

We Celebrate the Mass

The Introductory Rites

We remember that we are the community of the Church. We prepare to listen to the readings from the Bible and to celebrate the Eucharist.

We stand and sing a song as the priest and other ministers go to the altar. The priest greets us and leads us in praying the Sign of the Cross. We admit our wrongdoings and bless God for his mercy. The priest leads us in prayer.



The Liturgy of the Word

God speaks to us today.
We listen and respond to God's word.

At Mass on Sunday we sit and listen to three readings from the Bible. After the first two readings we respond, "Thanks be to God." Then we stand and listen as the deacon or priest reads the Gospel. We respond, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ."



The Liturgy of the Eucharist

We join with Jesus and the Holy Spirit
to give thanks and praise to God the Father.



Preparation of the Gifts

We bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar.
The priest offers our gifts of bread and wine to God.
We respond, "Blessed be God for ever."



The Eucharistic Prayer

The priest invites us to join in praying a prayer of praise and thanksgiving to God the Father. Our gifts of bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

Communion Rite

We prepare our minds and hearts to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. We stand and pray the Lord's Prayer together. Then we share a sign of peace. We receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion.



The Concluding Rites

We are sent forth to do good works, praising and blessing the Lord.

We stand as the priest blesses us in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. We sing a hymn as the priest, deacon, and the other ministers leave in procession. We go forth to love and serve God and others.

