

## Understanding the Mass

### Part 24 in a series

***Having passed from this world to the Father, Christ gives us in the Eucharist the pledge of glory with him. Participation in the Holy Sacrifice identifies us with his heart, sustains our strength along the pilgrimage of this life, makes us long for eternal life, and unites us even now to the Church in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints.*** (The Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1419)

For the past 24 weeks we have been taking a close look at all portions of the Holy Mass. My goal in writing this series was to encourage a better understanding of the Mass and therefore a greater appreciation and level of participation. I sincerely appreciate all of the kind words and encouragement from many of you.

My prayer is that this will have brought you closer to Christ and will encourage you to learn even more about your Catholic faith.

Yours in Christ,

**Deacon Robert**

### ***Grateful acknowledgement is given to the following resources during the preparation of this series***

United States Catholic Conference, Inc. – Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Catechism of the Catholic Church Washington, DC: United States Catholic Conference, Inc., 1994.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Publishing, 2011.

Brown, Michael H. Secrets of the Eucharist Goleta, CA: Queenship Publishing, 1996.

Dubruiel, Michael The How-To Book of the Mass Huntington, In: Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division, 2002.

Trigilio, Rev. John, Jr.; Brighenti, Rev. Kenneth; and Cafone, Rev. Monsignor James, The Catholic Mass, Indianapolis: Wiley Publishing, Inc. , 2011

Lang, Rev. Jovian P. Dictionary of the Liturgy New York: Catholic Book Publishing Corp., 1989

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. COMPENDIUM – Catechism of the Catholic Church Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Publishing, 2006

Driscoll, Jeremy. What Happens at Mass, Revised Edition Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications Archdiocese of Chicago, 2005

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. United States Catholic Catechism for Adults Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Publishing, 2006