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CONFIRMATION

MASS JOURNAL



Correct the Order Game: Parts of the Mass

The Mass is divided into **four parts**: Introductory or Opening Rite, the Liturgy of the Word, the Eucharist, and the Concluding Rite. Place numbers beside the parts within these sections of the Mass in their proper order.

Opening Rite

- _____ Greeting by the Presider
- _____ The Gloria
- _____ Penitential Rite (the forgiveness of sins—Lord Have Mercy)
- 1 Opening Procession

The Liturgy of the Word

- 7 General Intercessions or Prayers of the Faithful
- _____ Profession of Faith (Creed)
- _____ Gospel
- 1 Old Testament Reading
- _____ Homily
- _____ Psalm
- _____ New Testament Reading

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

- 1 Procession with the Gifts
- _____ Eucharistic Prayer and Consecration – includes:
 - Preface (The Lord be with you . . . It is right and just)
 - Holy Holy Holy (Lord God song of praise)
 - Words of Institution (*Take this, all of you, and eat of it: for **this is my body** which will be given . . .*)
 - Memorial Acclamation (Let us proclaim the mystery of faith . . .)
 - Doxology and Great Amen (through him, with him, . . . Great Amen – sing Amen three times)
- _____ Lord's Prayer (Our Father)
- _____ Sign of Peace
- _____ Lamb of God: This is the Lamb of God . . . Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof . . .
- _____ Holy Communion (all are invited to go forward in communion with each other to receive)

Concluding Rites

- 4 Final Procession
- _____ Concluding Prayer
- _____ Announcements
- _____ Final Blessing

Mass Reflections

Mass is the highest form of prayer and worship in our Catholic Faith. You are a very important part of the Mass. With this reflection guide, reflect on the Mass to see what God is revealing to the people and most especially, to you. Scripture is the LIVING Word of God! Through the Holy Scriptures, prayer, and Eucharist, God teaches, guides, and challenges us.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- There are five mass reflections for you to complete on the following pages. They are each **different from each** other so that you may reflect on various aspects of the Mass.
- Reflect on **five different** Sunday Masses, either in-person (Lumen Christi is Saturdays at 4:30pm and Sundays at 8:30am and 10:30am), via livestream (Sundays at 8:30am), or by watching the recording through our website on the homepage or on our Facebook page. There are six months for you to complete (Nov. through April) these five reflections.
- Take notes if desired. Reflect on what is God's Message and how the message relates in your life. Key points from the homily will relate to the Gospel.
- You can find the Sunday's readings at the U.S. Bishops website here, choosing the correct calendar date: <https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>
- If viewing online, the program is available on the homepage of our website underneath the link for the Mass livestream or recording.
- After completing the journal, submit to Lynn Schelitzche, Director of Faith Formation, by **April 30, 2022**. You may drop it off in person or in the drop boxes outside or inside LC.

Before you attend Mass, reflect on the following (do not write answers for me):

- What are the 2-3 things that are dominating your attention and thought today? What can you ask of God in the Liturgy to address these things?
- Has God been at work in your daily life? What evidence is there that God is communicating with you daily? How do you expect this communication to continue during the Liturgy?

After you attend Mass, reflect on the following (do not write answers for me):

- What is God prompting you to do in your encounter with him in the Sacrament?
- What experiences during the Mass did you find most relevant to your current situation?
- What was the holiest experience you had during Mass?

MASS JOURNAL REFLECTION #1

Date: _____

Church: _____

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened (for him), and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove (and) coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:16-17

Who was the main celebrant or presider (name of priest who led the celebration of the Mass)?

What in particular do you remember about Mass (e.g. the vestment colors, readings, songs, or something said during the homily)?

What did Jesus say or do in the Gospel that was proclaimed?

How can you take the gospel message and teaching and make the message applicable to your own life?

MASS JOURNAL REFLECTION #2

Date: _____

Church: _____

...The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Galatians 5:22-23

What was today's Gospel reading? (Cite book, chapter and verses. See instruction page of this journal for direction.)

How did the Homily relate to today's readings?

During the Eucharistic Prayer we give thanks and praise to God. What are we grateful for as Christians?

How did the music contribute to the Mass?

What was the message of the opening song?

How does singing support praying? Did you sing (during COVID you can only do this if attending Mass virtually)?

The Church calls us to "active participation." Why?

MASS JOURNAL REFLECTION #3

Date: _____

Church: _____

For however many are the promises of God, their Yes is in him; therefore, the Amen from us also Goes through him to God for glory. But the one who gives us security with you in Christ and who anointed us is God; he has also put his seal upon us and given the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.

2 Corinthians 1:20-22

Other than the priest, who else processed in during the Entrance song? Did they carry anything? What was it?

Which reading from today, including the Psalm Response, could you relate to most, and why?

How did the Homily relate to things going on in your life? (At home, at school, with friends, in the world, in your local community, at your church.)

Which song did you enjoy the most? Why?

MASS JOURNAL REFLECTION #4

Date: _____

Church: _____

“Ah, Lord God!” I said, “I know not how to speak; I am too young.” But the Lord answered me, “Say not, ‘I am too young.’ To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak. Have no fear before them, because I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.” Then the Lord extended his hand and touched my mouth, saying, “See, I place my words in your mouth!”

Jeremiah 1:6-9

What does the scripture above speak to you in your life?

What was today’s First Reading? What was its main message?

What was today’s Psalm Response? Was it sung or read?

How could these words help you during the week?

Who did the community pray for in the petitions? Were any petitions connected with happenings in the world today?

What was the Recessional or Closing Song, and what was its message (if viewing online due to COVID, the program is available on the homepage of our website)?