

Do This in Remembrance of Me, A Step by Step walk through the Mass
Part 78: The Dismissal

Having just received a blessing through the hands of the priest, we now come to our last instruction and response in the Mass: the Dismissal. For this part of the Mass, the Roman Missal gives four options that can be used by the deacon (if there is one) or by the priest himself:

“Go forth, the Mass is ended.”

“Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.”

“Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.”

“Go in peace.”

To any of these, the people respond: “*Thanks be to God.*” Additionally, you may know that during the Easter Octave and the close of the Easter Season, we also add a double “*Alleluia*” to the end of these dismissal phrases.

A Sending Forth...

Do you notice anything consistent or repeated in these phrases of dismissal? They all begin with “Go”! Why do we say that? It definitely isn’t because the priest is ready to get on with his day! The Diocese of Peoria teaches, “After the [Prayer after Communion] beseeches God to give us grace to put our faith into practice, the Concluding Rite is ‘sending forth’ on this mission as disciples of Christ” (A Study of the Mass, p. 20). We have just prayed together, giving glory to God in the perfect Sacrifice of Christ in worship of the Father; after having been nourished by the Word of God in Scripture and the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, now we are ready to go forth out into the world. Each option of the dismissal is really an instruction: “Go forth”; “Go and announce the Gospel”; “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord”; “Go in peace.” In a real way, each of these phrases practically tells us what to do next, now that our time together at a particular Mass has drawn to a close.

As Edward Sri relates, “In the ancient world, it was customary to close an assembly with a formal dismissal. The early Christians felt the need to incorporate a similar conclusion to their liturgical assembly. From the fourth century onward, the Latin words *Ite Missa est* were employed for this task... What is most significant about this dismissal is that the whole liturgy receives its name, ‘the Mass,’ from the word *Missa* (‘dismissal’/‘sending’) in this closing line. This points to how the Mass ultimately should be seen as a sending forth. As the Catechism explains, the celebration of the Eucharist is called ‘Holy Mass’ (*Missa*) ‘because the liturgy in which the mystery of salvation is accomplished concludes with the sending forth (*missio*) of the faithful, so that they may fulfill God’s will in their lives’” (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, pp. 147–8; CCC, 1332).

... to Go Out on Mission

Did anyone notice that quote from the Catechism including the word *missio* sounds very much like mission? I have heard several priests explain that the end of Mass is truly a sending forth of the Christian people on mission. If you think about all we have received at the Holy Mass, our hearts and minds will be very full of God’s truth, goodness, and love. Of course, those are gifts that are meant to be shared! We live in a world that experiences the effects of sin and brokenness, a world that needs hope and light, a world that needs the fruits of the Mass!

As Edward Sri continues, “Jesus told the apostles, ‘As the Father has sent me, even so I send you’ (Jn 20:21). The Father sent the Son into the world, to die for our sins and give us a share in his divine life. As we have seen, the entire paschal mystery of Jesus’ passion, death... resurrection [and Ascension] is made present to us in the Eucharistic liturgy so that we can be more deeply incorporated into Jesus’ life and mission. The more deeply the Eucharist unites us to Jesus, the more we will radiate his life and his love in the world around us. The closing line of the liturgy, therefore, is not an aimless dismissal. It is a dismissal with a mission. It is a sending forth of God’s people to bring the mysteries of Christ into the world” (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, p. 148). The next time you are leaving Mass, I challenge you to think joyfully of all the fruits of that Mass and then ask yourself: How can I share these fruits with the people I meet?

For Reflection:

1. Reflect on your lived experiences of commissioning or mission. What were the elements, textual and material, of your non-liturgical experience(s) of receiving or conferring a mission? Bring this personal history to your preparation for Mass, aware that your participation in the liturgy equips you to go forth on mission in the Lord’s Name.
2. Accept Fr. Luke’s challenge to identify the fruits you have received during Mass and commit to sharing these fruits with others as you depart.
3. Pray with Luke 7, being attentive to the dynamics of mission, commissioning, and dismissal in the various encounters of Jesus’ public ministry. For example, what does the centurion teach us about being on mission under Jesus’ authority (Lk 7:1–10)? What dynamics of going, coming, and being God’s messenger do we see in the interactions between John the Baptist’s disciples and Jesus (Lk 7:18–35)? What fruits did the sinful woman receive to share with others before hearing Jesus’ dismissal: “Your faith has saved you; go in peace” (Lk 7:36–50)? Allow these passages to shape your participation in Mass as a real encounter with the Lord Jesus and a sending forth to share his fruits with others.

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

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



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2025



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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10:00am - 4:30pm



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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



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 door code contact the parish office or Fr. Andrew.

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Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of
God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.

Luke 6: 20-21A

Mass Intentions For The Week

SATURDAY February 15, 2025
5:30PM: †Guadalupe V Moreno (Rodolfo V Moreno)
†Dorn Dover (Rose De La Cruz)
†Alejandro, †Minerva & †Johnny Lopez
†Robert & †Marion Schicker (Family)
†Concepcion, †Ester & †David Rangel (Danny Rangel)

SUNDAY February 16, 2025
8:00AM: †Federico & Dora Peña (Oscar & Odilia Reyes)
†Richard Ortiz Sr. (Family)
†Antonio Rodriguez (Georgina y Hijos)
10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Gilbert & Elvia Hernandez)
†Juan Manuel Hernandez (Saenz Family)
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez (Family)
12:00PM: †Lelia Guzman (Family)
†Juan C Flores Jr. (Family)
†Amy Hinojosa (Family)
†Andrew Guerra (Saenz Family)
†Emilio Pena Sr. (Pena Family)
†Adrian G Flores (Family)
†Elida V Garcia, †Candelario Zavala (Garcia Family)
S.I. for Victoria Garcia (Garcia Family)
S.I. for Joe, Adrian, & Alex Flores (Family)

TUESDAY February 18, 2025
5:30PM: †Juan Manuel Hernandez (Saenz Family)

WEDNESDAY February 19, 2025
8:30AM: †Raymond Ryan Rodriguez (Minerva Rodriguez)

THURSDAY February 20, 2025
8:30AM: Deceased of the Parish

FRIDAY February 21, 2025
8:30AM: †Eugenio Flores (Nora F Pierce)

SATURDAY February 22, 2025
5:30PM: †Guadalupe V Moreno (Randy Moreno)
†Minerva Lopez
†Brigida Sabedra (Solis Family)
†Diana Schicker (Family)
†Ruben, †Juanita, & †Lisa Cortez (Family)
†Concepcion, †Ester & †David Rangel (Danny Rangel)

SUNDAY February 23, 2025
8:00AM: †Federico & Dora Peña (Oscar & Odilia Reyes)
†Richard Ortiz Sr. (Family)
†Antonio Rodriguez (Georgina y Hijos)
†Brigida Sabedra (Rodriguez Family)
10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Gilbert & Elvia Hernandez)
†Olivia Villegas (Rodriguez Family)
†Juan Manuel & †Consuelo Hernandez (Saenz Family)
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez (Family)
†Eugenio & †Esperanza Esparza,
†Graciela Moreno, †Rachel Hinojosa (Family)

12:00PM: †Lelia Guzman (Family)
†Juan C Flores Jr. (Family)
†Emilio Pena Sr. (Pena Family)
†Adrian G Flores (Family)
S.I. for Joe, Adrian, & Alex Flores (Family)

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP	
Envelope Collection	\$2,436.30
Loose Collection	\$770.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$40.00
Online Giving	\$255.00
Collection Total - Feb. 8/9	\$3,501.30

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

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Special Collections for the Month of March

1/2 - Building Maintenance Fund
5 - Church in Central & Eastern Europe
8/9 - Black & Indian Missions
29/30 - Catholic Relief Services

† 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	Luis Flores,	Yolanda G. Rodriguez,
Victoria Arredondo	Esmeralda Hernandez,	San Juanita Saenz,
Paula Avila	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
Juanita Flores,	Julia Rodriguez,	
	Sergio Rodriguez,	

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS SCHEDULE		
Sat. Feb. 22 Sun. Feb. 23	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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-26; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday:
Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday:
Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday:
Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: St. Peter Damien
Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday: The Chair of St. Peter
1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

BISHOP'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

This weekend is Commitment weekend for the Annual Bishop's Stewardship Appeal. The theme for 2025 is "Be Pilgrims of Hope and builders of Peace". If you have not made your pledge please prayerfully consider. You support of the appeal supports Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Faith Formation, Clergy, Families, Those in Need and Parishes, our parish goal is \$16,408.

Consider a recurring online pledge. Scan the QR code to be taken to the BSA website to learn more about the appeal.

2024 Contribution Statements

If you would like to receive a copy of your 2024 contribution statement for your income tax purposes. Please contact the Parish Office or send an email to davids@iccgregory.org so we can prepare your statement.

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 June 2025. 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

Jesus & Angela Garza

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

If you do not currently receive offering envelopes and would like to you can contact the parish office or you can grab of the white "Welcome" envelopes and check the option that says "I do not have envelopes and would like to receive them" fill it out with the requested information and place it in the collection basket during the offertory. Also if you have moved recently or have changed your mailing address please let us know so we can update it in our system.

PRESIDENTS' DAY

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA -STARFEST

Next Sunday, February 23rd, Our Lady Star of the Sea Church on North Beach (3205 Seagull Blvd.) Corpus Christi will be having its annual BBQ Fundraiser, Raffle & Live Auction.

Plates will include: Beef BBQ, Beans, Potato Salad, Dessert & Drink for \$15 Donation; there will also be a raffle and Live auction for more information or to purchase BBQ or raffle tickets contact the parish office at 361-883-4507.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, you have given me so much, and I am greatly blessed. Please allow me to see the ways in which you grant me the gift of hope, even when all feels hopeless. Offer me the eyes to see the ways you have blessed me today. May I notice even the smallest blessing as a token of your great love for me. Amen.

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

On a Post-it note, write down the lines that stood out to you in the gospel this week (e.g., "Blessed are you who are poor for the kingdom of God is yours"). Post it on your bedroom or bathroom mirror. Every time you see that verse this week, reflect on how Jesus's words can transform your day. Memorize this line and recite it out loud or in your heart in times of need.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 5th is Ash Wednesday

Below is the Schedule for this day

8:30AM - Mass & Imposition of Ashes

12:05PM:- Liturgy of the Word and Imposition of Ashes

6:30PM: - Mass & Imposition of Ashes

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are invited to join us as we walk the way of the cross on Fridays at 6:30pm during the Lenten Season. Immediately followed by Friday Daily Mass in the Church.