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Celebrating the mass

Our most important Christian prayer

CELEBRATING THE MASS

WE GATHER TOGETHER



WE ALL GATHER TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE
WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF JESUS
THE PRIEST IS OUR CELEBRANT
WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY

INTRODUCTORY RITE



SINGING FIRST HYMN



**PRAISING GOD WITH
OUR MUSIC AND OUR SINGING**

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

WE BEGIN OUR WORSHIP
IN THE NAME OF THE
FATHER AND OF THE SON
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.



THE PENITENTIAL RITE

**WE SHOW HOW SORRY
WE ARE FOR OUR SINS.**

**I confess ...
Lord have mercy...**



**THROUGH MY FAULT,
THROUGH MY MOST
GRIEVOUS FAULT**

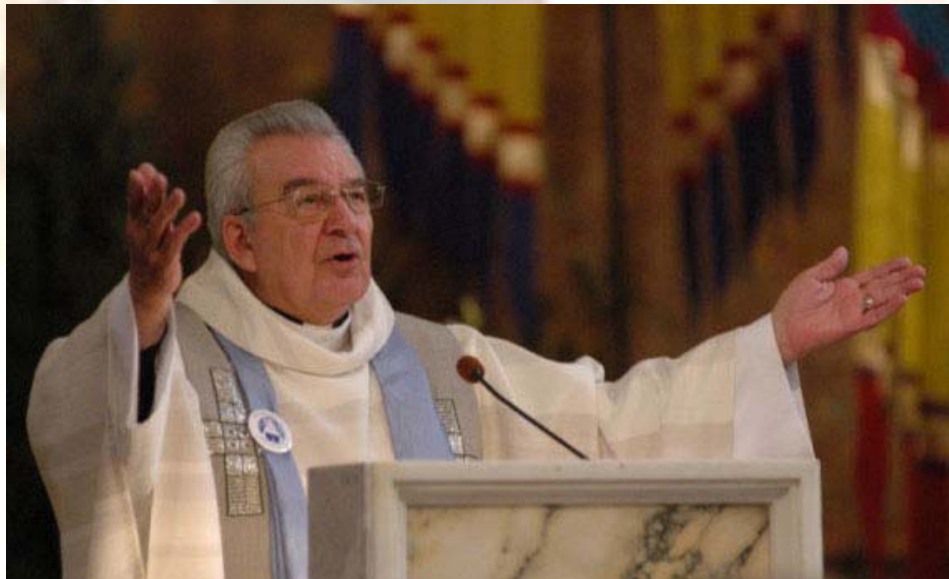
THE GLORIA



**PRAISING GOD:
FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT**

OPENING PRAYER

WE PRAY AT THE
END OF THE
INTRODUCTORY
RITE



THE PRIEST PUTS
ALL OUR PRAYERS
BEFORE GOD

LITURGY OF THE WORD



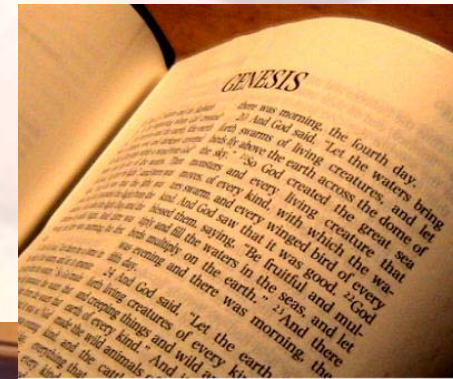
**LISTENING
TO
THE WORD OF GOD**

FIRST READING

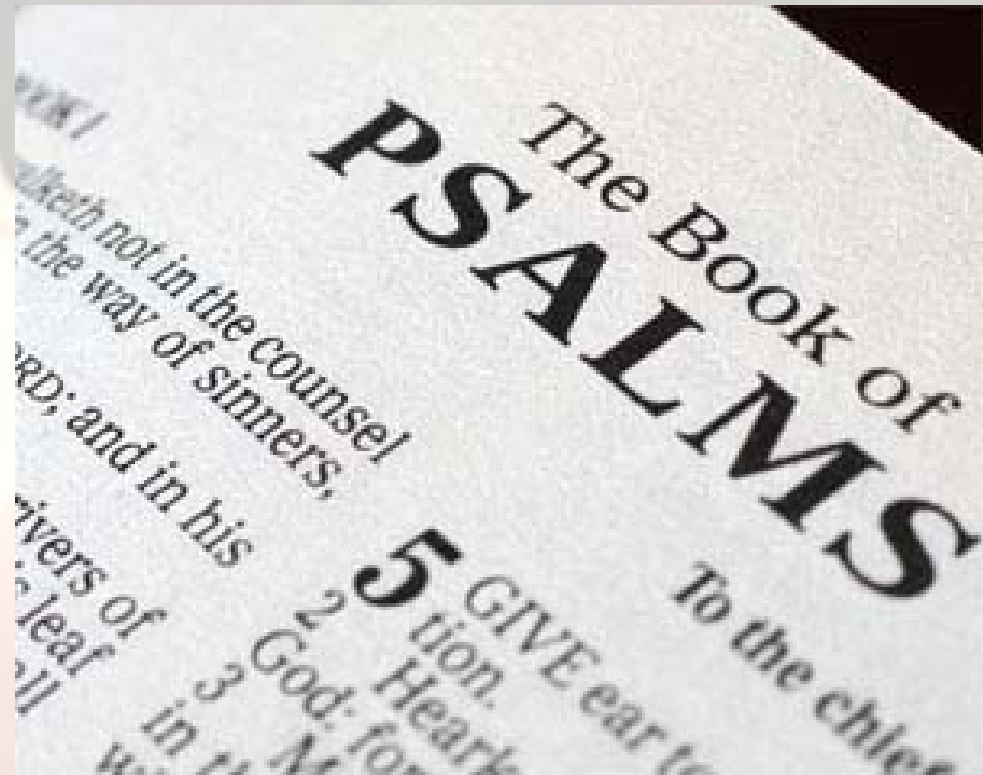
USUALLY TAKEN
FROM THE OLD
TESTAMENT

End Response

*Reader: The Word of God
All: Thanks be to God.*



PSALM



**WE RESPOND
BY REPEATING THE VERSE
TOGETHER**



SECOND READING

TAKEN FROM
THE
NEW TESTAMENT

End Response

Reader: The Word of God
All: Thanks be to God.

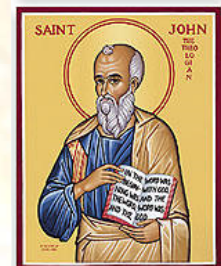
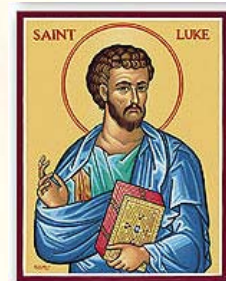
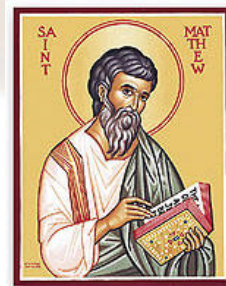
GOSPEL

**A READING ABOUT
THE LIFE AND
MESSAGE OF JESUS
HIMSELF**



End Response

*Reader: The Word Of God
All: Praise to you Lord
Jesus Christ*



THE HOMILY

THE PRIEST TALKS
ABOUT THE READINGS
OF THE DAY AND THE
MAIN MESSAGE IN
THEM



THE CREED

I BELIEVE...

**WE PROFESS OUR FAITH
WE SAY WHAT WE BELIEVE IN**

BIDDING PRAYERS

**WE PRAY FOR OUR NEEDS,
THE CHURCH
AND OTHERS WHO NEED GOD'S HELP**



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE SECOND
MAIN PART OF THE MASS

SHARING
THE BREAD AND WINE
RECEIVING THE BODY OF CHRIST



THE OFFERTORY

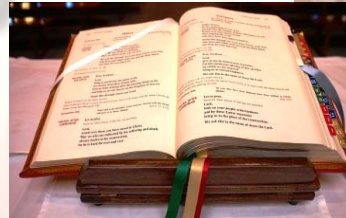


**WE OFFER
BREAD AND WINE**

WE OFFER OURSELVES



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



**WE THANK GOD THE FATHER
JESUS BECOMES
PRESENT AMONG US**



CONSECRATION

**BREAD
BECOMES
BODY OF CHRIST
WINE BECOMES
BLOOD OF CHRIST**



THE OUR FATHER



WE PRAISE GOD
WE ASK HIM TO FORGIVE US
AND TO HELP US IN ALL OUR NEEDS

SHARING THE PEACE



WE SHARE THE SIGN OF PEACE
WE SHOW WE LOVE EVERYONE

HOLY COMMUNION

WE RECEIVE THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Just before communion the priest will invite those about to receive the Eucharist to join him in prayer. He will say, 'Blest are those called to the supper of the lamb.' your child should respond with the congregation saying, 'Lord, I am not worthy that I should enter under your roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.'

This is a very special part in the mass where your child will receive the Eucharist for the first time. Your child will approach the altar and gently bow before kneeling with their hands joined. The priest will offer the host and say, 'The Body of Christ.' Your child will respond by saying, 'Amen' which means 'Indeed it is.' After this, your child must open their mouth and stick their tongue out. They must not take the host out of their mouth. They should return to their bench and kneel. This is a special moment where they should talk to God through prayer. It is a good idea that they learn this: 'Jesus I love you, Jesus I adore you, Jesus guide me, help me and give me strength.' After this, I always ask children to say thank you to God for three good things in their life and to ask for help with three things.



CONCLUSION



**PRAYER
AFTER
COMMUNION**

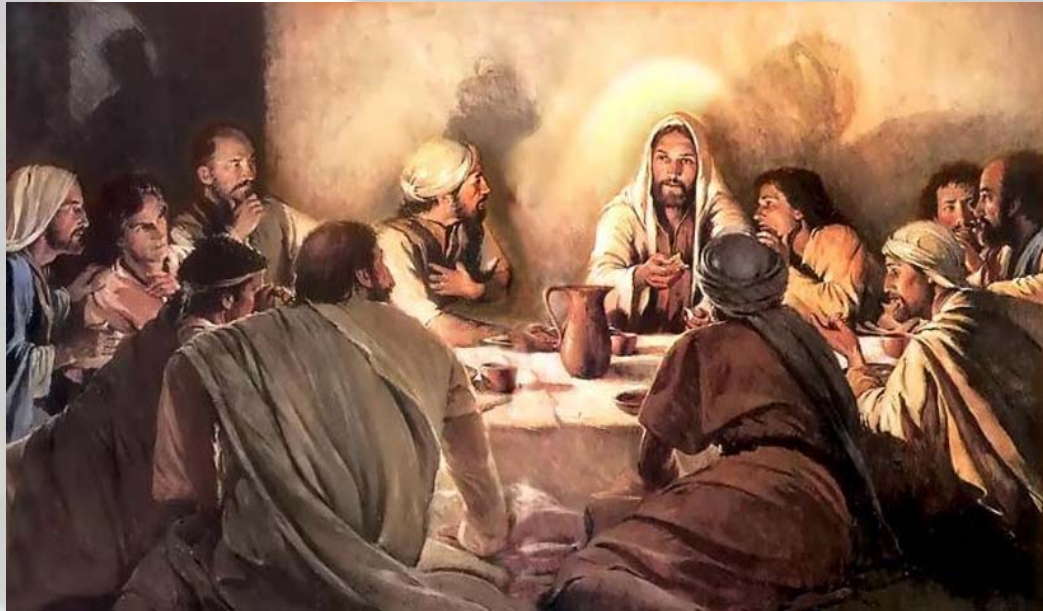
DISMISSAL

BLESSING

**AS THE MASS COMES TO AN
END THE PRIEST INVITES US
TO SHARE THE JOY OF CHRIST
WITH OTHERS EVERYWHERE**



CELEBRATING THE MASS



“DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF



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