

Do This in Remembrance of Me, A Step by Step walk through the Mass  
Part 32; The Parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist

As we continue our journey through the Mass, we come to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Growing up as an altar server, the preparation for the Liturgy of the Eucharist was always one of the most action-packed moments of the Mass. There are several things to bring to the altar and an order to how they should arrive. As we have noted, every part of the Mass has a background and a significant meaning, even some of the quick (and sometimes quiet) gestures in this part of the Mass. There are special cloths, shiny chalices, candles, bread, wine, and water, among many other things. All of them will serve a purpose, and with the words of Christ, the bread and wine will become Christ himself—his true Body and Blood—his true presence with us!

What is the Liturgy of the Eucharist?

As the General Instruction for the Roman Missal teaches, “At the Last Supper Christ instituted the Paschal Sacrifice and banquet, by which the Sacrifice of the Cross is continuously made present in the Church whenever the Priest, representing Christ the Lord, carries out what the Lord himself did and handed over to his disciples to be done in his memory. For Christ took the bread and the chalice and gave thanks, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, ‘Take, eat, and drink: this is my Body; this is the chalice of my Blood. Do this in memory of me.’ Hence, the Church has arranged the entire celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist in parts corresponding to precisely these words and actions of Christ, namely:

At the Preparation of the Gifts, the bread and the wine with water are brought to the altar—the same elements, that is to say, which Christ took into his hands.

In the Eucharistic Prayer, thanks is given to God for the whole work of salvation, and the offerings become the Body and Blood of Christ.

Through the fraction and through Communion, the faithful, though many, receive from the one bread the Lord’s Body and from the one chalice the Lord’s Blood in the same way the Apostles received them from the hands of Christ himself” (GIRM, 72).

The Parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist

For an in-depth summary of the parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we turn to the Catholic Encyclopedia:

“The Liturgy of the Eucharist, the essential part of the sacrifice, includes: the preparation of the altar; the preparation of the gifts: bread, wine, and water are brought to the altar ([and in many places] the money offerings or offerings for the poor), [typically] the offertory song is sung during this preparation; the priest washes his hands; an invitation to prayer is prayed by the priest. There follows the Eucharistic prayer, which is a prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification and the center of the Eucharistic celebration. It contains: the preface, expressing thanksgiving in the name of the entire people of God; the acclamation or sanctus (holy, holy, holy), which is recited by the priest and people or sung, the Eucharistic prayer; the invocations for the Church, the epiclesis; narration of the institution and consecration of the bread and wine in the words of Christ; the fulfillment of the command given by Christ to the Church to carry on this mystery of the sacrifice, called the anamnesis; the offering of the victim to God the Father in the Holy Spirit; the intercessions for the living and the dead and for the faithful present; the final doxology, and concluding Amen” (Catholic Encyclopedia, Thomas Nelson Inc., Nashville, 1976, p. 197).

Now that is a table of contents! Although this listing may seem complex, we’ll be taking each section one at a time, breaking it down so we can understand the importance of each part in the Mass and its importance for us. As we journey through the parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, remind yourself that these pieces all serve a grand purpose: our pathway to the true presence of Christ on the altar at Mass!

For Reflection:

1. As Father Luke leads us into deeper appreciation for each part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, consider beginning this journey by reflecting on each of the New Testament accounts of the institution of the Eucharist: 1 Cor. 11:24, Mt. 26:26–30, Lk 22:24–30, Jn 13:1–15, Mk 14:22–26. You could reflect on one passage each day during the week in preparation for participation at Mass on Sunday.
2. As you fulfill the obligations of your state in life each day, bring to the altar of your heart a reflection on all the words, materials, and actions that form your daily work and prayer. Bring your own experience of preparing and executing work and your intentionality around it to our deepening understanding of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and allow Father Luke’s insights to inform your attitude towards your daily tasks.

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	Pastoral Visit: 1st Friday of the Month / Contact the parish office



Second Sunday of Easter/  
Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 7, 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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Jesus said to Thomas,  
"Have you come to believe because you have seen me?"  
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."  
John 20:29



Mass Intentions  
For The Week



SATURDAY April 6, 2024

5:30PM:†Guadalupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)  
†Cora Hernandez (Marcos & Elsa Ortiz)  
†Gilberto Hinojosa (David & Mary Alice Salinas)  
†Guadalupe G Garcia (family)  
†Robert & †Marion Schicker (Family)  
†Concepcion, †Ester, †David Rangel (Family)  
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez (Family)  
Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe (Minerva Lopez)

SUNDAY April 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)

TUESDAY April 9, 2024

5:30PM: NO MASS

WEDNESDAY April 10, 2024

8:30AM: Special Intentions for Joshua Martinez

THURSDAY April 11, 2024

8:30AM: †Noemi Obregon (Salinas/Garcia Families)

FRIDAY April 12, 2024

8:30AM: Special Intentions for John and Brenda Martinez

SATURDAY April 13, 2024

5:30PM:†Guadalupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)  
†Nicanora Valdez (Daughters)  
†Esteban & †Candelaria Ortiz (Esteban & Lydia)  
†Concepcion, †Ester, †David Rangel (Family)  
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez (Family)

SUNDAY April 14, 2024

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

10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)  
†Eddie Perez (Family)  
†Noemi Obregon (Rogelio & Sylvia Zuniga)  
†Ernest, †Roy, †Meisha Hinojosa (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)

Special Intentions for Adrian, Alex & Jose F. Flores (Lucy Guerrero)


WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Envelope Collection	\$1,762.00
Loose Collection	\$626.00
Children’s Collection	\$5.00
Holy Thursday Collection	\$719.00
Easter Flower Offering	\$100.00
Online Giving	\$410.00
Collection Total - March 28-31	\$3,622.00
Holy Land Collection/Good Friday	\$215.00

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 & Infirmed 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. 13 Sun. Apr. 14	Lector 	Extra Ordinary Ministers 
5:30PM		Juan
8:00AM	Elisa	Pedro
10:00AM	Jenevieve	Raymond
12:00PM		Alma

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE


It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday’s Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John’s Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so “that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name” (20:31).  
The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that “[e]veryone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God” (5:1)—what we might refer to as being “born again.” Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith.

PARA QUE CREAS

No sucede demasiado a menudo que el autor de uno de los libros de la Biblia se dirija directamente a nosotros para explicarnos por qué está escribiendo lo que está escribiendo. En la lectura del Evangelio de este domingo, que pertenece a la conclusión del Evangelio según san Juan, el autor nos dice que ha elegido escribir estos acontecimientos para que “crean que Jesús es el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios, y para que, creyendo, tengan vida en su Nombre” (20:31).  
La carta de san Juan retoma esta idea diciendo que: “todo el que cree que Jesús es el Cristo ha nacido de Dios” (5:1); lo que llamaríamos “nacer de nuevo”. Nuestra lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles para este Segundo Domingo de Pascua nos muestra exactamente qué sucede cuando los creyentes nacen de nuevo por medio de la fe.

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.



DIVINE MERCY CONSECRATION

Today at 3pm in the Church any who are wanting to consecrate or re-consecrate themselves to the Divine Mercy are invited to attend.  
Jesus, I Trust in You.

MOTHER’S DAY NOVENA

Envelopes for the Mother’s Day Novena are located in the Entrance of the Church and in your offering envelope mail-outs. The Novena will begin on Sunday, May 12th (Mother’s Day) During the Nine days Masses will be offered for All Mother’s Living or Deceased.

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  
**Tony & Belen Moreno**  
**Paul & Nelda Howard**

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Spend time in prayer (if possible, in front of the Blessed Sacrament) reflecting on an area in your life in which you doubt God. What is holding you back from placing your complete trust in God? This week, when you feel yourself doubting God in this area, stop and pray, “Jesus, I trust in you.”

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Confirmation & 1st Holy Communion Important Dates  
**Confirmation** - Saturday, April 27th - 5:30PM Mass  
**1st Confessions** - Saturday, May 4th - 10AM; Church  
**1st Communion Mass** - Saturday, May 4th - 5:30PM Mass  

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.

