

Part 4. Concluding Rites

Announcements: We are a Community

Write down some announcements that you would like to make at Mass! Is there a party downstairs? Is your team or club having a game or event? Would you like to invite the people of our parish to your First Communion? Write down your announcement, and maybe you can share with your class or your parents!

Join us in the Spiritual Center because today is donut Sunday! _____

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****Here we can relate to the silliness of the children. We explain that our Church is a community, and it's important to share all the great things that are going on.***

Share with the children that, at the end of Mass our priests will share fun and important things that are happening in our community. I'm going to share with you some announcements, and then we can write our own!

Give Examples of Announcements that can be made at Mass:

Join us in the Spiritual Center after Mass, because today is donut Sunday!

Prayer for the children of our parish who will be making First Communion Soon!

Today on the Parish Lawn we will be having our blessing of the pets for St. Francis Day.

Scouts will be selling wreaths at the doors of the church.

There is an open house at the school today. Please stop by to visit.

Allow your child share their announcements.

Greeting and Blessing: We Say Goodbye

The Priest:

The Lord be with you

The people reply:

And with your spirit

The Priest:

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The people reply:

Do the sign of the cross as the priest says the blessing and say: Amen

If you are worried that you won't remember what to say, ask your parents to practice with you!

Greeting and Blessing: We Say Goodbye

Remind the children of the priest's greeting from the beginning of Mass, and before the Gospel.

Say to them: The Lord Be with You, and see if they give the appropriate answer: And with your Spirit. This is the greeting.

When our friends are leaving our house, we usually tell them to be careful, or have a good day. We want good things for them. That is what the priest does as he blesses us. He might not see us for another week, so he wants us to be safe, and blessed by the Lord, so he says:

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We say: Amen

We do this because we believe that it's true that God will bless and protect us.

Dismissal: Sent to Be Jesus to the World

At the end of Mass, the Priest or Deacon will say the dismissal. They are sending us to be Jesus to the world, to help those who need Jesus most. We do this by sharing God's word, and by being nice to others.

Let's practice the Dismissal!

The priest or deacon:

Go Forth, the Mass is ended.

The people reply:

Thanks be to God

The priest or deacon says:

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

The people reply:

Thanks be to God

The priest or deacon says:

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

The people reply:

Thanks be to God

The priest or deacon says:

Go in peace.

The people reply:

Thanks be to God.

Dismissal: Sent to Be Jesus to the World

Tell the children that the dismissal feels like the end. However, it's the most important part of the Mass! We've learned about the Word of God in the Liturgy of the Word, and Received Jesus in the Eucharist, but now it's time to take the Word and Jesus into the world to help others!

Teach the children that their response is: **Thanks be to God.**

Then use these four dismissals:

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God, we've completed the last of the four parts of the student session.