

THE MASS - PART I
January 16, 2018

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

1. Sign of the Cross
2. Greeting
3. Confiteor (I confess)
4. Kyrie (Lord have mercy.)
5. The Gloria and Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1. First Reading
2. Responsorial Psalm
3. Second Reading
4. Gospel Reading
5. Homily
6. Creed
7. Prayers of the Faithful

DISCUSSION

1. Discuss Father's statement that we find the Lord's presence in the people, the word, and in the sacrament.
2. The readings from the Bible are repeated every three years. Father commented that we hear these readings with "new ears" each time because of the experiences and relationships that have touched us over that time period. Can you recall a time when something you've heard/experienced/seen affected you differently the second time around?

3. Father proposed that our lives are a microcosm of the People of Israel: We are faithful for a time, we lose sight of God in our lives, we get into trouble, express woes & lamentation, a prophet reminds us what we must do to get right with God, we return to right relationship....then the cycle repeats. Is this pattern apparent to you in your life? How would confession (the Sacrament of Reconciliation) play a part in this cycle?

4. Was there anything else in the presentation that struck you?