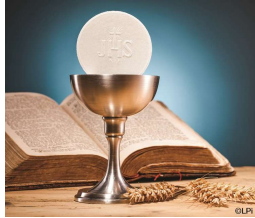



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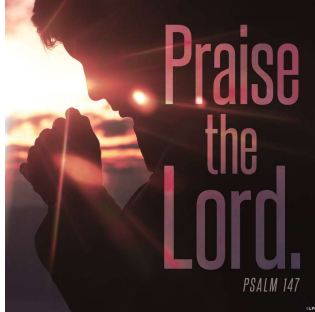
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Opening Prayer



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Review Part I

- The Purpose of Mass
- Getting ready for Mass – attitude and disposition
- Active participation
- Part I available online at www.renewaloffaith.org/masspart1


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Part II:
Lex orandi, lex credendi
and
The Liturgy of the Word

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Lex orandi, lex credendi

“So, in the new Missal the rule of prayer (*lex orandi*) of the Church corresponds to her perennial rule of faith (*lex credendi*)” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal, GIRM, 2*).

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What You See in the Church

- Videos (7-20 minutes in length)
 - A Tour of the Church – www.renewaloffaith.org/churchtour
 - The Liturgical Books for Mass – www.renewaloffaith.org/liturgicalbooks
 - So What’s on the Altar – www.renewaloffaith.org/sowhatsonthealtar
 - Church Vestments – www.renewaloffaith.org/vestments
- Article – “The Significance of the Altar” - <http://blog.renewaloffaith.org/blog/?p=4142>

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Why is Sunday Mass longer than daily Mass?

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Why is Sunday Mass longer than daily Mass?

- Are all the meals you eat at home the same? Are not some more elegant than others? Family traditions of having a big Sunday meal.
- Solemnities during the week are celebrated like a Sunday Mass (Gloria/Creed/...music). While they may typically fall on a weekday, solemnities rank higher than Sunday.
- The terms “high Mass” and “low Mass” are not used in the Mass post-Vatican II.

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What Happened to Incense?

We seldom see incense used at Mass now. When is it to be used?

- Funerals
- Diocesan Masses
- Holy Week
- Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

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Different Masses

- Solemnities
- Sundays
- Daily Mass
- Weddings
- Funerals
- Ordination
- Chrism
- Pontifical
- Tridentine Mass (aka traditional Latin Mass)

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Structure of the Mass

St. Justin Martyr, in his *First Apology* (circa 155), shows us the same structure to Mass as we have today (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1345)

- “day of the sun” → “gather in the same place”
- ***Readings from apostles and prophets***
- ***Presider “admonishes and challenges them” → homily***
- ***Prayers***
- “exchange the kiss”
- Offertory
- Eucharistic prayer
- Amen at end of Eucharistic prayer

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Missalettes

- Is the use of missalettes a help or a hinderance?
 - For example, do we ‘listen” more or less when we can follow along with the readings?
 - Memorizing short prayers (The Lord’s Prayer) as compared to long prayers like the Creed
 - Are we distracted by the use of missalettes or do they help us engage in what is going on?

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Introductory Rites GIRM 46-54

Sometimes called the “gathering rites”, the Introductory Rites serve to gather us in thought to orient our body, mind, and soul to what we are starting to celebrate (cf. GIRM, 46)

- Why is there a procession? Won’t it save time to start with everyone already in place? (origin of organ preludes and the ringing of bells before Mass)
- What do we do as the procession comes forward?
-- We **stand** and we **sing**.

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Why sing?

Question from a parishioner – There was a time when there was no music at the early morning Mass. Some people preferred these Masses as they were shorter masses. Now we see music at most Masses. Why the change?

→ Why sing at all?

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Why sing? (cont’d)

GIRM 39 “**The Christian faithful who come together as one** in expectation of the Lord’s coming are **instructed by the Apostle Paul to sing together Psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles (cf. Col 3:16)**. Singing is **the sign of the heart’s joy** (cf. Acts 2:46). Thus St. Augustine says rightly, “Singing is for one who loves, (Sermo, 336, I: PL 38: 1472) and there is also an ancient proverb: “**Whoever sings well prays twice over.**”

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Why sing? (cont'd)

“The composition of inspired psalms often accompanied by musical instruments, were already closely linked to the liturgical celebrations of the Old Covenant” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1156).


Singing in the Old Testament

- Exodus 15 – after parting Red Sea, Moses and the others sang
- Numbers 21:17 – following a victory - “Israel sang this song.”
- Judges 5 – following a victory - Deborah sang this song
- 2 Samuel 6:5 – as the Ark of the Covenant brought to Jerusalem they sang”
- The Book of Psalms

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Why Do We Have Cantors?

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Why Do We Have Cantors?

- Because Fr. Jeff can't sing. Well, he sings, just not well.
- Really, remember the quote about singing “well”
 - “37. The cantor is both a singer and a **leader** of congregational song.” (USCCB, *Sing to the Lord*)
 - “38. As a **leader** of **congregational** song, the cantor should take part in singing **with the entire gathered assembly**.” (USCCB, *Sing to the Lord*)
 - Please note it says “leader” not “performer”

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Introductory Rites (cont'd)

- Genuflect/bow (review last time)
 - Cross-Bearer and Book of the Gospels
- Why is the Book of the Gospels placed on altar?
- Why do the clergy kiss the altar?
- Sign of the Cross

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Introductory Rites (cont'd)

- Greeting
 - “The Lord be with you” – “And with your spirit.”
 - Ruth 2:4 – “The Lord be with you.” (cf. Judges 6:12)
 - Galatians 6:18 – “the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.” (cf. Philemon 1:25)
 - “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.” – 2 Corinthians 13:13
- Introduction

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Introductory Rites (cont'd)

- Penitential Rite
 - This does not take the place of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is for venial sins only.
 - Question from a parishioner – “After you confess your sins at Mass, and the priest says, “may almighty God have mercy on us,” etc., why do some priests make the sign of the cross? Likewise, some congregation members do and others don’t.”
- Gloria

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Introductory Rites (cont'd)

- Collect (aka Opening Prayer)
 - GIRM 54, “usually addressed to God the Father through Christ, in the Holy Spirit.”
 - four-part structure of the prayer
 1. Invocation - calls upon God, generally with the simple words “Almighty God”
 2. Amplification - and then comes words announcing the good things God has done for us.
 3. Petition - Then the prayer asks God to help us in some way
 4. Conclusion - invokes the Trinity, “Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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Opening prayer/collect

“Presidential prayer begins with the congregation. This may appear paradoxical, given that we are thinking about something the Priest does. However, in human terms it is the congregation that is the speaking and acting person of the liturgy, part of the ‘we’ (that is, the whole mystery of the Church) articulated in the liturgical speech of the one who presides. **Also, the Priest is not ‘over and against’ the congregation. He is part of it, one of the baptized in service to all the baptized.** The **action of prayer involves the congregation** from the moment the Priest says, Let us pray.” (Griffiths, “Presidential Prayers,” 3).

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The Two Main Parts of the Mass

- Luke 24:13-35 – what did Jesus do with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus?
 - First, He broke open what the scriptures foretold about him
 - Then, He broke bread with them
- GIRM 28 – “The Mass consists in some sense of two parts, namely the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, these beings so closely interconnected that they form but one single act of worship.”

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The Two Main Parts of the Mass (cont'd)

Names from the past:

- Mass of the Catechumens
- Mass of the Faithful

(Hoever, *St. Joseph Daily Missal*, 4)

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Liturgy of the Word

- **Dialoguing** with God – attitude and disposition
 - “we must keep in mind that the Word of God is a banquet and not fast food” (Mallon, *Divine Renovation*, 123)
 - Active participation
 - Looking at readings before or after Mass
 - Latin vs. vernacular language
 - Response at end of readings
 - God reveals himself in his Word
- GIRM 56 “The Liturgy of the Word is to be celebrated in such a way as to favor meditation, and so any kind of haste such as hinders recollection is clearly to be avoided.”

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Liturgy of the Word (cont'd)

- It is a living word. So we hear it not once in a lifetime but repeated in a cycle
- **Lector does NOT just “read” but “proclaims” the Word of God**
- Gospel
 - Why do we make “little crosses” on ourselves three times?
 - Why stand?

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How the Sunday Readings are Chosen During **Ordinary** Time

1. Gospel is chosen first as a semi-continuous reading (3-year cycle)
A – Matthew B-Mark C-Luke
John used at specific times
2. The First Reading comes from the Old Testament (except during Easter → Acts) and is chosen to match a theme in the gospel of the day. *Tridentine Mass does not regularly have an O.T. reading
3. Psalm – picked to correspond to Old Testament

Second Reading

- - Picked independent of other readings
- Semi-continuous reading of a New Testament letter

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How the Daily Lectionary is Set

1. Gospel is chosen first as a semi-continuous reading during Ordinary Time - 1-year cycle including all four gospels
2. First Reading 2-year cycle
Psalm – picked to correspond to Old Testament

*Feasts & Solemnities have readings specific to the occasion of the feast. Memorials may have suggested readings.

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Liturgy of the Word (cont'd)

- Homily
 - The homily should help us learn about our faith **and** be transformed by it.
 - Relevant
 - Yet, realize it might not seem relevant to any one **particular** person on a given week because message is meant for **all**.
- Creed
 - Having heard God's Word, we profess what we believe
 - Why do we stand for Creed and Prayers of the Faithful?

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Liturgy of the Word (cont'd)

- Prayers of the Faithful, officially known as the **Universal Prayer** (aka **General** Intercessions)
 - Role of deacon or lay person
 - People's role – We respond verbally "Lord, hear our prayer" **and** in the silence of our hearts
 - "The intentions are addressed to the congregation, not to God" (Griffiths, "Presidential Prayers", 8)
 - Response to what we hear in God's Word (Irwin, "Living a Eucharistic Life, 4). GIRM 70 outlines the intentions as:
 - "for the needs of the Church;
 - for public authorities and the salvation of the whole world;
 - for those burdened by any kind of difficulty;
 - for the local community."

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“Homework”

- Go to Mass every week
- For reflection: How can I enter more fully into the Word I hear proclaimed at Mass?
 - Can I make a commitment to read the readings for Mass before and/or after Mass?
 - Ask yourself, “How do the readings of the day challenge me in my everyday life?”

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Future Schedule

- Wednesday, November 18, 2020 @6:30 pm – Liturgy of the Eucharist and Concluding Rites
- When you exit this webinar a short evaluation questionnaire should come up to invite your feedback.

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Articles about the Mass on my website

- “The Roman Catholic Mass Explained” - <http://www.renewaloffaith.org/the-mass.html>
- “Implementing the New Roman Missal” - <http://www.renewaloffaith.org/implement.html>
- *We Profess, We Believe* (5 part series on the Creed) - <http://www.renewaloffaith.org/the-creed.html>
- *Sacraments - Channels of God’s Grace* (5 part series on the Sacraments) - <http://www.renewaloffaith.org/video-series---sacraments---channels-of-god-s-grace.html>

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