

**THE
CATHEDRAL
OF THE
RISEN
CHRIST**

Cathedral Bible Study

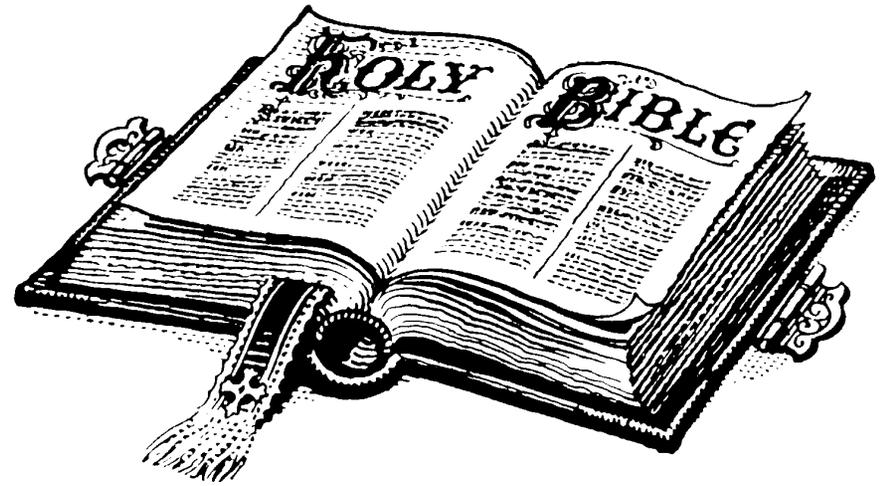
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BIBLE STUDY OBJECTIVES

- Doctrine & Theology of the Liturgy of the Mass as found in Scripture & Tradition
- Using *Lectio Divina* to pray with the Bible
- Updated translation of the Mass parts
- Have fun!



THE MASS

- **PREPARATION:**
 - *Vestments/Attire & Prayers; Pilgrimage*
- **SIGN OF THE CROSS:**
 - *Summation of our Faith in a Gesture*
- **GREETING:**
 - *“and with your Spirit” = Holy Orders*
- **PENITENTIAL RITE:**
 - *Jesus, Son of David, have Mercy on me!*
- **GLORIA:**
 - *Greatest Hymn of Praise to the Trinity*
- **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD:**
 - *Christ Himself speaks!*
- **CREED:**
 - *I believe in one God*
- **PETITIONS OF THE FAITHFUL:**
 - *Lord, hear our prayer!*

- **PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:**
 - *We are the Gifts!*
- **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS:**
 - *Accept these Gifts*



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

1. Preparation of the Gifts
2. Prayer over the Offerings
- 3. The Eucharistic Prayer**
4. Communion Rite
5. Lord's Prayer
6. Rite of Peace
7. The Fraction
8. Communion



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRIEST:

1. Thanksgiving
2. Acclamation
3. Epiclesis
4. Institution Narrative & Consecration
5. Anamnesis
6. Offering
7. Intercessions
8. Final Doxology

PEOPLE:

1. Preface dialogue

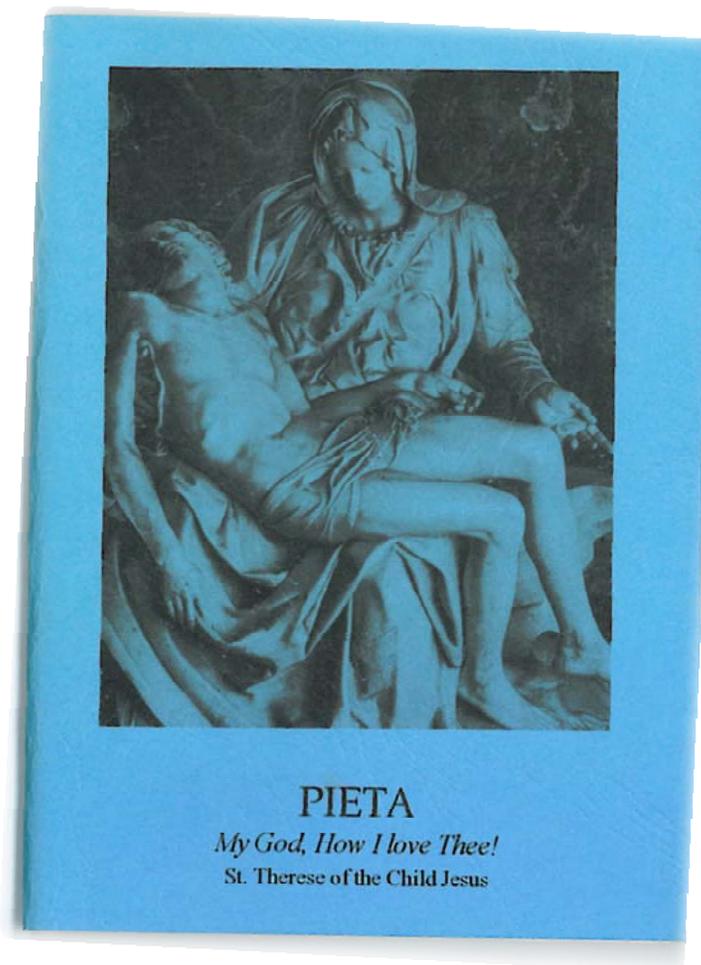
3 part dialogue traced to
The Apostolic Tradition (Hippolytus, 215)

2. *Sanctus (Holy, Holy)*
3. Acclamation after the Consecration
4. Acclamatory *Amen* after the final doxology

PIETA PRAYER BOOKLET

“Your prayers are the strongest at the Consecration in Holy Mass (raising of host and chalice)”

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ANAMNESIS

“The Church, fulfilling the command that she received from Christ the Lord through the Apostles, keeps the memorial of Christ, recalling especially His blessed Passion, glorious Resurrection, and Ascension into heaven.”

- *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*

TIME: Kairos v. Chronos

Kairos → Supernatural Time

Chronos → Chronological Time

“However, “anamnesis” denotes no mere “calling to mind” or “thinking about” a past event. Anamnesis is not simply “going back and remembering **now** something done in the **past**.”

It is certainly not a **repetition** or a **re-presentation** of a past act in the present; it is not a “**doing it over again**.” ...

“*Knowing about God*” can happen in chronos. “*Intercourse (i.e. union) union with God*” happens in anamnesis.” - Fr. Tom Richstatter, O.F.M.

1 Corinthians 11:24-25

24 καὶ εὐχαριστήσας ἔκλασεν, καὶ εἶπεν, Λάβετε, φάγετε, Τοῦτό μου ἔστιν τὸ σῶμα τὸ ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν κλόμενον· τοῦτο ποιεῖτε εἰς τὴν ἐμὴν ἀνάμνησιν.

25 Ὡσαύτως καὶ τὸ ποτήριον, μετὰ τὸ δειπνῆσαι, λέγων, Τοῦτο τὸ ποτήριον ἡ καινὴ διαθήκη ἔστιν ἐν τῷ ἐμῷ αἵματι· τοῦτο ποιεῖτε, ὅσάκις ἂν πίνητε, εἰς τὴν ἐμὴν ἀνάμνησιν.

24 and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

25 In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Jewish Remembrance

- Jewish identity is based upon their Exodus from Egypt and journey through the desert to the promised Land
- How to have Jewish identity if not present at the Passover & Exodus? They are present, for all generations, past, present & future!

A Key to Unlocking St. Paul:

- An encounter with Christ is not informative, but rather *performative* – that is to say, living, present, life changing & transformative (*Spe Salve*)
- The transformative encounter with Christ on the Road to Damascus!

Is the Mass Necrophilia?

It is important that we understand and participate in the living nature of this remembrance action. Within *kairotic* time there is no history and we must avoid the notion of only thinking of scripture as being in the historical past.

Pope Benedict XVI commented that, “we cannot reach Christ through historical reconstruction. It might be helpful, but it is not sufficient and, on its own, becomes necrophilia” – seeking an intimate union with a dead object.

Eucharistic Prayer I

Remember, Lord, your servants N. and N. and all gathered here, *whose faith* and devotion are known to you.

In communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ, and of blessed Joseph, Spouse of the same Virgin, your blessed Apostles ...

Remember also, Lord, your servants N. and N., who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace.

Eucharistic Prayer II

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop and all the clergy.

Remember your servant N., whom you have called [today] from this world to yourself.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

Eucharistic Prayer III

Therefore, O Lord, we celebrate the memorial of the saving passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you.

To our departed brothers and sisters, too, and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance into your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory, when you will wipe every tear from our eyes. For seeing you, our God, as you are, we shall be like you for all the ages and praise you without end, through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow in the world all that is good.

Eucharistic Prayer IV

Therefore, O Lord, as we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption, we remember Christ's death and his descent to the realm of the dead, we proclaim his Resurrection and his Ascension to your right hand;

Therefore, Lord, remember now all for whom we make this offering:

Remember also those who have died in the peace of your Christ and all the dead, whose faith you alone have known.

DISCUSSION

- Challenge of Internet Age → Lack of Ability to focus;
- Invention of Remote Control → distraction
- NOTE: Lectio Divina helps to teach focus
- What is the Mass about? What do we “get out” of Mass?

LECTIO DIVINA

*An Ancient Method of Praying the Bible
Practiced and Taught by Pope St. Gregory
the Great (590-604AD)*

ZENIT: Pope Benedict XVI believes that the recovery of the practice of "*lectio divina*," prayerful meditation of Scripture, will bring a "new spiritual springtime" for the Church. When meeting with more than 400 experts attending a congress in Rome on "Sacred Scripture in the Life of the Church," the Holy Father recommended this ancient practice which literally means "divine reading."



Lectio Divina

(An Ancient Method of Prayer in 5 steps)

(*) PREPARE

Get your Bible & Find a quiet place to pray;
Plan to pray for at least 15 minutes

(1) LECTIO (Attentive Reading - out loud)

How To Do It:

Select just a few verses; Slowly and quietly
read & re-read the verses out loud 2-3
times

(2) MEDITATIO (meditation)

How To Do It:

Watch for your favorite verse or even just a
favorite word from the passage!
Put yourself in the bible passage; hear the
words; see the colors; feel the gravel; smell
the flowers; taste the food

(3) ORATIO (prayer; conversation; speech)

How To Do It:

Tell God about your favorite verse or your
favorite word! Tell Him why you like or
what it means to you.

(4) CONTEMPLATIO (contemplation; rest in the Lord)

How To Do It:

Now rest silently and open your heart to God.
Listen in silence. Don't worry about
distractions, but gently return from them to
continually focus on God.

(5) OPERATIO (work; effort; activity; action)

How To Do It:

What are small little ways that you can
implement what you have received? Plan
little ways each day to change your own
attitude & actions – maybe in how you treat
your family, friends, or neighbors?

John 14:21-27

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."

Judas, not the Iscariot, said to him, "Master, (then) what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?"

Jesus answered and said to him, "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.

Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me.

"I have told you this while I am with you.

The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name--he will teach you everything and remind you of all that (I) told you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

SNEAK PREVIEW

OFFERING

“By which, in this very memorial, the Church – and in particular the Church here and now gathered – offers in the Holy Spirit the spotless Victim to the Father.

The Church’s intention, however, is that the faithful not only offer this spotless Victim but also learn to offer themselves, and so day by day to be consummated, through Christ the Mediator, into unity with God and with each other, so that at last God may be all in all.”

-General Instruction of the Roman Missal