

Brother Jean-Claude Chupin ofm  
Birth in heaven  
Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

# Eucharist

Community of the Lamb

Chapel "Sainte Marie de la Croix"  
Thursday in the octave of Easter, April 9, 2026

in the eighth centenary of the death of St. Francis

*Entrance procession from the back of the chapel. Thuriferary, Cereferaries, Word and Priests.*

## Entrance Song

**The Cross is exalted on this day and the world is sanctified. You who sit with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you stretched out your arms, O Christ, to lead the world to the knowledge of God and those whose hope is set on you, count them worthy of your divine glory.**

**1. Before the foundation of the world, in the brightness of Agape, a voice resplendent with light was heard; from the midst of the luminous cloud the voice of the Father shone forth: "This is my beloved Son."**

**2. Before the foundation of the world, in the brightness of Agape, a voice resplendent with light was heard; from the midst of the luminous cloud the voice of the Son shone forth: "Abba! Father! Here I am do to your will. Abba! Father!"**

**3. Behold, the Lamb of God, resplendent of the glory of the Father, of the Glory of his most holy Passion, Light and complete joy of our hearts.**

## Rite of the Shroud, of the Light and of the Word

*During the singing, in remembrance of our baptism and the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, little sisters place a white shroud on the coffin. Then a lamp is lit from the Paschal candle and the Bible are opened.*

**Alleluia...**

**From the midst of our darkness the light shines, the Face of Jesus illuminates our hearts with the Glory of the Father and the consolation of the Spirit.**

**His face radiates the divine tenderness, the light of the Father, and his peace.**

## Rite of Sprinkling

Beloved brothers and sisters, let us give thanks to the Lord for this water; we will be sprinkled with it in remembrance of our baptism: may God himself renew us so that we may remain faithful to the Spirit we have received.

**I saw flowing from beneath the Temple a gushing source of living waters: where the torrent flows life will start anew. And all those who were plunged into that stream were saved from death and sin. With gladness they sang the Canticle of the Lamb: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

May Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has made us reborn by water and the Holy Spirit, and who has granted us forgiveness of sins, still preserve us by his grace in Christ Jesus our Lord for eternal life.

**GLORIA**

Collection (*Funeral Mass, 5. for a religious*)

We pray to you, Almighty God, for the soul of your servant Jean-Claude, who out of love for Christ had set out on the path of perfect charity: grant that he may rejoice at your coming in glory, and that he may share, with his brethren, in the eternal happiness of your kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

## Liturgy of the Word

Reader: From the Acts of the Apostles

As the crippled man who had been cured clung to Peter and John,

all the people hurried in amazement toward them in the portico called "Solomon's Portico."

When Peter saw this, he addressed the people,

"You children of Israel, why are you amazed at this, and why do you look so intently at us

as if we had made him walk by our own power or piety?

The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence, when he had decided to release him.

You denied the Holy and Righteous One

and asked that a murderer be released to you.

The author of life you put to death,

but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses.

And by faith in his name,

this man, whom you see and know, his name has made strong,

and the faith that comes through it

has given him this perfect health,

in the presence of all of you.

Now I know, brothers and sisters,  
that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did;  
but God has thus brought to fulfillment  
what he had announced beforehand  
through the mouth of all the prophets,  
that his Christ would suffer.  
Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped  
away,  
and that the Lord may grant you times of refreshment  
and send you the Christ already appointed for you, Jesus,  
whom heaven must receive until the times of universal restoration  
of which God spoke through the mouth  
of his holy prophets from of old.  
For Moses said:

*A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you  
from among your own kin;  
to him you shall listen in all that he may say to you.  
Everyone who does not listen to that prophet  
will be cut off from the people.*

“Moreover, all the prophets who spoke,  
from Samuel and those afterwards, also announced these days.  
You are the children of the prophets  
and of the covenant that God made with your ancestors  
when he said to Abraham,  
*In your offspring all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*  
For you first, God raised up his servant and sent him to bless you  
by turning each of you from your evil ways.”Acts 3:11-26

Psalm 8: **Rejoice...**

O LORD, our Lord,  
how glorious is your name over all the earth!  
What is man that you should be mindful of him,  
or the son of man that you should care for him?  
You have made him little less than the angels,

and crowned him with glory and honor.  
You have given him rule over the works of your hands,  
putting all things under his feet. All sheep and oxen,  
yes, and the beasts of the field,  
The birds of the air, the fishes of the sea,  
and whatever swims the paths of the seas.

**Alleluia...**

**This is the day, in which appeared the goodness of God our Savior and his loving kindness for all mankind. This is the day which the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!**

**From the Holy Gospel according to Luke** *(sung)*

The disciples of Jesus recounted what had taken place along the way,  
and how they had come to recognize him in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this,  
he stood in their midst and said to them,  
"Peace be with you."  
But they were startled and terrified  
and thought that they were seeing a ghost.  
Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled?  
And why do questions arise in your hearts?  
Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.  
Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones  
as you can see I have."  
And as he said this,  
he showed them his hands and his feet.  
While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed,  
he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?"  
They gave him a piece of baked fish;  
he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them,  
"These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you,

that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." Lk 24:35-48

## Homily

*The prayer of the faithful is omitted.*

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

Hymn of the Presentation of the gift

**Praise and glory to you, O sweetest Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed are those who followed you, poor and crucified.**

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
2. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.
3. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
4. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Prayer over the Offerings (*Mass for the Funeral, 3. For a priest*)

We pray to you, Almighty God, for your servant Priest N.: that he may obtain, through these mysteries which he has celebrated, to contemplate

forever in clarity the reality which he has faithfully served here below.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface for the Dead II

Truly, it is right and good for your glory and salvation to offer you our thanksgiving, always and everywhere, Lord, Most Holy Father, eternal and almighty God, through Christ our Lord. He alone accepted death in order to snatch us all from death; He alone was willing to die so that we might all live forever for you. Therefore, uniting our voices with those of the angels, we praise you with joy, proclaiming: Holy...

Communion Songs

**O God, eternal trinity, what more could you have given me than yourself, good over every good, beauty over every beauty.**

**A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you also love one another.**

Prayer after Communion

After receiving the sacrament that saves us, we implore, Lord God, your mercy on behalf of your servant Priest N.; you had made him here below a steward of your mysteries: grant him to be nourished in heaven by their truth at last revealed. Through Christ our Lord.

*After postcommunion, the celebrant places himself next to the coffin for the rite of the last farewell.*

## The Last Farewell

Inviting Prayer

Our brother fell asleep in the peace of Christ: let us entrust him to the love of God our Father, in faith and the hope of eternal life.

Let us accompany him with our prayer: he became a child of God through baptism, he took part in the Lord's Supper to find strength

in it, that he may now be invited to the Father's table in heaven; that he may receive as an inheritance, with the saints, the promised eternity.

Let us also pray to the Lord for ourselves; May we, one day, go with our brother to meet Christ when he comes in glory, he who is our life.

*The celebrant sprinkles and incenses the coffin.*

**O eternal Trinity, you created us for your glory that we may partake of your eternal beauty, O abyss of charity.**

**In paradise...**

Concluding Prayer

Most good Father, we place in your hands the soul of our brother in the hope that all those who rest in Christ will rise to be with him forever. We bless you for all that Brother Jean-Claude has received from you in this life; we recognize in them the signs of your love and of the communion of saints. God of tenderness, accept our prayer for the one who has just left us. Open the doors of your house to him. And we, poor pilgrims, lead us in your footsteps to the heavenly homeland, and be willing to reunite with our brother to you.

Through Christ our Lord.

**In paradise...**

**Lamb of God, fair and true shepherd, you lead us into the land of Carmel, to the land of your rest, in the garden by the well, under the apple tree, to where the dove alights and perches, where the beloved lies and sleeps, listening in the watching of her heart, heeding the voice of her Beloved.**

**In paradise...**

**Bless the Lord our God and praise him, all you his servants, and sing to him a new song, tell among the nations of his wondrous**

**deeds. Bless the Lord our God and praise him, all you his servants, he opens the heavens and shows you his Glory!**

- 1. O you good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Master.**
- 2. Before you, O Lord my God, see your poor servant.**
- 3. Jesus, let my joy abide. In you, O Lord, my heart shall exult.**

## Entombment

**I come to my garden, my sister, my bride, and I gather my myrrh with my spice. Until the day breathes and the shadows flee, I will hasten to the mountain of myrrh and the hill of incense.**

### Blessing of the Grave

O God, it is you who have established the earth, formed the heavens, and fixed a definite place for the stars; by the bath of baptism you have restored man, held captive in the bonds of death; you willed that our Lord Jesus Christ should break the bonds of hell and rise again for the salvation of men. Please bless this new tomb. As Joseph and Nicodemus laid your most holy body in the garden of Golgotha, today we lay here the body of our brother John Claude in expectation of the Resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

*The celebrant then sprinkles and incenses the coffin, then the vault.*

O Lord, friend of men, by the sign of your Cross death is put to death and Hell is stripped; the dead of old, rising, sang a hymn for you; therefore we beseech you, Christ our God, give our brother John Claude rest in the abode that radiates with your joy, so that he may magnify and glorify you without end.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*The coffin is lowered into the vault to the song of the Creed  
Once the coffin is lowered, it is covered with flower petals*

### **Canticle of Sir Brother Sun, of St. Francis**

Most High, all-powerful, good Lord,  
Yours are the praises, the glory, and the honor, and all blessing,  
To You alone, Most High, do they belong,  
and no human is worthy to mention Your name.

Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures,  
especially Sir Brother Sun,  
Who is the day and through whom You give us light.  
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor;  
and bears a likeness of You, Most High One.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,  
in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.  
Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,  
and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather,  
through whom You give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,  
who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.  
Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire,  
through whom You light the night,  
and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth,  
who sustains and governs us,  
and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs.  
Praised be You, my Lord,  
through those who give pardon for Your love,  
and bear infirmity and tribulation.

Blessed are those who endure in peace  
for by You, Most High, shall they be crowned.  
Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death,  
from whom no one living can escape.  
Woe to those who die in mortal sin.

Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will,  
for the second death shall do them no harm.  
Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks  
and serve Him with great humility.

### Final Prayer

Lord, you welcome all true prayer and listen to the calls of our hearts. With all our affection, we have accompanied our brother and father Jean-Claude so far. May he find peace and joy with you, with those whom you call to enter your kingdom. May the prayer of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of our fathers St. Dominic and St. Francis, of our sisters St. Catherine of Siena, St. Clare of Assisi, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and of all the saints, together with the humble supplication of your family gathered here, intercede with you for your servant, our brother Jean-Claude. May she obtain forgiveness for him, whom you have redeemed with the precious blood of your Son, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

*And you, Mother of the eternal Sun, Blessed Virgin Mary, save those who hope in you and through your prayers, Mother of God, obtain from the supreme goodness that with the souls of the just he who has now joined you may enjoy rest; grant that he may inherit divine happiness in their courts and be for us in eternal memory, O Immaculate Virgin.*

### **Magnificat**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.  
Give glory to the Father Almighty, to His Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## Final Blessing

In the hope of the Resurrection, may our brother Jean-Claude rest in peace. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
*Amen.*

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

**And may your perpetual light shine upon him. Alleluia.**

In his great goodness, the God of all consolation created man, and through the resurrection of his only-begotten Son, he gave believers the hope of being resurrected: may he grant you his blessing.  
*A/ Amen.*

To us, the living, may he grant forgiveness of sins, and to all the departed the abode of light and peace.  
*A/ Amen.*

We truly believe that Christ has risen from the dead: may we all live endlessly with him in joy.  
*A/ Amen.*

And may the blessing of Almighty God...  
*A/ Amen.*

Final song

**Christ is risen from the tomb, alleluia, enrobed in a mantle of light, alleluia!**