

New Year School Mass



Hymn Suggestion: Sing a New Song

Opening Prayer:

+God of time and space.
God of the universe,
God of creation,
Bless this new year.
May we use the gifts of time, and the gifts of our lives
To continue to do your work.
Let us be mirrors of your light, and your compassion;
Let us make our hearts and homes sacred places in this sacred time.
We make this prayer
In the name of Jesus.
Amen

First Reading: Ephesians 5:1-2

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 95

Response: If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! **R.**

O come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord, Our Maker!
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
And the sheep of his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
As on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
When your ancestors tested me,
And put me to the proof,
Though they had seen my work. **R.**

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and gives its light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your father in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful/Petitions:

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

In this new year, a time for fresh beginnings, let us work together as a school community guided by the good news of Jesus, our Lord. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

Let us be salt of the earth and a light to the world to all those we meet. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

Let us allow God to guide us in all we say and do in our lives. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

Let us pray for those who are bullied or lonely. May we invite them into our circle of friends. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

Let us pray for those family and friends who are sick. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

Let us pray for those who have died. May they rest in peace. We pray to the Lord. **R.**