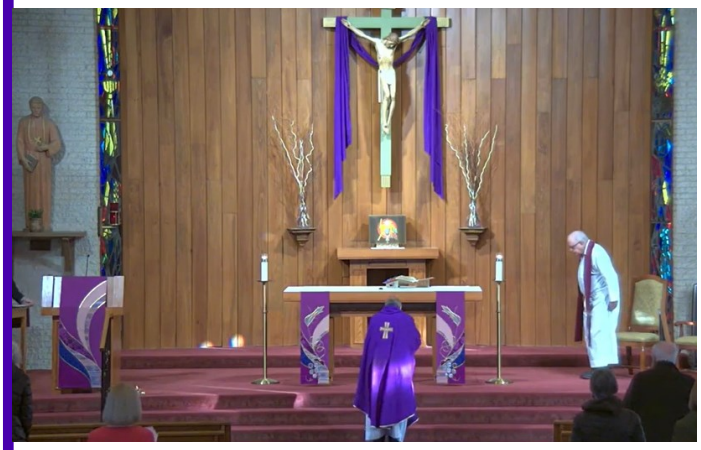
The Priest's Prayers Before and After Proclaiming the Gospel



Prior to proclaiming the Word of God from the Gospel, the priest, bowing before the altar, says quietly:

CLEANSE MY HEART AND MY LIPS, ALMIGHTY GOD, THAT I MAY WORTHILY PROCLAIM YOUR HOLY GOSPEL.

He proceeds, saying to the congregation:

THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

The people respond:

And with your spirit.

THE PRIEST CONTINUES:

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The people respond:

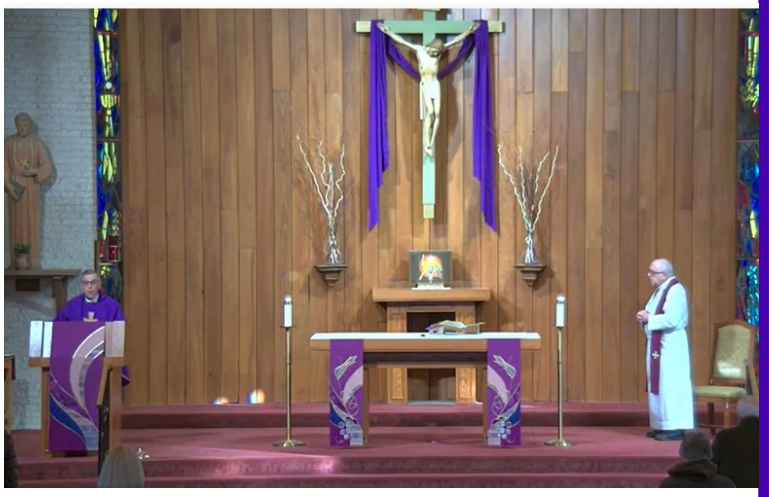
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel, the priest says:

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

The people respond:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



The priest [or the deacon] concludes the proclamation of the Gospel; he kisses the book and says quietly:

THROUGH THE WORDS OF THE GOSPEL MAY OUR SINS BE WIPED AWAY.