

Mass Moments

Fall Series: Liturgy of the Word



Key Points - October 20

- **The Gospel:** The Proclamation of the Gospel is the “joyful climax” of the Liturgy of the Word. The “risen Lord intensifies His presence in this assembly”; we proclaim “the one word most closely associated with the Lord’s Resurrection: Alleluia” (*What Happens at Mass*, pg. 45-46).
- The four Gospels are an extended narrative of the life of Jesus. For this reason, “the Gospel is always about the death and resurrection of Jesus” (pg. 46).
- “The proclamation of the Gospel is a mystery, and through it something is happening now ... Jesus Himself (is) speaking to the assembly as the One who was crucified and is now risen from the dead” (pg. 48).
- “When we hear (Jesus), when we see Him act,” the Father’s Word is revealed to us. The Word we hear is “accompanied by the Holy Spirit ... We cry out to the very One who is now present among us: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.” (pg. 49).
- “Reserving the proclamation of the Gospel to the ordained reminds us that the Gospel expresses apostolic faith in a preeminent way... an implicit reminder that all of sacred scripture is read and understood under the authority of apostolic faith” (pg. 49-50).

Reflection Questions

- Look at how each Gospel author introduces his text. What do the opening verses of each Gospel reveal about the message therein?
- What does each Gospel have in common with the others? What distinct contribution(s) does each Gospel offer?
- Spend time in prayer with [Jn 20:30-31](#), where the author of the Gospel according to John explains why this text was written. Contemplate the “signs” of Jesus’ presence in your own life and in your family. Ask for greater faith, hope, and love through praying with the Gospels.



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. 45-50
- Watch “Elements of the Catholic Mass: The Book of the Gospels” on FORMED
- Book for children: *Seven Clues: A Catholic Treasure Hunt* by Scott Hahn



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
- Episcopal Ordination of the Most Reverend Kevin Thomas Kenney on Monday, October 28 at 1 PM. This ordination will take place at the Cathedral of St. Paul, as well as livestreamed on the Archdiocese's Facebook page.

