

The Parts of the Mass:

(for use with Mass Parts Images sheet or cards)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

When Mass begins, we sing a song (1-*Entrance Antiphon*) and start with the sign of the cross (2-*Sign of the Cross*).

Then we pray and ask God's forgiveness. This washes our souls before the Eucharist, just like we should wash our hands before dinner. (3-*Penitential Rite*)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

We sit down and listen to God's Word.

Old Testament (4-*First Reading*)

The psalm is a musical response to what we heard in the first reading. Many of the psalms were written by David from the Old Testament. (5-*Responsorial Psalm*)

New Testament (6-*Second Reading*)

Gospel – Why do you think there is a smiley face on the book? “Gospel” means “good news.” This is the “good news” about Jesus. It is so important, that we stand up to listen to it, like soldiers at attention, listening to their commander. (7-*Gospel*)

After the Gospel is proclaimed, the priest or deacon talks about it, explaining how it matters for us here today, and often making connections between the Gospel and the first two readings. (8-*Homily*)

Profession of Faith – “Credo” is Latin for “I believe.” We stand together and say the basic things that we believe. The Creed has three main sections: what we believe about the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Who guides the Church.) (9-*Creed*)

Petitions are said for many different needs around the world and in our own community. (10-*Prayer of the Faithful*)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

We collect money to give to God and help the church. (11-*Collection*)

We bring forward the gifts of bread and wine, offering them to God. (12-*Offertory*)

The Eucharistic Prayer is the great prayer of thanks and praise. In the middle of the Eucharistic prayer, the priest says the special words that Jesus said at the Last supper, and the bread and wine become Jesus! This is His great gift to us! (13-*Eucharistic Prayer*)

We pray the Our Father in Jesus' Presence. (14-*Our Father*)

Then we ask God for forgiveness and peace. (15-*Sign of Peace*)

We receive Jesus in Holy Communion. (16-*Communion*)

CONCLUDING RITE

The priest leads us in a prayer thanking God for giving us Himself. Then we receive a blessing (17-*Blessing*) and make the sign of the cross. (18-*Sign of the Cross*)

We are sent to go love and serve the Lord through helping others. (19-*Commission*)