

This “Walk Through the Mass” was developed by Archdiocese of Chicago. To offer parishes a way to provide a formative, reflective and interactive opportunity for Catholics to come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Sunday Mass. [<https://www.chicagocatholic.com/chicagoland/-/article/2013/04/28/a-walk-through-the-mass>] This is part 2 of 4.

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Once we have been gathered as the Body of Christ, remembered our need for God’s love and mercy and given praise to God, we enter into the Word of God. Once again the Mass of today reaches back to the earliest Christians. Our Liturgy of the Word follows the pattern of a Jewish synagogue service with its procession of the Torah to a place of honor so it can be read and God’s Word proclaimed.

Our posture changes in response to the readings, though we remain active listeners because in the Liturgy of the Word we enter into an actual dialogue — a conversation — with God.

### **First Reading**

In this reading, usually taken from the Old Testament, we are reminded of all the things that God has done throughout history to save us. As we remember his greatness it gives us hope. In this reading you get a “sneak preview” of the Gospel because the reading was chosen to match the “theme” of the Gospel.

### **Psalm**

We respond to all that God has done for us, using words from the Old Testament as we sing the Responsorial Psalm. The Psalms have been called the “church’s first prayerbook.” These are words that Jesus himself used in prayer. As we sing the psalm, we are responding to God’s greatness using the very Word of God.

### **Second Reading**

This reading comes from the New Testament; most often one of the epistles. These are instructional letters written by the apostles to the earliest Christian communities, offering spiritual advice on how to live as a disciple. In these letters are advice and counsel that help us, too, live out our faith.

In response to this second reading and in preparation for the Gospel, we stand and sing Alleluia, which is a Hebrew word, meaning “Praise God.” Just as in the Introductory Rite there was a procession that helped us transition from the outside world to Mass, now there is a procession so that we might prepare our hearts and minds to hear from Jesus himself.

We stand out of respect, prepared to hear the very words and life of Jesus.

### **Reading of the Gospel**

(All stand for the procession and reading of the Gospel)

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Presider: A reading from the holy Gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

With these words we sign ourselves with the sign of Christ — the cross. Tracing the cross on our foreheads, lips and heart, so that these words of Christ fill our mind, be on our tongue and in our heart.

When the Word of Christ has been proclaimed, the priest or deacon shows reverence with a kiss. The priest or deacon shows reverence to symbols of Christ: book of Gospels, the altar. We show reverence through our posture: standing for the Gospel.

**OVER**

## Homily

The Liturgy of the Word continues with the homily, where the priest or deacon helps us make connections between the Scripture readings and how we live out a life of faith. The homily helps us understand the Scriptures and leads us to Eucharist.

## Creed

After the readings and the homily, we respond to the Lord, who has spoken through the readings: We proclaim “I believe.” This is the Creed.

## Universal Prayer / Intercessions

From there we actually ask God for more of his divine presence and action, which we have just heard proclaimed in the readings. And so we stand and present before him our needs and the needs of the church, usually following a similar pattern: prayers for the church, those in authority, for the sick and the poor, finally for those in our community.

***Did you know the following  
Ministries & Groups  
are active in our parish?***

***¿Sabía que los siguientes  
Ministerios y Grupos  
están activos en nuestra parroquia?***

Altar Linens | Mantles de Altar, Altar Servers  
| Monaguillos, Baptismal Classes | Clases  
bautismales, Blessed Beginnings,  
Consagración a María | Consecration to Mary,  
Coros, Emaús (hombres y mujeres), Faith  
Formation Program | Programa de Formación  
de Fe, Finance Council | Consejo de finanzas,  
Grupo de Oración, Homebound Ministry |  
Visitas a los enfermos, Juan XXIII, Ladies  
Guild, Lectors | Lectores, Limpieza y  
mantenimiento, Parish Pastoral Council |  
Consejo Pastoral Parroquial, Prayer Shawl  
Ministry, OCIA | RCIA, Sacristans, Social  
Needs Ministry | Ministerio de Necesidades  
Sociales, Ushers | Ujieres, Virtual Prayer  
Group | Grupo Virtual de Oración.

Please contact the parish office or  
Fr. Javier to join.

Por favor comuníquese con la oficina  
parroquial o con el P. Javier para unirse.



## Respect Life Annual Meeting

All are welcome to join us as we  
discuss life issues.

August 2, 2025

10:00am-3:00pm

Lunch provided –Registration at 9:30am

Abortion Pill Reversal  
IVF, End of Life Info  
Legislation in SC  
Foster Care

Our Lady of the Lake  
195 Amicks Ferry Road  
Chapin, SC 29036

For more information and registration:  
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### Basic Questions about our faith:

Should we believe everything in  
the Bible to be true?

### Preguntas básicas de la fe:

¿Debemos creer todo lo que dice  
la Biblia? 2 Timothy 3:16-17;  
CCC: nos. 105-14.