

Saint Agnes Catholic Church

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	05:00 P.M. (Vigil Mass)
Sunday	08:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., and 12:30 P.M. (in Spanish)
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	06:00 P.M.
Wednesday	08:30 A.M.
Thursday	06:00 P.M.
Friday	08:30 A.M.

(For Holy Days, check our website)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Thursdays 05:00 P.M. - 06:00 P.M.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 3:30-4:30 P.M.
or by appointment.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK WITHIN THE MASS

will resume as restrictions are lifted.

Be safe and stay healthy!

MASS INTENTIONS (JANUARY 09-15)

Mon 09	***	No Mass
Tue 10	06:00 P.M.	John Brinegar (D) by Daniel & Lisa Wood
Wed 11	08:30 a.m.	Hazel Boyles (D) by Edward Boyles
Thu 12	06:00 P.M.	Noah Canipe (D) by Kenny & Mandy Canipe
Fri 13	08:30 a.m.	Lucy Fulcher (L) by Rich & Pat Fulcher
Sat 14	05:00 P.M.	Shawn Casey (L) by Sarah Casey
Sun 15	08:00 a.m.	Gene Maston (D) by Keith & Mary Smith
	10:30 A.M.	Anne Brinegar (D) by Daniel & Lisa Wood
	12:30 p.m.	Hispanic Community

WEEKEND ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

January 01

Attendance: **130**

5:00 P.M. **34**; 08:00 A.M. **12**; 10:30 A.M. **44**; 12:30 P.M. **40**

1st Collection \$ 3,022.⁰⁰

2nd Collection \$ 1,033.⁰⁰

St. Agnes Bldg. & Maintenance

St. Agnes Debt Reduction \$ 530.⁰⁰

St. Agnes Renovation \$ 80.⁰⁰

St. Agnes Outreach \$ 105.⁰⁰

All Saints Day [11-01-22] \$ 5.⁰⁰

All Souls Day [11-2-22] \$ 5.⁰⁰

Archdiocese for Military Services [11-13-22] \$ 5.⁰⁰

Thanksgiving [11-24-22] \$ 5.⁰⁰

Immaculate Conception [12-08-22] \$ 5.⁰⁰

Retirement Fund for Religious [12-11-22] \$ 5.⁰⁰

Catholic Charities of West Virginia \$ 5.⁰⁰

Christmas Offering [12-25-22] \$ 1,030.⁰⁰

Votive Candles \$ 180.⁰⁰

Solemnity of Mary [1-1-23] \$ 476.⁰⁰

Church in the Developing World [1-15-23] \$ 20.⁰⁰

TOTAL \$ **6,511.⁰⁰**

DAILY READINGS IN ORDINARY TIME – (JANUARY 09-15)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/ Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10(11b)/Mt 3:13-17	Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 & 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 & 1:21-28	Heb 2:14-18Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6- 7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39	Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40 -45	Heb 4:1-5, 11/ Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/ Mk 2:1-12	Heb 4:12- 16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/ Mk 2:13-17	Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8- 9, 10/1 Cor 1:1- 3/Jn 1:29-34



Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

—Mt 3:13-17

ENCYCLICAL LETTER ECCLESIA DE EUCHARISTIA OF HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN PAUL II TO THE BISHOPS PRIESTS AND DEACONS MEN AND WOMEN IN THE CONSECRATED LIFE AND ALL THE LAY FAITHFUL ON THE EUCHARIST IN ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE CHURCH



CHAPTER THREE: THE APOSTOLICITY OF THE EUCHARIST AND OF THE CHURCH

The Catholic faithful, therefore, while respecting the religious convictions of these separated brethren, must refrain from receiving the communion distributed in their celebrations, so as not to condone an ambiguity about the nature of the Eucharist and, consequently, to fail in their duty to bear clear witness to the truth. This would result in slowing the progress being made towards full visible unity. Similarly, it is unthinkable to substitute for Sunday Mass ecumenical celebrations of the word or services of common prayer with Christians from the aforementioned Ecclesial Communities, or even participation in their own liturgical services. Such celebrations and services, however praiseworthy in certain situations, prepare for the goal of full communion, including Eucharistic communion, but they cannot replace it.

The fact that the power of consecrating the Eucharist has been entrusted only to Bishops and priests does not represent any kind of belittlement of the rest of the People of God, for in the communion of the one body of Christ which is the Church this gift redounds to the benefit of all.

https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_20030417_eccel-de-euch.html

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

For more information contact us at 304-881-3228, 304-539-4630

Please pray for our sick and homebound...

Dana Adkins, Nancy Baker, Dustin Basham, Edgel Blake, Emily Blake, John Blake, Harry Bowe, Francisca E. Calderon, Steve Bukovinsky, Carlos Calixto, Daniel Camacho, Connie Carey, Betsy Chigo, Jannell Cochran, Joanna Collins, Heriberto Correias, Jesús Correias, Tom Crutchfield, John Cincinnati, Cathy Dorsey, Sister Nancy Dunn, Eva Celine Elkins, Dallas Elswick, John Elswick, Cindy Fish, James Ford Jr., Jay & Tiara Francis, Lucy Fulcher, Mary Hanson, Ann Harris, Carlos Hernandez, Chris Hunter, Bonnie Jackson, Christopher Jones, Matthew Jones, Thomas Jones Jr., Camille Keller, Mary Keeler, Elizabeth Kelley, Marianne Kogoy, Christine Lawrence, Suzanne Lawrence, Mara Lomas, Rev. Charles McGinnis Jr., Rick Mason, Ken Miller, Tina Miller, Harley Mooney, Marsha Morton, Bing Murphy, Bridget O'Connell, Jesús Oñate, Sarah Price, Philip Primozic, William Rader, Linda Radochio, Elena Ramirez, Joan Reishman, Reynolds Family, Joel Riveria, Maria Roberts, Alberto Rodriguez, Magdalena Pineda, Diana Smith, Keith Smith, The Smith Family, John & Sara Snyder, Theresa Sprouse, Vivian Sword, Andrew Tignor, Nancy Tompkins, Barbara Theierl, Sharon Wade, Matt Wazelle, Jim Wegmann, Shawn Wheeler, Danny Whelan, Bill Wilson, Anna Wise, John Witek, Shari Woodrum, Wright Family, Bertel Zodorozny.

(Please contact the parish office if you would like to remove your name or family member's name from our prayer list.)

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Agnes Parish, a Christian family located in Kanawha City, is a multi-generational community committed to Catholic spiritual and moral values. We share the Gospel of Christ through the liturgical, charitable, and social efforts as we endeavor to live out our baptismal call. All are welcome, especially visitors, guests, and those new to the community.

Wedding Feast & Epiphany

Question:

How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

Answer:

The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana. The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers. Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C. These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life.

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Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI) was born on 16 April 1927 in Marktl am Inn, Germany. His father, a police officer, came from a traditional family of farmers from Lower Bavaria. He spent his adolescent years in Traunstein, a small town on the Austrian border. His faith and family upbringing prepared him for the harsh experience of the problems connected with the Nazi regime; he even remembers seeing his parish priest being beaten by Nazis before celebrating Holy Mass, and was well aware of the fiercely hostile atmosphere to the Catholic Church that existed in Germany at the time. On April 18, 2005, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was elected the 264th successor of Saint Peter and chose the name Benedict XVI. His papacy testifies to both a scholarly churchman, having extensively studied theology and philosophy, and pastoral sensitivity. When elected pope at age 78, he didn't anticipate traveling the globe given his age and health, but quickly realized that the best way to reach the people of God was to go to them. He attended the first World Youth Day in Germany just months after his election. On February 28, 2013, Pope Benedict announced his resignation, becoming the first pope in almost 600 years to resign from the papacy. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI passed away on December 31, 2022 at the age of 95.

https://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/biography/documents/hf_ben-xvi_bio_20050419_short-biography_old.html



CHAPTER TWO THE SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATION OF THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

Article 1 CELEBRATING THE CHURCH'S LITURGY

IV. Where is the Liturgy Celebrated?

1193 Sunday, the "Lord's Day," is the principal day for the celebration of the Eucharist because it is the day of the Resurrection. It is the pre-eminent day of the liturgical assembly, the day of the Christian family, and the day of joy and rest from work. Sunday is "the foundation and kernel of the whole liturgical year" (SC 106).

1194 The Church, "in the course of the year, . . . unfolds the whole mystery of Christ from his Incarnation and Nativity through his Ascension, to Pentecost and the expectation of the blessed hope of the coming of the Lord" (SC 102 # 2).

1195 By keeping the memorials of the saints - first of all the holy Mother of God, then the apostles, the martyrs, and other saints - on fixed days of the liturgical year, the Church on earth shows that she is united with the liturgy of heaven. She gives glory to Christ for having accomplished his salvation in his glorified members; their example encourages her on her way to the Father.

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church.*

LITURGICAL EVENTS & NEWS



PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Deacon Donald M. Hammond

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord,
and perpetual light shine upon him.*



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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesday at noon, email or written copy please, no bulletin announcement will be taken over the phone. Contact us at stap1101char@dwc.org. Please include topic of announcement in the subject line.

EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

A five-week course is being offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF). This is a LIVE course which is being held at Ascension Parish in Hurricane, WV, on five consecutive Wednesdays from January 11 – February 8, 2023. The course is being paid for by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Office of Evangelization & Catechesis. To register, please contact Jeanne McKeets at jmckeets@dwc.org, no later than Wednesday, January 4, 2023.



Safe Environment:

To report suspected cases of child sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at (888) 434-2637 or (304) 233-0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270; or call the Office of Safe Environment at (304) 230-1504.

COVID-19 UPDATED GUIDELINES

In order to protect the most vulnerable, Bishop Mark Brennan has asked that parishes continue observing the COVID-19 safety protocols that have been in place since last summer. Please continue to use hand sanitizer when you arrive to help prevent the spread of germs. If you feel sick in any way or have a cough, please remain at home. Let us continue to pray for an end to the pandemic and for those who have been affected by the virus.

FEAST OF ST. AGNES

Bishop Brennan will be celebrating the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 22nd to commemorate the Feast of Saint Agnes. Everyone is invited to join us for Mass and a reception to follow. The 10:30 a.m. Mass will be the only Mass offered that day-We will not have Mass at 8:00 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

St. Agnes church is looking for a part-time maintenance person. If interested, please send your resume to Tabitha Hoeflicker at stap1101char@dwc.org. Job description and salary will be discussed at time of interview.

ST. AGNES OUTREACH

As we continue our efforts to serve low-income families in Eastern Kanawha County, we are in need of volunteers. We are also collecting food which can be left in the parish office Monday through Friday from 12:00PM - 4:00PM. For more information call 304-720-9690 or 304-552-5286.

LADIES GUILD

Saint Agnes Ladies Guild Meeting will be Tuesday, January 10th at 6:00pm at Plaza Maya. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join us. If you wish to play a game, please bring a five or ten dollar wrapped gift. (optional). The game is optional.

PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is currently accepting applications for the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program 2023-2028. Applications will be accepted until April 15, 2023. For questions, please feel free to contact Deacon John Yaquina, Coordinator, jyaquina@dwc.org, or Tina High, thigh@dwc.org or (304) 233-0880, ext. 271.

Comunidad Hispana de Santa Inés

OFICINA PARROQUIAL Y PERSONAL

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Horas de Oficina de Lunes a Viernes
de 12:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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HORA SANTA Y BENDICIÓN

Jueves de 5:00 P.M. a 6:00 P.M.

SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN

Sábados de 3:30 P.M. a 4:30 P.M.
o con cita previa llamando a la oficina.

UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS DURANTE LA MISA

Se reestablecerá cuando las restricciones
de Covid-19 se hayan suspendido.

MISIÓN PARROQUIAL

Nuestra Comunidad Hispana de Santa Inés, localizada en Kanawha City, es una familia multicultural comprometida a fomentar los valores espirituales y morales de nuestra fe Católica. Como bautizados, nos esforzamos a vivir el Evangelio de Cristo en nuestra liturgia y obras de caridad. Si quieres ser parte de nuestra familia, te invitamos a que nos acompañes a la Misa Dominical, la Hora Santa y a todas las actividades que tenemos durante el año. ¡Bienvenido!



ACLAMACIÓN ANTES DEL EVANGELIO

Mt 2, 2

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Hemos visto su estrella en el oriente
y hemos venido a adorar al Señor.

R. Aleluya.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

Mt 2, 1-12

Existe un refrán popular que dice así: *“No hay peor sordo que el que no quiere oír”*. Y le agregaría el que no quiere ver. Los Magos del Oriente no se hicieron sordos ni ciegos, sino que, presurosos siguieron la estrella que los guiaba a Jesús. Preguntaron y escucharon su historia, por aquello de no perderse del lugar donde se encontraba aquel famoso recién nacido. “¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que acaba de nacer? (Mateo 2,2). ¿Dónde está Jesús en nuestros días? ¿A quién hemos preguntado dónde encontrarlo? Quizá, se encuentra en los corazones de los padres de familia que han perdido a sus hijos(as) en la violencia, o tal vez está ahí donde el inmigrante sufre y muere luchando por una vida mejor.

La liturgia de este Domingo de la Epifanía, manifestación de Jesús como salvador de todos los pueblos, nos invita a no ser oyentes pasivos sino activos, comprometidos a la esperanza de una sociedad mejor. La voz del Papa Francisco es el eco de Dios que motiva a ver la luz de la estrella reflejada en el corazón de todo aquel que desea la paz. *“El día de hoy debemos sentir cerca a los Magos, ellos tenían el corazón abierto al horizonte: «Vieron la estrella porque se habían puesto en el camino» (San Juan Crisóstomo). Su ejemplo nos anima a contemplar la estrella y a no conformarnos, sino a dejarnos fascinar por la bondad y la verdad. Ellos reflejan la imagen de todos los que no dejamos de levantar la mirada hacia el firmamento, poniendo en nuestro camino a nuestro Dios, Rey del Universo”*.

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BIENVENIDOS A SANTA INÉS

- La Santa Misa de los Domingos se celebra a las 12:30 P.M.
- Para ayudar a prevenir la propagación de Covid-19, el Sr. Obispo Mark Brennan, ha pedido a todas las parroquias que continúen observando las normas implementadas el verano pasado.
- Se les pide por favor, desinfectarse las manos con el gel antibacterial disponible en la entrada de la Iglesia.



INTENCIÓN DEL MES DEL PAPA FRANCISCO Por los educadores

Oremos para que los educadores sean testigos creíbles, enseñando la fraternidad en lugar de la competencia y ayudando especialmente a los jóvenes más vulnerables.

<https://www.aciprensa.com/noticias/todas-las-intenciones-de-oracion-del-papa-francisco-para-los-12-meses-de-2022-36904>

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HORARIO LITÚRGICO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO (Del 09-15 de Enero)

Lunes 09	***	No hay Santa Misa
Martes 10	06:00 P.M.	Santa Misa en Inglés
Miércoles 11	08:30 A.M.	Santa Misa en Inglés
Jueves 12	06:00 P.M.	Santa Misa en Inglés
Viernes 13	08:30 A.M.	Santa Misa en Inglés
Sábado 14	3:30-4:30 p.m. 05:00 p.m.	Confesiones Santa Misa en Inglés
Domingo 15	08:00 a.m.	Santa Misa en Inglés
	10:30 a.m.	Santa Misa en Inglés
	12:30 p.m.	Santa Misa En Español

“Los magos se pusieron en camino, y de pronto la estrella que habían visto surgir, comenzó a guiarlos, hasta que se detuvo encima de donde estaba el niño”. (Mt 2, 9)



HORA SANTA Y BENDICIÓN POR VOCACIONES AL SACERDOCIO Y VIDA CONSAGRADA

Todos los Jueves, a las 5:00 p.m.
y a participar en la Santa Misa
a las 6:00 p.m.



LECTURAS DIARIAS DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO – DEL 09-15 DE ENERO

Lunes	Martes	Miércoles	Jueves	Viernes	Sábado	Domingo
Is 42, 1-4. 6-7 o Hch 10, 34-38/ Sal 28, 1-2. 3-4. 3. 9-10 (11)/Mt 3, 13-17	Heb 2, 5-12/Sal 8, 2 y 5. 6-7. 8-9/Mc 1, 21-28 o Heb 1, 1-6 y 2, 5-12/Mc 1, 14-20 y 1, 21-28	Heb 2, 14-18/ Sal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9//Mc 1, 29-39	Heb 3, 7-14/ Sal 94, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11/Mc 1, 40-45	Heb 4, 1-5. 11/Sal 77, 3 y 4. 6-7. 8/Mc 2, 1-12	Heb 4, 12-16/ Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 15/Mc 2, 13-17	Is 49, 3. 5-6/Sal 39, 2. 4. 7-8. 8-9. 10/1 Co 1, 1-3/Jn 1, 29-34

CRECIENDO EN NUESTRA FE CATÓLICA

*"Los reyes de occidente y de las islas le ofrecerán sus dones.
Ante él se postrarán todos los reyes y todas las naciones".
—Salmo 71, 10-11*



Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor

9 de Enero

En aquel tiempo, Jesús llegó de Galilea al río Jordán y le pidió a Juan que lo bautizara. Pero Juan se resistía, diciendo: "Yo soy quien debe ser bautizado por ti, ¿y tú vienes a que yo te bautice?" Jesús le respondió: "Haz ahora lo que te digo, porque es necesario que así cumplamos todo lo que Dios quiere".

Entonces Juan accedió a bautizarlo. Al salir Jesús del agua, una vez bautizado, se le abrieron los cielos y vio al Espíritu de Dios, que descendía sobre él en forma de paloma y oyó una voz que decía desde el cielo: "Este es mi Hijo muy amado, en quien tengo mis complacencias".

<https://bible.usccb.org/es/bible/lecturas/010923.cfm>

Carta Encíclica Evangelium Vitae del Sumo Pontífice Juan Pablo II a los Obispos a los Sacerdotes y Diáconos a los Religiosos a los Fieles Laicos y a todas las personas de buena voluntad sobre el valor y el carácter inviolable de la vida humana.



Capítulo III: No Matarás la Ley Santa de Dios

*Mi embrión tus ojos lo veían » (Sal 139 138, 16):
el delito abominable del aborto*

61. Los textos de la Sagrada Escritura, que nunca hablan del aborto voluntario y, por tanto, no contienen condenas directas y específicas al respecto, presentan de tal modo al ser humano en el seno materno, que exigen lógicamente que se extienda también a este caso el mandamiento divino « no matarás ».

La vida humana es sagrada e inviolable en cada momento de su existencia, también en el inicial que precede al nacimiento. El hombre, desde el seno materno, pertenece a Dios que lo escruta y conoce todo, que lo forma y lo plasma con sus manos, que lo ve mientras es todavía un pequeño embrión informe y que en él entrevé el adulto de mañana, cuyos días están contados y cuya vocación está ya escrita en el « libro de la vida » (cf. Sal 139 138, 1. 13-16). Incluso cuando está todavía en el seno materno, —como testimonian numerosos textos bíblicos 60— el hombre es término personalísimo de la amorosa y paterna providencia divina.

http://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/es/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_25031995_evangelium-vitae.html



CATECISMO DE LA IGLESIA CATÓLICA CAPÍTULO SEGUNDO LOS SACRAMENTOS DE CURACIÓN

ART. 4 EL SACRAMENTO DE LA PENITENCIA Y DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN

XI. La celebración del sacramento de la Penitencia

1481 La liturgia bizantina posee expresiones diversas de absolución, en forma deprecativa, que expresan admirablemente el misterio del perdón: "Que el Dios que por el profeta Natán perdonó a David cuando confesó sus pecados, y a Pedro cuando lloró amargamente y a la pecadora cuando derramó lágrimas sobre sus pies, y al publicano, y al pródigo, que este mismo Dios, por medio de mí, pecador, os perdone en esta vida y en la otra y que os haga comparecer sin condenaros en su temible tribunal. El que es bendito por los siglos de los siglos. Amén" (*Eulógion to méga* [Atenas 1992] p. 222).

1482 El sacramento de la Penitencia puede también celebrarse en el marco de una *celebración comunitaria*, en la que los penitentes se preparan a la confesión y juntos dan gracias por el perdón recibido. Así la confesión personal de los pecados y la absolución individual están insertadas en una liturgia de la Palabra de Dios, con lecturas y homilía, examen de conciencia dirigido en común, petición comunitaria del perdón, rezo del Padre Nuestro y acción de gracias en común. Esta celebración comunitaria expresa más claramente el carácter eclesial de la penitencia. En todo caso, cualquiera que sea la manera de su celebración, el sacramento de la Penitencia es siempre, por su naturaleza misma, una acción litúrgica, por tanto, eclesial y pública (cf SC 26-27).

— *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica.*