

## THE ORDER OF MASS

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GOSPEL  
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THE OFFERTORY  
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### THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER  
SIGN OF PEACE  
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INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION  
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### THE CONCLUDING RITES

**BLESSING OF THE IMAGES** - At the end of Mass, (before the Final Blessing and Dismissal), people are invited to come up with their images/statues to the foot of the altar for the Bishop's blessing. They return to their seats with their images.  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
FINAL BLESSING  
DISMISSAL

## FIRST READING / UNANG PAGBASA

Sirach 2:1-18

Pagbasa mula sa aklat ni Sirak

Anak ko, kung nais mong maglingkod sa Panginoon, humanda ka sa mga pagsubok maging tapat ka at magpakatatag, huwag kang masisiraan ng loob sa panahon ng kasawian. Manalig ka sa Panginoon at huwag kang lalayo sa kanya, kung nais mong tumiwasay habang nabubuhay. Tanggapin ang anumang ipagkaloob niya sa iyo, tiisin mo ang kadustaan kahit ano ang mangyari. Kung ang ginto ay dinadalisay sa apoy, ang banal ay sinusubok ng Panginoon sa apoy ng pagtitiis. Magtiwala ka at tutulungan ka niya, maging tapat ka sa kanya at makaaasa ka. Kayong may takot sa Panginoon, maghintay kayo ng kanyang habag; huwag kayong lalayo sa kanya nang hindi kayo mapahamak. Kayong may takot sa Panginoon, magtiwala kayo sa kanya, at walang pagsalang tatanggap kayo ng gantimpala. Kayong lahat na may takot sa Panginoon, umasa kayo sa kanya. Pagpapalain niya kayo, pasasaganain at paliligayahin magpakailanman. Tingnan ninyo ang nangyari sa ating mga ninuno: may nagtiwala ba sa Panginoon na nasiphayo? May nanatili bang naglilingkod sa kanya na kanyang pinabayaan? May tumawag ba sa kanya na hindi niya dininig? Sapagkat maawain at mapagpatawad ang Panginoon, pinatatawad niya tayo sa ating kasalanan, inililigtas sa kagipitan. Kawawa ang mahihinang-loob at mga tamad, kawawa ang makasalangang mapagkunwari. Kawawa ang mahihina ang loob! Ayaw nilang magtiwala, kaya hindi naman sila tatangkilikin. Kawawa kayong mga nawalan ng pag-asa at ayaw nang makibaka, ano ang gagawin ninyo pag naningil na ang Panginoon? Ang may takot sa Panginoon ay di sumusuway sa kanyang utos. Ang mga umiibig sa kanya'y namumuhay ayon sa kanyang kalooban. Ang mga may takot sa Panginoon ay nagsisikap na siya'y bigyang-lugod; ang kanyang Kautusan ang umiiral sa buhay ng mga umiibig sa kanya. Ang mga may takot sa Panginoon ay handang maglingkod sa kanya. Nagpapakababa sila sa kanyang harapan. Sabi nila, "Ipinagkakatiwala natin ang ating buhay sa Panginoon sa halip na sa mga tao, sapagkat kapantay ng kanyang kamahalan ang kanyang habag."

Ang Salita ng Diyos. **Salamat sa Diyos.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (116)

*How precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful.*

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### SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12

A reading from the first letter of Peter

Beloved, like newborn infants, long for pure spiritual milk so that through it you may grow into salvation, for you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. But you are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were "no people" but now you are God's people; you "had not received mercy" but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as aliens and sojourners to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against the soul. Maintain good conduct among the Gentiles, so that if they speak of you as evildoers, they may observe your good works and glorify God on the day of visitation.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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### GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

+ A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.**

## Saint Lorenzo Ruiz and Companions' Story

Lorenzo was born in Manila of a Chinese father and a Filipino mother, both Christians. Thus, he learned Chinese and Tagalog from them, and Spanish from the Dominicans whom he served as altar boy and sacristan. He became a professional calligrapher, transcribing documents in beautiful penmanship. He was a full member of the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary under Dominican auspices. He married and had two sons and a daughter.

Lorenzo's life took an abrupt turn when he was accused of murder. Nothing further is known except the statement of two Dominicans that "he was sought by the authorities on account of a homicide to which he was present, or which was attributed to him."

At that time, three Dominican priests, Antonio Gonzalez, Guillermo Courtet, and Miguel de Aozaraza, were about to sail to Japan in spite of a violent persecution there. With them was a Japanese priest, Vicente Shiwozuka de la Cruz, and a layman named Lazaro, a leper. Lorenzo, having taken asylum with them, was allowed to accompany them. But only when they were at sea did he learn that they were going to Japan.

They landed at Okinawa. Lorenzo could have gone on to Formosa, but, he reported, "I decided to stay with the fathers, because the Spaniards would hang me there." In Japan they were soon found out, arrested, and taken to Nagasaki. The site of wholesale bloodshed when the atomic bomb was dropped had known tragedy before. The 50,000 Catholics who once lived there were dispersed or killed by persecution.

They were subjected to an unspeakable kind of torture: After huge quantities of water were forced down their throats, they were made to lie down. Long boards were placed on their stomachs and guards then stepped on the ends of the boards, forcing the water to spurt violently from mouth, nose and ears.

The superior, Fr. Gonzalez, died after some days. Both Fr. Shiwozuka and Lazaro broke under torture, which included the insertion of bamboo needles under their fingernails. But both were brought back to courage by their companions.

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In Lorenzo's moment of crisis, he asked the interpreter, "I would like to know if, by apostatizing, they will spare my life." The interpreter was noncommittal, but in the ensuing hours Lorenzo felt his faith grow strong. He became bold, even audacious, with his interrogators.

The five were put to death by being hanged upside down in pits. Boards fitted with semi-circular holes were fitted around their waists and stones put on top to increase the pressure. They were tightly bound to slow circulation and prevent a speedy death. They were allowed to hang for three days. By that time Lorenzo and Lazaro were dead. Still alive, the three priests were then beheaded.

In 1987, Pope John Paul II canonized these six and 10 others: Asians and Europeans, men and women, who spread the faith in the Philippines, Formosa, and Japan. Lorenzo Ruiz is the first canonized Filipino martyr. The liturgical feast of Saint Lorenzo Ruiz and Companions is celebrated on September 28.



### Good Shepherd Parish - *Clergy*

Rev. Michael D. Vaughan, **Pastor**

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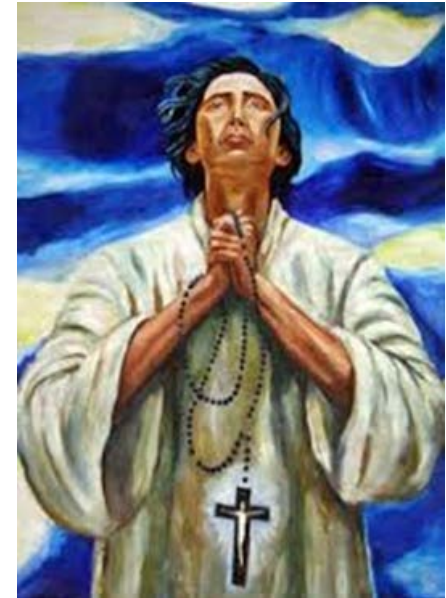
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## The Filipino Apostolate of Diocese Sacramento

*Celebrate*

### 11th Annual Diocesan San Lorenzo Ruiz Fiesta



Friday, September 23, 2022 | 6:00 PM

**The Most Reverend Jaime Soto**  
Bishop - Diocese of Sacramento, *Presider*

**Most Reverend Patrick Buzon, SDB, DD**  
Bishop of Bacolod, Philippines  
*Concelebrant*

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