

Explanation of the Mass



Introductory Rites

- Everyone comes together as a community

Includes the following:

- Welcome/Greeting
- Gathering Song
- Sign of the Cross
- Penitential Rite - Lord, Have Mercy
- Glory to God
- Opening Prayer



Liturgy of the Word

- The Word of God is read and responded to

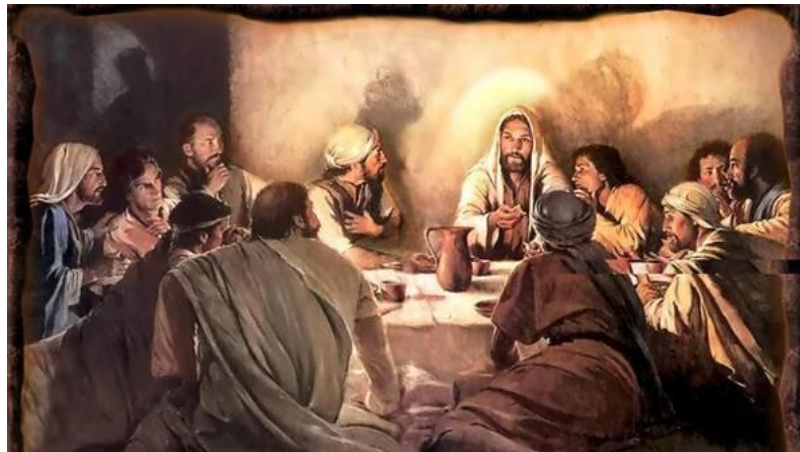
Includes the following:

- First Reading
- Responsorial Psalm
- Second Reading
- Alleluia Verse
- Gospel Reading
- Homily
- Silence
- Profession of Faith
- Prayers of the Faithful



Liturgy of the Eucharist

- The most important part of the Mass where the words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper are re-enacted. Jesus took bread and the cup, gave thanks, broke, and gave them to His disciples saying: "Take and eat; this is My Body. Take and drink; This is the cup of My Blood. Do this in memory of Me."



Liturgy of the Eucharist: Preparation of the Gifts

- The priest prepares the altar and the gifts, prays over the bread and wine.

Includes the following:

- Offertory Song
- Preparation of the Altar
- Preparation of the Bread and Wine
- Washing of Hands
- Invitation to Prayer
- Prayer over the Gifts
- Sing Holy Holy



Liturgy of the Eucharist: Eucharistic Prayer

- The centre and high point of the Mass that makes Christ present for us in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Includes the following:

- Acclamation Great Amen



Communion Rite

- It is the part when God gives a gift of Himself to us.

Includes the following:

- The Lord's Prayer – Our Father
- Sign of Peace
- Breaking of the Bread
- Lamb of God
- Personal Prayer
- Communion
- Silent Prayer
- Prayer after Communion





Concluding Rite

Includes the following:

- ▶ Any brief notices and final blessing
- ▶ Dismissal
- ▶ Concluding song