

Graduation Mass

Opening Greeting

Good morning/afternoon, and welcome to our Graduation Mass. During today's mass we celebrate the success of our graduate students. Over the past ___ years, these students have faced many challenges and have learned and worked together to overcome them.

Today we celebrate their achievements, and together with them, we present our hopes, plans for the future, and joys to the Lord. We thank God for all the blessings we have received and ask Him to grant us the courage to continue our mission of being witnesses to our faith.

Please stand and join in the singing of our opening hymn.... (Insert opening hymn)

First Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 100

R: *The Lord made us, we belong to him.*

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;

Come into his presence with singing. **R.**

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. **R.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

And his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name. **R.**

For the LORD is good;

His steadfast love endures forever,

And his faithfulness to all generations. **R.**



Gospel Reading - Suggestions (John 15:9-17; John 20:19-23; John 21:15-19; Matthew 5:13-16)

Prayers of the Faithful

(adapted from http://www.catholicteacherresources.com/media/mass_plans/graduation_mass.pdf)

God, our loving parent, who gives us comfort and hope, we pray to you as we prepare to begin high school. Watch over us and protect us in whatever we do. We trust that in your love you will hear our prayers. Our response will be **Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of Wisdom, We pray for the administration, staff, and priests/sisters of “_____” school who have taken part in our growth during these past ___ years. We pray especially for _____. (any retiring teachers or those who are leaving) We ask that you bless them with happiness in their new endeavors. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

God of Love, We pray for our parents, that they continue to guide and nurture us as we grow and may they know how much we love and appreciate them.

Let us pray to the Lord

All: Lord, hear our prayer

God of Hope, We pray that we, the graduating class of _____, may have the courage to share our gifts with those who need them. May we be free to shape a future of peace and justice for all.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Gentle God, We pray for our friends who have shared with us, over these many years, all the laughter, tears, heartaches and happiness: that they may know how much we love and cherish them.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Healing God, We pray for the sick of our parish and for all our friends and relatives who are ill. Help them to feel your healing presence.

Let us pray to the Lord

All: Lord, hear our prayer

God of Compassion, We pray for those in our families and in our school and parish community who have died and are now in God’s presence forever. Teach us to be comforters of one another.

Let us pray to the Lord

All: Lord, hear our prayer

