Alonso with the Manual and Rule of the Society)

Bishop: The Past President now presents to you
the Manual and Rule of the Society
as a sign of your leadership and responsibility.
As we pray the Holy Spirit grants you
a receptive mind and heart to come to know
the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul and Blessed Frederic Ozanam,
may this Manual and Rule continue to guard and guide
your steps as you lead the Society
through a fruitful and rewarding presidency.

Bishop: Do you, **Janie Alonso**, promise to carry out your duties with diligence and creativity, serving the Diocesan Council of Austin and those in need for the greater glory of God?

President: I do, and I pray for the strength and wisdom to faithfully serve the members and those they visit.

Bishop: Do you promise to seek consensus and not to insist on your own opinion, to see every member as a friend, to recognize their talents, to encourage each one, to develop harmony and respect between members, and to always deepen the Vincentian spirit of friendship?

President: I do, and I pray that we will be of one mind and one heart, so that all our Conferences may be a sign of the presence and love of Christ in our community.

Bishop: Do you promise to help all members seek and to find the forgotten, the suffering, or the deprived so that they may bring them the love of Jesus?

President: I do, and I pray that we will be filled with the grace to serve those who are suffering in charity and justice.

Bishop: Do you promise to adhere loyally to the spirit of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul as reflected in the Rule, and to promote a deeper Vincentian spirituality among all members?

President: I do, and I pray that I will be generous with my time, my possessions and myself in this mission of charity.

Bishop: **Janie**, you have accepted a serious responsibility as the President of the Diocesan Council of Austin. I ask those present to share your responsibilities through our prayers and support. —

We ask that you allow yourself to be led by the Lord.
Trust him, follow his example, and always
act humbly, act gently, and act in good faith.

Your responsibilities,
which are many, will continue to grow,
but know the Lord will be your strength and reward
for the extraordinary services you will render
to the Society and to the poor.

Brothers and Sisters,
let us seek the intercession
of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Patroness of the Society,
as we pray together:

**All: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;
blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Bishop: O God, the Father of every gift,
we confess that all we have and are comes down from you;
teach us to recognize the effects of your boundless care
and to love you with a sincere heart and with all our strength.

We pray your blessing on **Janie**,
as we commission her, President
of the Diocesan Council of Austin.

Through the wisdom of St. Vincent and Blessed Frederic,
guard and guide her as she undertakes her office,

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

