



Saint Jude Parish
Bible Study Program

A BIBLICAL JOURNEY THROUGH THE MASS

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The Veil Removed

The Veil Removed is a short film that reveals the coming together of heaven and earth at Mass, as seen by saints and mystics, revealed by scripture and in the catechism of the Catholic Church.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOLZDaTglaM>

Focus Today

This morning, let's discuss three topics:

- How do we prepare for Mass?
- Explore the exchange, "The Lord be with you. And with your Spirit."
- What do we bring forward at the offertory?



Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
source of Scripture;
May the Holy Spirit who lives in
us enable us to listen and attune
our hearts to the words of
Scripture. In the name of the
Father, and the Son, and the Holy
Spirit,
Amen.



Preparing for the Mass

- Entering the church
- The Sign of the Cross
- The Confiteor
- The Collect
- The Word

“In the silence of the heart, God speaks.”

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta



The Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned

in my thoughts and in my words,

in what I have done,

and in what I have failed to do;

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Preparing for Mass...Sacred Silence...The Confiteor

- In my thoughts:
 - Mt 5:22, 5:27-28, 6:25-34, 7:1-3
- In my words:
 - 2 Cor 12:20, Mt 5:22, Col 3:8-9, 1 Cor 5:6-7, Eph 4:29
- In what I have done:
 - Rom 13:12-13, Gal 5:19-21, 2 Tim 3:2-5
- In what I have failed to do:
 - Jas 4:17, Col 3:12-15

Preparing for Mass...Sacred Silence...The Collect

- After the Gloria the priest says, “Let us pray,” there is a moment of silence
- The entire assembly should be praying to God in their hearts
- Gathers our intentions

Preparing for Mass...Sacred Silence...God's Word

- Isaiah 55:10-11: Yet just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down And do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, Giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me empty, but shall do what pleases me, achieving the end for which I sent it.
- Hebrews 4:12: Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.



The Lord be with You

- Used four times in the Mass
- What does this phrase mean?
- What does, “with your spirit” mean?
- Used several times in the Bible, usually to address someone being called to an important mission

The Lord be with you

Exodus 3:10-12

Now, go! I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt. But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” God answered: I will be with you; and this will be your sign that I have sent you. When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will serve God at this mountain.

The Lord be with you

Judges 6:14-18

The LORD turned to him and said: Go with the strength you have and save Israel from the power of Midian. Is it not I who send you? But he answered him, “Please, my Lord, how can I save Israel? My family is the poorest in Manasseh, and I am the most insignificant in my father’s house.” The LORD said to him: I will be with you, and you will cut down Midian to the last man. He answered him, “If you look on me with favor, give me a sign that you are the one speaking with me. Please do not depart from here until I come to you and bring out my offering and set it before you.” He answered: I will await your return.

The Offertory

- Gifts of bread and wine
- Gifts of financial resources
- Gift of ourselves



The Next Time You Go To Mass...

- Prepare for Mass
 - Prepare for the Confiteor
 - Prepare for the Collect
 - Prepare for the Word
 - Prepare for the Offertory
- Actively participate in the Mass through Sacred Silence
- What is God asking you to do?

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