

Reflection ~ September 2, 2018

Liturgy Matters

Today we are presenting Article 11 in our series on the Parts of the Mass. Article 10 is basically a directive on the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* and will be posted at the parish web site under Faith Formation/Liturgy Matters. Article 11 is a continuation of the information on the Communion Rite and the Concluding Rites.

XI. Proceeding with Communion

In this article, we will look at some final aspects of the Communion Rite and the Concluding Rites. We might just call these reflections...

On Holding Hands at the Lord's Prayer. The gesture of holding hands at the Lord's Prayer began at some point in time after the Vatican II reforms. For many the gesture manifests the unity of the community and strengthens the connections between members of the community. For others it is anathema.

Two key parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist are supposed to manifest the Church's oneness - the Eucharistic Prayer and the Communion Procession. Yet they don't show our union *experientially*. Most perceive this as the priest's prayer. At the same time, many communicants receive Communion focused more on personal devotion than in communion with the Church.

When our prayer communities find new and compelling ways to enter into the Eucharistic Prayer and the reception of Communion as profoundly communal events – actions that actually *do* express and deepen our unity – then holding hands at the Lord's Prayer will become moot.

Fasting. The Church expects the faithful to fast from food and drink (water and medication are permitted) at least one hour prior to receiving the Eucharist. For some, fasting helps *anticipate* the gift of the Bread of Life they will be receiving in Eucharist. For others, fasting seems to be a sort of "cleansing the system." Still others regard fasting as a duty.

When you come right down to it, don't we all pretty much just think about dealing with our hunger when fasting anyway? Therefore, this discipline can allow me to deal with the question, "What do I *truly* hunger for?" Or, "What *truly* satisfies my hunger?"

Prayer after Communion. The prayer has a very ancient form and purpose. It simply asks God to make our Communion fruitful. That, as we go forth into the world, what we have received may have an effect in our lives.

The Concluding Rites are quite simple. Their purpose is to send the community forth, blessed by God, to "love and serve the Lord in one another." They consist of brief announcements, the priest's greeting and blessing, the dismissal of the people, and reverencing the altar.

Preparation for Sunday Liturgy. Two web sites that provide helps to prepare for Sunday Liturgy.

www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/daily.html and www.liturgy.slu.edu

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Around the Diocese

COME and celebrate the Nativity of our Blessed Mother by joining us to a **PRaise AND HEALING MASS** on September 8, 2018 at Holy Cross Church located at 204 S. Fifth Street, Columbus, Ohio. Everyone in the Diocese of Columbus is invited to this wonderful time to give Praise to the Lord. Let's thank our Blessed Mother for being the mother of our Lord and Savior. The Columbus Catholic Renewal sponsors this event. It will start at 3:00 PM with the Divine Mercy prayer followed by contemporary Praise and Worship (prayer teams will be available). Mass is scheduled at 5:15 PM with Fr. Dean Mathewson as the celebrant. The sacrament of Anointing of the sick will be available after mass. Fellowship will follow immediately after mass. For more information contact Ruth Shaner, 614-882-7387, 740-507-6123 or e-mail: info@ccrcolumbus.org. This event is sponsored by the Columbus Catholic Renewal and hosted by Loaves and Fishes Prayer Group. Bring a Friend and share the blessings you will receive!

Save the date: The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, OH invites you to come for Latino Day on Sunday, September 23rd. We offer confessions, Mass in Spanish at noon, food and an outdoor Rosary procession. For more information call the Shrine office, 419-396-7107 or www.olcshrine.com.

In the Catholic tradition, work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. This Labor Day reflect on the dignity of work by visiting www.usccb.org/jphd to read the annual Labor Day statement from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Capital Campaign



Honoring the Past, Serving the Present, Preserving God's Gift for the Future - Our goal for this campaign is \$292,000 and to date we have \$227,843 paid. Thank you to those who have responded so generously.

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 35:4-7a
James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37



Baptism

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (*vitae spiritualis ianua*), and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word."

Source: http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p2s2c1a1.htm

Today, we welcome the families and friends of Graham Weaver and Grayson Roberson, as they are baptized. Please keep these families in your prayers as they raise their children in the Catholic Faith.