

**BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**



**THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

13 SEPTEMBER 2026

ORDER OF MASS

PRELUDE

Vigil Adagio in C major, BWV 564/2

10:30

9:00 Prélude modal

12:00 Cortège et Litanie

4:30 Allegretto

Johann Sebastian Bach

(1685–1750)

Jean Langlais

(1907–1991)

Marcel Dupré

(1886–1971)

Percy W. Whitlock

(1903–1946)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



1. O God be-yond all prais - ing, We wor-ship You to - day
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, Ac - cept the love we bring.
3. O God, Al-migh - ty Fa - ther, Cre - a - tor of all things,
And sing the love a - maz - ing That songs can - not re -
That we who know your fa - vor, May serve You as our
The hea - vens stand in won - der, While earth Your glo - ry
pay For we can on - ly won - der At ev - 'ry gift you
king. And wheth - er our to - mor - rows Be filled with good or
sings; O Je - sus, Word In - car - nate, Re - deem - er most a -
send, At bless - ings with - out num - ber and
ill, We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows And
dored, All glo - ry, praise and ho - nor Be
mer - cies with - out end: We lift our hearts be -
rise to bless You still: To mar - vel at Your
Yours, O sov - 'reign Lord; O God, the Ho - ly
fore You And wait up - on your word: We
beau - ty And glo - ry in Your ways, And
Spi - rit, Who lives with - in our soul, Send
hon - or and a - dore You Our great and might - y Lord.
make a joy - ful du - ty Our sac - ri - fice of Praise.
forth Your light and lead us To our e - ter - nal goal!

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

Assembly: 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.

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Assembly: Amen.

GLORIA



Celebrant: *Assembly:*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you,

we glo - rify you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,

Lord God, heav'n - ly King, O God, almight-y Fa - ther.

Lord Je - sus Christ, Only Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Fa - ther, you take away the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glory of God the Father. A - - - men.

(Choir) *Missa Brevis Sancti Pauli*
Kyrie eleison; Gloria in excelsis Deo

Anthony Caesar
(1924–2018)

COLLECT

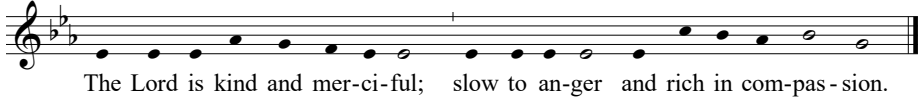
LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 9–10, 11–12



READING II

Romans 14:7–9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 13:34



I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:
love one another as I have loved you.

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21–35

HOMILY

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,

(All bow during these two lines.)

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.

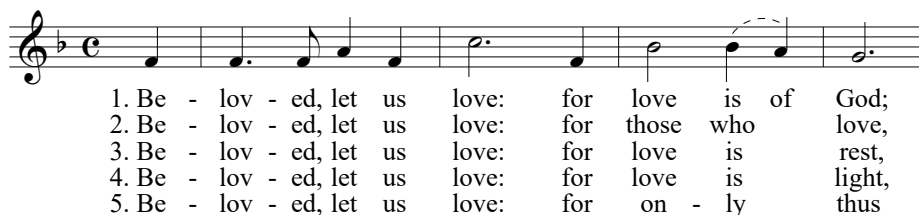
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
 I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
 and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

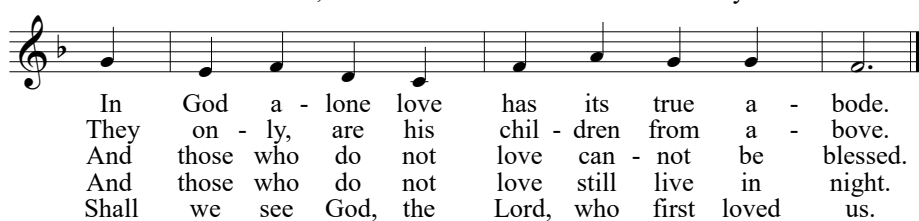
Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS



1. Be - lov - ed, let us love: for love is of God;
 2. Be - lov - ed, let us love: for those who love,
 3. Be - lov - ed, let us love: for love is rest,
 4. Be - lov - ed, let us love: for love is light,
 5. Be - lov - ed, let us love: for on - ly thus



In God a - lone love has its true a - bode.
 They on - ly, are his chil - dren from a - bove.
 And those who do not love can - not be blessed.
 And those who do not love still live in night.
 Shall we see God, the Lord, who first loved us.

(Choir) *Behold, O God our defender*

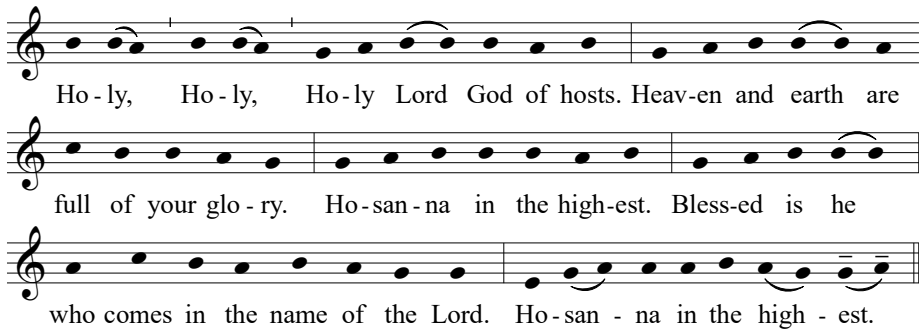
Herbert Howells
 (1892–1983)

Behold, O God our defender,
 and look upon the face of thine Anointed.

For one day in thy courts
 is better than a thousand.

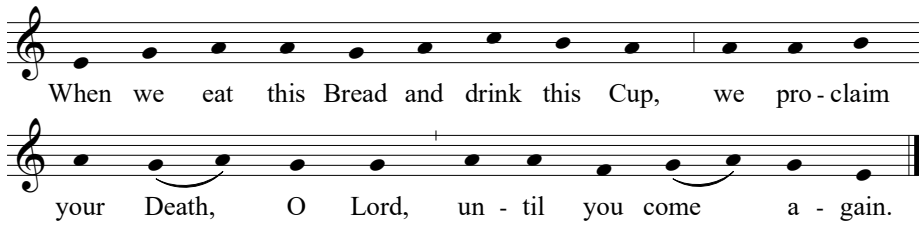
(Psalm 84:9–10)

PREFACE ACCLAMATION



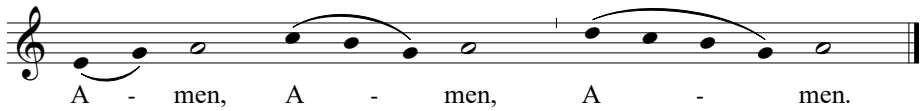
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim
your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

GREAT AMEN



A - men, A - men, A - men.

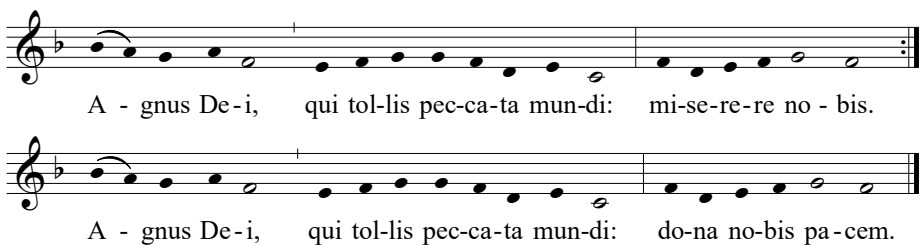
COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

DOXOLOGY

SIGN OF PEACE

LITANY AT THE BREAKING OF BREAD



A - gnus De-i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.
A - gnus De-i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For Our Fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

For Non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

For Those Not Receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1996

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The chalice of blessing that we bless,
is a communion in the Blood of Christ;
and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

(1 Corinthians 10:16)

COMMUNION PROCESSION



(Choir) *Ave verum corpus*

Marcel Dupré
(1886–1971)

*Ave verum corpus
natum de Maria virgine:
vere passum immolatum
in cruce pro homine,
cuius latus perforatum
unda fluxit aqua et sanguine,
esto nobis prægustatum
in mortis examine.
O dulcis, O pie,
O Jesu, fili Mariæ.*

Hail, True body,
born of the Virgin Mary:
having truly suffered,
sacrificed on the cross for humankind,
whose pierced side
flowed water and blood,
be for us a foretaste
in the test of death.
O sweet, O loving,
O Jesus, Son of Mary.

(ascr. Pope Innocent VI, 1282–1362)

(Choir) *Bless Thou the Lord, O My Soul*

Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov
(1859–1935)

Bless thou the Lord, O bless thou the Lord, my soul;
blessed art thou, O most holy Lord.
Bless thou the Lord, O bless thou the Lord, my soul;
and let all that is in me bless his holy name.
Bless thou the Lord, O bless thou the Lord, my soul;
and forget not all his many benefits;
It is he who doth give all of thine iniquities,
it is he who healeth thine infirmities;
It is he who doth redeem thy life from all destruction,
and crowneth thy life with merciful kindness and tenderness.
Bless thou the Lord, O bless thou the Lord, my soul;
and let all that is in me bless his holy name.
Blessed art Thou, O most holy Lord.

(Psalm 102)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

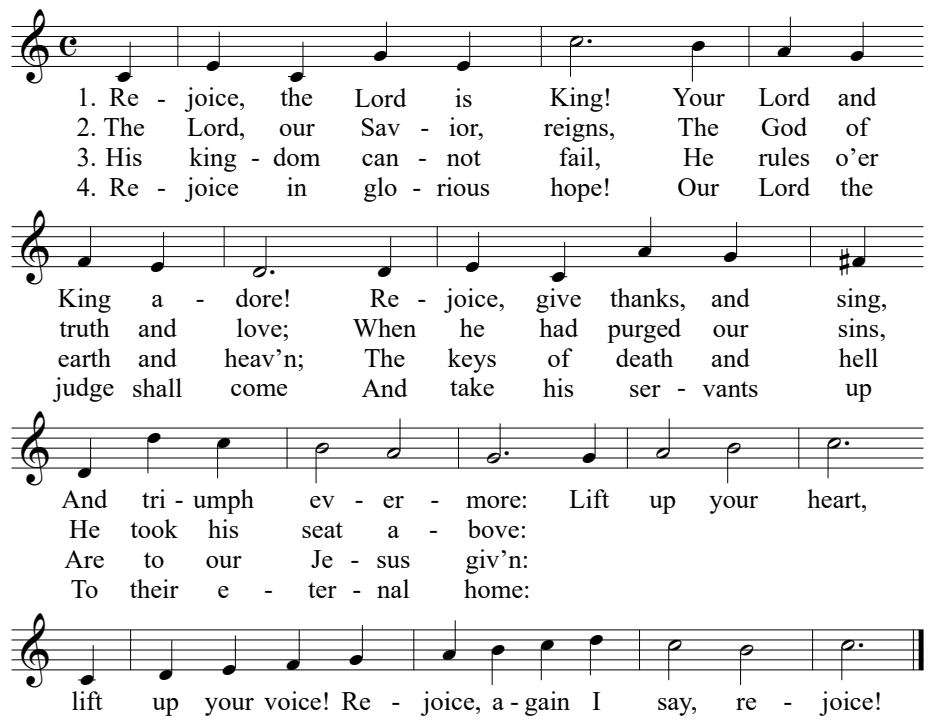
MARIAN ANTIPHON (at Noon Mass)

Sal-ve Re-gi-na, Ma-ter mi-se-ri-cor-di-ae: Vi-ta, dul-ce - do,
et spes no-stra, sal - ve. Ad te cla-ma-mus, ex-su-les,
fi-li-i He-vae. Ad te sus-pi-ra-mus, ge-men-tes et flen-tes
in hac la-cri-ma-rum val-le. E-ia er-go, Ad-vo-ca-ta no-stra,
il-los tu-os mi-se-ri-cor-des o-cu-los ad nos con-ver-te. Et Je-sum,
be-ne-dic-tum fruc-tum ven-tris tu-i, no-bis post hoc ex-si-li-um
o-sten-de. O cle-mens: O pi-a:
O dul-cis Vir-go Ma-ri-a.

*Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
to you we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us;
and after this, our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN

*We ask you to respect our custom of standing in place
and singing the complete Recessional Hymn.*



1. Re - jice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and
2. The Lord, our Sav - ior, reigns, The God of
3. His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er
4. Re - jice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the

King a - dore! Re - jice, give thanks, and sing,
truth and love; When he had purged our sins,
earth and heav'n; The keys of death and hell
judge shall come And take his ser - vants up

And tri - umph ev - er - more: Lift up your heart,
He took his seat a - bove:
Are to our Je - sus giv'n:
To their e - ter - nal home:

lift up your voice! Re - jice, a - gain I say, re - jice!

POSTLUDE

<i>Vigil</i>	Fugue in C major, BWV 564/2	Johann Sebastian Bach
10:30		(1685–1750)
12:00		
9:00	Carillon	Herbert Murrill
		(1909–1952)
4:30	Fugue in C major, BWV 545/2	J. S. Bach

RELICS OF SAINT BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is pleased to welcome the Relics of Saint Bernadette Soubirous and an Immersive Lourdes Experience from September 18 to 20, 2026.

Veneration of the Relics of Saint Bernadette Soubirous

September 18 to 20, 2026

Great Upper Church

September 18 – 9:00 A.M. to 11:45 A.M.

1:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

September 19 – 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

*September 20 – Relics will remain in the Lower Sanctuary
through the Closing Mass*



Lourdes Immersive Experience

September 18 and 19, 2026

Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes

September 18 – 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

1:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

September 19 – 9:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.



Lourdes Conference

September 18, 2026 ♦ 2:00 P.M.

Great Upper Church

Reverend Jim Phalan, C.S.C.

English-Speaking Chaplain, Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes



Masses in the Great Upper Church

Opening Mass

September 18, 2026 ♦ 12:10 P.M.

ROBERT CARDINAL McELROY

Archbishop of Washington

Principal Celebrant and Homilist

Mass and Candlelight Procession

September 19, 2026 ♦ 4:30 P.M.

MOST REVEREND TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO

Archbishop for the Military Services, USA

Principal Celebrant and Homilist

Broadcast live on the Eternal Word Television Network

Closing Mass

September 20, 2026 ♦ 12:00 P.M.

MOST REVEREND GABRIELE G. CACCIA

Apostolic Nuncio to the United States

Principal Celebrant and Homilist



**BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
400 Michigan Avenue, NE • Washington, DC 20017-1566
(202) 526-8300 • www.nationalshrine.org



Rev. Msgr. Walter R. Rossi
Rector of the Basilica

Rev. Msgr. Vito A. Buonanno
Rev. Ismael N. Ayala
Rev. Andrew Knop, O.M.I.
Priests of the Basilica

Deacon Joseph Pak
Deacon Timothy Wolfkill
Deacon Yannick Allepot
Deacons

Peter Latona, D.M.A., *Director of Music*
Benjamin J. LaPrairie, M.M., *Associate Director of Music*
Adam S. Chlebek, M.M., *Assistant Director of Music*
Choir of the Basilica of the National Shrine

Liturgical Ministers of the Basilica of the National Shrine
Knights of Columbus, Ushers of the Basilica of the National Shrine
Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, Sacristans of the Basilica of the National Shrine

*We ask that you help us to preserve a reverent atmosphere
by turning off all pagers, cellular phones and
other electronic devices while at the Basilica.*

The National Shrine Shops: Religious Bookstore & Gift Shop
are located at the front entrances on the lower level next to the Cafeteria.

To make a secure contact-free donation online in support of the National Shrine,
please scan the following QR code using the camera on your smartphone or device:



Thank you for your generosity and support of Mary's Shrine!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception gratefully acknowledges the following authors and composers whose materials are employed in this worship leaflet: **Processional Hymn** Text: Michael Perry (1942–1996), © 1982, 1987, The Jubilate Group. Music: THAXTED. **Gloria** Text: ICEL, © 2010. Music: *Congregational Mass*, John Lee, rev. Ronald F. Krisman, © 1970, 2011, GIA Publications, Inc. **Psalm Response** Music: Peter Latona, © 2017. **Gospel Acclamation** Music: Robert Twynham (1930–2011), © 1958, World Library Publications, a division of GIA Publications, Inc. **Preparation Hymn** Text: 1 John 4:7, Horatius Bonar (1808–1889). Music: SONG 46. **Eucharistic Acclamations** Text and Music: *The Roman Missal*, © 2010, ICEL. **Great Amen** Music: Peter Latona, © 2011. **Lamb of God** Music: Chant Mode VI. **Communion Procession** Music: Peter Latona, © 2002. **Recessional Hymn** Text: Charles Wesley (1707–1788). Music: DARWALL'S 148TH. Copyrighted materials reprinted with permission under Onelicense.net #A-701285. All rights reserved. **Cover Sketch** Art: H. C. Shaug.