

# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

~ A Jesuit Apostolate in New York City since 1847 ~

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 21, 2021

Song of Gathering:

*We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder*

*Text: African-American spiritual*

*Tune: JACOB'S LADDER; African-American Spiritual*



1. We are climb-ing Ja - cob's lad - der, We are climb-ing Jac - ob's lad - der,
2. Ev' - ry round goes high - er, high - er, Ev' - ry round goes high - er high - er,
3. Sin - ner, do you love your Je - sus? Sin - nner do you love your Je - sus?
4. If you love him, why not serve him? If you love him, why not serve him?
5. We are climb - ing high - er, high - er, We are climb - ing high - er, high - er,



We are climb-ing Ja - cob's lad - der, Child - ren of the cross.  
Ev' - ry round goes high - er, high - er, Child - ren of the cross.  
Sin - ner do you love your Je - sus, Child - ren of the cross.  
If you love him why not serve him... Child - ren of the cross.  
We are climb-ing high - er, high - er, Child - ren of the cross.

## Opening Prayer

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

*Genesis 9: 8-15*

Psalm 51: Be Merciful to Me, O God




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Second Reading:

*1 Peter 3: 18-22*

Gospel Acclamation:

From "Kyrie Orbis Factor"



Praise and ho - nor to you O Lord, Je - sus Christ.

*Vs: We do not live on bread alone,*

*but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

The Holy Gospel according to Mark:

Mark: 1: 12-15

Homily

**RITE OF ELECTION Sunday, 1:15 pm only**

General Intercessions: God of mercy, we pray, receive our pray

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

*Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door*

Text and Tune: African-American Spiritual



Some-bod - y's knock-in' at your door; Some-bod - y's knock-in' at your door;



O sin-ner, why don't you an-swer? Some-bod - y's knock-in' at your door.

Cantor Calls: Congregation responds: 

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Communion:

### Prayer of Spiritual Communion attributed to St. Alphonsus Liguori


My Jesus, I believe you are really here in the Blessed Sacrament. love you more than anything in the world,  
And I hunger to feed on your flesh.

But since I cannot receive Communion at this moment, Feed my soul at least spiritually. I unite myself to you now as I do when I actually receive you. Never let me drift away from you.

### IN EVERY AGE


Janèt Sullivan Whitaker

REFRAIN




In ev - 'ry age, O God, you have been our ref - uge.

1-3 to Verses 2,3  
last time: to Refrain




In ev - 'ry age, O God, you have been our hope.

Final



God, \_\_\_\_\_ you have been our hope, \_\_\_\_\_



you have been our ref - uge, \_\_\_\_\_ you have been our hope. *Fine*



## CONCLUDING RITES

Final Prayer

Pledge for Racial Justice

Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

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*THANKSGIVING FOR ALL THOSE. AT OUR LITURGIES WHO...preside at prayer ~ welcome God's people ~  
proclaim God's Word ~ lead & inspire us in song  
prepare our liturgies & worship space ~ minister the Holy Eucharist to us,  
and for all who pray and celebrate with us this day.*

*Presiders: Rev. Sam Sawyer SJ ~ Sat 5; Rev. John Mulreany, SJ ~ Sun 9; Rev. Tom Feely, SJ ~ Sun 11:30;  
Rev. Kenneth Boller, SJ ~ Sun 1:15; Rev. Jim Miracky, SJ ~ Sun 5*

*Cantor: Ladd Boris ~ Assistant Director of Music Jacqueline C. Perez ~ Sat 5, Sun 9 & 11:30  
Dugan McGinley ~ Sun 5*

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