

Do This in Remembrance of Me, A Step by Step walk through the Mass
Part 31; The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist

As we conclude the Liturgy of the Word and prepare to transition to the Liturgy of the Eucharist, it is a fitting time to reflect on how these main parts of the Mass are united and complement each other. We previously touched on this unity in our reflection on the homily. This time, we will hear from a couple of our recent popes. As *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal* states, “The Mass consists in some sense of two parts, namely the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, these being so closely interconnected that they form but one single act of worship. For in the Mass is spread the table both of God’s Word and of the Body of Christ, and from it the faithful are to be instructed and refreshed” (*GIRM*, 28, also cf. *SC* 56, 48, 51). Perhaps the two main parts of the Mass seem obvious, but how are they “so closely interconnected”? How are the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist related? As two examples, they both strengthen us in understanding our faith and living it out in the world, and they both draw us deeper into true unity with Christ.

The Two Ways Our Lord Nourishes Us

Pope St. John Paul II reflected on how the unity of the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist goes back to the early Church: “We are well aware that from the earliest times the celebration of the Eucharist has been linked not only with prayer but also with the reading of Sacred Scripture and with singing by the whole assembly. As a result, it has long been possible to apply to the Mass the comparison, made by the Fathers, with the two tables, at which the Church prepares for her children the word of God and the Eucharist, that is, the bread of the Lord” (*Dominicae Cena*e, 10). This image of the two tables illustrates for us that we are fed in two main ways through the Mass: through the hearing of God’s word to us and through the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. As we have reflected before, through the Scriptures we come to know God as he reveals himself to us; we learn who we are as his people; and we learn how to live our lives in him and with one another. As we will see as we continue through the Mass, in the Eucharist we are nourished in a unique way through the true presence of Jesus and his dwelling with us through Holy Communion. Our Lord nourishes us in two wonderful ways!

Pope Benedict XVI, reflecting on these two tables of the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist, emphasizes the unity between them: “First of all, there is a need to reflect on the inherent unity of the rite of Mass. Both in catechesis and in the actual manner of celebration, one must avoid giving the impression that the two parts of the rite are merely juxtaposed... There is an intrinsic bond between the word of God and the Eucharist. From listening to the word of God, faith is born or strengthened (cf. *Rom 10:17*); in the Eucharist the Word made flesh gives himself to us as our spiritual food. Thus, ‘from the two tables of the word of God and the Body of Christ, the Church receives and gives the faithful the bread of life.’ Consequently it must constantly be kept in mind that the word of God, read and proclaimed by the Church in the liturgy, leads to the Eucharist as to its own con-natural end” (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, 44).

Relationship and Unity

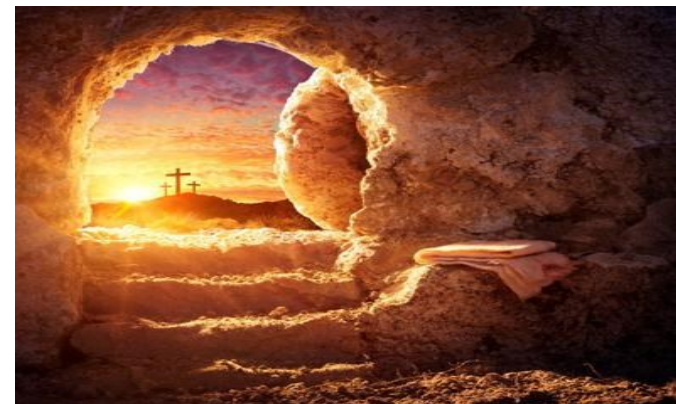
Pope Benedict’s words remind me of the way we grow in relationships. Typically, we first encounter others at a bit of a distance. Maybe we see them in a group, or we cross paths in some way. Next, there is usually a time when we are learning basics, such as names, family backgrounds, schools, or jobs. If the relationship continues to grow, we learn more about what a person thinks, likes, and hopes or dreams. Over time, a friendship grows and deepens, and with that depth comes greater love and intimacy. Of course, even with a depth of love, we know we still communicate with each other and continue to learn more. Our love helps us to understand each other more fully and our ongoing communication helps us deepen our love. This basic comparison helps me realize more concretely what I think the popes are teaching us: in the Mass, we encounter Jesus both through the Liturgy of the Word and through the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Both tables bless us with growing deeper in our relationship with him. Both lead us deeper in unity. Both invite us to share the fruits of that unity with one another. Both increase our hope for the perfect unity with Christ that awaits us in heaven. For now, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet is coming in the Liturgy of the Eucharist!

For Reflection:

1. How do you experience the Liturgy of the Word as nourishment? Pray with Ezekiel 3:1-3, in which the Lord instructs Ezekiel to eat a scroll. Meditate on the image of “tables” set for a feast as a way to awaken your “appetite” for worship as you prepare for Mass.
2. As Father Luke quoted, “the faithful are to be instructed and refreshed” (*GIRM*, 28) from the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Prepare your heart to receive instruction and refreshment by asking the Lord to give you these graces every time you participate in Mass. After Mass, take time to reflect on the instruction and refreshment you have received, and give thanks to God.

This article was written by: Fr. Luke Spannagel and posted on the National Eucharistic Revival Blog website.

Baptisms:	Reconciliation	Marriage	Quincerañeras	Anointing of the Sick	Communion to the Sick / Homebound
By Appointment only Contact Parish office for more information	Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4-5pm and on request	By appointment only: Contact parish office at least 6 months prior to proposed date.	Must be enrolled and actively participating in Religious Education Classes	Anytime: contact the parish office	<i>Pastoral Visit:</i> 1st Friday of the Month / Contact the parish office



Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord

March 31, 2024



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WEEKEND MASSES
SATURDAY (*Vigil*) **5:30PM**
SUNDAY (*en Español*) **8:00AM**
10:00AM & 12:00PM
WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Tuesday (*en Español*) **5:30PM**
Wednesday –Friday **8:30AM**
First Friday of the Month
Eucharistic Adoration **5:30PM**
Friday Daily Mass **6:30PM**

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Daily 3:00 pm Chapel

ST. JUDE NOVENA
Tuesdays 6:00 pm

BIBLE STUDY
Tuesdays 7:00PM (*Español*)
Thursdays 7:00PM (*English*)
R.E. building

LA HORA DE DIOS PRAYER GROUP
Fridays 6:00 pm Church

NEW TO THE PARISH?
Interested in registering with us?
Ask the ushers for a registration form, welcome to the parish.
If you would like to become involved with one of the ministries or organizations here, you can find contact numbers on this bulletin

MASS INTENTIONS
ALL Mass intention requests should be submitted to the parish office.
For Intentions to appear in the Bulletin they must be submitted by 4:00pm Tuesday.

Donation of \$5 per intention is suggested.

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This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice
and be glad.
Psalm 118

Mass Intentions

For The Week



SATURDAYMarch 30, 2024

8:00PM:†Guadalupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)
†Sylvia Chavez (Ramiro Chavez)
†Nola Rabe (Rose De La Cruz)
†Concepcion, †Ester, †David Rangel (Family)
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez (Family)

SUNDAYMarch 31, 2024

9:00AM:†Richard Ortiz (Family)
†Cesilia Herminia Acosta Vasquez (Family)
†Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)
†Eddie Perez (Family)
†Rebecca Rodriguez Vargas (Family)
†Virgilio Cruz, †Rafael Jaimes Femenias, †Francis McDonald

11:00AM:†Janie Galvan (Family)
†Martha Perales (Perales Family)
†Joel Mora (Family)
†Adrian G. Flores (Family)
†Oralia Cavazos (Cavazos Family)
†Lelia Guzman (Family)
†Juan Flores Jr. (Family)
†Petra Gomez, †Jesus & †Isabella Chapa (Family)
Special Intentions for Adrian, Alex & Jose F. Flores (Lucy Guerrero)

TUESDAYApril 2, 2024

5:30PM:†Salvador Arnold Solis Jr. †Arnaldo & †Elvira Solis

WEDNESDAYApril 3, 2024

8:30AM:†Esteban & †Candelaria Ortiz

THURSDAYApril 4, 2024

8:30AM:†Joel Mora (Mora Family)

FRIDAYApril 5, 2024

6:30PM:for the deceased members of the Sacred Heart Society
†Gloria Escobedo (Family)

SATURDAYApril 6, 2024

8:00PM:†Guadalupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)
†Cora Hernandez (Marcos & Elsa Ortiz)
†Gilberto Hinojosa (David & Mary Alice Salinas)
†Guadalupe G Garcia (family)
†Sylvia Chavez (Ramiro Chavez)
†Robert & †Marion Schicker (Family)
†Concepcion, †Ester, †David Rangel (Family)
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez (Family)
Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe (Minerva Lopez)

SUNDAYApril 7, 2024

8:00AM:†Richard Ortiz (Family)
†Eva Corona (M/M Manuel Menchaca)
†Jose Javier Mendoza, †Pedro Cardoza (Family)

10:00AM:†Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)
†Eddie Perez (Family)
†Martha Perales (Perales Family)
†Anselmo, †Guadalupe †Anselmo Jr Sanchez, †Loy Avila

12:00PM:†Janie Galvan (Family)
†Adrian G. Flores (Family)
†Oralia Cavazos (Cavazos Family)
†Lelia Guzman (Family)
†Juan Flores Jr. (Family)
†Ray Villarreal Jr (Elena Villarreal)
Special Intentions for Adrian, Alex & Jose F. Flores (Lucy Guerrero)

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP


Envelope Collection	\$1,888.00
Loose Collection	\$966.00
Children’s Collection	\$37.00
Easter Flower Offering	\$290.00
Online Giving	\$380.00
Collection Total - March 23/24	\$3,561.00

Thank you for your faithfulness, your generous support, and sharing of your gifts with Immaculate Conception Church.
May God bless you now and forever.

Special Collections for the Month of April

6/7 - Building Fund

20/21 - Retired & Infirm Priests





† Belief - Trust - Faith †

Prayer is the most powerful against trials, the most effective medicine against sickness and the most valuable gift to someone we care for.

Please pray for the sick of the parish, especially:

Valerie Aleman, Guadalupe G Alvarado, Victoria Arredondo, Paula Avila, Rosa Barrera, Estevan Cantu Jr., Elisa Claudio, Johnny Cruz, Sandra Davila, Dominic DeLeon, Nora Dishman, Yvonne Ellison, Adela Escobedo, Adan Flores Jr. Aurora Flores, Chris Flores, Eudelia Flores, Guadalupe Flores, Juanita Flores, Jesus Garza Jr., Xavier A. Gallegos, Violet Guerrero,	Esmeralda Hernandez, Jorge Hernandez, San Juanita Hinojosa, Mr. Kalich Jerry Lopez Sr., Raul Lucio, Teresa Lucio, Jose Antonio Lopez Jr, Jaime Jimenez, Margie Medina Adolfo Menchaca Jr., Alejandro Mora, Anastacio Mora, Noemilio Mora, Augustin Moreno III, Angie Ochoa, Carmen Ortiz, Yvonne Ortiz, Anita Peña, Emilio Peña Sr., Luis Peña Jr., Ramiro Peña,	Johnny Pereida, Elva Rivera, Jerry Rivera Sr., Julia Rodriguez, Sergio Rodriguez, Yolanda G. Rodriguez, San Juanita Saenz, Bernice Sanchez, Adan Salazar, Armando Salazar, Gracie Salazar, Stephanie Salazar, Raymond Smith, B Solis, Dora Tagle, Gloria Treviño, Joe Treviño, Sara Treviño, Ramona Vasquez, Alex Zambrano Sr., Alex Zambrano Jr., Gerri Zambrano
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NEXT WEEK’S MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Apr. 6 Sun. Apr. 7	Lector 	Extra Ordinary Ministers 
5:30PM	Louis	Amelia
8:00AM	Esteban	Janie
10:00AM		Terri F.
12:00PM	Lupe A	Josie

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

PROCLAIM THE RISEN CHRIST

On Easter morning everything—the spring weather, the flowers, birds and butterflies, the people around us in their finery, the beautiful liturgy and music—everything seems to bear witness that Jesus Christ is risen today! Like the eyewitness accounts in today’s scriptures, the glorious and joyful life all around us helps us to believe the good news of the Resurrection and sing “Alleluia!”

In the scriptures today we hear from Peter and Paul and John. All three speak with conviction about witnessing the resurrected Christ. John’s Gospel account includes Mary of Magdala, who also was privileged to witness the Resurrection and tell others the good news. On this glorious Easter Sunday can we ourselves give eyewitness accounts that Jesus Christ is risen today, alive and active in our lives?

PROCLAMA AL CRISTO RESUCITADO

En la mañana de Pascua el clima primaveral, las flores, los pájaros y las mariposas, las personas que nos rodean con sus mejores galas, la hermosa liturgia y la agradable música, todo parece dar testimonio de que Jesucristo ha resucitado hoy. De la misma manera que los relatos de los testigos en la lectura de hoy, la vida gloriosa y gozosa que nos rodea nos ayuda a creer en la buena nueva de la Resurrección y exclamar “¡Aleluya!”

Hoy en la Sagrada Escritura escuchamos a Pedro, a Pablo y a Juan quienes hablan con convicción de haber visto al Cristo resucitado. El relato del Evangelio según san Juan incluye a María Magdalena, quien también tuvo el privilegio de ser testigo de la Resurrección y contarles a los demás la buena nueva. En este glorioso Domingo de Pascua, ¿podemos nosotros también dar testimonio de que Jesucristo ha resucitado hoy y está vivo y activo en nuestra vida?

BAPTISMAL CLASS

We will be having our next baptismal class here on Thursday, April 18th at 7pm.
To attend the class you must register at the parish office.

USHERS MEETING

The ushers will be having their monthly meeting Tuesday, April 3rd at 7:00PM in the Religious Education Building.
If you are interested in joining the ushers ministry please make plans to attend or contact Ramiro Peña at 361-222-8857

FIRST FRIDAY: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & MASS

Join us THIS Friday, April 5th for first Friday.
Sacred Heart Society will recite the rosary at 5:00PM.
Eucharistic Adoration at 5:30PM in the Church
Followed by Friday Daily Mass at 6:30PM.

TRAVELING IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

In preparation for our centennial celebration in 2026, we have a image of Divine Mercy that will be traveling from home to home over the next several years. The mission of this is to pray for all our parish families. If you would like to have this image visit your home, see the sign-up book in the entry of the church.

TRAVELING DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

Pray for the following families that will be hosting the Traveling Divine Image this week

Jerry & Ofelia Rivera
Tony & Bernice Sanchez

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Jesus is risen, and we are called to rejoice and be glad! On this Easter Sunday, make a genuine effort to maintain a spirit of rejoicing throughout the day and the rest of the week. Spend time in prayer daily, reflecting on the many ways God has blessed you, and offer your praise and thanksgiving back to him.

Alleluia!
Christ
is
risen!



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Divine Mercy Novena has begun and will continue everyday this week in the church, the novena will continue until Saturday, April 6. On Divine Mercy Sunday (April 7th) at 3pm in the Church, those who would like to consecrate or be re-consecrated to Divine Mercy can do so on this day. If you have any questions please contact Sonya at 361-730-6165

Special Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for April

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

