Chants from Saint Meinrad Archabbey

for the

Orations

of

The Roman Missal

2011
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Collect

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,

the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ

with righteous deeds at his coming,

so that, gathered at his right hand,

they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May these mysteries, O Lord,
in which we have participated,
profit us, we pray,
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,
you teach us by them to love the things of heaven
and hold fast to what endures.

Through Christ our Lord.
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,

may no earthly undertaking hinder those

who set out in haste to meet your Son,

but may our learning of heavenly wisdom

gain us admittance to his company.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, through our partaking in this mystery,
you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth
and hold firm to the things of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Collect

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord’s Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
We implore your mercy, Lord,
that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults
and prepare us for the coming feasts.

Through Christ our Lord.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Collect

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption,
we pray, almighty God,
that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer,
so we may press forward all the more eagerly
to the worthy celebration of the mystery
of your Son’s Nativity.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
CHRISTMAS: AT THE VIGIL MASS

Collect

O God, who gladden us year by year as we wait in hope for our redemption,
grant that, just as we joyfully welcome your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer,
we may also merit to face him confidently when he comes again as our Judge.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray,

that we may draw new vigor

from celebrating the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son,

by whose heavenly mystery we receive both food and drink.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Collect

O God, who have made this most sacred night radiant with the splendor of the true light,

grant, we pray, that we,

who have known the mysteries of his light on earth,

may also delight in his gladness in heaven.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,

that we, who are gladdened by participation

in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity,

may through an honorable way of life

become worthy of union with him.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
CHRISTMAS: AT THE MASS AT DAWN

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,

that, as we are bathed

in the new radiance of your incarnate Word,

the light of faith, which illumines our minds,

may also shine through in our deeds.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant us, Lord, as we honor with joyful devotion

the Nativity of your Son,

that we may come to know with fullness of faith

the hidden depths of this mystery

and to love them ever more and more.

Through Christ our Lord.
O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant, O merciful God,

that, just as the Savior of the world, born this day,

is the author of divine generation for us,

so he may be the giver even of immortality.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament,

most merciful Father,

to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family,

so that, after the trials of this world,

we may share their company for ever.

Through Christ our Lord.
O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

We have received this heavenly Sacrament with joy, O Lord:

grant, we pray,

that it may lead us to eternal life,

for we rejoice to proclaim the blessed ever-Virgin Mary

Mother of your Son and Mother of the Church.

Through Christ our Lord.
Almighty ever-living God,
splendor of faithful souls,
graciously be pleased to fill the world with your glory,
and show yourself to all peoples by the radiance of your light.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Lord our God, we humbly ask you,

that, through the working of this mystery,

our offenses may be cleansed

and our just desires fulfilled.

Through Christ our Lord.
Collect

May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray,
shed its light upon our hearts,
that we may pass through the shadows of this world
and reach the brightness of our eternal home.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Renewed by sacred nourishment,

we implore your mercy, O Lord,

that the star of your justice

may shine always bright in our minds

and that our true treasure may ever consist

in our confession of you.

Through Christ our Lord.
O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord,
always and everywhere,
that we may perceive with clear sight
and revere with true affection
the mystery in which you have willed us to participate.

Through Christ our Lord.
Sunday after the Epiphany of the Lord

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Feast
Collect

Almighty ever-living God,

who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan

and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,

solemnly declared him your beloved Son,

grant that your children by adoption,

reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well

pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Or:

O God, whose Only Begotten Son

has appeared in our very flesh,

grant, we pray, that we may be inwardly transformed

through him whom we recognize as outwardly like ourselves.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts,
we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord,
that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son,
we may be your children in name and in truth.

Through Christ our Lord.
ASH WEDNESDAY
Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service,
so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils,
we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May the Sacrament we have received sustain us, O Lord,
that our Lenten fast may be pleasing to you
and be for us a healing remedy.

Through Christ our Lord.
Prayer over the People
For the dismissal, the Priest stands facing the people and, extending his hands over them, says this prayer:

Pour out a spirit of compunction, O God,
on those who bow before your majesty,
and by your mercy may they merit the rewards you promise
to those who do penance.

Through Christ our Lord.
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
Collect

Grant, almighty God,

through the yearly observances of holy Lent,

that we may grow in understanding

of the riches hidden in Christ

and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Renewed now with heavenly bread,
by which faith is nourished, hope increased,
and charity strengthened,
we pray, O Lord,
that we may learn to hunger for Christ,
the true and living Bread,
and strive to live by every word
which proceeds from your mouth.

Through Christ our Lord.
Prayer over the People

May bountiful blessing, O Lord, we pray,

come down upon your people,

that hope may grow in tribulation,

virtue be strengthened in temptation,

and eternal redemption be assured.

Through Christ our Lord.
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
Collect

O God, who have commanded us
to listen to your beloved Son,
be pleased, we pray,
to nourish us inwardly by your word,
that, with spiritual sight made pure,
we may rejoice to behold your glory.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

As we receive these glorious mysteries,
we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,
for allowing us while still on earth
to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.
Prayer over the People

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord,

with a blessing that endures for ever,

and keep them faithful

to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son,

so that they may always desire and at last attain

that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body,

to the amazement of his Apostles.

Through Christ our Lord.
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness,
who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving
have shown us a remedy for sin,
look graciously on this confession of our lowliness,
that we, who are bowed down by our conscience,
may always be lifted up by your mercy.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

As we receive the pledge

of things yet hidden in heaven

and are nourished while still on earth

with the Bread that comes from on high,

we humbly entreat you, O Lord,

that what is being brought about in us in mystery

may come to true completion.

Through Christ our Lord.
Prayer over the People

Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful,

and in your kindness grant your servants this grace:

that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbor,

they may fulfill the whole of your commands.

Through Christ our Lord.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Collect

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way,
grant, we pray,
that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world,
illuminate our hearts, we pray,
with the splendor of your grace,
that we may always ponder
what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty
and love you in all sincerity.

Through Christ our Lord.
Prayer over the People

Look upon those who call to you, O Lord,
and sustain the weak;
give life by your unfailing light
to those who walk in the shadow of death,
and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil
to reach the highest good.

Through Christ our Lord.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Collect

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,

may we walk eagerly in that same charity

with which, out of love for the world,

your Son handed himself over to death.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

We pray, almighty God,

that we may always be counted among the members of Christ,

in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Prayer over the People

Bless, O Lord, your people,
who long for the gift of your mercy,
and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire
they may receive by your generous gift.

Through Christ our Lord.
6. After the address, the Priest says one of the following prayers with hands extended.

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,

sanctify these branches with your blessing,

that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation,

may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.
Or:

Increase the faith of those who place their hope in you, O God, and graciously hear the prayers of those who call on you, that we, who today hold high these branches to hail Christ in his triumph, may bear fruit for you by good works accomplished in him.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

He sprinkles the branches with holy water without saying anything.

7. Then a Deacon or, if there is no Deacon, a Priest, proclaims in the usual way the Gospel concerning the Lord’s entrance according to one of the four Gospels. If appropriate, incense may be used.
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

At Mass
Collect

Almighty ever-living God,

who as an example of humility for the human race to follow

caus[ed] our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross,

graciously grant that we may heed

his lesson of patient suffering

and so merit a share in his Resurrection.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, just as through the death of your Son
you have brought us to hope for what we believe,
so by his Resurrection
you may lead us to where you call.

Through Christ our Lord.
Prayer over the People

Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family,

for whom our Lord Jesus Christ

did not hesitate to be delivered into the hands of the wicked

and submit to the agony of the Cross.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, though in our weakness we fail,
we may be revived
through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Visit your people, O Lord, we pray,
and with ever-watchful love
look upon the hearts dedicated to you
by means of these sacred mysteries,
so that under your protection
we may keep safe this remedy of eternal salvation,
which by your mercy we have received.

Through Christ our Lord.
Prayer over the People

May your protection, O Lord, we pray,
defend the humble
and keep ever safe those who trust in your mercy,
that they may celebrate the paschal festivities
not only with bodily observance
but above all with purity of mind.

Through Christ our Lord.
TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Almighty ever-living God,

grant us so to celebrate

the mysteries of the Lord’s Passion

that we may merit to receive your pardon.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Nourished by your saving gifts,
we beseech your mercy, Lord,
that by this same Sacrament,
with which you have fed us in the present age
you may make us partakers of life eternal.

Through Christ our Lord.
Prayer over the People

May your mercy, O God,
cleanse the people that are subject to you
from all seduction of former ways
and make them capable of new holiness.

Through Christ our Lord.
WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Collect

O God, who willed your Son to submit for our sake to the yoke of the Cross,

so that you might drive from us the power of the enemy,

grant us, your servants, to attain the grace of the resurrection.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Endow us, almighty God, with the firm conviction that through your Son’s Death in time, to which the revered mysteries bear witness, we may be assured of perpetual life.

Through Christ our Lord.
Prayer over the People

Grant your faithful, O Lord, we pray,

to partake unceasingly of the paschal mysteries

and to await with longing the gifts to come,

that, persevering in the Sacraments of their rebirth,

they may be led by Lenten works to newness of life.

Through Christ our Lord.
O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord’s Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Look upon your Church, O God,

with unfailing love and favor,

so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,

she may come to the glory of the resurrection.

Through Christ our Lord.
MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Collect

O God, who give constant increase to your Church by new offspring,

grant that your servants may hold fast in their lives to the Sacrament they have received in faith.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May the grace of this paschal Sacrament

abound in our minds, we pray, O Lord,

and make those you have set on the way of eternal salvation

worthy of your gifts.

Through Christ our Lord.
TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Collect

O God, who have bestowed on us paschal remedies,
endow your people with heavenly gifts,
so that, possessed of perfect freedom,
they may rejoice in heaven
over what gladdens them now on earth.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Hear us, almighty God,

and, as you have bestowed on your family

the perfect grace of Baptism,

so prepare their hearts for the reward of eternal happiness.

Through Christ our Lord.
Collect

O God, who gladden us year by year with the solemnity of the Lord’s Resurrection,
graciously grant that, by celebrating these present festivities,
we may merit through them to reach eternal joys.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

We pray, O Lord,

that the reverent reception of the Sacrament of your Son

may cleanse us from our old ways

and transform us into a new creation.

Through Christ our Lord.
THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Collect

O God, who have united the many nations
in confessing your name,
grant that those reborn in the font of Baptism
may be one in the faith of their hearts
and the homage of their deeds.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Hear, O Lord, our prayers,

that this most holy exchange,

by which you have redeemed us,

may bring your help in this present life

and ensure for us eternal gladness.

Through Christ our Lord.
Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who gave us the Paschal Mystery in the covenant you established for reconciling the human race, so dispose our minds, we pray, that what we celebrate by professing the faith we may express in deeds.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Keep safe, O Lord, we pray,
those whom you have saved by your kindness
that, redeemed by the Passion of your Son,
they may rejoice in his Resurrection.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
O God, who by the abundance of your grace
give increase to the peoples who believe in you,
look with favor on those you have chosen
and clothe with blessed immortality
those reborn through the Sacrament of Baptism.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,

and grant, we pray,

that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries

may attain in their flesh

the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.

Through Christ our Lord.
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collect

God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,

that our reception of this paschal Sacrament

may have a continuing effect

in our minds and hearts.

Through Christ our Lord.
May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youth-ful-ness of spir-it,
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our a-dop-tion,
we may look forward in con-fi-dent hope
to the rejoicing of the day of re-sur-rec-tion.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,

and grant, we pray,

that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries

can attain in their flesh

corruptible glory of the resurrection.

Through Christ our Lord.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures
the sheep you have redeemed
by the Precious Blood of your Son.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collect

Almighty ever-liv-ing God,

constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery with-in us,

that those you were pleased to make new in Ho-ly Bap-tism

may, under your protective care, bear much fruit

and come to the joys of life e-ter-nal.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.

Through Christ our Lord.
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collect

Grant, almighty God,

that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,

which we keep in honor of the risen Lord,

and that what we relive in remembrance

we may always hold to in what we do.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Almighty ever-living God,

who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,

increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament

and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.

Through Christ our Lord.
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
AT THE VIGIL MASS

Collect

O God, whose Son today ascended to the heav-ens
as the Apos-tles looked on,
grant, we pray, that, in accordance with his pro-mise,
we may be wor-thy for him to live with us always on earth,
and we with him in heav-en.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May the gifts we have received from your altar, Lord,  
kindle in our hearts a longing for the heavenly homeland  
and cause us to press forward,  
following in the Savior's footsteps,  
to the place where for our sake he entered before us.  

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
AT THE MASS DURING THE DAY
Collect

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,
and make us rejoice with devout thanks-giving,
for the Ascension of Christ your Son
is our exaltation,
and, where the Head has gone before in glory,
the Body is called to follow in hope.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Or:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,

that we, who believe that your Only Begotten Son,

our Redeemer

ascended this day to the heavens,

may in spirit dwell already in heavenly realms.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Almighty ever-living God,
who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries,
grant, we pray,
that Christian hope may draw us onward
to where our nature is united with you.

Through Christ our Lord.
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collect

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,

so that we, who believe that the Savior of the human race

is with you in your glory,

may experience, as he promised,

until the end of the world,

his abiding presence among us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Hear us, O God our Saviour,
and grant us confidence,
that through these sacred mysteries
there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church
what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.

Through Christ our Lord.
PENTECOST SUNDAY
AT THE VIGIL MASS
Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who willed the Paschal Mystery to be encompassed as a sign in fifty days,

grant that from out of the scattered nations the confusion of many tongues may be gathered by heavenly grace into one great confession of your name.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that the splendor of your glory
may shine forth upon us
and that, by the bright rays of the Holy Spirit,
the light of your light may confirm the hearts
of those born again by your grace.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May these gifts we have consumed

benefit us, O Lord,

that we may always be aflame with the same Spirit,

whom you wondrously poured out on your apostles.

Through Christ our Lord.
O God, who by the mystery of today’s great feast
sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation,
pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit
across the face of the earth
and, with the divine grace that was at work
when the Gospel was first proclaimed,
fill now once more the hearts of believers.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church,
safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given,
that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her
may retain all its force
and that this spiritual food
may gain her abundance of eternal redemption.

Through Christ our Lord.
Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,
and in your kind-ness
make those you have nourished
by this one heav-en-ly Bread
one in mind and heart.

Through Christ our Lord.
Almighty ever-living God,

direct our actions according to your good pleasure,

that in the name of your beloved Son

we may abound in good works.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, receiving the grace
by which you bring us to new life,
we may always glory in your gift.

Through Christ our Lord.
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collect

Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honor you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Nourished by these re-deem-ing gifts,
we pray, O Lord,
that through this help to eter-nal sal-va-tion
true faith may e-ver in-crease.

Through Christ our Lord.
Keep your family safe, O Lord, with un-fail-ing care,
that, relying solely on the hope of heav-en-ly grace,
they may be defended always by your pro-tec-tion.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

O God, who have willed that we be par-tak-ers

in the one Bread and the one Cha-lice,

grant us, we pray, so to live

that, made one in Christ,

we may joyfully bear fruit

for the salvation of the world.

Through Christ our Lord.
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collect

O God, who teach us that you a-bide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace
as to become a dwelling pleas-ing to you.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Having fed upon these heav-en-ly de-lights,

we pray, O Lord,

so that we may al-ways long

for that food by which we tru-ly live.

Through Christ our Lord.
Collect

Grant, we pray, al-might-y God,
that, always pondering spi- ri- tual things,
we may carry out in both word and deed
that which is pleas-ing to you.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,

that we may experience the effects of the salvation

which is pledged to us by these mysteries.

Through Christ our Lord.
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collect

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that the course of our world
may be directed by your peace-ful rule
and that your Church may re-joice,
untroubled in her de-vo-tion.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Nourished by your sav-ing gifts,
we beseech your mer-cy, Lord,
that by this same Sacrament
with which you feed us in the present age,
you may make us partakers of life e-ter-nal.

Through Christ our Lord.
O God, whose providence never fails in its design,
keep from us, we humbly beseech you,
all that might harm us
and grant all that works for our good.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Govern by your Spirit, we pray, O Lord,
those you feed with the Body and Blood of your Son,
that, professing you not just in word or in speech,
but also in works and in truth,
we may merit to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.
Collect

O God, from whom all good things come,
grant that we, who call on you in our need,
may at your prompting discern what is right,
and by your guidance do it.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May your healing work, O Lord,
free us, we pray, from doing evil
and lead us to what is right.

Through Christ our Lord.
Collect

O God, strength of those who hope in you,
graciously hear our pleas,
and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing,
grant us always the help of your grace,
that in following your commands
we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord,
foreshadows the union of the faith-ful in you,
so may it bring about unity in your Church.

Through Christ our Lord.
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collect

Grant, O Lord,

that we may always revere and love your holy name,

for you never deprive of your guidance

those you set firm on the foundation of your love.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Renewed and nourished

by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son,

we ask of your mercy, O Lord,

that what we celebrate with constant devotion

may be our sure pledge of redemption.

Through Christ our Lord.
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collect

O God, who through the grace of adoption
chose us to be children of light,
grant, we pray,
that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error
but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received
fill us with life, O Lord, we pray,
so that, bound to you in lasting charity,
we may bear fruit that lasts for ever.

Through Christ our Lord.
O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world,
fill your faithful with holy joy,
for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, O Lord,

that, having been replenished by such great gifts,

we may gain the prize of salvation

and never cease to praise you.

Through Christ our Lord.
Collect

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honor.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord,

that, by our participation in this mystery,

its saving effects upon us may grow.

Through Christ our Lord.
Collect

Show favor, O Lord, to your servants
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,

and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.

Through Christ our Lord.
Collect

O God, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us
and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may use the good things that pass
in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

We have consumed, O Lord, this di-vine Sa-cra-ment,
the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son;
grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with love be-yond all tell-ing,
may profit us for sal-va-tion.

Through Christ our Lord.
Collect

Draw near to your ser-vants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with un-ceas-ing kind-ness,
that, for those who glory in you as their Cre-a-tor and guide,
you may restore what you have cre-a-ted
and keep safe what you have re-stored.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Accompany with constant protection, O Lord,
those you renew with these heav-en-ly gifts
and, in your never-failing care for them,
make them worthy of eter-nal re-demp- tion.

Through Christ our Lord.
Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,
that we may merit to enter into the inheritance
which you have promised.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May the communion in your Sacrament

that we have consumed, save us, O Lord,

and confirm us in the light of your truth.

Through Christ our Lord.
O God, who have prepared for those who love you
good things which no eye can see,
fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love,
so that, loving you in all things and above all things,
we may attain your promises,
which surpass every human desire.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments,
we humbly implore your mercy, Lord,
that, conformed to his image on earth,
we may merit also to be his co-heirs in heaven.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collect

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful
to unite in a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy
and graciously perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things we may please you.

Through Christ our Lord.
Collect

God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,
you may nurture in us what is good
and, by your watchful care,
keep safe what you have nurtured.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table,

we beseech you, Lord,

that, being the food of charity,

it may confirm our hearts

and stir us to serve you in our neighbor.

Through Christ our Lord.
Collect

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ
may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant that your faithful, O Lord,

whom you nourish and endow with life

through the food of your Word and heav-en-ly Sa-cra-ment,

may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts

that we may merit an eternal share in his life.

Who lives and reigns for ever and e- ver.
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collect

Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray,

take possession of our minds and bodies,

so that its effects, and not our own desires,

may always prevail in us.

Through Christ our Lord.
O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Graciously raise up, O Lord,

those you renew with this Sacrament,

that we may come to possess your redemption

both in mystery and in the manner of our life.

Through Christ our Lord.
O God, who manifest your al-might-y pow-er
above all by pardoning and show-ing mercy,
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us
and make those hastening to attain your promises
heirs to the trea-sures of heav-en.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,
restore us in mind and body,
that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,
to whose suffering we are united
whenever we proclaim his Death.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant us, almighty God,

that we may be refreshed and nourished

by the Sacrament which we have received,

so as to be transformed into what we consume.

Through Christ our Lord.
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collect

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord,

that, as you feed us with the nourishment

which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,

so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Almighty ever-living God,

grant that we may always conform our will to yours

and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray,

that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things,

we may be helped by what you give in this present age

and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.

Through Christ our Lord.
Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,

perfecţ in us what lies with-in them,

that what we now celebrate in signs

we may one day possess in truth.

Through Christ our Lord.
Almighty and merciful God,
by whose gift your faithful offer you
right and praiseworthy service,
grant, we pray,
that we may hasten without stumbling
to receive the things you have promised.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May the working of your pow-er, O Lord,

In-crease in us, we pray,

so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments,

we may be prepared by your gift

for receiving what they promise.

Through Christ our Lord.
Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord,
we give you thanks and beseech your mercy,
that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit,
the grace of integrity may endure
in those your heavenly power has entered.

Through Christ our Lord.
Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery,

humbly imploring, O Lord,

that what your Son commanded us to do

in memory of him

may bring us growth in charity.

Through Christ our Lord.
God our Father, who by sending into the world
the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification
made known to the human race your wondrous mystery,
grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith,
we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory
and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God,

bring us health of body and soul,

as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity.

Through Christ our Lord.
[In the Dioceses of the United States]
Sunday after the Most Holy Trinity

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
(CORPUS CHRISTI)

Collect

O God, who in this wondrous Sacrament
have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray,
so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood
that we may always experience in ourselves
the fruits of your redemption.

Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray,

that we may delight for all eternity

in that share in your divine life,

which is foreshadowed in the present age

by our reception of your precious Body and Blood.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Friday after the Second Sunday after Pentecost
THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,

that we, who glory in the Heart of your beloved Son

and recall the wonders of his love for us,

may be made worthy to receive an overflowing measure of grace

from that fount of heavenly gifts.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Or:

O God, who in the Heart of your Son,

wounded by our sins,

bestow on us in mercy

the boundless treasures of your love, grant, we pray,

that, in paying him the homage of our devotion,

we may also offer worthy reparation.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May this sacrament of charity, O Lord,
make us fervent with the fire of holy love,
so that, drawn always to your Son,
we may learn to see him in our neighbor.

Through Christ our Lord.
Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Having received the food of immortality,

we ask, O Lord,

that, glorying in obedience

to the com-mands of Christ, the King of the universe,

we may live with him e-ter-nal- ly in his heav-en-ly king-dom.

Who lives and reigns for ever and e- ver.
O God, who taught the whole world through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Paul,
draw us, we pray, nearer to you through the example of him whose conversion we celebrate today,
and so make us witnesses to your truth in the world.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May the Sacrament we have received, O Lord our God,

stir up in us that fire of charity

with which the blessed Apostle Paul burned ardently

as he bore his concern for all the Churches.

Through Christ our Lord.
5. After the address the Priest blesses the candles, saying, with hands extended:

Let us pray.

O God, source and origin of all light,

who on this day showed to the just man Simeon

the Light for revelation to the Gentiles,

we humbly ask that,

in answer to your people's prayers,

you may be pleased to sanctify with your blessing these candles,

which we are eager to carry in praise of your name,

so that, treading the path of virtue,
we may reach that light which nev-er fails.

Through Christ our Lord.

Or:

O God, true light, who create light e-ter-nal,
spreading it far and wide,
pour, we pray, into the hearts of the faithful
the brilliance of per-pet-ual light,
so that all who are brightened in your ho-ly tem-ple
by the splendor of these can-dles
may happily reach the light of your glo-ry.

Through Christ our Lord.
Almighty ever-living God,

we humbly implore your majesty

that, just as your Only Be-got-ten Son

was presented on this day in the Temple

in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace,

we may be presented to you with minds made pure.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord,
bring your grace to perfection within us,
and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation
that he would not see death
until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ,
so may we, going forth to meet the Lord,
obtain the gift of eternal life.

Through Christ our Lord.
Collect

Grant, we pray, al-might-y God,
that no tempests may dis-turb us,
for you have set us fast
on the rock of the Apostle Peter's con-fess-ion of faith.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

O God, who at our celebration
of the feast day of the blessed Apostle Peter
have nourished us by communion in the Body and Blood of Christ,
grant, we pray, that this redeeming exchange
may be for us a Sacrament of unity and peace.

Through Christ our Lord.
March 19
SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Solemnity

Collect

Grant, we pray, al-might-y God,
that by Saint Joseph’s in-ter-cess-ion
your Church may constantly watch o-ver
the unfolding of the mysteries of hu-man sal-va-tion,
whose beginnings you entrusted to his faith-ful care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Defend with unfailing protection,

O Lord, we pray,

the family you have nourished

with food from this altar,

as they rejoice at the Solemnity of Saint Joseph,

and graciously keep safe your gifts among them.

Through Christ our Lord.
March 25
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Solemnity
Whenever this Solemnity occurs during Holy Week, it is transferred to the Monday after the Second Sunday of Easter.

Collect

O God, who willed that your Word should take on the reality of human flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, grant, we pray, that we, who confess our Redeemer to be God and man, may merit to become partakers even in his divine nature.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Confirm in our minds the mysteries of the true faith,
we pray, O Lord,
so that, confessing that he who was conceived of the Virgin Mary
is true God and true man,
we may, through the saving power of his Resurrection,
merit to attain eternal joy.

Through Christ our Lord.
O God, who raised up Saint Mark, your Evangelist,

and endowed him with the grace to preach the Gospel,

grant, we pray,

that we may so profit from his teaching

as to follow faithfully in the footsteps of Christ.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,

that what we have received from your holy altar

may sanctify us and make us strong

in the faith of the Gospel which Saint Mark proclaimed.

Through Christ our Lord.
O God, who gladden us each year
with the feast day of the Apostles Philip and James, grant us,
through their prayers, a share in the Passion and Resurrection
of your Only Begotten Son,
so that we may merit to behold you for eternity.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Purify our minds, we pray, O Lord,

by these holy gifts we have received,

so that, contemplating you in your Son

together with the Apostles Philip and James,

we may be worthy to possess eternal life.

Through Christ our Lord.
May 14
SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE
Feast

Collect

O God, who assigned Saint Matthias a place in the college of Apostles,
grant us, through his intercession,
that, rejoicing at how your love has been allotted to us,
we may merit to be numbered among the elect.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Never cease, O Lord, we pray,
to fill your family with di-vine gifts,
and, through blessed Matthias’ intercession for us,
graciously admit us to a share in the lot of the Saints in light.

Through Christ our Lord.
May 31
THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Feast

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who,

while the Blessed Virgin Mary was carrying your Son in her womb,

inspired her to visit Elizabeth,

grant us, we pray, that, faithful to the promptings of the Spirit,

we may magnify your greatness with the Virgin Mary at all times.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May your Church proclaim your greatness, O God,
for you have done great things for your faithful,
and, as Saint John the Baptist leapt with joy
when he first sensed the hidden presence of Christ,
so may your Church rejoice
to receive in this Sacrament the same ever-living Lord.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
June 24
THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Solemnity
At the Vigil Mass
This Mass is used on the evening of 23 June, either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Solemnity.

Collect

Grant, we pray, al-might-y God,
that your family may walk in the way of sal-va-tion
and, attentive to what Saint John the Precur-sor urged,
may come safely to the One he fore-told,
our Lord Je-sus Christ.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May the marvelous prayer of Saint John the Baptist accompany us who have eaten our fill at this sacrificial feast, O Lord,

and, since Saint John proclaimed your Son to be the Lamb who would take away our sins,

may he implore now for us your favor.

Through Christ our Lord.
O God, who raised up Saint John the Baptist
to make ready a nation fit for Christ the Lord,
give your people, we pray,
the grace of spiritual joys
and direct the hearts of all the faith-ful
into the way of salva-tion and peace.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Having feasted at the banquet of the heavenly Lamb,

we pray, O Lord,

that, finding joy in the nativity of Saint John the Baptist,

your Church may know as the author of her rebirth

the Christ whose coming John fore-told.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Grant, we pray, O Lord our God, that we may be sustained by the intercession of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, that, as through them you gave your Church the foundations of her heavenly office, so through them you may help her to eternal salvation.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

By this heavenly Sacrament, O Lord, we pray,

Strength-en your faith-ful,

whom you have enlightened with the teaching of the A-po-stles.

Through Christ our Lord.
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES
AT THE MASS DURING THE DAY
Collect

O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul
give us the noble and holy joy of this day,
grant, we pray, that your Church
may in all things follow the teaching
of those through whom she received
the beginnings of right religion.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant us, O Lord,
who have been renewed by this Sacrament,
so to live in the Church,
that, persevering in the breaking of the Bread
and in the teaching of the A-po-stles,
we may be one heart and one soul,
made steadfast in your love.

Through Christ our Lord.
Grant, almighty God,
that we may glory in the Feast of the blessed Apostle Thomas,
so that we may always be sustained by his intercession
and, believing, may have life
in the name of Jesus Christ your Son,
whom Thomas acknowledged as the Lord.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

O God, as we truly receive in this Sacrament the Body of your Only Begotten Son,
grant, we pray, that we may recognize him with the Apostle Thomas by faith as our Lord and our God and proclaim him by our deeds and by our life.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Almighty ever-living God,

who consecrated the first fruits of you’re a-po-stles

by the blood of Saint James, grant, we pray,

that your Church may be strengthened by his confession of faith

and constantly sustained by his pro-tec-tion.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Help us, O Lord, we pray,

through the intercession of the blessed Apostle James,

on whose feast day we have received with joy your holy gifts.

Through Christ our Lord.
O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration
of your Only Be-got-ten Son
confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fa-thers
and wonderfully prefigured our full adop-tion to son-ship,
grant, we pray, to your ser-vants,
that, listening to the voice of your be-lov-ed Son,
we may merit to become co-heirs with him.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May the heavenly nourishment we have received,

O Lord, we pray,

transform us into the likeness of your Son,

whose radiant splendor you willed to make manifest

in his glorious Transfiguration.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
August 10
SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR
Feast

Collect

O God, giver of that ardor of love for you
by which Saint Lawrence was outstandingly faith-ful in ser-vice
and glorious in martyrdom,
grant that we may love what he loved
and put into practice what he taught.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Nourished by these sacred gifts,

we humbly implore you, Lord,

that the homage of dutiful service,

which we render on the feast of Saint Lawrence,

may bring us an increase of your saving grace.

Through Christ our Lord.
O God, who, looking on the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary, raised her to this grace, that your Only Begotten Son was born of her according to the flesh and that she was crowned this day with surpassing glory, grant through her prayers, that, saved by the mystery of your redemption, we may merit to be exalted by you on high. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Having partaken of this heavenly table,
we beseech your mercy, Lord our God,
that we, who honor the Assumption of the Mother of God,
may be freed from every threat of harm.

Through Christ our Lord.
Almighty ever-living God,
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son,
body and soul into heavenly glory,
grant, we pray,
that, always attentive to the things that are above,
we may merit to be sharers of her glory.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Having received the Sacrament of salvation,
we ask you to grant, O Lord,
that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
whom you assumed into heaven,
we may be brought to the glory of the resurrection.

Through Christ our Lord.
Strengthen in us, O Lord, the faith,
by which the blessed Apostle Bartholomew
clung wholeheartedly to your Son,
and grant that through the help of his prayers
your Church may become for all the nations
the sacrament of salvation.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

As we celebrate the feast day

of the blessed Apostle Bartholomew,

we have received the pledge of eternal salvation, O Lord,

and we pray that it may be of help to us,

both now and for the life to come.

Through Christ our Lord.
Impart to your servants, we pray, O Lord,
the gift of heavenly grace,
that the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin
may bring deeper peace to those for whom the birth of her Son
was the dawning of salvation.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May your Church exult, O Lord,
for you have renewed her with these sacred mysteries,
as she rejoices in the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
which was the hope and the daybreak of salvation
for all the world.
Through Christ our Lord.
O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son
should undergo the Cross to save the human race,
grant, we pray,
that we, who have known his mystery on earth,
may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Having been nourished by your holy banquet,
we beseech you, Lord Jesus Christ,
to bring those you have redeemed
by the wood of your giving Cross
to the glory of the resurrection.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.
O God, who with untold mercy
were pleased to choose as an Apostle
Saint Matthew, the tax collector,
grant that, sustained by his example and intercession,
we may merit to hold firm in following you.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Sharing in that saving joy, O Lord,

with which Saint Matthew welcomed

the Savior as a guest in his home, we pray:

grant that we may always be renewed

by the food we receive from Christ,

who came to call not the just, but sinners to salvation.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
O God, who dispose in marvelous order
ministries both angelic and human, Graciously grant
that our life on earth may be defended
by those who watch over us
as they minister perpetually to you in heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Having been nourished with heavenly Bread,
we beseech you humbly, O Lord,
that, drawing from it new strength,
under the faithful protection of your angels,
we may advance boldly along the way of salvation.

Through Christ our Lord.
October 18  
SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST  
Feast  
Collect

Lord God, who chose Saint Luke to reveal by his preaching and writings the mystery of your love for the poor, grant that those who already glory in your name may persevere as one heart and one soul and that all nations may merit to see your salvation. 

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,

that what we have received from your holy altar

may sanctify us and make us strong


Through Christ our Lord.
O God, who by the blessed Apostles have brought us to acknowledge your name, Gracious-ly grant, through the intercession of Saints Simon and Jude, that the Church may con-stant-ly grow by increase of the peoples who be-lieve in you.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Having received this Sacrament, O Lord,
we humbly implore you in the Holy Spirit,
that what we do to honor the glorious passion
of the Apostles Simon and Jude
may keep us ever in your love.

Through Christ our Lord.
November 1
ALL SAINTS
Solemnity
Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
by whose gift we venerate in one celebration
the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray,
through the prayers of so many intercessors,
an abundance of the reconciliation with you
for which we earnestly long.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy
and wonderful in all your Saints,
we implore your grace,
so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love,
we may pass from this pilgrim table
to the banquet of our heavenly home-land.

Through Christ our Lord.
November 2
THE COMMEMORATION
OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
(ALL SOULS’ DAY)
The Masses that follow may be used at the discretion of the celebrant.

Collect

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord, and, as our faith in your Son,
raised from the dead, is deepened,
so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant we pray, O Lord, that your departed servants,
for whom we have celebrated this paschal Sacrament,
may pass over to a dwelling place of light and peace.

Through Christ our Lord.
Collect

O God, glory of the faithful and life of the just,
by the Death and Resurrection of whose Son
we have been re-deemed,
look mercifully on your depart-ed ser-vants,
that, just as they professed the mystery of our re-sur-re-ction,
so they may merit to receive the joys of e-ter-nal hap-pi-ness.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Having received the Sacrament of your Only Begotten Son,

who was sacrificed for us and rose in glory,

we humbly implore you, O Lord,

for your departed servants,

that, cleansed by the paschal mysteries,

they may glory in the gift of the resurrection to come.

Through Christ our Lord.
Collect

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son,

having conquered death,

should pass over into the realm of heaven,

grant, we pray, to your departed servants

that, with the mortality of this life overcome,

they may gaze eternally on you, their Creator and Redeemer.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Through these sacrificial gifts which we have received, O Lord,
bestow on your departed servants your great mercy
and, to those you have endowed with the grace of Baptism,
grant also the fullness of eternal joy.

Through Christ our Lord.
November 9
THE DEDICATION
OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
Feast
Collect

O God, who from living and chosen stones
prepare an eternal dwelling for your majesty,
increase in your Church the spirit of grace you have be-stowed,
so that by new growth your faith-ful peo-ple
may build up the heaven-ly Je-ru-sa-lem.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Or:

O God, who were pleased to call your Church the Bride,
grant that the people that serves your name
may revere you, love you and follow you,
and may be led by you
to attain your promises in heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

O God, who chose to foreshadow for us
the heavenly Jerusalem
through the sign of your Church on earth,
grant, we pray,
that, by our partaking of this Sacrament,
we may be made the temple of your grace
and may enter the dwelling place of your glory.

Through Christ our Lord.
Collect

We humbly implore your majesty, O Lord,
that, just as the blessed A-po-stle An-drew
was for your Church a prea-cher and pas-tor,
so he may be for us a constant intercess-or be-fore you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May communion in your Sacrament strengthen us, O Lord,

so that by the example of the blessed Apostle Andrew

we, who carry in our body the Death of Christ,

may merit to live with him in glory.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
December 8
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM
Solemnity
Collect

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin
prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son, grant, we pray,
that, as you preserved her from every stain
by virtue of the Death of your Son, which you fore-saw,
so, through her intercession,
we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

May the Sacrament we have received,

O Lord our God,

heal in us the wounds of that fault

from which in a singular way

you preserved Blessed Mary in her Immaculate Conception.

Through Christ our Lord.
O God, Father of mercies,
who placed your people under the singular protection of your Son's most holy Mother,
grant that all who invoke the Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe,
may seek with ever more lively faith the progress of peoples in the ways of justice and of peace.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Lord God, may the Body and Blood of your Son,
which we receive in this sacrament,
reconcile us always in your love;
and may we who rejoice in Our Lady of Gua-da-lu-pe
live united and at peace in this world
until the day of the Lord dawns in glo-ry.

Through Christ our Lord.
December 26
SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR
Feast

Collect

Grant, Lord, we pray,
that we may imitate what we worship,
and so learn to love even our enemies,
for we celebrate the heavenly birth-day
of a man who knew how to pray even for his persecutors.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

For the many mercies which surround us
we give thanks to you, O Lord,
who save us through the Nativity of your Son
and gladden us with the celebration of the blessed Martyr Stephen.

Through Christ our Lord.
O God, who through the blessed Apostle John
have unlocked for us the secrets of your Word,
grant, we pray,
that we may grasp with proper understanding
what he has so marvelously brought to our ears.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,

that the Word made flesh,

proclaimed by the blessed Apostle John,

may, through this mystery which we have celebrated,

ever dwell among us.

Through Christ our Lord.
O God, whom the Holy Innocents confessed
and proclaimed on this day,
not by speaking but by dying, grant, we pray,
that the faith in you which we confess with our lips
may also speak through our manner of life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, abundant salvation to your faithful

as they receive your holy gifts

on the feast day of these, your Saints,

who, though still unable to profess your Son in speech,

were crowned with heavenly grace

on account of his birth.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.