

## CONCLUDING RITES

Collection and Announcements

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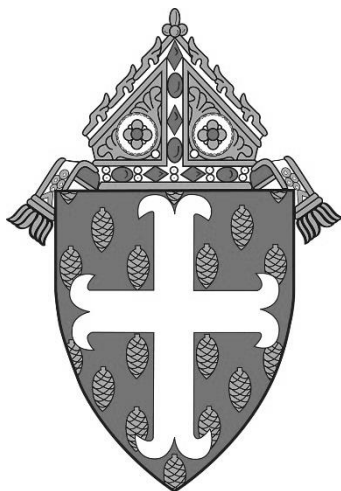
Invitation to Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood

*Please stand.*

Loving Father, you sent your Son  
so that all might come to know the truth and be saved.  
With the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,  
you continue his work through the Church.  
Your Son reminded his disciples that the harvest  
was indeed plentiful but the laborers few.  
Following his instructions, we beg you  
to call many to ordained priesthood.  
Grant them the grace to hear you  
and to respond wholeheartedly.  
May Mary Immaculate the mother of your Son,  
and the patroness of our diocese, intercede for us.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

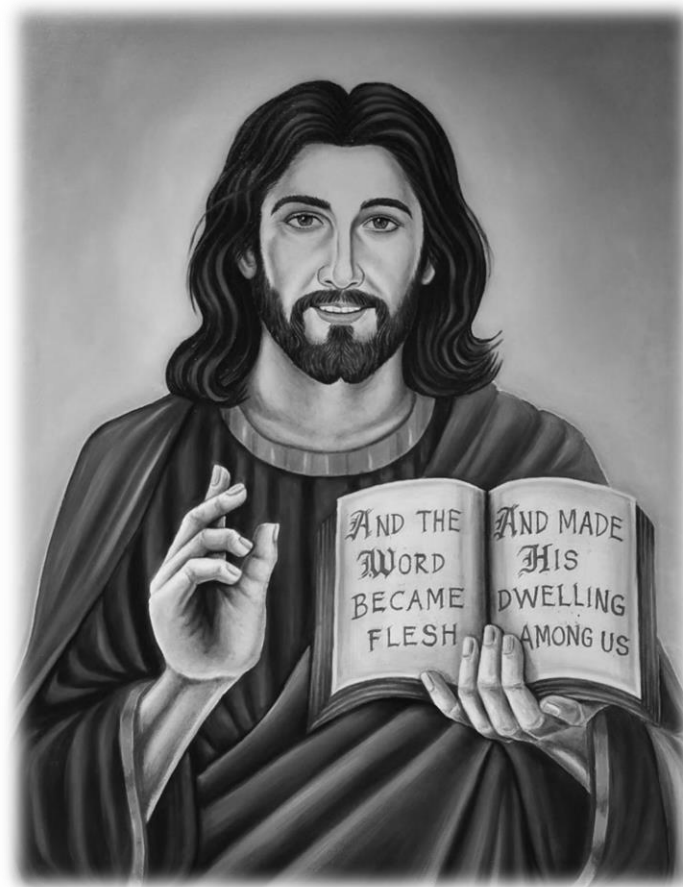
Blessing

Sign of Peace



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## ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTLAND



## SUNDAY CELEBRATION IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST LITURGY OF THE WORD

When the absence of a priest does not allow for the fullness of the Eucharist in the Mass, a deacon or diocesan-appointed lay person leads the Catholic community gathered to celebrate the Lord's Day.

We fulfill our Sunday obligation by sharing Christ present  
in the Liturgy of the Word and among us  
as the People of God gathered in Jesus' name.

*Please genuflect or bow to reverence the altar or tabernacle  
as you usually do when entering or leaving the church  
This liturgy has no formal entrance or concluding procession of ministers.*

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Introduction

#### Sign of the Cross

Leader: †In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

#### Greeting

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our Father  
and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be God for ever.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

#### Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray. ...

All: **Amen.**



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

*Please sit.*

### Responsorial Psalm

### Second Reading

### Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand.*

### Gospel

### Homily (Deacon) or Reflection (Lay Person)

*Please sit.*

### Period of Silence

## Profession of Faith

*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.

*Please stand.*

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.

## Prayer of the Faithful

### Act of Thanksgiving

*Psalm 100*

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the LORD with gladness;  
Come before him, singing for joy.  
Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him.  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.  
Go within his gates, giving thanks.  
Enter his courts with songs of praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.  
Indeed, how good indeed is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age.