

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DORMITION

OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD  
ΠΑΡΑΦΙΛΑ ΥΣΠΙΝΝΙΑ ΠΡΕΣΒ. ΒΟΓΟΡΟΔΗΤΩ

A PARISH OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF EDMONTON

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**Please register  
online or by  
phone to attend  
services.**

## Services:

Sunday Divine Liturgy  
(Ukr & Eng) at 10 am  
if needed: (English) at 12 noon  
& Melkite (Arabic) D.L. at 2 pm

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## October 4, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 1; The Holy Priest-Martyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens; Ammon the Anchorite (350); Vladimir, Prince of Novgorod and his mother, Anne (1051); our Venerable Father Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)

**Welcome to Dormition Parish. We are glad to have you with us.**



## Youth Programming in our Parish

We have restarted some youth programming in our parish with our Sister Parish St. Nicholas.

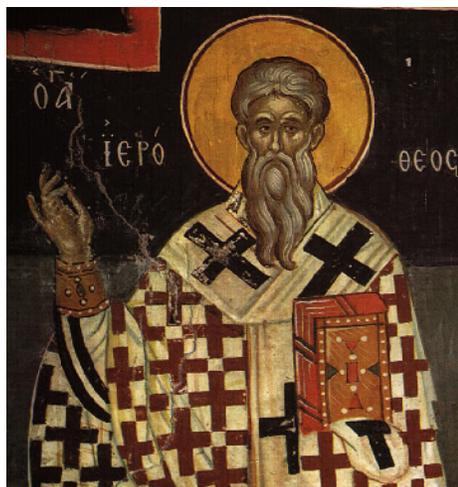
Because of our wonderful numbers we have 4 age groups: Elementary, Grades 5-7, 8-12, and Young Adult, each lead by a different person. All young people are welcome to join us, but please RSVP so that we know how many people intend to come and can space things out appropriately during this time of the covid pandemic. (Call Fr. Bo to RSVP)

### Every other Friday from 7:30 pm till 9 pm.

Next one is on October 16. We will follow ALL the covid rules.

## Is Fr. Bo Visiting Nursing Homes & Senior's Lodges?

Because Covid 19 hits the elderly and those poor in health the hardest, non emergency visits are not allowed in most facilities. This means that Fr. Bo is not permitted to visit several of our elderly people. Phone calls however are very okay.

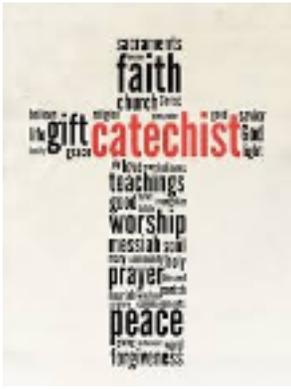


## Saint of the Day from OCA.ORG

The Hieromartyr Hierotheus, the first Bishop of Athens, was a member of the Athenian Areopagos and was converted to Christ by the Apostle Paul together with Saint Dionysius the Areopagite (October 3).

The saint was consecrated by the Apostle Paul to the rank of bishop. According to Tradition, Bishop Hierotheus was present with Saint Dionysius at the funeral of the Most Holy Theotokos.

Saint Hierotheus died a martyr's death in the first century.



# VIRTUAL CATECHIST WORKSHOP

**FRIDAY OCT 23, 6:00-8:00  
PM.**

Join us online for an evening of education, sharing and spiritual reflection. Our theme is:

**CONNECTING DURING COVID.** We will look at ways that others have been maintaining contact with the faithful in their parishes and beyond. We will share our own ideas and brainstorm some new ones. We will review resources that will help us in our work for the church and her people. A link to join via ZOOM will be sent out.

Register via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/catechist-workshop-tickets-121283988675>

You will be sent a Zoom Link.

## **Oct 23, 2020 - Catechist Workshop Schedule**

6:00 pm – Prayer

6:05 - 6:35 pm – Check in. What is happening if anything with your ministry? Challenges, blessings.

6:35 - 6:50 pm - Report from Catholic Educator's Retreat Sept 2019 - Elizabeth Dokken presenter

6:50 – 7:20 pm – Connecting during Covid - Sophia Korban presenter.

7:20 - 7:50 pm - Solemn Communion Outcomes, eparchy website, online resources available.

7:50 - 8:00 - Closing Reflection

Contact Bernadette: [education@edmontoneparchy.com](mailto:education@edmontoneparchy.com) or 780-424-5496 if you have any questions.

## **“Called to be Holy” Men’s Retreat/Conference**

**“Wholeness: Body Mind Spirit”**

**Nov. 6, 6:30 pm - 8:10 pm.,**

**Nov 7, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm.**

*We are created by God as an integrated whole of mind body and spirit. Thankfully, our faith provides guidance and ways to strive for this wholeness especially in the face of a culture that does not support this. Join us for a time of learning, reflection, prayer and fellowship.*

### **Friday Evening Keynote Presentation:**

**Dr. Matt Hoven - *Wholeness: Body, Mind, Spirit: A Story of Faith & Sport***

### **Saturday Sessions:**

**Dr. Stephané Saulnier: *Called to be Holy – what the Scriptures say.***

We will explore the call to holiness directed to God’s people in the Bible, and draw some inspiration for our lives.

**Dr. Matt Hoven: *Faith and Hockey: Connections and Pathways***

There are many historical and contemporary connections between our national winter sport and the Christian faith. This will explore some major connections and then offer men ways to engage hockey (and all sport) with the mind of Christ.

### **Dr. Paul Flaman: *Transgenderism and the Catholic Church***

We will examine transgenderism including sex-hormone therapy and surgery, both of adults and minors, in the light of scientific studies, human experience, related Catholic teaching and health care ethical principles.

**Rt. Rev. Fr. Stephen Wojcichowsky: *Wholeness of Being: Thoughts Matter.***

We will be introduced to ways in which we can discern thoughts that cause us to be distant from God and cooperate with the grace of God to reduce, redirect and remove certain thoughts which in turn opens us to God’s presence.

Due to current restrictions we are offering online participation and limited in person attendance (20) following all necessary protocols. Those joining in person will be doing so at **Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, 9003 – 153 Ave., Edmonton**. Those joining online will be sent a Zoom link.

**COST:** \$25 to cover the cost of presenters. Cost is the same for online or in person participation. If the cost is a hardship contact Bernadette (see below)

**MEALS:** In person participants are asked to bring a bag lunch or go out to purchase lunch. Single serve snacks will be available throughout the day.

**REGISTER:** Online: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-ukrainian-catholic-episcopal-corporation-of-western-cana/events/mens-conference/>

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## Saint Francis of Assisi (taken from [biography.com](https://www.biography.com))

### Who Was Saint Francis of Assisi?

Born in Italy circa 1181, Saint Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying in his youth. After fighting in a battle between Assisi and Perugia, Francis was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison — awaiting his father's payment — and, according to legend, began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, Francis heard the voice of Christ, who told him to repair the Christian Church and live a life of poverty.

Consequently, he abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the faith, his reputation spreading all over the Christian world.

Later in life, Francis reportedly received a vision that left him with the stigmata of Christ — marks resembling the wounds Jesus Christ suffered when he was crucified — making Francis the first person to receive such holy wounds. He was canonized as a saint on July 16, 1228. During his life he also developed a deep love of nature and animals and is known as the patron saint of the environment and animals; his life and words have had a lasting resonance with millions of followers across the globe. Each October, many animals the world over are blessed on his feast day.

### Early Life of Luxury

Born circa 1181, in Assisi, duchy of Spoleto, Italy, Saint Francis of Assisi, though revered today, began his life as a confirmed sinner. His father was a wealthy cloth merchant who owned farmland around Assisi, and his mother was a beautiful Frenchwoman. Francis was not in want during his youth; he was spoiled, indulging himself with fine food, wine, and wild celebrations. By age 14, he had left school and become known as a rebellious teenager who frequently drank, partied and broke the city curfew. He was also known for his charm and vanity.

In these privileged surroundings, Francis of Assisi learned the skills of archery, wrestling and horsemanship. He was expected to follow his father into the family textile business but was bored by the prospect of life in the cloth trade. Instead of planning a future as a merchant, he began daydreaming of a future as a knight; knights were Medieval action heroes, and if Francis had any ambition, it was to be a war hero like them. It wouldn't be long before the opportunity for warfare beckoned.

In 1202 war broke between Assisi and Perugia, and Francis eagerly took his place with the cavalry. Little did he know at the time, his experience with war would change him forever.

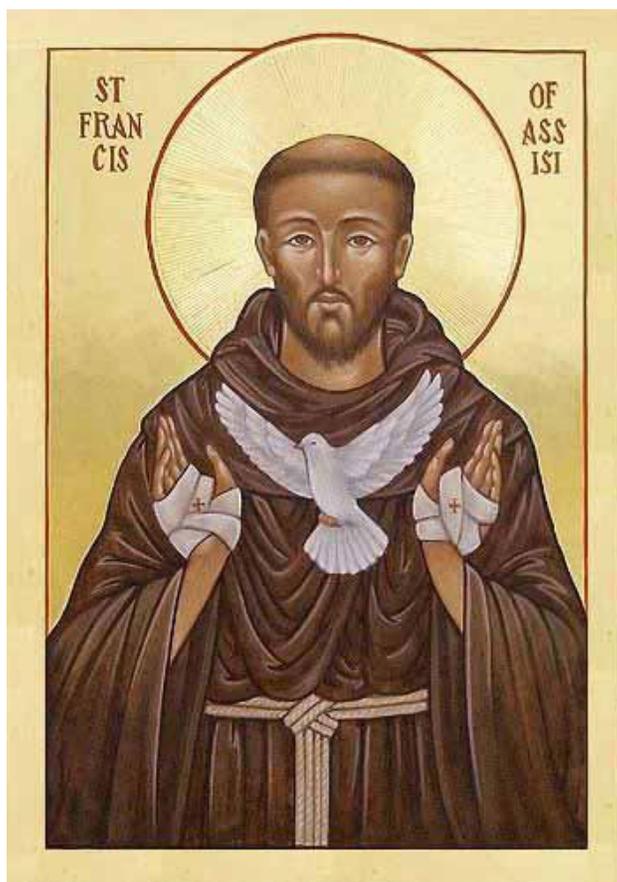
### War and Imprisonment

Francis and the men of Assisi came under heavy attack, and in the face of superior numbers, they took flight. The whole battlefield was soon covered with the bodies of butchered, mutilated men, screaming in agony. Most of the surviving Assisi troops were immediately put to death.

Unskilled and with no combat experience, Francis was quickly captured by enemy soldiers. Dressed like an aristocrat and wearing expensive new armor, he was considered worthy of a decent ransom, and the soldiers decided to spare his life. He and the other wealthy troops were taken as prisoners, led off to a dank underground cell. Francis would spend nearly a year in such miserable conditions — awaiting his father's payment — during which time he may well have contracted a serious disease. Also during this time, he would later report, he began to receive visions from God.

### After the War

After a year of negotiations, Francis' ransom was accepted, and he was released from prison in 1203. When he came back to Assisi, however, Francis was a very different man. Upon his return, he was dangerously sick in both mind and body — a battle-fatigued casualty of war.



One day, as legend has it, while riding on a horse in the local countryside, Francis encountered a leper. Prior to the war, Francis would have run from the leper, but on this occasion, his behavior was very different. Viewing the leper as a symbol of moral conscience — or as Jesus incognito, according to some religious scholars — he embraced and kissed him, later describing the experience as a feeling of sweetness in his mouth. After this incident, Francis felt an indescribable freedom. His earlier lifestyle had lost all of its appeal.

Subsequently, Francis, now in his early 20s, began turning his focus toward God. Instead of working, he spent an ever-increasing amount of time at a remote mountain hideaway as well as in old, quiet churches around Assisi, praying, looking for answers, and helping nurse lepers. During this time, while praying before an old Byzantine crucifix at the church of San Damiano, Francis reportedly heard the...

..... voice of Christ, who told him to rebuild the Christian Church and to live a life of extreme poverty. Francis obeyed and devoted himself to Christianity. He began preaching around Assisi and was soon joined by 12 loyal followers.

Some regarded Francis as a madman or a fool, but others viewed him as one of the greatest examples of how to live the Christian ideal since Jesus Christ himself. Whether he was really touched by God, or simply a man misinterpreting hallucinations brought on by mental illness and/or poor health, Francis of Assisi quickly became well-known throughout the Christian world.

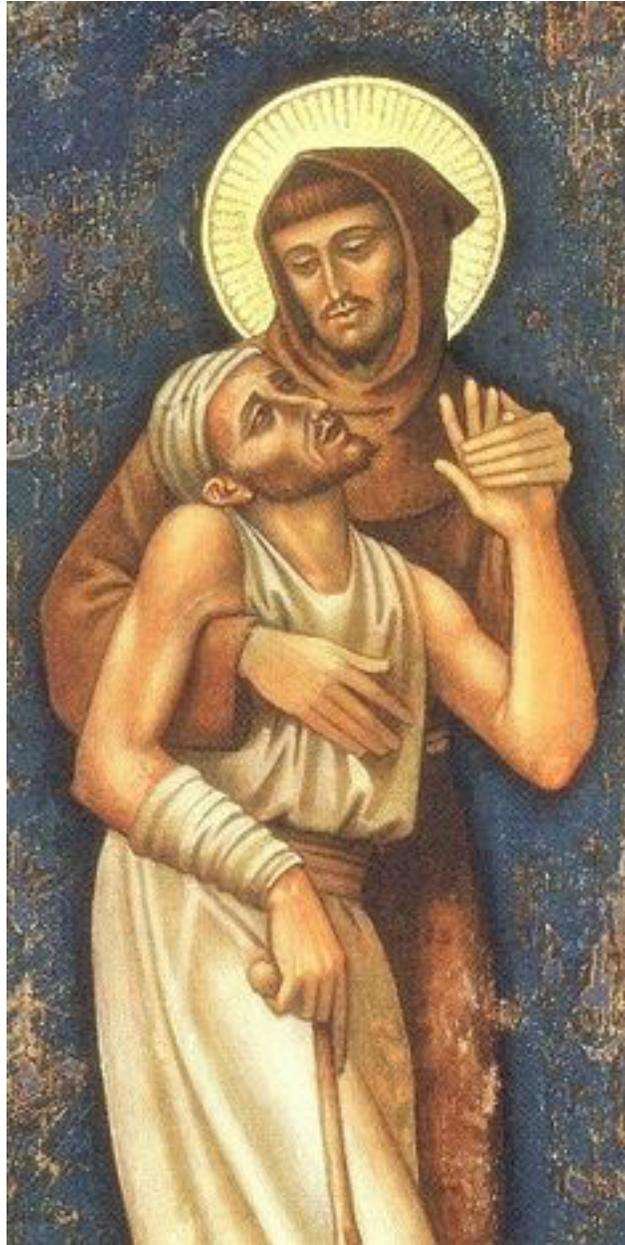
### **Devotion to Christianity**

After his epiphany at the church of San Damiano, Francis experienced another defining moment in his life. In order to raise money to rebuild the Christian church, he sold a bolt of cloth from his father's shop, along with his horse. His father became furious upon learning of his son's actions and subsequently dragged Francis before the local bishop. The bishop told Francis to return his father's money, to which his reaction was extraordinary: He stripped off his clothes, and along with them, returned the money back to his father, declaring that God was now the only father he recognized. This event is credited as Francis' final conversion, and there is no indication that Francis and his father ever spoke again thereafter.

The bishop gave Francis a rough tunic, and dressed in these new humble clothes, Francis left Assisi. Unluckily for him, the first people he met on the road were a group of dangerous thieves, who beat him badly. Despite his wounds, Francis was elated. From now on, he would live according to the Gospel.

Francis' embrace of Christ-like poverty was a radical notion at the time. The Christian church was tremendously rich, much like the people heading it, which concerned Francis and many others, who felt that the long-held apostolic ideals had eroded. Francis set out on a mission to restore Jesus Christ's own, original values to the now-decadent church. With his incredible charisma, he drew thousands of followers to him. They listened to Francis' sermons and joined in his way of life; his followers became known as Franciscan friars.

Continuously pushing himself in the quest for spiritual perfection, Francis was soon preaching in up to five villages per day, teaching a new kind of emotional and personal Christian religion that everyday people could understand. He even went so far as to preach to animals, which garnered criticism from some and earned him the nickname "God's fool." But Francis' message was spread far and wide, and thousands of people were captivated by what they heard.



In 1224 Francis reportedly received a vision that left him with the stigmata of Christ — marks resembling the wounds Jesus Christ suffered when he was crucified, through his hands and the gaping lance wound in his side. This made Francis the first person to receive the holy wounds of the stigmata. They would remain visible for the rest of his life. Because of his earlier work treating lepers, some believe that the wounds were actually symptoms of leprosy.

### **Why Is Saint Francis the Patron Saint of Animals?**

Today, Saint Francis of Assisi is the patron saint for ecologists — a title honoring his boundless love for animals and nature.

### **Death and Legacy**

As Francis approached his death, many predicted that he was a saint in the making. When his health began to decline more rapidly, Francis went home. Knights were sent from Assisi to guard him and to make sure that no one from neighboring towns would carry him off (the body of a saint was viewed, at the time, as an extremely valuable relic that would bring, among many things, glory to the town where it rested).

Francis of Assisi died on October 3, 1226, at the age of 44, in Assisi, Italy. Today, Francis has a lasting resonance with millions of followers across the globe. He was canonized as a saint just two years after his death, on July 16, 1228, by his former protector, Pope Gregory IX. Today, Saint Francis of Assisi is the patron saint for ecologists — a title honoring his boundless love for animals and nature. In 2013, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio chose to honor Saint Francis by taking his name, becoming Pope Francis.

# How to Donate Online

Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Слава Ісусу Христу!

With the closure of our churches, we recognize that parishioners who normally donate through Sunday collections may wonder how they can continue to support their parishes financially. The Eparchial Pastoral Centre is suggesting three options for parishioners to donate to their parishes if online options are not available to them directly:

## I. Mail a donation by cheque;

Please do not send cash in the mail. Mail it to the (Ukrainian Catholic) Pastoral Centre and we will forward all donations to the parish. Our address is:

Eparchy of Edmonton Pastoral Centre

9645 108 Avenue NW, Edmonton, AB T5H 1A3 .

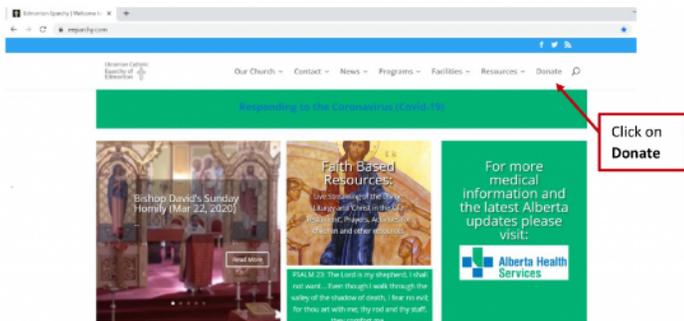
(Please do not mail things to Dormition Parish directly as our mailbox is not sufficiently secure.... It's good enough for bills, but not incoming funds.)

## 2. Donate using the Eparchial Website.

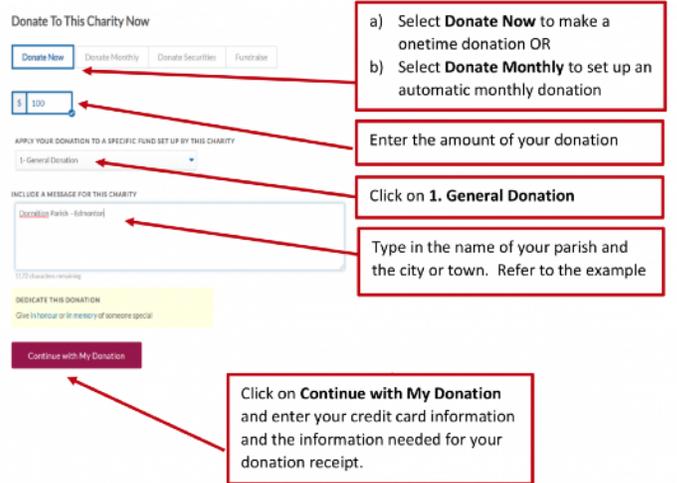
Our Eparchy accepts online donations through Canada Helps. You will receive a donation receipt directly from Canada Helps and the Eparchy will receive notification of the donation with all of the details and will allocate the funds to your parish. The following steps will help first time users with the online process:

Steps for making an online donation to your parish

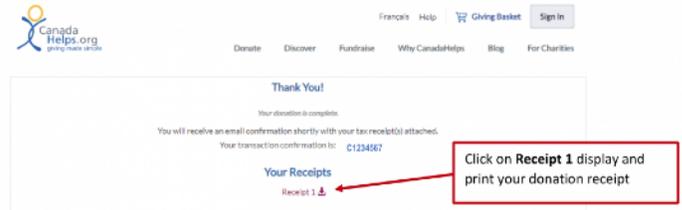
**A.** Access the Eparchy website at [www.eeparchy.com](http://www.eeparchy.com) and click on the Donate button.



**B.** You are automatically transferred to the Canada Helps site for the Eparchy of Edmonton. Scroll to the Donate to this Charity Now area and complete the required fields:



**C.** Once you have typed in the required information, click on the Complete Donation button. A message will appear thanking you for your donation and providing a confirmation number. You will also be able to directly print your charitable receipt.



**D.** Your donation is complete. The Eparchy will receive notification of the donation and will allocate the donation for your parish. You may close your browser.

## 3. Donate by credit card

– Please call our Pastoral Centre at 780.424.5496 during office hours (hours may be limited but you can leave a message and we will call you back). You will be asked for you name, credit card number, name of your parish and the city/town. A donation receipt will be issued from the Eparchy of Edmonton and proceeds allocated to your parish.

Thank you for your continued support of our Church though these unprecedented times. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions please call our Pastoral Centre at 780.424.5496

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone I;  
The Holy Priest-Martyr Hierotheus, Bishop of  
Athens; Ammon the Anchorite (350);  
Vladimir, Prince of Novgorod and his mother,  
Anne (1051); our Venerable Father Francis of  
Assisi (1181-1226)**

**Troparion:** Though the stone was sealed by the  
Judeans,\* and soldiers guarded Your most pure body,\* You  
arose, O Saviour, on the third day,\* and gave life to the  
world.\* And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O  
Giver of Life:\* Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ!\* Glory to  
Your kingdom!\* Glory to Your saving plan,\* O only Lover of  
mankind.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Kontakion:** You arose in glory from the tomb\* and with  
Yourself You raise the world.\* All humanity acclaim You as  
God.\* and death has vanished.\* Adam exults, O Master,\*  
and Eve, redeemed from bondage now, cries out for joy:\*  
“You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all.”

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

**Theotokion:** When Gabriel uttered to you, O Virgin, his  
‘Rejoice!’\* at that sound the Master of all became flesh in  
you, the Holy Ark.\* As the just David said,\* you have  
become wider than the heavens carrying your Creator.\*  
Glory to Him Who dwelt in you!\* Glory to Him Who came  
forth from you!\* Glory to Him Who freed us through birth  
from you!

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**Prokeimenon:**

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in  
You.

*verse:* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the  
righteous.

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**Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-II (NRSV)**

*Brothers and Sisters,* The point is this: the one who sows  
sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows  
bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give  
as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under  
compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able  
to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by  
always having enough of everything, you may share

abundantly in every good work. As it is written, “He scatters  
abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures  
forever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for  
food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and  
increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be  
enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will  
produce thanksgiving to God through us.

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**Alleluia:**

**verse:** God gives me vindication, and has subdued people  
under me.

**verse:** Making great the salvation of the king, and  
showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His  
posterity forever.

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**Gospel: Luke 5:1-II (NRSV)**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of  
Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear  
the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the  
lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were  
washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one  
belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way  
from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds  
from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to  
Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets  
for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all  
night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will  
let down the nets.” When they had done this, they caught  
so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So  
they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and  
help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that  
they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell  
down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I  
am a sinful man!” For he and all who were with him were  
amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also  
were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners  
with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid;  
from now on you will be catching people.” When they had  
brought their boats to shore, they left everything and  
followed him.

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**Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the  
highest.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia.

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**Please Pray For:**

- We pray for the health and well-being of all the servants and handmaidens of God who need our prayers: Arnie, Anne, Fr. Josaphat Turkalo, Edward, Verna Hnatiuk, Miranda Mayko, Jean Miskew, Sarah Komar, Marge Woitas, Katie Bunio, Ann Horsman, Louis Pewar & Rosa Maria Santos. (If you know any other people who should be on this list: please email me.)