

RCIA First Scrutiny on the Third Sunday of Lent

5pm Vigil Mass 14 March 2020

Liturgy of the Word:

Readings

Homily

Creed

Scrutiny

Leader: Two weeks ago, Bishop Terry Brady formally accepted our Candidate and Catechumens at the Rite of Election at St Mary's Cathedral. I now ask our Elect, who will be receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter, and their Godparents, to please come forward as I call out your names and receive the Creed from the Church:

Each Elect comes forward, bows receives the Creed from the priest and stands in front of the Altar facing the people with their Godparents by their side

Ying Chan CAI

Wei Miao HUANG

Liu YANG

Nichapa JINDAPOL

Shuang ZHANG

Sisca EDDI

Yali WANG

Selvie Wijaya EDDI

Ting GUO

Joanne Jounghee HAM

Yang JIANG

Pathma SUBRAMANIAM

Fei Shen TAO

Kadirasan MUNISAMY

Sandra Pui Shan LEE

Gavin JAN

Yuen Man LAU

Priest: I ask all of you assembled here to pray in silence that these Elect of God be given a spirit of repentance, a sense of sin and true freedom of the Children of God.

And I ask you, Elect of God, as a sign of your inner spirit of repentance to bow your heads in prayer.

Silence for a few minutes

Intercessions:

Priest: Godparents please place your right hand on the shoulder of your candidate.

Let us pray for these Elect whom the Church has confidently chosen. May they successfully complete their long preparation and at the Paschal Feast find Christ in his Sacraments.

Leader: That they may ponder the Word of God in their hearts and savour its meaning more fully day by day. Lord hear us.

Leader: That they may learn to know Christ who came to save those who are lost. Lord hear us.

Leader: That they may humbly confess themselves to be sinners and sincerely reject everything in their lives that is displeasing and contrary to Christ. Lord hear us.

Leader: That the Holy Spirit who searches every heart, may help them to overcome their weakness through his power. Lord hear us.

Leader: That the same Holy Spirit may teach them to know the things of God and how to please Him. Lord hear us.

Leader: That their families also may put their hope in Christ and find peace and holiness in Him. Lord hear us.

Leader: That we ourselves in preparation for the Easter feast may seek a change of heart, give ourselves to prayer and persevere in our good works. Lord hear us.

Leader: That throughout the whole world whatever is weak may be strengthened, whatever is broken restored, whatever is lost found, and what is found redeemed, let us pray to the Lord. Lord hear us.

Leader: We pray for our Holy Father Pope Francis, our bishops, clergy and religious. Lord hear us.

Leader: Let us pray for all who are sick and for their carers. Lord hear us.

Leader: Let us pray for our departed relatives and friends. Lord hear us.

Exorcism:

Priest invites the Elect to face the Altar

Priest: God of power, you sent your Son to be our Saviour. Grant that these catechumens, who, like the woman of Samaria, thirst for living water, may turn to the Lord as they hear his word and acknowledge the sins and weaknesses that weigh them down. Protect them from vain reliance on self and defend them from the power of Satan. Free them from the spirit of deceit so that, admitting the wrong they have done, they may attain purity of heart and advance on the way on salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Priest stretches his hands out to the Elect

Priest: Lord Jesus, you are the fountain for which they thirst, you are the Master whom they seek. In your presence they dare not claim to be without sin, for you alone are the Holy One of God. They open their hearts to you in faith, they confess their faults and lay bare their hidden wounds. In your love free them from their infirmities, heal their sickness, quench their thirst, and give them peace. In the power of your name, which we call upon in faith, stand by them now and heal them. Rule over that spirit of evil, conquered by your rising from the dead. Show your elect the way of salvation in the Holy Spirit, that they may come to worship the Father in truth, for you live and reign for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Dismissal of the Elect

Priest: Although you cannot yet participate fully in the Lord's Eucharist, stay with us as a sign of our hope that all God's children will eat and drink with the Lord and work with his Spirit to recreate the face of the earth. Please return to your seats.