



“Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you.”

New . . . St. Joseph
SUNDAY MISSAL

**THE COMPLETE MASSES FOR
SUNDAYS, HOLYDAYS, and the
SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

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SHORT HELPFUL NOTES AND EXPLANATIONS,
AND A TREASURY OF POPULAR PRAYERS**

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THE ORDER OF MASS

Options are indicated by A, B, C, D in the margin.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Acts of prayer and penitence prepare us to meet Christ as he comes in Word and Sacrament. We gather as a worshipping community to celebrate our unity with him and with one another in faith.

1 ENTRANCE CHANT

STAND

If it is not sung, it is recited by all or some of the people.

Joined together as Christ's people, we open the celebration by raising our voices in praise of God who is present among us. This song should deepen our unity as it introduces the Mass we celebrate today.

→ **Turn to Today's Mass**

2 GREETING (3 forms)

When the Priest comes to the altar, he makes the customary reverence with the ministers and kisses the altar. Then, with the ministers, he goes to his chair. After the Entrance Chant, all make the Sign of the Cross:

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: Amen.

The Priest welcomes us in the name of the Lord. We show our union with God, our neighbor, and the Priest by a united response to his greeting.

A

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

PEOPLE: And with your spirit.

B

OR

Priest: Grace to you and peace from God our
Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE: And with your spirit.

C

OR

Priest: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And with your spirit.

[Bishop: Peace be with you.

PEOPLE: And with your spirit.]

3 RITE FOR THE BLESSING and SPRINKLING OF WATER

From time to time on Sundays, especially in Easter Time, instead of the customary Penitential Act, the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water may take place (see pp. 78-81) as a reminder of Baptism.

4 PENITENTIAL ACT (3 forms)

(Omitted when the Rite for the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water [see pp. 78-81] has taken place or some part of the liturgy of the hours has preceded.)



Liturgy of the WORD

The proclamation of God's Word is always centered on Christ, present through his Word. Old Testament writings prepare for him; New Testament books speak of him directly. All of scripture calls us to believe once more and to follow. After the reading we reflect on God's words and respond to them.

As in Today's Mass

SIT

8 FIRST READING

At the end of the reading: **Reader:** The word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

9 RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The people repeat the response sung by the cantor the first time and then after each verse.

10 SECOND READING

At the end of the reading: **Reader:** The word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

11 GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

STAND

Jesus will speak to us in the Gospel. We rise now out of respect and prepare for his message with the Alleluia.

The people repeat the Alleluia after the cantor's Alleluia and then after the verse. During Lent one of the following invocations is used as a response instead of the Alleluia:

- (a) **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**
- (b) **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Wisdom of God the Father!**
- (c) **Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**
- (d) **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God!**
- (e) **Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

17 PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS SIT

While the people's gifts are brought forward to the Priest and are placed on the altar, the Offertory Chant is sung.

Before placing the bread on the altar, the Priest says inaudibly:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

*If there is no singing, the Priest may say this prayer aloud,
and the people may respond:*

PEOPLE: Blessed be God for ever.

*When he pours wine and a little water into the chalice, the
Deacon (or the Priest) says inaudibly:*

By the mystery of this water and wine
may we come to share in the divinity of Christ
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Before placing the chalice on the altar, he says:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

*If there is no singing, the Priest may say this prayer aloud,
and the people may respond:*



3. **The Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ** — Mary “gave birth to her first-born Son. She wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn . . .” — *Lk 2:7*.



4. **The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ** — “He beheld the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. And a voice came from the heaven, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son.’ ”— *Mt 3:16f.*



“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.”

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Theme: Diversity in Unity. The founders of any endeavor cannot expect their work to be lasting and to continue unless their disciples accept the message wholeheartedly. Those disciples must be faithful to the traditions of the founder and have an open mind for the intuitive vision concerning the future of the particular work. Guided by the spirit of the founder, those who continue the work must operate creatively, constantly adapting themselves to new situations. This is what the early Church has tried to do as we see in the readings from the Acts of the Apostles on the Sundays of Easter Time.

Jesus' disciples knew their mission was to preach the Gospel to all nations (Mt 28:19). Today we will read that Philip took the “Good News” to Samaria. The apostles in Jerusalem heard about this and were rather surprised. Jews and Samaritans did not socialize (Jn 4:9). We notice the same surprise when the first Roman joined the Church (Acts 10:45f). Indeed, this going beyond the boundaries of traditional Judaism was a daring and creative step!

From that moment on the Church has had the task to accept diversity in its bosom and guard unity in the Spirit. That is why the apostles went to Samaria to impose hands on the converted Samaritans as a seal of approval. “And they received the Holy Spirit” (First Reading). We should accept this same situation in the Church of our time and culture. “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit” (1 Cor 12:4). There are charismatics, floating parishes, conservatives and liberals. We have young and old emotionally involved and more cerebral members in one congregation. Let us bear with one another, as long as the same Spirit breathes upon all under the guidance of our bishops.

When the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated the following Sunday, the Second Reading and Gospel from the 7th Sunday of Easter (pp. 478-479) may be read on the 6th Sunday of Easter.

ENTRANCE ANT. Cf. Is 48:20 [Spiritual Freedom]

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia. → No. 2, p. 10

COLLECT [Heartfelt Devotion]

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these
days of joy,
which we keep in honor of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
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. R/. **Amen.** ↓

FIRST READING Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 [Reception of Holy Spirit]

We read about the success of the disciples witnessing to the Lord Jesus. Their words and signs bring people of all walks of life, even “the despised Samaritans,” to faith in the risen Lord Jesus. By imposing hands on them, the apostles receive them into the Christian fellowship whose headquarters are still in Jerusalem at this time.

Be on your guard to insure that diversity remains under the umbrella of unity in the Spirit. “Vae Soli!”—Do not be a loner! Opinions shared only by a very few or by no one else are suspicious, to say the least.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

PHILIP went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For un-

R/. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Or: R/. Alleluia.

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare
what he has done for me.

Blessed be God who refused me not
my prayer or his kindness!

R/. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. ↓

Or: R/. Alleluia. ↓

SECOND READING 1 Pt 3:15-18

[Life in the Spirit]

Peter addresses Christians who are defamed because of their way of life in Christ. He urges them to have hope and to be ready to reply when anyone asks them questions. The point (God's word to you and me) seems to be: This can happen to you as well.

Do your coworkers know that you are a Christian in the Catholic tradition? You have a hopeful, optimistic outlook on life. Can you reply when people ask questions? It requires reading. Are you up-to-date concerning the "daring and creative steps" the Church is taking nowadays, adapting itself to new situations? (See Theme.)

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter

BELOVED: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.—The word of the Lord. **R/. Thanks be to God. ↓**

ALLELUIA Jn 14:23

[Divine Love]

R/. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

R/. **Alleluia, alleluia.** ↓**GOSPEL** Jn 14:15-21

[Eternal Presence]

Jesus reminds his followers that he will not remain with them visibly. But in the Spirit he will! He will send a Paraclete (advocate), a counselor, a defender, to help them. Jesus calls him “the Spirit of truth,” and this Spirit is promised to all of us, “to be with you always.” This is the reason for our hope (see Second Reading) and optimistic outlook on life. Being different, let us remain one in the Spirit! In faith “you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you.”

V/. The Lord be with you. R/. **And with your spirit.**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R/. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

JESUS said to his disciples: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”—The Gospel of the Lord. R/. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** → No. 15, p. 18

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS [God’s Mighty Love]

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings,

so that, purified by your graciousness,
we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty
love.

Through Christ our Lord.

R/. **Amen.** → No. 21, p. 22 (Pref. P 21-25)

COMMUNION ANT. Jn 14:15-16 [Role of the Paraclete]

**If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another
Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia. ↓**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION [Eucharistic Strength]

Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of
Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacra-
ment
and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving
food.

Through Christ our Lord.

R/. **Amen.** → No. 30, p. 77

Optional Solemn Blessings, p. 97, and Prayers over the People, p. 105



“Give them eternal rest, O Lord . . .”

November 2 THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS’ DAY)

Theme: For Faithful People Life Is Changed, Not Ended Nothing is more sure than that all of us are born to die. We have to face death first quite often, when it strikes our beloved ones, and finally when we ourselves are involved. We have to leave everything behind us. We may try not to think of it. Some consider death as an absurdity. Others learn to handle this reality as an integral part of our condition.

Am I, who came into being and grew into a person through my relationship with other human beings, doomed to break for always the very ties that made me the person I am? Am I, who believe that God called me to live with him in a sacred partnership (covenant), rewarded with mere nothingness the moment I breathe my last?

We Christians are aware in faith that beyond death we will be with God. We are also aware that at the moment of death, we are not always the kind of persons we should be for all eternity; hence, a process of purification follows death before we will share life with God, as promised. On this awareness Christians base their ancient custom of praying for the deceased, that God may grant them the vision of his glory. All Souls’ Day is a special day of prayer for all our brothers and sisters who have gone ahead of us.

Even when November 2 falls on a Sunday, the Mass celebrated is that of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

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ENTRANCE ANT. Cf. 1 Thes 4:14; 1 Cor 15:22

[Life in Christ]

Just as Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep; and as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

→ No. 2, p. 10

COLLECT

[For All the Departed]

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord,
and, as our faith in your Son,
raised from the dead, is deepened,
so may our hope of resurrection for your departed ser-
vants

also find new strength.

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.

R/. Amen. ↓

The readings found in Masses 2 and 3 also may be used, as well as those listed on p. 1490.

FIRST READING Wis 3:1-9

[In God's Care]

The author wrote his book for the Jewish community in Alexandria of Egypt. He wants to strengthen the faith of his fellow Jews who, as a minority group, are continually exposed to sophisticated Greek thinking. They should be guided by the inspired wisdom of God and not let themselves be confused by secular philosophy.

In this passage the author deals with the great issue of life and death. "Hope full of immortality" is expressed in the Responsorial Psalm: "Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me."

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: AN OVERVIEW

To mark the twentieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council, Pope John Paul II convoked an extraordinary Synod of Bishops to study the teachings of the Council and make appropriate recommendations to ensure that its purposes would be fulfilled to the maximum degree.

During that convocation the Synod Fathers declared: “Very many have expressed the desire that a Catechism or compendium of all Catholic doctrine regarding faith and morals be composed, that it might be, as it were, a point of reference for the catechisms or compendiums that are prepared in various regions. The presentation of doctrine must be biblical and liturgical. It must be sound doctrine suited to the present life of Christians.”

Pope John Paul II was enthusiastic in his support of this proposal, considering it as “fully responding to a real need of the universal Church and of the particular Churches.”

According to the Pope in his Apostolic Constitution *Fidei Depositum* to mark the publication of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the Catechism took six years to bring to completion, the main work being entrusted to a commission of twelve cardinals and bishops, assisted by an editorial committee of seven diocesan bishops who are experts in theology and catechesis. It was formally issued in its original French form by John Paul II on December 8, 1992. The English Edition appeared in June 1994.

Therefore, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* clearly has its basic roots in the Second Vatican Council, as can be seen from the fact that about eighty percent of the citations from conciliar sources are from the documents of Vatican II.

USE OF THE CATECHISM

The Catechism encompasses more than eight hundred pages, and after the introductory Apostolic Constitution

TREASURY OF PRAYERS

MORNING PRAYERS

Most holy and adorable Trinity, one God in three Persons, I praise you and give you thanks for all the favors you have bestowed upon me. Your goodness has preserved me until now. I offer you my whole being and in particular all my thoughts, words and deeds, together with all the trials I may undergo this day. Give them your blessing. May your Divine Love animate them and may they serve your greater glory.

I make this morning offering in union with the Divine intentions of Jesus Christ who offers himself daily in the holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and in union with Mary, his Virgin Mother and our Mother, who was always the faithful handmaid of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer for Divine Guidance through the Day

*Partial indulgence (No. 21) **

Lord, God Almighty, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Defend us today by your mighty power, that we may not fall into any sin, but that all our words may so proceed and all our thoughts and actions be so directed, as to be always just in your sight. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* The indulgences quoted in this Missal are taken from the 1968 Vatican edition of the "Enchiridion Indulgentiarum" (published by Catholic Book Publishing Corp.).

STATIONS of the CROSS



1. Jesus Is Condemned to Death

O Jesus, help me to appreciate Your sanctifying grace more and more.



2. Jesus Bears His Cross

O Jesus, You chose to die for me. Help me to love You always with all my heart.



3. Jesus Falls the First Time

O Jesus, make me strong to conquer my wicked passions, and to rise quickly from sin.



4. Jesus Meets His Mother

O Jesus, grant me a tender love for Your Mother, who offered You for love of me.



1. The Baptism of Jesus
For living my Baptismal Promises.



2. The Wedding at Cana
For doing whatever Jesus says.

The Five Luminous Mysteries *

Said on Thursdays [except during Lent].

**Added to the Mysteries of the Rosary by Pope John Paul II in his Apostolic Letter of October 16, 2002, entitled *The Rosary of the Virgin Mary*.*



4. The Transfiguration
Becoming a New Person in Christ.



3. Proclamation of the Kingdom
For seeking God's forgiveness.



5. Institution of the Eucharist
For active participation at Mass.