

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 10, 2021



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Daily Eucharistic Liturgy: Tuesday - Friday at 8:00AM
Temporary Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:
Saturday at 4:00PM; Sunday at 9:00AM

* Daily Eucharistic Liturgy remains temporarily Non-Public

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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



January 10, 2021 The Baptism of the Lord

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, we will never grow.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 29:1-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 [Baptism of the Lord]
Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1-9/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2-9/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-9/Mk 1:29-39 [St. Hillary]
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3-8/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8-15/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3-10, 19/Ps 40:2-10/1 Cor 6:13-20/Jn 1:35-42 [2nd Sunday]

Sacrament of Baptism: Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

Confirmation preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint Luke's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.6920).

Sacrament of Holy Orders: God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Fr. Michael Polenik, at 1.800.374.3723.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

Sacrament of the Sick: Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

Leave A Legacy: Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

Bulletin Information Deadline: Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

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“PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN” MINISTRY

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Rose Marie at 814.923.4438.

“PRAYERLINE” MINISTRY

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Kay (825-7328) or Shirley (452-3395) from Saint Stanislaus, or Kathy Benes (898-1091) or Kathy Smith (392-8974) from Holy Trinity.

PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

“PRAYER SHAWL” MINISTRY

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Linda at 814.864.8476.

THE “ZABAWA COMMITTEE”

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Ray Luniewski at 882-1032.

PROLIFE COMMUNITY

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please Check: New Registration Change of Address Change of Telephone Number

Change of E-mail Moving out of Parish Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome

Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Jan. 11th - Private Intention
 Tues., Jan. 12th - Mary Ann Hallman (Class of '69)
 Wed., Jan. 13th - Gabriella Wlodarczyk (Family)
 Thurs., Jan. 14th - Clarence Mikolajczak (Family)
 Fri., Jan. 15th - Joseph & Anne Markiewicz & Family (Richard Markiewicz)
 Sat., Jan. 16th, 4:00PM - Members of the Ed Czulewicz Family
 Sun., Jan. 17th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (Pro Populo)

mark your Calendar

We intend to host our annual "Fish & Pierogi Dinners" (most likely, for take-out only) on the following dates in Lent:

February 19th
 March 5th
 March 19th



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **The KRAINSKI FAMILY** as gifted by Katherine.

IN MEMORIUM

Sandra Chromik passed away on December 23rd. Funeral services were private. Please keep Sandra, as well as her family and loved ones in your prayers. "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord..."

SSJ SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

Food items/treats *will not* be needed for the Sisters of Saint Joseph Soup Kitchen this month.

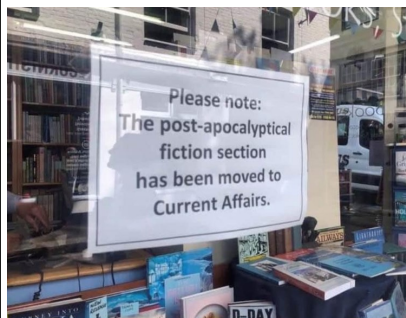
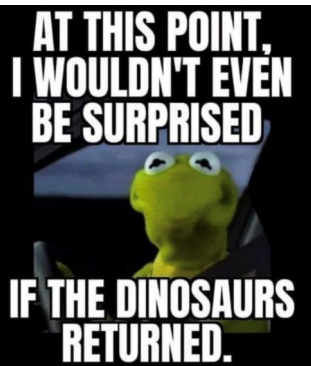
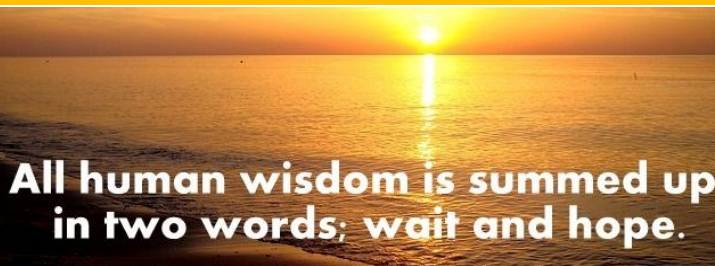
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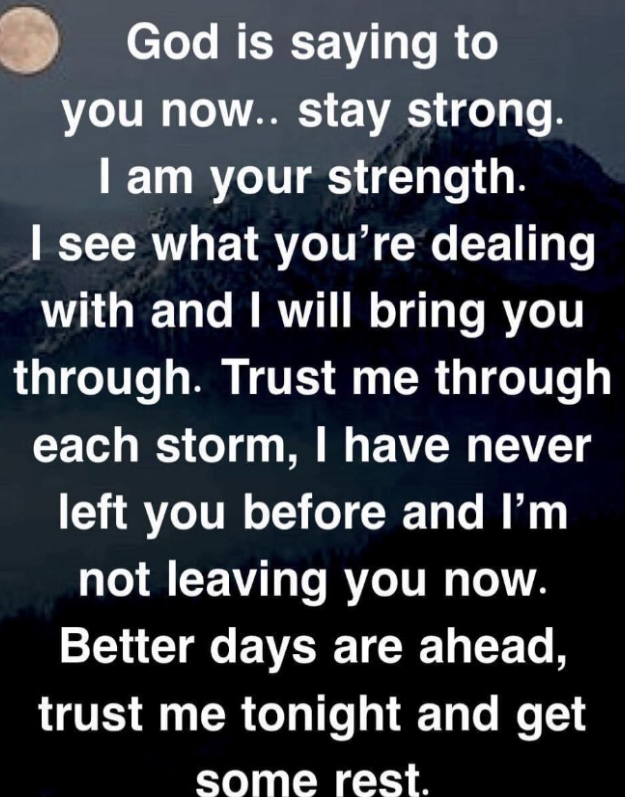
Thanks to your tremendous generosity, we have paid off our portion of the cost for the sanitizing supplies which we use to clean the church after every public celebration. We have plenty of supplies to last us for some time to come! We can bring this solicitation to an end...

If you are looking for other ways to directly assist the parish, we will accept solicitations toward our new/used plowing truck. While the parish can make its monthly payments, any additional funds received will help us pay off our loan more quickly. Every little bit helps!

FEBRUARY LOTTERY RAFFLE

Our Holy Name Society will be sponsoring a "February Lottery Raffle." Tickets are available from any Holy Name member, or at the Parish Office. Thank you for supporting the Society and, in turn, for the Society enabling us to accomplish so many projects on our campus!




 God is saying to
 you now.. stay strong.
 I am your strength.
 I see what you're dealing
 with and I will bring you
 through. Trust me through
 each storm, I have never
 left you before and I'm
 not leaving you now.
 Better days are ahead,
 trust me tonight and get
 some rest.

WEEKLY OFFERING (CHRISTMAS & DECEMBER 27, 2020)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$108,056.00
Amount Received	\$4,522.00	\$71,125.00
Net over/under	\$396.00	(\$36,931.00)

Mass Attendance:
 4:00PM = 38
 9:30AM = 30



Holy Trinity Parish Community



Jan 12 – Shirley Buzanowski
 Jan. 15 – Dorothy Carlson
 Jan. 16 – Joshua & Tyler Chermack,
 and Peter Smith
 Jan. 17 – Irene Krol

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Jan. 11th - Donald Benczkowski (Barbara & Louis Narducci)
 Tues., Jan. 12th - Anthony Maciulewicz (Wife, Lillian & Family)
 Wed., Jan. 13th - The Souls in Purgatory
 Thurs., Jan. 14th - Msgr. John Daniszewski
 Fri., Jan. 15th - For the People of Holy Trinity
 Sat., Jan. 16th, 5:15PM - Martha Leszek (Anniversary)
 Sun., Jan. 17th, 10:30AM - Aggie Krawiec (Dee Madura)



Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **JOHN FIGURSKI** as gifted by Pearl & Kathy Wisniewski.

**MAY WE NEVER AGAIN
 TAKE FOR GRANTED:
 FRIDAY NIGHTS WITH FRIENDS
 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
 THE ROAR OF A STADIUM
 PACKED DANCE FLOORS
 MORNINGS AT THE GYM
 CROWDED CONCERTS
 COFFEE WITH A FRIEND
 HAPPY HOUR
 LIFE ITSELF**

AMEN

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for **Loretta Lipinski** on December 29th. Please keep her and her loved ones in your prayers. "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord."

CONGRATULATIONS!

Three of our PCEP students were honored by Mercyhurst Prep for attaining Honor Roll. Mia Lubak and Nina Mangini both earned First Honors (GPA of 4.0 with no grade below a B), and Mia Mangini earned Second Honors (GPA of 3.5 or above with no grade below a C). Congratulations, ladies, we are proud of your accomplishments!

The Baptism of Jesus

As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:10-11
 Based on Mark 1:4-11 (NIV)



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WEEKLY OFFERING FOR DECEMBER 20, 2020

Regular Offering: \$802.00 (17/147)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$78,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$61,490.00
Total Offertory:	\$868.00	\$50,875.00
Net (over/under):	(\$1,497.00)	(\$10,615.00)

Attendance: 5:15PM = 12; 10:30AM = N/A

CSA UPDATE

Assessment: \$12,425.00
 Pledges: \$25,227.00
 Paid: \$24,537.00
 Families Contributing: 70

REPENT	JORDAN	FORGIVE	HEAVEN
CLOTHING	SINS	JESUS	WILD
LOCUSTS	WATER	RIVER	BAPTIZED
SPIRIT	CONFESS	HONEY	JOHN

"I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

- Mark 1:8

News for Our Partnership

FROM MOM & DAD...

"Thank you all for our stay at the Saint Hedwig rectory during our Covid scare. The support we received is greatly appreciated. We are safe again and in our own home. With deep gratitude we thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

Sincerely,
Richard & Sandy Glover

CELEBRATING YOUR BAPTISM

Since most of us were baptized as infants, we do not remember the event. Yet, no matter what age you were baptized, it still has the same effects: cleansing of sin, imparting of grace, giving of the Holy Spirit, adoption as a child of God, and incorporation into the Church. Take time today to thank God for the gift of baptism and reflect on the importance of your baptism.

Baptism begins our covenant relationship with God. Like all covenantal relationships (e.g. marriage), this relationship takes work. Make an extra effort this week to invest time and energy into your relationship with God and ask for His grace to help you grow closer to Him.

TOWARD MORE EFFICIENT COMMUNICATION

Of the many challenges the pandemic has imposed on us is our parishes' ability to communicate frequently and efficiently with our people. Mass mailings are too cost prohibitive. We would like to begin building a parish e-mail distribution list. To be included on this list, **please send Fr. Jason an email at glover001@gannon.edu**. Indicate who in your household will have access to the email.

Don't know whose dog this is but she probably makes good pierogi



The world is changed
by your example
not by your
opinion.

-Paulo Coelho



On December 14, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued a statement on the new COVID-19 vaccines. In their statement, the bishops address the moral concerns raised by the fact that the three vaccines that appear to be ready for distribution in the United States all have some connection to cell lines that originated with tissue taken from abortions. With regard to the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, they concluded:

"In view of the gravity of the current pandemic and the lack of availability of alternative vaccines, the reasons to accept the new COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna are sufficiently serious to justify their use, despite their remote connection to morally compromised cell lines.

"Receiving one of the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community. In this way, being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good."

With regard to the AstraZeneca vaccine, the bishops found it to be "more morally compromised" and consequently concluded that this vaccine "should be avoided" if there are alternatives available. "It may turn out, however, that one does not really have a choice of vaccine, at least, not without a lengthy delay in immunization that may have serious consequences for one's health and the health of others," the bishop chairmen stated. "In such a case ... it would be permissible to accept the AstraZeneca vaccine."

At the same time, the bishops also warned that Catholics "must be on guard so that the new COVID-19 vaccines do not desensitize us or weaken our determination to oppose the evil of abortion itself and the subsequent use of fetal cells in research."



THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

1/10) Tony Jankowski & Eleanor Walker; 1/11) Sandy Kempisty & Ray Przybyszewski; 1/12) Edie Luniewski & Debbie Oldenski; 1/13) Deacon Tom Matusiak & Shirley Widomski; 1/14) Julie Slomski & Katherine Krainski; 1/15) Dorothy & Mead Carlson, Nancy & Art Kujawinski, & Carol Clark; 1/16) Corinne Dyakon, Mary Jo Sulecki, & Kay Stankiewicz

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

1/10) Msgr. Gerald Koos; 1/11) Fr. Rob Horgas; 1/12) Fr. Casimir Wozniak; 1/13) Fr. Tom Tyler; 1/14) Fr. David Wilson; 1/15) Fr. Rich Toohey; 1/16) Fr. Joseph Staszewski; 1/17) Fr. Steve Schreiber

Sunday, Jan 10, 2021

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Do justice

Isaiah 55:1-11 or Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; 1 John 5:1-9

*"A smoldering wick he shall not quench,
until he establishes justice on the earth."*

We sometimes imagine it's about collecting sacraments. Or stockpiling mountains of prayers. Writing fat checks to charities. Or being nice to people we don't like. But the prophets relentlessly insist that what God desires from us is a just world. Where there's a privileged class, abominable wage gaps, racist systems, and deeply disproportionate outcomes for a nation's citizens, the peaceable reign of God can't gain a foothold. Contemplate categories of injustice. Make one your special cause, learn all you can, and educate others about it.

Monday, Jan 11, 2021

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Nothing ordinary about the reign of God

Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Today is the first weekday of Ordinary Time - that period in the church's liturgical year after the close of the Christmas season that stretches until Ash Wednesday. This time after the holidays can indeed seem "ordinary," when all the commotion dies down and all the decorations are put away. Some people, especially those who live with long, cold winters, might even feel a little blue. But while sacred seasons are important, getting down to business is too. After all, there's a reign of God to help build. Think about everything Jesus did between the bookends of his life that we celebrate.

Tuesday, Jan 12, 2021

The power of a name

Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28

"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?"

The Holy Name of Jesus is a devotion that was championed by Saint Bernardino of Siena in the 1400s - with the Holy Name Society dating to the 1200s. As a feast day, it's been celebrated during the first week of January by various Catholic religious orders, most notably the Jesuits, who use a monogram of the name (IHS) as their emblem. For Catholics, the entire month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. Pray the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus today, recalling how even the unclean spirits of Jesus' day recognized his name.

Wednesday, Jan 13, 2021

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF HILARY, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Be gracious in your disagreements

Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39

"For this purpose have I come."

Catholics of the 21st century profess the belief that Jesus is both human and divine every time we recite the Nicene Creed at Mass. However, that profession of faith was challenged mightily in the fourth century when followers of Arius argued that Jesus was a great man—but not God. The conflict involved bishops and emperors on both sides and it went on for years. Hilary of Poitiers converted to Christianity at the age of 35 and was elected a bishop three years later. Hilary was a friendly and courteous man who persistently championed belief in Jesus' divinity. Even exile did not silence his voice. In our own times of conflict and division, Saint Hilary, guide us to God's grace.

Thursday, Jan 14, 2021

Reach out and touch an outcast

Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45

"He... touched the leper, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.' "

Jesus heals a leper in today's gospel. Leprosy is relatively rare now in most regions of the world, so it's hard to understand the fear and revulsion that people with this disease triggered at one time. Even someone as close to God as Saint Francis struggled to be comfortable with touching a leper. Every age has its outcasts, and the Christian challenge has always been to learn to accept those others find unacceptable, love those others find unlovable. Prisoners, poor people, those with dark skin or foreign accents, the homeless—the list of modern lepers is long. Who do you avoid? Acknowledging your aversion is a step toward acceptance.

Friday, Jan 15, 2021

Color blind no more

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12

*"They were all astounded and glorified God, saying,
'We have never seen anything like this.' "*

Today in Guatemala, a major religious procession honors an image of Christ on the cross carved from dark wood and renowned throughout the region as the "Black Christ of Esquipulas." The statue was commissioned by Spanish colonial leaders looking to convert the indigenous people who worshipped a dark-skinned deity. Today the image affirms the fact that in Latin America there has been a certain "fluidity between races through inter-marriage and more blending of cultures and religions when compared to the experience of Native Americans and African Americans," as El Paso Bishop Mark J. Seitz wrote in a remarkable pastoral letter on the history of racism, *Night Will Be No More*. Today would be a good day to dip into this document for insights into the history and persistence of racism, regionwide. May the Black Christ be a symbol of hope!

Saturday, Jan 16, 2021

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Be present to the Presence

Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17

"I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

The great paradox of God's kingdom is often expressed in the teachings of Jesus: The blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the last are first, the dead live. The first and most profound paradox is that the Virgin conceives. Our Blessed Mother experienced the coming Kingdom in her own body. She shares that experience with us in our communion with the Lord. We carry the Real Presence of the Savior in our own bodies. The ongoing paradox is that the Lord calls us, who are sinners, to be the vessels of his presence in the world. Express that presence today by lifting up the lowly.

Christ Jesus,

Thank you for the new life
of grace I received in
the healing waters of Baptism.

As I seek to nourish that life
through the Eucharist, please renew
me in joy and continue to restore my
vision, that I may always acknowledge
you as truly the Son of God.

Amen.

