

✝ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May God, who is wonderful in all His Works, be with you all.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray:

The animals of God's creation inhabit the skies, the earth, and the sea. They share in the fortunes of human existence and have part in human life. God, who confers his gifts on all living things, has often used the service of animals or made them symbolic reminders of the gifts of salvation.

We therefore invoke the divine blessing on these animals through the intercession of St Francis of Assisi. As we do, let us praise the Creator and thank Him for setting us over other creatures of the earth. Let us also ask him that, remembering our human dignity, we may walk always in His Law. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Brothers and sisters, listen to the words of the book of Genesis: (1:1, 20-28)

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, God said, "Let the water teem with an abundance of living creatures, and on the earth let birds fly beneath the dome of the sky." And so it happened: God created the great sea monsters and all kinds of swimming creatures with which the water teems, and all kinds of winged birds. God saw how good it was and God blessed them, saying, "Be fertile, multiply, and fill the water of the seas; and let the birds multiply on the earth." Evening came, and morning followed-the fifth day.

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth all kinds of living creatures: cattle, creeping things, and wild animals of all kinds." And so it happened: God made all kinds of wild animals, all kinds of cattle, and all kinds of creeping things of the earth. God saw how good it was. Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground."

God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying: "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you set in place— What is man that you should be mindful of him or the son of man that you should care for him?

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth

Intercessions

Blessed are you, O Lord, who created the animals and gave us the ability to train them to help us in our work. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, O Lord, who gave us food from animals to replenish our energies. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, O Lord, who for the sake of our comfort give us domestic animals as companions. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, O Lord, who show us a sign of your providence, as your Son told us, by caring for the birds of the air the fishes of the sea, and whatever swims the paths of the seas. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, O Lord, who offered your Son to us as the paschal lamb and in him willed that we should be called and should truly be your children.

Blessed be God for ever.

Prayer of Blessing

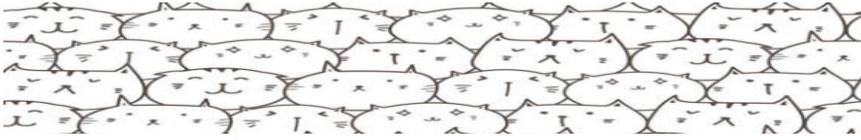
O God, You have done all things wisely;
in Your goodness You have made us in Your image
and given us care over other living things.
Reach out with Your Right Hand
and grant that these animals may serve our needs
and that Your bounty in the resources of this life
may move us to seek more confidently the goal of eternal life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Concluding Rite

May God, who created the animals of this earth as a help to us,
continue to protect and sustain us
with the grace His blessing brings, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

May Almighty God bless us all. . .Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



St. Thomas More Pet Blessing

Saturday October 3rd, 2020

Join us for Mass at 4:30pm & the pet blessing on the field after Mass.

Bring your pet, or a picture of your pet after Mass.

What dog keeps the best time?
A watch dog!

What do you call a horse that lives next door?
A neigh-bor!

Why do cats always get their way?
They are very purr-suasive!

Why can't a leopard hide?
Because he's always spotted.

What is a cat's favorite dessert?
Chocolate mouse!



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