

Lectio Divina and Taize Prayer Service

Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

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We welcome all of you tonight to our Lectio Divina and Taize prayer service. We invite you to allow the living Word to speak to you through the three guided scripture readings that make up the Lectio Divina. Through Taize Prayer, we work to open our hearts and minds wider to the Word of the Lord through music, scripturally inspired chants, and bold, receptive silence.

After the opening prayer, as the music begins, we will be lighting a candle for your prayer intentions that you have shared with us. You are also welcome to light a candle at home for your personal prayer intentions and for the prayer intentions of our entire community.

**Thank you for your presence here tonight.
Let us prepare our hearts in prayer together.**



Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth.
O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise
and ever enjoy His consolations,
Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

 **LECTIO DIVINA** 

As we listen to the gospel for the last time, we look to the words of St. Mark. Every spirit is commanded by the perfect authority of Jesus Christ. Lord, we return ourselves to your command, so that you may heal us and bless us with your perfect mercy.

3rd Reading - Mark 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” Jesus rebuked him and said, “Quiet! Come out of him!” The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, “What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.” His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ for your healing presence, your merciful, enduring and reigning kingship. We return ourselves to your command, knowing with confidence that you alone will guide us, transform us, bless us and sustain us.

Journal Prompt: We can be confident in God’s mercy. We can be confident that Jesus Christ has the authority and the desire to command and transform every one of us, and every part of our lives. Even if we don’t know how we need to change, in our surrender, He will shepherd us to where we are meant to be. What can I do to make sure I am in surrender to God? Do I have a spiritual practice or a daily prayer to help always remind me that I am His?



CLOSING PRAYER

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name; thy
king-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav-en.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our
tres-pass-es, as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.
And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e - vil.