

THE SUNDAY LITURGY – Part One

Sunday is the Day of the Lord, the day when our God gathers his people together in worship so that we may recognize ourselves as his people. Sunday is the original and primary Christian feast. It truly is the day when Christians throughout the world celebrate and rejoice – offer praise and thanksgiving – as they gather around the Lord’s table of love – Eucharist.

There is a hope: deep, vague and often unexpressed that people bring to the Sunday Liturgy. Some think that, “...just maybe something will happen this time that will change things in their life.” They also think that they will automatically experience the presence of the Lord without putting much into it. Some come with many things on their plate – but all come hoping to be accepted for just who they are at that moment. This and more are what make up a thriving Parish Community and a vibrant celebration of the Lord’s Meal. It begins with individual decisions: To come / To acknowledge that they are a part of a community / To see the Lord in action through the lives of brothers and sisters just like themselves.

Eucharist is first and foremost the action of Jesus. It is also the action of the Church. This celebration does not exist on its own, but becomes the profound presence of Jesus when we, the people of faith, gather to affirm that presence in our lives.

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