

Sept. 1, 2019, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

From the Pastor: Series on the Mass, Part 1

Series on the Mass was first published in 2015 and is being repeated at the request of parishioners.

This series will go through the parts of the Traditional Latin Mass, explaining and commenting on them. The commentaries will be drawn from various sources and since the series will be given in short sections in the bulletin, a complete bibliography and footnote references will be very difficult; therefore, I list the primary ones here: *Introibo ad Altare Dei, Commentaire de l'Ordinaire de la Messe* written by the Monks of Notre Dame de Fontgombault in France 1992, *Calvary and the Mass* by Bishop Fulton Sheen 1936, *Your Mass and Your Life* by Richer-Marie Beaubien, OFM 1960, *Liber Sacramentorum, Notes Historiques et Liturgiques sur le Missel Romain* by Dom. I. Schuster, OSB 1925, *The Encyclical Mediator Dei et Hominum* of Pope Pius XII, 1947, and of course, the 1962 Missal. The intent in writing this is to help the faithful understand the various ceremonies better so they can participate with greater devotion at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The Mass is first and foremost a Sacrifice. It is the sacrifice of Christ and the Church, the Head and members of the Mystical Body. The sacrifice of our Savior was not just the last hour dying on the Cross, rather it was His whole life which was directed to this Hour. Pope Pius XII gives this definition of the Mass in his Encyclical *Mediator Dei*, # 17:

No sooner, in fact, "is the Word made flesh" than he shows Himself to the world vested with a priestly office, making to the Eternal Father an act of submission which will continue uninterruptedly as long as He lives: "When He cometh into the world he saith ... 'behold I come ... to do Thy Will.'" This act He was to consummate admirably in the bloody Sacrifice of the Cross: "It is in this will we are sanctified by the oblation of the Body of Jesus Christ once." He plans His active life among men with no other purpose in view. As a child He is presented to the Lord in the Temple. To the Temple He returns as a grown boy, and often afterwards to instruct the people and to pray. He fasts for forty days before beginning His public ministry. His counsel and example summon all to prayer, daily and at night as well. As Teacher of the truth He "enlighteneth every man" to the end that mortals may duly acknowledge the immortal God, "not withdrawing unto perdition, but faithful to the saving of the soul." As Shepherd He watches over His flock, leads it to life-giving pasture, lays down a law that none shall wander from His side, off the straight path He has pointed out, and that all shall lead holy lives imbued with His spirit and moved by His active aid. At the Last Supper He celebrates a new Pasch with solemn rite and ceremonial, and provides for its continuance through the divine institution of the Eucharist. On the morrow, lifted up between heaven and earth, He offers the saving sacrifice of His life, and pours forth, as it were, from His pierced Heart the sacraments destined to impart the treasures of redemption to the souls of men. All this He does with but a single aim: the glory of His Father and man's ever greater sanctification.

Our Lord's whole life was one of renunciation and obedience which culminated at Calvary. Our life too should be one of obedience and renunciation, which for us will begin by the prayer of the Mass and then hopefully influence all the rest of our actions.

Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

Announcements

Church hours for private prayers. The church is open for private prayer as noted below.

Fridays & Saturdays, 4-7 p.m. Sundays, Noon-5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Bookstore kiosk, open Sundays between the morning Masses unless noted otherwise below.

Legion of Mary, 7 p.m. Mondays in the large meeting room unless noted otherwise below.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, 6:40 p.m. every Wednesday.

Schola Practice, 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the small room. Open to all men interested in joining the schola.

St. Philomena Toddler Group, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesdays at church. Open to expectant moms and moms with children up to 4 years of age. See bulletin board or parish website for more information.

Tower of David Study Group, Tuesdays, 8:25 a.m.-12:30 p.m., beginning Sept. 3.

Other groups and ministries. See bulletin board or parish Groups and Ministries webpage for information.

2019 DSF Campaign. 80% of PARISH GOAL RAISED. Goal: \$10,000. Gifted/Pledged to date: \$8,005.

Parish pays shortfall. Please consider donating on behalf of the parish by mail or at archgh.org/dsf. Thankyou!

Items to be Blessed are placed on the blessing table located next to the holy water container near the baptismal font. After the priest blesses the items, he will move them to the "Blessed" basket for pick up.

Low Gluten Hosts. If you require low gluten host, please see the instructions on the bulletin board.

Safe Environment Training, mandatory for those who work with children. More on our parish website.

2019 Public Mass Calendar is closed for bulletin-listed Mass intentions.

Happy Labor Day Weekend!

Tuesdays, starting Sept. 3:

~ Mass times: 9:20 a.m. (private) and 7 p.m. (public).

~ 8:25 a.m.-approx. 12:30 p.m., Tower of David Study Group meets at parish.

Sat., Sept. 7, First Saturday. Approx. 10:15 a.m., please join us to peacefully pray a Rosary at the Houston Women's Clinic, an abortion facility located at 4820 San Jacinto St., Houston, TX 77004.

Sun., Sept. 8, 8:45-9:35 a.m., CCD begins.

Sat., Sept. 14:

~ Boys' altar server practice after the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Open to all boys who have received First Communion.

~ Altar Guild meets in small room following the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

~ 9-11 a.m., Little Flowers meets in large room. Open to girls, ages 5 and up.



The Altar Guild is looking for gently used clothing, for any age, infant to adult, to sell during the Fall Festival in October. Please place your donation in the box by the main entrance.

Introibit Rex Gloriam Capital Campaign

Minimum goal: \$2,500,000 Pledged/gifted to date: \$2,324,180

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Sept. 1 – 7, 2019

Sun., 9/1, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 a.m., Souls in Purgatory

10:00 a.m. (High), Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Theresa Szalamacha †

Mon., 9/2, St. Stephen of Hungary

6:30 a.m., Joell Hedges

* 8:00 a.m., Private intention

Tues., 9/3, St. Pius X

* 9:20 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., Joell Hedges

Wed., 9/4, Votive Mass of St. Joseph

6:30 a.m., Amanda Clark

* 8:00 a.m., Private intention

Thurs., 9/5, St. Lawrence Justinian

* 6:30 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., Amanda Clark

Fri., 9/6, Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:30 a.m., Souls in Purgatory

7:00 p.m., followed by First Friday devotion,
Souls in Purgatory

Sat., 9/7, Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

* 6:30 a.m., Private intention

7:30 a.m., followed by First Saturday devotion,
Francis Truong †

* Mass is subject to cancellation if a second priest is not available. Advance notice will be posted in the bulletin whenever possible.



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Contacts for other groups

Please check the bulletin boards or go to the parish website and click on Groups/Ministries

St. Joseph Hour for Holiness for men over 18 years struggling with sins against purity. Contact Fr. Van Vliet by email.

Sacraments

Please check the parish website for more information.

Infant baptism—contact parish at least one month before due date.

Marriage—contact parish eight months before proposed date.

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Mass Schedule

Sundays 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (High), 5:30 p.m.
Rosary 20 minutes before each Sunday Mass
Mon., Wed., Fri. 6:30 a.m.
Tues., Thurs. 7:00 p.m.
Saturdays 7:30 a.m.

Adoration Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.

Confession 30 minutes before each Mass; ends 5 minutes before Mass starts

Vespers Sundays after the 5:30 p.m. Mass