

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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St. Anthony ng Padua Katoliko Iglesia
Iglesia de San Antonio de Padua
Sunday, August 25, 2024
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Weekly Schedule

Saturday, Mass 4:30pm
Sunday, Mass 10:30 am
Tuesday & Thursday, Mass 11:00 am
Wednesday & Friday, Mass 9 am
First Saturday Mass of Viaticum, 10 am

Morning Prayer: Wed & Fri, 8:30 am
Confession: 3:45 pm on Saturday
or by appointment

*We are Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church,
a Eucharistic family sharing the love of our Lord Jesus Christ with kindness and compassion.*

For Viaticum, Communion to the Sick, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage, Baptism, RCIA (process for becoming Catholic) and funeral arrangements, please call the parish office.

August 25

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 6:60-69

“Eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood...” Many of Jesus’ disciples said, “This saying is hard; who can accept it?” As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied Jesus. Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you also want to leave?” Simon Peter answered him, “Master to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.” (John 6:60, 66-69cf)

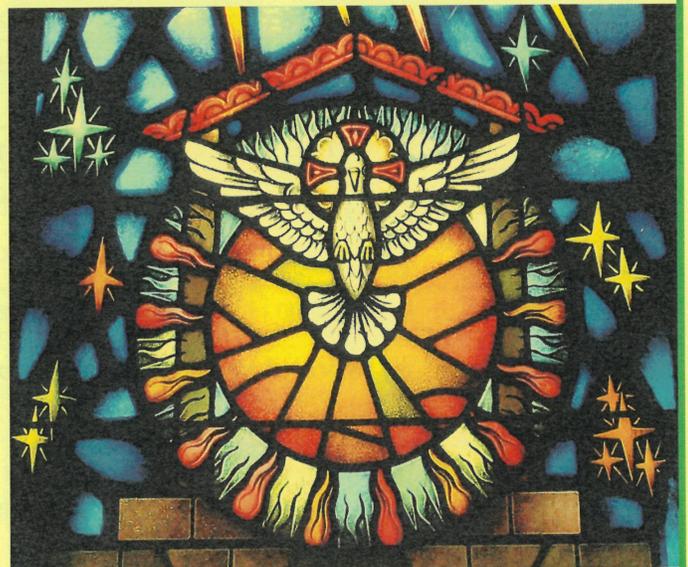
Think about the things that have happened in your life. Have you trusted in God even when bad things have happened? Explain your answer.

Try to think of some things that you can do to increase your trust in God. Talk about them.

Today’s Scriptures are Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Psalm 34:2-3, 16-21; Ephesians 5:21-32 or Ephesians 5:2, 25-32; John 6:60-69.

September 1 thru October 4—Season of Creation
Theme for 2024: Hope and Act with Creation

“You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.” — St. Augustine, Feast Day on August 28



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

August 27 — September 1, 2024

Tues, Aug 27 11:00 am Gordon Landaker+
 Wed, Aug 28 9:00 am Vlasta Stach+
 Thurs, Aug 29 11:00 am All Souls
 Fri, Aug 30 9:00 am Maria
 Sat, Aug 31 4:30 pm Pro Populo
 Sun, Sept 1 10:30 am Mary Lou Dove+

If a funeral is scheduled for the same time as your Mass intention, your intention will be moved to the next available date.

This Coming Week – August 26-Sept 1, 2024

Office Open: M-Th 9 am-2pm

*August is the Month of
 the Immaculate Heart of Mary*

Mon, August 26 — *Our Lady of Czestochowa*

Tues, August 27 — *St. Monica*

Mass 11 am

Wed, August 28 — *St. Augustine of Hippo*

Mass 9 am

Finance Council 5:30 pm

Thurs, August 29 — *Passion of St. John the Baptist*

Mass 11 am

Fri, August 30 — *St. Fiacre, Patron of Gardeners*

Mass 9 am

Adoration until 4 pm

Sat, August 31

Confessions 3:45 pm

Mass for Sunday 4:30 pm

Glenn's Birthday—see pg 3 to send a card

Sun, September 1 — Mass 10:30 am

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee & Donuts after Mass

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

5 Week Season of Creation starts today

Weekly Collection Needed: \$3,302.37

Last Week's Collection — Aug 13-Aug 19

| | Regular | myEoffering | Total |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Collection | \$1,435.05 | \$408.00 | \$1,843.05 |
| Poor & Needy | \$427.20 | | \$427.20 |
| Votive Candles | \$57.15 | | \$57.15 |
| Building Maint. | \$30.00 | | \$30.00 |
| Coffee & Donuts 8/4 & 8/18 | \$41.00 | | \$41.00 |
| Total | \$1,990.40 | \$408.00 | \$2,398.40 |

Thank you for the continuing support of your parish through the gifts of your time, your talent, and your financial offerings. Please remember St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in your will and in your other contributions. We rely upon your generosity to fund our ministries and pay our expenses.

So precious is poverty that God's only begotten Son came on earth in search of it.

—St. Anthony of Padua

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Lectors:

Saturday, August 31, 4:30 pm — Paula Lang

Sunday, September 1, 10:30 am — Lynnette & Jim Newsom

Thank you for your time and talents as ministers. If you become unavailable after you've been scheduled, please try to find a replacement for yourself first, then contact the parish office at 503-771-6039 to advise us of the change.

Ushers: Please let Father know you are available to serve when you come to Mass. Thank you for your time and talent as ministers.

Holy Father's Intentions:

August — For political leaders — We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

September — For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live

Scriptures for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time are Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 15:2-5; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

WorldWide MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

"You have the words of eternal life." Learn God's plan for your marriage on an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on September 13-15, 2024 in Beaverton, Oregon. To apply for your WWME Experience or search other dates go to rediscoverthespark.org. For information about WWME call 503-704-0836 or by email at reservations@rediscoverthespark.org

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE PEOPLE:

Lizzie Albert, Prince Bangoy, Glenda & Bob Beagle, Donald Caldwell+, Josh Daniels, Linda Drewieske, Elaine, Dick & Patti Falaschetti, Linda Green, Elizabeth Goschinski, Sarah Harrison, Ann Henderson, Roy Henderson, Maria Ishmael, Jeffrey Jennings, Cliff Juntunen, Audrey Larson, Diane Latham, Allen Lee, Mihai Leta, Daniel Mack, Dave Mathie, Anthony McPherson, Barbara Mirasol+, Kelly Morse, Natalie Moser, Comella Nelson, Marie O'Leary, Laura Ramirez, Kelsea Ramirez, Tionna Ritthaler, Lori Rohlin+, Glenn Rymysza, Carolyn Scopacasa, Debbie & Linda Struckmeier, Barbara Stuva, Bernie Tavender, Ann Thomas+, Sherrill & Dale Toman, Mary Lou Vuylsteke, Joy White. All our deceased parishioners+ Thank you for praying for those in need. Please call Sulie to add or remove people to the list.



Join us next Sunday for Coffee & Donuts after Mass!

FROM FR. PAT'S PEN

*Our website is remodeled. It contains links for Sunday Mass viewing, myEoffering, the Sunday Bulletin, and a link to our Facebook page.

*Baptism for young children: If you have an infant or young child to be baptized, please contact Fr. Pat to set up a time to meet with him and to schedule the baptism.

*In his Apostolic Exhortation, *Laudete Deum*, Pope Francis gives an urgent call to tackle the climate crisis recognizing that time is running out. Irreversible damage has already been done. In this letter Pope Francis states that the climate crisis is real and cannot be denied. It is caused by human activity.

*Are you interested in learning about the Catholic Church? Father Pat is leading a weekly RCIA/Inquiry class. Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. This is a class for non-Catholics.

It is time to register for Religious Education & Sacramental Preparation! Pick up a registration form at the display in the church entryway. Our diocese has a policy that children are expected to have one year of Religious Education before preparing for First Reconciliation & First Communion. If you have a child in the 1st grade or another grade & you wish your child to receive First Reconciliation & First Communion next year, your child should be attending Religious Education this year. Be sure to sign up! The forms can be left in the box in the church entry or dropped at the Parish Office or in the office mailbox. Contact Fr. Pat with any questions.

St. Monica's Feast Day is on August 27. She is the patron saint of mothers, widows, difficult marriages, wayward children, abuse victims, and alcoholics. St. Monica raised her three children on her own after her husband died. Her prayers, faith, and dedication as a mother played a significant role in the spiritual formation of her son Augustine, who was later to become a brilliant philosopher, theologian, bishop, and well known saint. To him, she was "more than a mother, the source of his Christianity."

Prayer: St. Monica, patroness of fathers and mothers, please take our children, especially those who have turned from the ways of God and His Church, under your protection. Help them always remain faithful to their baptismal vows. Give them strength to walk always in the ways of the Lord, despite the temptations and false values they find in the world today. Grant that they may share with you in the joys of eternal life in God. St. Monica, pray for us. Amen.

As for me and my household,
we will serve the LORD.

Joshua 24:15

Dates to Remember:

August 28 — Saint Augustine

August 29 — Passion of St. John the Baptist

September 1 — World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Sept 1—Oct 4 — Season of Creation

September 2 — Labor Day

Sunday, September 1 is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Join the Church in this day of prayer for the Care of Creation and continue praying and working for the improvement of creation during the Season of Creation, which lasts from September 1 thru October 4. This year's theme is "Hope and Act with Creation."

Care for God's Creation Prayer (USCCB)

God of all creation,

How splendid and majestic is the world you created!
It reveals your glory; it teaches us about you.

When you made us in your image,
you gave us this command:
care for the world and for all the creatures in it,
for this is our common home.

Yet your holy creation cries out,
for our home is "burdened and laid waste,"
scorched and scarred.

Come among us
that we might remember our interdependence.
Let us see the face of your Son in those who suffer
from the destruction of our common home.

Help us to be stewards
who honor you in the world you have made
for the good of all creation
and for future generations.

May your justice reign forever!

Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS to

Spencer, Bryan, Leiia, Daniella, Tatayuki, Tirena, and
Tirenson on their baptisms on Sunday, August 18!!

The Diane Marcoe Annual Fall Warm Clothing Drive was a success! Thank you for your clothing & blanket donations! Our goal was to donate 100 blankets and we far exceeded expectations—with your donations, we were able to purchase a total of 240 blankets to donate to the Portland Union Gospel Mission. Thank you for your generosity!

Glenn Rymsza's birthday is August 31, and he would love to hear from you! Cards or letters can be sent to:

Glenn Rymsza, 3018 N Huntington Dr.
Arlington Heights, IL 60004



3720 SE 79th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97206

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

August 25 — Mr. & Mrs. R. Fijalka

September 1 — Open

Please support "Memorial Flowers" by purchasing (\$50) a weekend for flowers

Finance Council

Mark Whitman

RCIA/Liturgy/Music

Fr. Pat Donoghue

Ministry to Sick & Homebound

Fr. Pat Donoghue (503.771.6039)

Religious Ed/Youth Ministry

Fr. Pat D (503.771.6039)

Prayer Tree

Sharon Stevenson (503.774.8738)

Pastoral Council

Ryan Dehart

Altar Society

Rosemary Childress

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Ryan Dehart

Maintenance

Colleen Dehart (503.771.6039)

MEMORIAL FLOWERS—Your purchase of Memorial Flowers is a way to honor someone and to support the church. Check the binder in the entrance of the church for available dates. You may consider partnering with someone to share the \$50.00 cost. (Questions? Please call parish office at 503.771.6039.)

MASS INTENTIONS—Suggested donation is \$10.00 for each intention. Note: If a funeral is scheduled for the same time as your Mass intention, your intention will be moved to the next available date.

VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE CHURCH—Glenn Rymza created a tour of the church for our parish website: <http://stanthonypdx.com/tour-of-the-church>. You will learn the stories & symbolism built into our lovely church.

The **St. Vincent de Paul** thrift store is now accepting donations! Please consider donating clothes, books, furniture, jewelry, CD's, electronics, cookware, and other household items at 17108 SE Powell Blvd, 9AM - 4PM daily. Drop off in the back of building, volunteers can help you unload. Thank you!

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH:

If you are not Catholic and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, or if you know someone who is not Catholic who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. Pat. This is a great opportunity for those who are not Catholic and wish to ask their questions about the Catholic Church. In the months ahead, this could become an opportunity to join the Catholic Church.

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

Infant Baptisms (up to age 7): If you have a child in need of baptism, contact Fr. Pat at the parish office so we can complete the necessary paperwork and the preparation class. The Church recommends baptizing your child within a few months of birth and when the health of the child and mother permit.

A Warm Welcome To All!

Name _____ Phone: () _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

New Parishioner

New Phone Number

New Address

Moving (Please remove from parish list)

Please have Fr. Pat Donoghue call me



September 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>1</p> <p>Mass 10:30am</p> <p>Coffee and Donuts</p> <p>National Forgiveness Day</p> <p>World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation</p> | <p>2</p> <p>Labor Day</p> <p>National Hummingbird Day</p> <p>World Coconut Day</p> <p>Office Closed</p> | <p>3</p> <p>Mass 11 am</p> <p>St. Gregory the Great</p> <p>National Cinema Day</p> | <p>4</p> <p>Mass 9 am</p> <p>Bl. Dina Belanger, Virgin</p> <p>National Spice Blend Day</p> <p>Nat'l Wildlife Day</p> | <p>5</p> <p>Mass 11 am</p> <p>St. Teresa of Calcutta</p> <p>National Cheese Pizza Day</p> | <p>6</p> <p>Mass 9 am</p> <p>Adoration until 4p</p> <p>National Food Bank Day</p> <p>250th day of year</p> <p>National Read a Book Day</p> | <p>7</p> <p>1st Saturday Viaticum Mass 10am</p> <p>Confessions 3:45pm</p> <p>Mass 4:30pm</p> <p>International Bacon Day</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The 5 week Season of Creation is from Sept 1 thru Oct 4 - "To hope & act with Creation" | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>8</p> <p>23rd Sun in OT</p> <p>Nativity of the BVM</p> <p>Mass 10:30am</p> <p>National Grandparents Day</p> | <p>9</p> <p>St. Peter Claver, Priest</p> <p>National Teddy Bear Day</p> | <p>10</p> <p>Mass 11 am</p> <p>The 1st theater opened in Hawaii in 1847</p> <p>September 13 is "Positive Thinking Day"</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Mass 9 am</p> <p>Patriot Day & National Day of Mourning & Remembrance</p> <p>Tomorrow is Nat'l Just One Human Family Day</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Mass 11 am</p> <p>The Most Holy Name of Mary</p> <p>National Hug & High 5 Day</p> <p>National Day of Encouragement</p> | <p>13</p> <p>Mass 9 am</p> <p>St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor</p> <p>Adoration until 4p</p> <p>Friday the 13th</p> <p>Nat'l Peanut Day</p> | <p>14</p> <p>Mass at 10 am for The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</p> <p>Confessions 3:45pm</p> <p>Mass 4:30pm</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept is the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>15</p> <p>Catechetical & Commissioning Sunday</p> <p>Mass 10:30am</p> <p>Coffee and Donuts</p> <p>Poor & Needy Collection</p> <p>Greenpeace Day</p> | <p>16</p> <p>Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian</p> <p>National Guacamole Day</p> <p>Super Full Harvest Moon, tomorrow at 7:34 pm & partial lunar eclipse</p> | <p>17</p> <p>Mass 11 am</p> <p>St. Robert Belamine, & St. Hildegard of Bingen</p> <p>Altar Society 12p</p> <p>Constitution Day & Citizenship Day</p> | <p>18</p> <p>Mass 9 am</p> <p>Village Mass 10a</p> <p>1793 George Washington lays the cornerstone of the Capitol Building in DC</p> | <p>19</p> <p>Mass 11 am</p> <p>St. Januarius</p> <p>New Zealand first to give women the right to vote in 1893</p> <p>Arrrrgggggh! Talk like a pirate day.</p> | <p>20</p> <p>Mass 9 am</p> <p>Sts. Andrew Kim & Paul Chong & Companions</p> <p>Adoration until 4p</p> <p>Nat'l POW/MIA Recognition Day</p> | <p>21</p> <p>St. Matthew, Apostle</p> <p>SVdP 10:00am</p> <p>Confessions 3:45pm</p> <p>Mass 4:30pm</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>22</p> <p>25th Sun in OT</p> <p>Mass 10:30am</p> <p>Nat'l Centenarian Day</p> <p>Autumnal Equinox 5:43:12 AM</p> <p>Car Free Day</p> | <p>23</p> <p>St. Pius of Pietrelcina</p> <p>Nat'l Family Day</p> <p>Innergize Day</p> <p>Yesterday was Nat'l Elephant Appreciation Day</p> | <p>24</p> <p>Mass 11 am</p> <p>National Punctuation Day</p> <p>Opening of 2nd Council of Nicaea in 787</p> | <p>25</p> <p>Mass 9 am</p> <p>National Daughter's Day</p> <p>Finance Council 5:30 pm</p> <p>Math Storytelling Day</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Mass 11 am</p> <p>Sts. Cosmas & Damian</p> <p>National Pancake Day</p> <p>National Johnny Appleseed Day</p> | <p>27</p> <p>Mass 9 am</p> <p>St. Vincent de Paul</p> <p>Adoration until 4p</p> <p>Nat'l Brave Day</p> <p>National Day of Forgiveness</p> | <p>28</p> <p>St. Wenceslaus, Sts. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions</p> <p>Confessions 3:45pm</p> <p>Mass 4:30pm</p> <p>National Good Neighbor Day</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>29</p> <p>Mass 10:30am</p> <p>Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels</p> <p>Religious Ed Classes begin - 9:15 am, 12 noon</p> | <p>30</p> <p>St. Jerome</p> <p>Yesterday is Priesthood Sunday and World Day of Migrants & Refugees</p> | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="7">Aug 2024</th> <th colspan="7">Oct 2024</th> </tr> <tr> <th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th> <th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td> <td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td> <td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td> <td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td> <td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | | | | | Aug 2024 | | | | | | | Oct 2024 | | | | | | | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |
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The following prayer appears at the end of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*

Pope Francis proposes this prayer for all Christians to ask for "inspiration to take up the commitment to creation set before us by the Gospel of Jesus.

A Christian Prayer in Union with Creation

Father, we praise you with all your creatures.
They came forth from your all-powerful hands;
they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.
Praise be to you!

Son of God, Jesus,
through you all things were made.
You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother, you became part of this earth,
and you gazed upon this world with human eyes.
Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory.
Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light
you guide this world toward the Father's love and accompany creation as it groans in travail.
You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good.
Praise be to you!

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love,
teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you.
Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made.
Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love
for all creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.
Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference,
that they may love the common good, advance the weak,
and care for this world in which we live.
The poor and the earth are crying out.
O Lord, seize us with your power and light,
help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future,
for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty
Praise be to you!

Amen