

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE PRAXIS (3-27-22)

PRAYER (Sign of the Cross/Act of Spiritual Communion)

In Nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things, and I desire Thee in my soul. Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though Thou wert already there, I embrace Thee and unite myself wholly to Thee; permit not that I should ever be separated from Thee. Amen.

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SACRED SEVEN (based on quotes taken from *The Catholic Mass—Steps to Restore the Centrality of God in the Liturgy* by Bishop Athanasius Schneider)

- ___ 1. Since all humanity is redeemed through the sacrifice of the Cross, everyone is individually saved.
- ___ 2. The offering of Christ for the world's salvation incorporated the offering of all men as well.
- ___ 3. Every worshipper assisting at the Sacrifice of the Mass, after the consecration, can say with confidence—"My God, I offer Thee Thy beloved Son, here present upon the altar."
- ___ 4. If Christ is ours, all that He has is ours also.
- ___ 5. In each Mass, the Church pleads for the salvation of mankind—of the whole world.
- ___ 6. The Offertory Prayers in the TLM indicate the general intention for the Sacrifice of the Mass, whereas the Offertory Prayers in the NOM do not.
- ___ 7. After the Creed is recited in the TLM, the Universal Prayer—otherwise called the Prayer of the Faithful or Bidding Prayers—are offered from the ambo.

KEYNOTE—THE ROMAN RITE: RENOVATION AND RESTORATION

- I. The Mass in itself is perfect and of infinite value—however, the **FRUITS APPLIED** from this Sacrifice are finite for each person assisting in offering it and to those for whom it is offered.
- A. The Perfect Realities of the Mass—Personal and Glorified:
 - 1. God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
 - 2. Jesus Christ—In His divinity and humanity
 - 3. Those who participate in God's perfection—angels and saints in Heaven
- B. The Imperfect to whom the fruits of the Mass are applied:
 - 1. The priest and all those assisting at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

2. The Church Militant on Earth and Suffering in Purgatory
3. The Whole World
4. The Person/Persons indicated by the Special Intention
5. The Person/Persons indicated by the Particular Intentions of the Celebrant and Others Assisting at the Mass.

II. The Intentions (Fruits) of the Mass:

A. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have **ETERNAL LIFE**. For God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be **SAVED** through Him.”

1. Through the unbloody Sacrifice of the Mass, Christ continues to be sent/given to us for salvation and eternal life gained for us through the bloody Sacrifice of Calvary.

2. **THE GENERAL INTENTION (FRUIT)** of each Mass:

a. For Faithful Christians:

“Receive, Holy Father, Eternal and Omnipotent God, this spotless host, which I, Thy unworthy servant, offer to Thee, my living and true God, for my innumerable sins, offenses, and negligence, and for all here present, as also for faithful Christians, both living and dead: that it may avail both me and them for **SALVATION** and **LIFE EVERLASTING**”
(Offering the Bread—TLM)

b. For the Whole World:

“We offer Thee, Lord, the chalice of **SALVATION**, beseeching Thy clemency that it may ascend before Thy divine Majesty as a sweet savor, for our salvation, and for that of the whole world” (Offering the Wine—TLM)

B. **THE SPECIAL INTENTION (FRUIT):**

1. For the peaceful repose of a soul or of souls
2. For other persons or appropriate petitions.

C. **PARTICULAR INTENTIONS (FRUITS):**

1. From the personal devotion of the priest and of the faithful
2. The Roman Canon:
 - Before the Collect: “Let us pray” (the priest and faithful present particular intentions in silence in the presence of God)
 - Commemoration of the Living: “Remember, Lord, your servants ___ and ___.
 - Commemoration of the Dead: “Remember also, Lord, your servants, who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace.”

III. Restoration and Renovation:

A. Restoration—Accepting Grace to Restore our relationship to God:

1. Baptism
2. Reconciliation
3. Holy Mass—In Word and Sacrament

- B. Renovation—On-going Formation (Sanctification/Conversion):
1. Turning back to God again and again:
 - a. The Gospel (Word Proclaimed)—Faith
 - b. Sacrifice to the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit
 2. Discipleship—Following Christ to lead others to Christ—Orientation for Direction and Order:
 - a. Meaning (Gospel Vision)
 - b. Direction (The narrow and straight Way of the Cross)
 3. Apostleship—Proclaiming Christ in Word and Deed
 - a. Sacrificing to God by serving others in His Name
 - c. Accepting Christ at Mass in Word and Sacrament to offer Christ to others in word and deed
 - d. “Cult” forming “culture”—the Order of the Mass forming the Order of the World (Kingship of Christ)

QUESTIONS

1. What difference does my assisting at Mass as a member of the common priesthood make? Why does Christ and His Church require that I assist at Mass on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation, even if I do not receive Holy Communion?
2. What can I do to increase the pleasure of God the Father while assisting at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass? What can I do at Mass to enhance both my reception of God’s grace and my instrumental distribution of His grace?

MISSION

- I. Morning Prayer—Include the “Signum Crucis,” “Pater Noster” (chant it), and the “Gloria.”
- II. Mid-Day Prayer—A particular examination of conscience with an Act of Contrition—Have I exercised the virtue of modesty? An Act of Spiritual Communion
- III. Daily Mental Prayer—Conversing with Jesus
- IV. Nightly Examination of Conscience followed by the Confiteor:
Have I:
 - A. Have I prayed and/or fasted this day for the conversion to the Catholic Faith of pagans and of those baptized Christians separated from Mother Church?
 - B. Have I prayed and/or fasted this day for the souls in Purgatory?
 - C. Have I prayed and/or fasted this day for the sake of my soul and those of all the members of the Church Militant?
 - D. Have I remembered to pray and/or fast for those persons who have asked for my prayers and for those persons God has placed upon my heart who especially need prayer, including my enemies?