

# Mass Moments

## Fall Series: Liturgy of the Word

### Key Points - October 13



- **1st Reading:** The Old Testament prepares for the New Testament, and the New Testament tells us what we've been waiting for: the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ (*Dei Verbum*, #15 and *What Happens at Mass*, pg 33).
- “The sin of our first parents was a failure to discern (the Word of God). It is consequently a refusal to respond and to be in relationship with God who speaks” (pg. 30). “The Word penetrates the minds and hearts of all who are present and mysteriously begins to shape (us) ... but we must also actively listen (and respond) to the Word and ourselves search for the connection between the patterns of our lives and the biblical patterns” (pg. 38).
- **Psalm:** The Catechism states, “Prayed and fulfilled in Christ, the Psalms are an essential and permanent element of the prayer of the Church. They are suitable for men of every condition and time” (CCC, #2597). They express joy and wonder, gratitude and repentance, pleas for help and mercy and protection” (pg. 41).
- “The Psalms are fulfilled by Jesus as he prayed them during the course of his life” (pg. 41). Again, we see the two-fold movement in the liturgy: God speaking to us in the 1st Reading and us responding to God in the Psalms (pg. 41).
- **2nd Reading:** “This is theology, the reflective effort of the first believers to absorb all that had been experienced in the death and resurrection of Jesus. They unfold its consequences, showing in various ways that the believer is summoned to an unbelievably profound sharing in the Lord’s Passion and so in His victory” (pg. 44).
- “It is striking how Jesus makes His whole message depend on the apostles and their faithfulness to what they receive from Him... In making everything dependent on the apostles, our risen Lord is surely teaching us how thoroughly serious He is in His intention to be one body with His Church. He is teaching us that He lives and acts only through her” (pg. 45).

# Reflection Questions

- Where have you experienced the Father's patience, tender mercy, and forgiveness in your life? Who amidst your family or friends is in need of particular prayer?
- Discuss what your favorite Psalm is and why. If you don't have a favorite, pick out one or two psalms that stand out to you - perhaps [Psalm 23](#) or [Psalm 62](#).
- With your family, discern a particular phrase or sentence from the Psalms that you will work on memorizing together - find a prominent place in your home to display it.

## Resources for the Whole Family

**Recommended resources this week - scan the QR code to view resources for this series on our website:**

- What Happens at Mass - Chapter 3, pg. 29-45
- Watch "Praying the Psalms: Inspired Words For Divine Conversation!" on FORMED
- Watch "Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids" on FORMED



## Events at St. Mary's & around the Archdiocese

- Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary's – Wednesdays from 8:30 AM – 8 PM in the Notre Dame chapel. Signup on our [website!](#)
- Praise & Worship Concert at St. Mary's – Friday, October 25 from 7-9 PM in the church. [View](#)
- "In Defense of Leisure: Reclaiming the Lord's Day" - Tuesday, October 29, 6-9 PM, St. John the Evangelist, Little Canada - presentation by Drs. Mike Naughton and Pam Patnode
- Seven Times a Day I Praise You at St. John Neumann in Eagan (7-9 PM) Thursdays, Nov. 7 & Nov. 21 [Online Registration](#) – \$50
- Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of St. Paul, Monday, Oct. 14, 2024 - 7 PM