

Communion of Saints Healing Mass with Relics



April 10, 2025
St. Mary of the Mills Church



The TASTE Program

(Taste And See Take...Eat)

welcomes you to this sacred occasion and
pray that you are filled with many blessings!

But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds,
declares the LORD, ~ Jeremiah 30:17

General Information

We have over a dozen relics for veneration and blessings. Following Mass, a priest or deacon will come to each of you and give you a blessing. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be available to those who are seriously ill. Please see an usher if you are in need of anointing.

Please leave the pew in front of you open, sitting in every other row, so that the priest can individually bless you. The side pews, which hold 2 persons each, can be filled normally.

Mass is not a performance where we simply watch the priest pray, but rather we must be fully engaged so that our minds and voices are one with our Creator's healing love. Please unite your heart and actively pray, sing, and rejoice in this outpouring of God's love.

Concerning the healing Mass, the TASTE Program is simply providing the environment in which the Lord does the real work. It is not the priest, deacon, saint or prayer intercessor that heals anyone. It is the Lord.



"I, the Lord, am your healer." — Exodus 15:26

CLASSES OF RELICS

- Relics are physical objects that have direct association with Saints or our Lord.
- **1st class relics** — The body or fragments of the body of a saint, such as pieces of bone or flesh.
- **2nd class relics** — Something that a saint personally owned, such as a shirt or book (or fragments thereof).
- **3rd class relics** — Those items that a saint touched or that have been touched to a first, second, or another third class relic of a saint.

Program

Gathering Song — Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving of ourselves that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading — Genesis 17:3-9
The Covenant of Circumcision

Responsorial Psalm — Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Verse Before the Gospel — Psalm 95:8
If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel — John 8:51-59

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL



Preparation of the Gifts — Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy
Hear our cry and heal our land
Let kindness lead us to repentance
Bring us back again

*For Your name is great and Your heart is grace
Kyrie Eleison
Over all You reign, You alone can save
Kyrie Eleison
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy on us now*

Who is this God who pardons all our sin?
So ready to forgive
You delight to show Your mercy

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Communion Song — Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

*My chains are gone I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love, Amazing grace*

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, Who called me here below
Will be forever mine

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Sending — How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made
I see the stars; I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul,
My Savior God, to Thee,
"How great Thou art
How great Thou art" (2x)*

But when I think that God, his Son, not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "my God, how great Thou art!"

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Immediately following Mass, please remain in your pew for an individual blessing.

Deacon Bob will pray over attendees with a small pouch including the following relics (Saint Padre Pio, Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Saint Anthony of Padua, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Blessed Solanus Casey, Blessed Mother Mary Ann).

Fr. Phil will have a relic of St. Padre Pio as well as of the Martyrs of Barbastro, Spain. Relics will be touched to your forehead.

Once Mass has ended, Confessions will be heard. The relics will be available to venerate. Please do not take the relics away from the tables as they are precious and are on loan to us.

Please remember that Jesus is in the tabernacle and therefore we are in His presence. As you hold the relic, unite yourself with Jesus and ask your saint (who's already in heaven) to intercede for you!

RELICS ON THE TABLES

FIRST CLASS RELICS:

- St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
- St. Casimir, Prince
- St. Columba, Abbot
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Foundress, Sisters of Charity
- St. Francis Xavier, Founder Society of Jesus St. George
- St. John the Baptist, Precursor
- St. John Vianney, Cure of Ars
- St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort
- St. Mary Magdalene, Penitent
- St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Carmelite Nun & Mystic
- Pope St. Pius X
- St. Stephen the 1st Martyr
- St. Thérèse

SECOND CLASS RELIC:

- A Piece of the Blessed Virgin Mother's Veil

RELICS USED TO PRAY OVER ATTENDEES

DEACON BOB'S POUCH OF RELICS

- Saint Padre Pio
- Saint Francis of Assisi
- Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque
- Saint Anthony of Padua
- Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
- Blessed Solanus Casey
- Blessed Mother Mary Ann

FR. PHIL'S RELICS

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- Martyrs of Barbastro, Spain

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CAUSE OF HEALING

In sacred scripture, God has brought about healing using a material object. The vehicle for the healing was the touching of that object. However, it is very important to note that the cause of the healing is God and the relics are a means through which He acts. Relics are not magic & do not contain a power that is their own; a power separate from God. Any good that comes about through a relic is God's doing. But, the fact that God chooses to use the relics of Saints to work healing & miracles tells us that He wants to draw our attention to the saints as "models & intercessors" (CCC 828).

PERSPECTIVES ON RELICS

"We do not worship, we do not adore, for fear that we should bow down to the creature rather than to the Creator, but we venerate the relics of the martyrs in order the better to adore Him whose martyrs they are." — St. Jerome

VENERATING RELICS

Do Honor & Respect — When venerating a relic, it is most appropriate to show honor & respect to the saint by performing a simple exterior gesture. Piety is often expressed by kissing or touching the relic or simply standing near the relic in a prayerful attitude, raising one's heart & mind to God and invoking the intercession of the saint. Other acceptable gestures: signing oneself with the sign of the cross or kneeling in front of the relic in prayer.

Don't Worship or Adore — A person should not genuflect before the relic in a way similar to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament. Christ alone is reserved for that type of veneration.

STRIVE FOR SANCTITY

Relics remind us of the holiness of a saint & his cooperation in God's work. At the same time, relics inspire us to ask for the prayers of that saint and to beg the grace of God to live the same kind of faith-filled life. Venerating the relics of saints is a beautiful practice that brings us close to those who walked before us in the sign of faith. They "ran the race" & reached the end goal of Heaven. Seeing their relics & touching them can incite in us a greater urgency to strive for sanctity so we can meet these holy men & women at the end of our time on earth.

Prayer

PRAYER FOR CLEANSING AND PURIFYING

Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy, may your healing hand rest upon me, may your life-giving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom.

Thank You

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- Rev. Larry Young and Rev. Mattia Cortigiani (Confessions)
- Rev. Phil Ilg, Deacon Bob Gignilliat, Deacon Mike Sindall (Prayers)

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MUSIC MINISTRY — We are grateful to Mike Tenney for sharing both his beautiful voice and musical talent.

TASTE SERVICE TEAM — For providing assistance as Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristan, and Support for the Tables of Relics.

ALL — To all those present today, thank you for joining in this heavenly celebration! May God bless each of you!

The TASTE Program

All women are encouraged to join TASTE every Thursday morning from late September to early May to learn the Truths of our Faith!

- We have enriching speakers & relevant topics each week!
- The fellowship between members is amazing!
- Our homepage is: www.TasteProgram.com

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