

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Celebration of Mass

February 22, 2026
First Sunday of Lent A



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Entrance: To the Desert Follow Me

*To the desert follow me,
For I am God, who is your hope.
To the desert follow me.*

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A blessing I will give to you,
all you who wander and who thirst.
The desert soon will bear a spring;
forgiving water shall restore you.

*To the desert follow me,
For I am God, who is your hope.
To the desert follow me.*

Penitential Act: *Confiteor*

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, éléison
Christe éléison
Kyrie éléison

Liturgy of the Word

Readings from USCCB

*Click on the link above to follow the readings for today.
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Profession of Faith

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,

(Bow your heads)

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.

Preparation of the Gifts: [Into the Desert](#)

Come, beloved, and rest your mind;
leave the things of this world behind.

Here I will be your daily bread,
all that you need.

*Into the desert I will lead;
here in the silence my word will speak.
And you will find the peace you seek
here in the desert.*

Stay, beloved, and lose your fear;
there is healing and mercy here.
Here I will be a living stream,
all that you need.

*Into the desert I will lead;
here in the silence my word will speak.
And you will find the peace you seek
here in the desert.*

From this desert your life will bloom;
out of despair is hope renewed.
And from this death you shall arise,
arise with me

*Into the desert I will lead;
here in the silence my word will speak.
And you will find the peace you seek
here in the desert.*

Preparation of the Gifts II:

Jesus, My Everything

I've been looking for a reason,
I've been longing for a purpose,
I'm losing all my meaning,
I've run out of excuses.

Lord, it's hard to know you,
I don't always see your plan.
But holiness is calling me so take me as I am.

*'Cause you are my ev'rything,
you are the song I sing;
I'll do anything for you.
Teach me how to pray,
to live a life of grace;
I'll go anywhere with you.
Jesus, by my ev'rything.*

Lord, I get so tired of the struggle within.

I settle in complacency
and I'm weighed down in my sin.

So lead my past emotion,
'cause they change with the wind.

I want to be a true disciple;
to daily choose your hand.

*'Cause you are my ev'rything,
you are the song I sing;
I'll do anything for you.
Teach me how to pray,
to live a life of grace;
I'll go anywhere with you.
Jesus, by my ev'rything.*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Holy (Mass of St. Timothy)

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.

Memorial Acclamation

Save Us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross
and Resurrection you have set us free,
You have set us free.

Amen (Mass of St. Timothy)

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen, amen.

Lamb of God (Mass of St. Timothy)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, *miserere nobis.*

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the world, *miserere nobis.*

Angus Dei, you take away the sins of
the world, *dona nobis pacem.*

Communion I: On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: “My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!”

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

The snare off the fowler
will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge,
his faithfulness your shield.

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

Preparation of the Gifts: Gracious God

Lead us, Lord, into the desert;
lead us through the wilderness.
Through this journey we will follow,
for we long to see your face.

In this time of sacred struggle,
in this time of sacrifice,
we rejoice for we remember
that you lead us into life.

*Gracious God, mercy is your name.
Redeeming Love, you give your life away.
Gracious God, we bless your holy name.
Receiving love, we give our lives away.*

Lord, we hunger for your presence;
Lord we're thirsting for your grace.
When consuming all of you, Lord,
all we gain is emptiness.

*Gracious God, mercy is your name.
Redeeming Love, you give your life away.
Gracious God, we bless your holy name.
Receiving love, we give our lives away.*

Teach us, Lord: who is our neighbor?
Is it friend, or enemy?
When we welcome or condemn them,
it is you, O let us see.

*Gracious God, mercy is your name.
Redeeming Love, you give your life away.
Gracious God, we bless your holy name.
Receiving love, we give our lives away.*

Communion III: Lead Me to the Desert

*Lead me to the desert if it is your will;
lead me into hunger only you can fill.*

*In the barren places,
be the river that restores;
lead me to the desert where I thirst no more.*

I do not know the way,
nor do I know myself.

But I will never face my perils alone,
or the shadows without you.

*Lead me to the desert if it is your will;
lead me into hunger only you can fill.
In the barren places,
be the river that restores;
lead me to the desert where I thirst no more.*

The well within is dry;
my voice is all but gone.
But I will lift my eyes,
for you are my song
when the world has gone silent.

*Lead me to the desert if it is your will;
lead me into hunger only you can fill.
In the barren places,
be the river that restores;
lead me to the desert where I thirst no more.*

And in the dust is life;
the drought will be redeemed.
My hope shall bloom and rise,
for you are the spring
that will be my salvation.

*Lead me to the desert if it is your will;
lead me into hunger only you can fill.
In the barren places,
be the river that restores;
lead me to the desert where I thirst no more.*

Meditation: We Fall Down

We fall down,
we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus,
the greatness of
mercy and love, at the feet of Jesus.

And we cry, “Holy, holy, holy.”

And we cry, “Holy, holy, holy.”

And we cry, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.”

Recessional: 40 Days

Forty days to wander,
forty days to die to self.

Forty days to grow stronger
as faith breaks open the gates of hell.

The jubilee is over,
but grace is far from gone
in the hearts of the faithful,
broken on the wheels of love.

*'Cause in the desert of temptation
lies the storm of true conversion,
where springs of living water
drown and refresh you.*

*And as the Jordan pours out change,
your true self is all that remains,
where springs of living water bind and break you,
bind and break you.*

Forty days to remember
the Paschal Sacrifice.

Forty Days to discover
his passion calls us to new life.

The jubilee is over,
but mercy's far from gone
in the arms of the father
as the wayward child comes home.

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