

WELCOME TO OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP AT MASS

I. INTRODUCTORY RITES

CORRESPONDING POSTURES AND GESTURES

(Entrance Procession and Song)

Prayer at the Chair (Pages 3-7):

- Penitential Rite or the Sprinkling Rite
- Gloria, except in Advent and in Lent
- Opening Prayer (Collect)

We make the Sign of the Cross to begin Mass as we recall the saving death of Christ on the cross and

We Stand as a sign that we are risen with Christ and seek the things that are above.

II. LITURGY OF THE WORD

Scripture at the Pulpit (Page 7):

- First Reading:
Old Testament or Acts of Apostles
- Responsorial Psalm
(Antiphon and verse)
- Second Reading:
New Testament Letter (Epistle)
- Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, except Lent: a special verse
- Gospel***

We Sit in order to listen attentively and meditate on the Word of God.

We Stand during the singing of the Acclamation as the Book of the Gospels is carried in procession to the pulpit and during the reading of the Gospel at the pulpit.

We Trace a small Sign of the Cross on our forehead, our lips, and on our heart

using our thumb as the Gospel reading begins, so that it penetrates our soul.

Response to Scripture (Pages 8-9):

- Homily
- Creed
- General Intercessions
(Prayer of the Faithful)

We Sit during the preaching of the homily and when a speaker addresses us.

We Stand to profess our faith in the words of the Creed and during our prayers of petition.

During the Creed We Bow in reverence at the words: “and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.” OR “who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,”

***Highest point of the Liturgy of the Word

During the Readings at Mass, you are asked to please refrain from walking about in the Church out of REVERENCE for Christ present in the Word of God. Children, adults and the elderly using restrooms are the exception. If we are already seated, prepared to hear the Word of God, we avoid distractions to people who are listening attentively and meditating on the Word. Thank You!

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III. LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

CORRESPONDING POSTURES AND GESTURES

Prayer at the Altar (Pages 10-12):

- Preparation of the Gifts
- Prayer over the Gifts
- Preface to Eucharistic Prayer
(ending: *Holy, Holy, Holy*)
- Eucharistic Prayer
- Consecration ***
(ending: *Memorial Acclamation*)
- Final Doxology
(ending: *Great Amen*)

We Sit as the gifts of bread and wine are received and prepared at the altar, and as the priest invites us to prayer in these words: "Pray, brothers and sisters...."

We Stand to pray our response in these words:

"May the Lord accept this sacrifice...." and until we end by singing the "Holy, Holy, Holy...."

We Kneel in humble adoration to God as the priest offers the solemn Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Communion Rite (Pages 12-14)

- Lord's Prayer and Sign of Peace
- Breaking of the Bread
(ending: *Lamb of God*)
- Reception of Communion
- Prayer after Communion

We Stand to pray the "Our Father" and to offer a sign of Christ's peace to those near us.

We Kneel in adoration to Jesus, the "Lamb of God."

We Stand and Bow before Holy Communion.
(Catholics able to receive only, please)

We Sit or Kneel in silence after Communion.

We Stand for the final Prayer after Communion.

IV. CONCLUDING RITE

(Followed by Recessional Hymn)

Closing at the Chair (Pages 14-15)

- Announcements
- Blessing
- Dismissal

We Stand during announcements.

We Stand and make the Sign of the Cross during a final Blessing and the commission to end Mass before the Recessional hymn.

***Highest point of the Liturgy of the Eucharist

Out of REVERENCE for Christ present in the Holy Eucharist and in the hearts of all the people in our Church, you are asked to please remain in silent prayer in your pews after Communion until the priest dismisses the entire congregation at the end of Mass. Thank You!