



# LENT

*Create in me a clean heart, O God.*

# Welcome to Saint Miriam



We welcome you to Saint Miriam! As pastor of this warm, wonderful, progressive, Franciscan Catholic community of people, who really care for others and themselves, I pray, and trust, that you find comfort and renewed energy here! *Welcome home!*

One of the richest blessings of our Saint Miriam parish family is our strong sense of tradition enveloped with our Franciscan ethos and heritage. From our original founding as a parish, Saint Miriam has been the parish home for a diverse panorama of individuals and families who take great pride in our Catholic faith, share a strong sense of inclusion and social justice, and deep sense of hope found in our liturgy and tradition. All of this has permeated our history and is found in the inspirational words of Cory Booker, “*Give more than is expected, more than seems wise, serve more than seems necessary, and help more than is asked.*” Our community is always growing as we welcome new parishioners who take their place in the pages of our parish faith story.

Our beautiful campus is home to our wonderful parish, a vibrant school, a historic cemetery, and a Friary that welcomes the most dedicated group of Franciscans who exemplify and live out their vows, and who serve our parish so well! Whether you can trace your lineage back to one of our founding families, or you are new to our community, there is a home for you at Saint Miriam. God is calling each of us to reclaim our faith in Jesus Christ lived out through our dedication to parish life. At our parish, you will discover priests, deacons, a pastoral staff, and a faithful lay community eager to help you become part of our *living* community.

Through our parish website and app, too, you will find a community that desires to make you feel welcome at Saint Miriam. Please feel free to contact me directly, or any of the fine individuals who serve you, with your questions and interests. *Together* may we give much glory to the God who so graciously gave us each other and this wonderful parish.

*Let us come together and celebrate!*

A stylized signature of Monsignor + Jim, written in a cursive, flowing script.

Monsignor + Jim

# Remember Your Love

## Refrain



Re - mem - ber your love and your



faith - ful - ness, O Lord. Re - mem - ber your

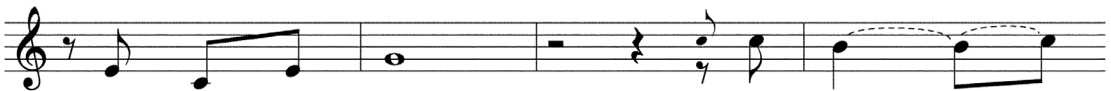


peo - ple and have mer - cy on us, Lord.

## Verses



1. The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion,
2. If you dwelt, O Lord, up - on our sin - ful - ness,
3. O Lord, hear the sound of my call



whom should I fear?  
then who could stand?  
and an - swer me.

The Lord is my  
But with you there is  
My heart cries



life and my ref - uge,  
mer - cy and for - give - ness  
out for your pres - ence;

when I call God hears.  
and a guid - ing hand.  
it is you I seek.

**D.C.**

Text: Psalm 27; Mike Balhoff, b.1946

Tune: Darryl Ducote, b.1945, and Gary Daigle, b.1957

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## Entrance Procession - *Stand*

### Sign of the Cross & Greeting

Priest: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins...

All: **His mercy endureth forever and ever.**

Priest: In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And with your spirit!**

Priest: My brothers and sisters, the hour of God's favor draws near, the day of his mercy and of our salvation approaches, when death was destroyed and eternal life began. As we dwell in this season of Lent, we gather today to acknowledge that we are sinners. As we express our sorrow, may God be merciful to us and restore us to his friendship.

### Penitential Rite

*A period of silent reflection is honored and then the following is used:*

*Cantor\**  
Lord Je - sus, o - be - dient in the des - ert: Lord, have mer - cy.

*All* *Cantor*  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ Je - sus, the prom - ise of sal - va - tion:

*All* *Cantor*  
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord Je - sus, the flood of liv - ing

*All*  
wa - ter: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

All: **Amen.**

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## Collect

*All remain standing for the reading of the Opening Prayer.*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Let us pray...

*After the Opening Prayer, the People respond,*

All: **Amen.**

# *Liturgy of the Word*

## **First Reading - Sit**

*A reading from the Hebrew Testament, will be offered, except in Easter Season.*

Lector:     The Word of the Lord.

**All:         Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsorial Psalm**

*A psalm is offered from the Hebrew Testament, Book of Psalms. The psalm changes weekly and the proper response if given by the Leader and then repeated by the Assembly following each stanza of the psalm.*

## **Second Reading**

*A reading from the New Testament, or an Epistle from the New Testament will be offered. On Thursdays, there is only one reading.*

Lector:     The Word of the Lord.

**All:         Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel - Stand**

### **Reading of the Gospel**

Priest or Deacon:     The Lord be with you.

**All:             And with your spirit.**

Priest or Deacon:     A Reading from the Holy Gospel....

**All:             Glory to you, O Lord!**

*After the Gospel is Proclaimed:*

Priest or Deacon:     The Gospel of the Lord!

**All:             Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## Homily - Sit

*[after the sermon, a time of silence and reflection is honored]*

## Creed - Stand

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, one in Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*In the Gospels, Jesus says where two or more pray in His name, the prayers will be answered. Before concluding the Liturgy of the Word, we pause as a community of faith to gather our prayers for the needs of the Church, the world, for the needs of God's people and our own needs, spoken aloud or held in silence.*

## Prayer of the Faithful - Sit

*The Lector and/or Presider will guide the Assembly on the proper prayer response for the particular Mass. On some occasions, the petitions and responses are sung and the Leader will help guide the Assembly. The response is:*

**All: Grant this, O Lord.**

## Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts - *Sit*

### Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received ...

**All: Blessed be God forever.**

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## *Liturgy of the Eucharist*

### Orate, Fratres

Priest: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good and the good of all God's holy Church.**

### Prayer Over the Offerings - *Stand*

### Preface Dialogue - *Remain Standing*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**All: It is right and just.**



## Sanctus

**All:**        Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,  
              Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
              Hosanna in the highest.  
              Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
              Hosanna in the highest.

## The Eucharistic Prayer - *Kneel*

### Mystery of Faith

Priest:        The mystery of faith:


*One of the following is used:*

**All:**        We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you  
              come again.


### Our Father - *Stand*

Priest:        At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All:**

**ur Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Priest:

**eliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our  
days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and  
safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior,  
Jesus Christ.**

**All:**        For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

## Sign of Peace

*The exchange of a sign of peace is a welcomed tradition at Saint Miriam! It may take a little longer than most parishes, but is well worth the added effort! Please, make yourself at home and greet one another in the name of Christ. And, if it is your first time, please don't be shy and meet your new friends! If you wish to not embrace, just put out your hand and everyone will simply shake your hand in return and welcome you to this wonderful place! During Lent, we are more reserved, in keeping with the season of penance and reflection, but still offer a warm Sign of Peace.*

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Deacon or Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace!

*The Assembled exchange a sign of God's peace with one another!*

Priest: We are healed and made holy by the mercy of God, and so let us acclaim Christ our Savior.

*The fraction rite is the breaking of the bread that has become the Body of Christ. In offering His life for us on the Cross, Jesus has become the Lamb of God that is offered for our sins. As the priest breaks the bread, the people sing the Lamb of God, acknowledging Jesus' sacrifice on the cross that takes away our sins.*

## Lamb of God

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

## Communion

*In receiving Communion, we profess faith in Jesus. In coming forth to receive Communion, we are agreeing to strive to do God's will in all things. If we don't agree to strive to do God's will, then Communion is not something we seek.*

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Saint Miriam. As Catholics, the reception of Holy Communion is a sign of our unity in faith and life in the Catholic Church. We believe in the real Presence of Christ at the Table. Therefore, when you receive the consecrated Bread or Wine, please respond with your affirmation, "Amen!" You may receive the Bread on your tongue, or in your hands crossed over one another; the Wine should come from the Chalice, but please do not intinct (dip your Bread into the Cup). If, for any reason, you do not wish to drink from the Cup, please simply fold your arms across your chest and receive a blessing as you pass.*

## Period of Silence

*When the distribution of Holy Communion is completed, the Presider retires to the Presidium, and we honor a period of silence for prayer. A meditation hymn may also be offered. We end the Communion Rite with a prayer that we will be strengthened and transformed by the Holy Communion we have just received as a community of faith.*

## Prayer after Communion - Sit

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Let us pray.

*[All pray in silence. The priest then says a Prayer after communion and all say,]*

All: **Amen.**

## Announcements

### *Concluding Rites*

## Greeting

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

## Blessing

*[The blessing is now offered by the Presider. After which, together, all proclaim their consent with a sung 'Amen.']*

Priest: May almighty God bless you: the Father, and the Son,  and the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

## Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All: **Thanks be to God!**



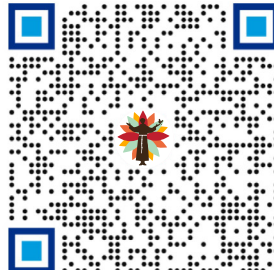
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