

## Lyrics for February 21, 2021

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Saint Agnes Church – N. Huntingdon, PA

Celebrant – Msgr. Paul Fitzmaurice

#### ✚ VOCATION PRAYER

O Jesus, we believe you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We beg you to send your graces to inspire the young men and women of Saint Agnes so that God becomes so real to them that he lives within their hearts. We pray that you will touch their souls, and enlighten them to the true purpose of life on this earth. We especially ask that you call our men to the fulfilling life of the priesthood and permanent diaconate so that our Church may live on. O Mother Mary, please present our prayers to your Son. AMEN

#### ♪ Gathering - LED BY THE SPIRIT

V1. Led by the Spirit of our God, we go to fast and pray  
With Christ into the wilderness; we join his paschal way.  
“Rend not you garments, rend you heart,  
Turn back your lives to me.” Thus says our kind and  
Gracious God, whose reign is liberty.

V2. Led by the Spirit we confront temptation face to face,  
And know full well we must rely on God’s redeeming grace.  
On bread alone we cannot live, but nourished by the Word,  
We seek the will of God to do: this is our drink and food.

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#### ♪ Responsorial – Psalm 51

Be merciful, be merciful, O Lord  
For we have sinned.

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✚ **NICENE CREED:** I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Presentation – GRACIOUS GOD**

V1: Lead us, Lord, into the desert; lead us through the wilderness.  
Through this journey we will follow, for we long to see your face.

V2: In this time of sacred struggle, in this time of sacrifice,  
We rejoice, for we remember that you lead us into life. **Refrain.....**

**Ref:** Gracious God, mercy is your name.  
Redeeming Love, you give your life away.  
Gracious God we bless your holy name  
Receiving love, we give our lives away.

V3: Lord, we hunger for your presence; Lord, we're thirsting for your grace.  
When consuming all but you Lord, all we gain I emptiness. **Refrain.....**

V4: Teach us, Lord: Who is our neighbor? Is it friend, or enemy?  
When we welcome or condemn them, it is you, O let us see. **Refrain....**

Text: Based on Isaiah 40:31; Matthew 6:28, 11:28-30

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### **THIS IS THE BODY OF CHRIST,**

Broken that we may be whole; this cup, as promised by God,  
True to his word, cradles our Lord: food for the good of the soul.

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### **Communion – REPENT - Refrain**

Repent and believe, repent and believe in the Gospel. (2x)

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### **Meditation – CHANGE OUR HEARTS Refrain:**

Change our hearts this time, Your word says it can be.  
Change our minds, this time, Your life could make us free.  
We are the people Your call set apart, Lord, this time change our hearts.

V(#3) Show us the way that leads to your side,  
Over the mountains and sands of the soul.

Be for us manna, water from stone,  
light which says we never walk alone, And.... **Refrain**

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**SAINT MICHAEL PRAYER** (said after Blessing): Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

 **Sending Forth – THE CROSS OF JESUS**

**V1.** Come, O God, renew your people, We who long to see your face.  
Strengthen hearts that have grown feeble; Fill our lives with truth and grace.  
Only you can win our freedom; Only you can bring us peace.  
Only in the cross of Jesus will the captives find release.

**V2.** Deep within create a new heart; Melt away the winter chill.  
Help us now to make a new start, Help us now to know your will.  
Washed in waters of forgiveness, Cleansed in waters of new birth,  
Lead us to the cross of Jesus, Bringing life to all the earth.

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