

Do This in Remembrance of Me, A Step by Step walk through the Mass
Part 65: Fraction

This week, we continue with the meaningful actions that are happening during the Lamb of God. The Roman Missal indicates that during the singing or recitation of the Lamb of God, the priest “takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece in the chalice, saying quietly: ‘May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it’.” We call this part of the Mass the Fraction or the Breaking and the Commingling. The Catholic Encyclopedia teaches that, “The ‘Breaking,’ from the Latin, fractio, is the act of breaking the bread of the species consecrated in the Mass” (Catholic Encyclopedia, p. 226), which is why the breaking is sometimes called the fracturing rite. “This rite, which is simple in its appearance, is full of ancient meaning. At the Last Supper, Jesus ‘broke the bread’ to distribute to the disciples. After the Resurrection, the disciples recognized Jesus in the ‘Breaking of the Bread.’ Both in the Acts of the Apostles and in the letters of St. Paul, the Eucharistic celebration is often referred to as ‘breaking of the bread’.” (A Study of the Mass” p. 19). Dr. Edward Sri notes several Scripture passages regarding “Breaking the Bread,” including: Mt 14:19; 15:36; Mk 6:41; 8:6; Lk 9:16; Mt 26:26; Mk 14:22; Lk 22:19; 1 Cor 11:24; Lk 24:30; Acts 2:42, 46 (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, pp. 132–33).

A Sign of Unity

“Breaking Bread” is a sign of our unity, together sharing in the “one loaf.” Although for practicality many churches use smaller hosts for the distribution of Holy Communion, the symbolism of the fracturing reminds us that we are united together in Christ, not only in the Mass where we are but also with those present at Mass in every time and place. Another sign of unity is the Church’s direction that, if possible, the faithful should receive Communion from hosts consecrated at that particular Mass. We know Christ is truly present and remains so in the hosts reserved in the tabernacle. Receiving hosts consecrated in the Mass we are participating in provides a sign of unity and also strengthens our participation in the sacrifice of Christ. (Recall from the Old Testament/Temple times that people were given a portion of the sacrifice, and their participation was completed through eating that portion.)

A Symbol of Reality

As mentioned above, after the initial breaking of the Host, the priest breaks off a small piece and places it into the chalice. This is called the “Commingling.” As the Diocese of Peoria explains, “Placing a piece of the host in the chalice is a very ancient custom dating back to at least the fourth century. Originally, it was designed to show unity and communion between the pope, bishops and their local Churches. Fragments of the host from the Masses celebrated by the pope or bishop were carried by the deacons to the local churches and placed into the chalices during the celebration of the Mass. It symbolized the reality that the entire [C]hurch is present at every Mass. Even though it is not practiced as such today, the commingling of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ remains a beautiful part of the Communion Rite as it expresses a great reality. When the consecration takes place, the bread and the wine are consecrated separately, for this is how our Lord instituted the memorial sacrifice of His death on the cross. He anticipated how His death would take place: the separation of His Body and Blood and He bled to His death on the cross. The commingling at this point during the Mass symbolizes the Resurrection of Jesus when on the third day His Body and Soul were reunited forever” (A Study of the Mass, p. 19).

Reminding us that the whole Christ is present in either/both the Consecrated Host and/or the Chalice, Charles Belmonte writes, “Some say that the separated species signify the Victim in the state of death (the body in one place, the blood in another), whereas in reality our Lord is present in either and in both species, as he is in heaven, living and glorious. Therefore, the mingling symbolizes the re-union of Christ’s body and soul as in his resurrection. It is, however, probable that the mingling must have corresponded to the dogmatic need to show clearly the unity and indivisibility of the body and blood of Jesus Christ” (Understanding the Mass, pp. 179–80).

A Sacrament of Unity

As a priest, I really enjoy thinking about the ancient custom of having the deacon bring a fragment of a host consecrated at Mass by the bishop. Sometimes after the commingling prayer, I will silently say a short prayer for the bishop. I ask the Lord to gift him with wisdom and strength to lead us well. I ask that he be strengthened through reception of the Eucharist and that his heart continue to become more like Christ’s. In that moment, this sign of unity recalls me back to ordination day, when priests promise respect and obedience to the bishop and his successors. The Eucharist truly is our sacrament of unity—drawing each of us into greater unity with Christ and with one another.

All that from the Fraction Rite and Commingling! This rite shows us very concretely that there are no parts of the Mass without deep meaning, even gestures that may seem small. Does this mean we have to pay attention at every moment? Do your best, and realize that if you wander off, you might miss something really special!

For Reflection:

1. Pray with one or more of the Scripture passages which feature the “Breaking of the Bread,” such as Mt 14:19, 15:36, 26:26; Mk 6:41, 8:6, 14:22; Lk 9:16, 22:19, 24:30; Acts 2:42, 46; 1 Cor 11:24. Rest in your awareness of being part of the “great cloud of witnesses” united in the “Breaking of the Bread.”
2. Pay particular attention to the Fraction Rite and Commingling next time you participate in Mass. Pray for your local bishop and for the unity of the local and universal Church.

This article was written by Fr. Luke Spannagel and published on the National Eucharistic Revival Blog Webpage.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 2024

Jesus said to his disciples: "And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory.
Mark 13:26



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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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

The Chapel is available to anyone 24/7
if you would like to spend time to visit
with Jesus in the Eucharist. To get the
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Mass Intentions For The Week

SATURDAY November 16, 2024
5:30PM: †Guadalupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)
†Frank Hernandez (M/M Manuel Menchaca)
†Christopher Chavez (Family)
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez
†Concepcion, †Ester, †David Rangel (Danny Rangel)
†Esteban & †Candelaria Ortiz (Esteban & Lydia)
†Pedro & †Concepcion Lopez (Dora Torres)
Special Intentions for Minnie Hinojosa (Chavez Family)

SUNDAY November 17, 2024
8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz (Family)
†Irma Perales (Family)
†Estefana Menchaca (M/M Manuel Menchaca)
10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)
†Santos Garcia (Family)
†Eddie Perez (Family)
†Ernest, †Roy & †Meisha Hinojosa (Family)
†Olivia, †Brijida & †Patricia Escobedo (Avila Family)
12:00PM: †Janie Galvan (Family)
†Lelia Guzman (Family)
†Adrian G Flores (Family)
†Juan C Flores Jr. (Family)
†Emilio Pena Sr (Family)
†Ray Villarreal Sr. (Elena Villarreal)
†Maria Oralia Cavazos (Cavazos Family)

TUESDAY November 19, 2024
5:30PM: For the Parishioners of Immaculate Conception

WEDNESDAY November 20, 2024
8:30AM: †Dora A Nunez (Minerva M Rodriguez)
†Felicitas Solis (Family)

THURSDAY November 21, 2024
8:30AM: for the deceased of the parish

FRIDAY November 22, 2024
8:30AM: †Thelma Salinas Heiser (Susie Roper)

SATURDAY November 23, 2024
5:30PM: †Guadalupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)
†Estefana Menchaca (M/M Manuel Menchaca)
†Diana Schicker (Family)
†Mia Emily Solis (Christi Solis)
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez
†Concepcion, †Ester, †David Rangel (Danny Rangel)
†Alejandro & †Johnny Lopez (Esteban & Lydia)

SUNDAY November 24, 2024
8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz (Family)
†Irma Perales (Family)
†David Solis Sr. (Family)
10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)
†Santos Garcia (Family)
†Eddie Perez (Family)
†Rachel Hinojosa, †Eugenio & †Esperanza Esparza (Family)
12:00PM: †Janie Galvan (Family)
†Lelia Guzman (Family)
†Adrian G Flores (Family)
†Juan C Flores Jr. (Family)
†Emilio Pena Sr (Family)

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP	
Envelope Collection	\$1,668.00
Loose Collection	\$913.00
Children’s Collection	\$38.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$591.00
Online Giving	\$290.00
Collection Total - Nov. 9/10	\$3,500.00


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 November

16/17 - Campaign for Human Development



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† 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:

Names remain on the prayer list for two (2) months; after which they are removed, to add/remove a name contact the parish office.

Valerie Aleman,	Juanita Flores,	Sergio Rodriguez,
Victoria Arredondo,	Luis Flores,	Yolanda G. Rodriguez,
Paula Avila,	Esmeralda Hernandez,	San Juanita Saenz,
Rafael Baez	Jorge Hernandez,	Bernice Sanchez,
Rosa Barrera,	San Juanita Hinojosa,	Adan Salazar,
Elisa Claudio,	Jaime Jimenez,	Gracie Salazar,
Johnny Cruz,	Adolfo Menchaca Jr.,	Raymond Smith,
Sandra Davila,	Alejandro Mora,	B Solis,
Adela Escobedo,	Anastacio Mora,	Dora Tagle,
Aurora Flores,	Noemilio Mora,	Gloria Treviño,
Chris Flores,	Angie Ochoa,	Joe Treviño,
Eudelia Flores,	Anita Peña,	Sara Treviño,
Guadalupe Flores,	Jerry Rivera Sr.,	Gerri Zambrano
	Julia Rodriguez,	

NEXT WEEK’S MINISTERS SCHEDULE		
Sat. Nov. 23 Sun. Nov. 24	Lector 	Extra Ordinary Ministers 
5:30PM	Chelo	Juan
8:00AM	Armando	Carmen
10:00AM	Gabriel	Cindy
12:00PM	Jesse C	Lucy

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

ENCOURAGEMENT

This Sunday’s Gospel is our final selection from Mark for this liturgical year. It is taken from the end of Jesus’ teaching in Jerusalem immediately preceding the account of his arrest and passion. In it Jesus gives his disciples hope to sustain them through his passion and death and any persecution or suffering that they would encounter after his resurrection.

The words from the book of Daniel also provided hope and encouragement to the people of Daniel’s time. The encouragement in these scriptures is meant for us as well, for none of us will escape tribulation in our lives. Followers of Jesus will be able to endure suffering with joyful hope, knowing that Christ’s love will lead us along the way of discipleship and give us eternal life with God.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dedication of the Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchsne

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday:

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday:

Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: St. Cecilia

Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: St. Clement I; St. Columban

Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord Jesus Christ, in the single and perfect sacrifice of your life, you have given me salvation. Give me eyes to see the way your perfect offering works towards perfecting and completing me. Increase in me the desire to seek fulfillment only in your. Amen.

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Unlike those mentioned in Hebrews, priests today celebrate and participate in the new covenant, the perfect offering made by Christ once and for all. Pray for the priests at your parish at least one day this week by name so that they might continue to be solid witnesses to Christ’s ultimate sacrifice.

ALIENTO

El Evangelio de este domingo es nuestra selección final de Marcos para este año litúrgico. Pertenece a las últimas enseñanzas de Jesús en Jerusalén y se encuentra inmediatamente antes del relato de su arresto y pasión. En este, Jesús da a sus discípulos esperanza para sostenerlos en su pasión y muerte y en cualquier persecución o sufrimiento que enfrenten después de su resurrección.

Las palabras del libro de Daniel también les brindan esperanza y aliento a los contemporáneos de Daniel. El aliento de estas lecturas también nos sirve a nosotros, ya que ninguno de nosotros puede evitar transitar tiempos difíciles en su vida. Los seguidores de Jesús podrán soportar el sufrimiento con esperanza porque saben que el amor de Cristo nos guiará para poder ser buenos discípulos y nos dará la vida eterna junto a Dios

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. You are welcomed to sign up for it more than once. The sign-up sheet is currently listed through December. Currently the image is scheduled to be picked up at the church on Saturday or Sunday and dropped off back at the church by Saturday (around the time of confessions).

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

Isidro & Christina Garza

THANKSGIVING WEEK MASS SCHEDULE


Weekday Mass schedule for week of Nov. 25th - 29th

Tuesday, November 26th - 5:30PM (Spanish)

Wednesday, November 27th - 6:30PM
No 8:30AM Mass


Thursday, November 28th - 8:30AM

Friday, November 29th - NO MASS



HOUSE OF FAITH FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry will be OPEN again on **Monday, November 25th** from 4pm until we run out of supplies.



Special Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for November

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

