

Mass Moments

Fall Series: Intro Rites

Key Points - October 6



- **Gloria:** The Gloria is an angelic song of celebration sung on all Sundays and feast days, except during Advent or Lent when “we abstain from singing this hymn so that it can ring out with fresh vigor on the feasts for which these seasons prepare us” (*What Happens at Mass*, pg. 26).
- We begin this song by praising and thanking God the Father. Then we turn our praise to Jesus Christ “who takes away the sins of the world”; we conclude “by exulting again in the triune name of God: ‘Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father’” (pg. 26).
- **Collect:** the priest invites a brief moment of silence and then gathers the people’s prayers and intentions together to “remember before God what God has done ... on our behalf” (pg. 27). “We then ask for something in the present, for ourselves and for the whole Church and world” (pg. 27).

Reflection Questions

- “Like a three-act play, the Gloria sums up the story of Christ’s saving work moving from 1) His coming, to 2) His redeeming death, to 3) His triumphant resurrection and ascension into heaven.” (*A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, pg. 44). How does our need for gratitude move us to glorify God in song?
- Consider God receiving all the prayers we lift up during the Gloria & Collect. The Psalmist claims, “The One who fashioned together their hearts is the One who knows all their works” (Ps. 33:15). How can you better allow the Gloria & Collect to “fashion” and shape your heart?
- With your family, discuss the importance of Sunday as the Lord’s Day - in what ways is the Lord inviting you to spend more time in rest, prayer, and preparation? Consider joining St. Mary’s community and Fr. Eilen for the rosary at 7 PM on Sunday evenings (link on the website).

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 2, pg. 26-28 - Intro Rites
- “Walk through the Mass/Symbolon for Teens: Living the Creed/Episode 3” on FORMED
- For Children: Spirit Juice’s Video Content on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/@SpiritJuiceKids>

